

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 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, Councilor Quiring and Councilor Blom present.

12:30pm.

Old Business

Mitch Nickolds introduced himself as the interim director of community development.

Approval of minutes for April 18, 2018

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Olson to **APPROVE** the minutes for April 18, 2018. Councilor Blom seconded the motion. All aye/motion carried.

Paradise Point Transportation Issues

Lindsay Shafar presented. The issue was brought up in a prior work session regarding through traffic coming off I-5. Cowlitz County has built their through- road, so at this point there is not much for community planning to do. They wanted to present what had been done, and potentially taking it off the work plan. May 16 work session is already scheduled for Cowlitz County to present what they have been working on, and to tack this on at the end of that work session. Councilor Stewart would like to see the pros and cons of taking it off the work plan.

New Business

Inviting CREDC and GPI for a work session on current economic trends

The City of Vancouver recently held a work session for CREDC and GPI, the Portland equivalent of the CREDC, to talk about economic issues and trends. The council would like to host one with CREDC for sure, and they don't have a need for GPI to attend.

25th Ave Cottage Housing

There is a proposed development in Highway 99 sub-area. Councilor Olson thought there was going to be a site plan – Lindsay has not yet received one from Travis Johnson, the engineer who is working on the project. The council suggested moving this conversation to another week, when they're able to take a look at the whole project. Jim Rumpeltes had a drafted plan – shared with the council. Lindsay stated that both community planning and community development stated that the plan does not meet the intent. The design is that there is no frontal open common space – there is parking area and backyards. Councilor Quiring states that it doesn't meet what she imagines as cottage housing – instead, it appears to be stuffing units in a small area. Lindsay stated cottage housing is typically double the density with amenities to relieve the pressures that come with that. The engineer has met maximum density for the development. Councilor Blom stated that he does not think this meets the intent.

Auditor's Accounts Receivable Write-Off Policy

Personal property tax – there are entities owe the county money, and for whatever reason the organizations are not able to be collected on. These have gone to collections at this point. Councilor Olson requested push off until next week. Councilor Stewart inquired as to what happens when the revenue that has been written off is collected. Jim Rumpeltes said that Mark Gassoway would be

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able to answer those questions. Oftentimes this comes from businesses going out of business and insurance is supposed to cover the tax but don't sent the payment. Other times, it is from a deceased individual, or if someone becomes a caretaker in lieu of making payments. After three months of the invoice not being paid, it goes to collections. Emily Sheldrick stated that writing off the tax does not remove the legal obligation for someone to pay. Councilor Quiring asked what is the definition of writing it off? Mark stated that it was an accounting code, not necessarily dismissing the tax. They still keep a record of debts that are owed. Councilor Boldt asked if there was a way that it could be called anything else, so it doesn't seem like the county is releasing the businesses from their financial responsibility. Some of the businesses had applied for fire permits and had the inspection done, but had not paid. Mark stated that some of these are still in process and will be on record as to what has gone to collections. Councilor Olson said to move forward, and Mark will follow up with all parties. Councilors Stewart said she does not want it to go to a hearing until it is easier to identify who hasn't paid. Councilor Quiring said that it doesn't matter what the amount owed is, if the business is still in operation they should be paying what is owed.

Fireworks

The stakeholder meeting asked if the council wanted to set a work session. Lindsay clarified that this does not mean that there is any action that needs to be taken, but the next steps would be a work session. The work session would be a recap of the stakeholder meeting, with a discussion regarding potential action. Lindsay outlined that there were two options – limit dates of sale, and limit dates of use. Councilor Olson would also like included in the discussion a plan for emergency restrictions. The council agreed to schedule the work session.

179th/Urban Holding

The council would like to put a work session on the calendar. Lindsay stated no county bonds were used for 119th. Councilor Boldt stated that WASHDOT should be invited to that work session.

May 9th Council Time

Two councilors will be out. The question was if they would still like to proceed with getting that scheduled. They decided to keep it, but the meeting will most likely be short.

Council Report

Councilor Boldt spoke to CTRAN's public benefits area study, which outlines who is on the board of CTRAN. The meeting will be on June 12th.

Councilor Olson asked about the timeline to talk about legislative priorities for next session.

Councilor Blom felt it would be beneficial to have discussions with some of the legislators. Lindsay stated that it will be a very budget-heavy year, with less focus on policy. Lindsay said she will put together a list of things she has compiled and will present to each councilor during one on ones for feedback.

Councilor Boldt stated that counties can convene a meeting for all state and federal legislators. He suggested Lindsay follow up with Prick County in Prineville to see how their meeting went.

Councilor Quiring gave an update on the Value Pricing Committee. The last meeting they had small group discussions regarding the environmental justice and adjacent communities. Legally, tolling you cannot give the money back to the people, but what they could do is credit it to the income tax for Washington drivers.

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Staff Reports

Jim Rumpeltes spoke to the jail commission. The feedback was that there needs to be a more general approach to jails and law enforcement. Councilor Boldt wanted to share the feedback they got regarding the new facility. The next steps include a tour of the jails and more information about the current status.

The council requested a work session regarding complete streets. The planning commission is set for the May 17th hearing.

Report from Task Forces, Commissions and Boards

None.

Lindsay Shafar Report on Policy Issues

VBLM work session – BIA, South Washington Contractor’s Association have agreed to present. Working on getting a date set.

Community Planning and the Commission on Aging have been giving presentations to various cities on their work plan and what they have accomplished over the last year.

The Agricultural Economics Study draft RFP was sent out, and she requested feedback from the council regarding the timeline and scope.

Legislative Update – none.

The Council adjourned Council Time at 1:36pm for two executive sessions: one on personnel matters and another for pending litigation for one hour.

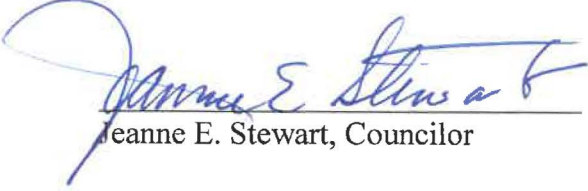
The Council adjourned at 2:36pm.

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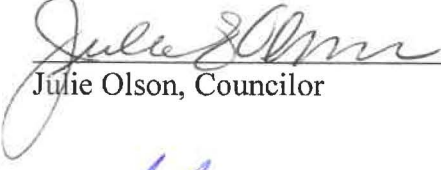
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ATTEST:



Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Council

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