

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2018**

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

12:30pm.

Lindsay Shafar stated there was no quorum at 12:30pm – council time postponed until 12:50pm when there was a quorum.

12:50pm.

Staff Reports

Work Session request: Consultant’s Report regarding Sheriff’s Records

The Sheriff’s office requested a work session to discuss the results of their review of the records division at the sheriff’s office. The meeting is informational. There have been some questions about what the numbers really mean, and they would like to explain the report and methodology.

The Council adjourned Council Time at 12:55 pm for four executive sessions: one on personnel matters for 15 minutes and three for pending litigation for 45 minutes, for a total of one hour with no action afterward.

The Council re-adjourned at 1:45pm.

Old Business

Approval of minutes for May 9, 2018

Moved to next week – both Quiring and Boldt were out the week of May 9. Will wait until Councilor Blom returns.

Fireworks

Lindsay Shafar outlined the difference between the fireworks ordinances currently and the proposed fireworks consistency plan. Battle Ground is going to 2 days, and La Center and Ridgefield are waiting to hear from the council to hopefully remove the line. Camas is also at 2 days. Lindsay said there’s no restriction on the number of ordinances the council can have. Councilor Quiring asked for language to match the various options. Councilor Quiring also mentioned there should be an opportunity for the public to provide input, so that they know a decision wasn’t made without them being taken into consideration. Councilor Olson agreed. Councilor Stewart confirmed that this was scheduled for the June 5 hearing in the evening, and then action to be taken the following Tuesday during the day hearing. It would take effect late June 2019. The council would like to see a 7/1, 2/4, 1/4 option, as well as a safe and sane option – prohibition on areal fireworks. They would also like to see an outline of non-enforcement days – meaning that a fire marshal or sheriff would need to see the item be set off, instead of a neighbor calling in, and a provision emergency for dry years. Councilor Olson asked about specific data regarding sales of fireworks and how weekend sales compare to sales on the 3rd and the 4th. Councilor Olson said there’s also a need to discuss enforcement and penalties. Councilor Olson wanted to know specifics of a fine, etc. if someone is found lighting a firework. Emily Sheldrick stated that any code violation is classified as a misdemeanor. Councilor Stewart mentioned that if the council is going to go the direction of

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aggressive enforcement, it is going to cost the county additional funds and potentially upset law enforcement and first responders. Lindsay clarified that the \$100 tent fee required a code change.

New Business

Small Exhibit Hall (Fairgrounds)

Bob Stevens presented. The ice rink in Vancouver is closing, and Clark County has been presented with the idea to build an ice rink with multiple uses. A proposed building would be a junior hall of 45,000 square feet. Bob stated that the county financially is not able to build that size of building, nor compete with the 30,000 square foot entertainment hall that the casino just built. However, by making that building into an ice rink that could be converted to additional space when needed (ie, the fair) could be viable. It would be similar to the amphitheater – they build it, give it to the county, and the county rents it on a long term lease. Bob would like the council’s blessing to investigate this possibility. The church isn’t closing the ice arena until August 2019.

Discuss possible work session for Heritage Farm Preservation Plan

Jacqui Kamp requested a work session to discuss the seven buildings under the preservation plan. They are having a consultant come out and assess the farm and hold a work session with the council. She wanted to know if the council wanted to hold a work session prior to that meeting.

Council Report

Councilor Quiring asked for Dr. Phillip Drum, who is involved in marijuana research and education, to have about 10 minutes to talk at the work session. Currently, the speakers list includes the director from the Liquor and Cannabis board, two individuals from the drug task force at the sheriff’s office, Dr. Alan Melnick, and three industry stakeholders. The council agreed.

Councilor Quiring also recommended that the rail subcommittee have a facilitator. It is possible for community planning to get a facilitator. Councilor Quiring is concerned about the lack of movement in the committee. Councilor Quiring would like someone who is not intimately involved but is still a staff member.

Councilor Boldt requested the council consider using one of the staff positions for an economic director position.

Staff Reports

Work Session request: Clark Community Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee update

Provide information about the bike and pedestrian plan and discuss 2018 awards program. Informational only and give the council the opportunity to ask questions.

Work Session request: Council for the Homeless/feedback on Homeless Action Plan

Work session for Kate Budd – providing overview and allowing the council to provide feedback.

Report from Task Forces, Commissions and Boards

Councilor Quiring spoke to the policy advisory committee for tolling – they are considering plan B, which starts south of I2 to beyond, through the Rose Quarter/405. Councilor Quiring considers the best and worst plans have been removed. She would like to resend the letter they send to the OTC to the policy advisory committee. Lindsay said there is an opportunity to attach a letter to the final packet.

Councilor Boldt would like to hear more about reviews of the plans and the engineer stamp.

Kathleen Otto said that Taylor Hallvik was working on those, as they’re still in engineer’s court.

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Kathleen stated that Mitch Nickolds was already bringing in positive feedback and they are streamlining processes for that department.

Lindsay Shafar Report on Policy Issues
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Legislative Update – none.

The Council adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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