

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2018**

The Board convened in Conference Room 698, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Chair Boldt, Councilor Julie Olson, Councilor Jeanne Stewart and Councilor Blom present. Councilor Quiring absent.

12:30pm.

Old Business

Approval of minutes for April 4, 2018

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Stewart to **APPROVE** the minutes for April 4, 2018. Councilor Blom seconded the motion. Councilors Boldt, Olson, Stewart and Blom voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Emily Sheldrick asked when the work session regarding cannabis would be held. Lindsay Shafar said it would be end of May or beginning of June. John Borsch stopped by Emily's office and he had proposed questions regarding increased criminal activity regarding more retail cannabis locations, and said that someone from the City of Vancouver Police would be a good person to speak to that issue. Councilor Boldt shared that he had read an article that stated that the department of labor no longer required testing of marijuana in the workplace. Emily Sheldrick had not heard of that ruling. Kathleen Otto said that it had to fall within current policy regarding reasonable suspicion, unless the individual is a CDL driver in which case they can be tested randomly. Emily shared that the agreement regarding law enforcement between the Cowlitz Indian Tribe and Clark County is expiring. Most services have to do with the sheriff's office, with some inclusions regarding district court, juvenile court, indigent defense and prosecution. The agreement has a provision that upon mutual agreement it can be extended an additional year. The tribe has agreed to the additional year with some adjustment to the fee schedule. The question to the council is if they would like to grant Emily the authority to start acquiring preliminary information that the tribe and council will be able to agree upon. Councilor Stewart mentioned that the Cowlitz tribe now has their own law enforcement, and asked if the council would keep the agreement in place if it meant dual law enforcement at the casino. Emily was not sure what their law enforcement intends to do. Councilor Boldt mentioned the four officers they have are for tribe members only. Emily mentioned that with the event center opening in April, there may be an uptick in activity. The annual payment was received, but nobody tracked the services provided over the last year. There were 28 total tracked arrests last year. They are interested in discussing different options for charges for the following year. Councilor Stewart would like to like all language to be very explicit with any renewal or amendment to the agreement. Councilor Olson verified there is a process being put in place to track any future incidents. The tracking system was put in place Monday, April 9th. Kathleen mentioned there is a county wide disconnect regarding grants and contracts. Emily said that it is the responsibility of the department pushing forward to track their own expiration dates.

Council Report

Councilor Quiring and Councilor Olson met with Bill Richardson and neighbors regarding Livingston Mountain. The question regarding number of trucks regarding excavation has not yet been settled. If the council would like to get a formal legal opinion regarding legitimate use of truck trips, collectively the council will need to decide. Councilor Stewart clarified this was in regards to conditional use permits and the interpretation from those permits. Emily stated that Public Works is

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the holder of the permit, the county department that actually holds the permit is where the legal opinion needs to come from – in this case, Community Development. Part of the 595 (the lease agreement with Tapani), they are supposed to provide certain data upon request and they have not provided such. Councilor Olson would like all of the data that is entitled to them per the lease agreement.

Councilor Stewart met with WASHDOT over potential changes on SR 500, specifically 42nd St stoplight and 54th St stoplight. The council will be seeing some sort of report or work session on that report before it gets to the final decision making point. On 42nd and 45th, they would be only right in and right out. The goal is to keep the flow of traffic moving on 500.

Councilor Blom mentioned a brief conversation that he had with the mayor of Vancouver regarding value pricing to ensure their message is consistent. There may be a request for a joint letter coming so the two entities can have one voice.

Councilor Boldt wants to discuss next steps regarding the BAA and vacant buildable land.

Councilor Olson went to the Hazel Dell Business Association's meeting, where they discussed the Hwy 99 project.

Staff Reports

Work Session Request: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan and Equal Employment

Two parts to the work session: Equal Employment plan had to be submitted to the government, and they would like to share that data with the council. That data was also shared with the Diversity team and they would like to share their vision for diversion and inclusion in Clark County.

Report from Task Forces, Commissions and Boards

None.

Lindsay Shafar Report on Policy Issues

Ag Economic Analysis – it is in draft form, Lindsay needs to hear back from the council members so that can be sent out. Where the money would come from is something that would be discussed with Kathleen Otto, Jim Rumpeltes and Oliver Orjiako. Councilor Boldt said that he is trying to avoid the situation where an item is added to the docket without the budget behind it.

Legislative Update – none.

The Council adjourned Council Time at 1:00pm for two executive sessions: one on personnel matters for 15 minutes and one on contract negotiations for 15 minutes.

The Council adjourned at 1:30pm.

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