

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 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, Councilor John Blom and Councilor Jeanne Stewart present.

12:30pm.

Old Business

Approval of minutes for May 23 and May 30, 2018

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Stewart to **APPROVE** the minutes for May 23 and May 30. Councilor Quiring seconded the motion. All aye/motion carried.

July 11 Work Session re: 179th St and Urban Holding

This is a clarification as to whether the developers would be able to speak at the July 11 work session. It is Public Works, Community Development, and Community Planning staff currently scheduled to speak at the work session. There also possibly might be some budget staff involved. Councilors Olson and Quiring thought that, from an economic standpoint and for an update on 179th, it might be beneficial to have the developers there. Councilor Stewart would like an informational outline of the transportation capacity since it was granted. Councilor Blom said it might be beneficial to have them there to answer any questions but not specifically to have them speak. The council agreed.

New Business

Congressional Letter re: Corps of Engineers

There is a budget bill in congress that speaks to the army corps of engineers, and this letter requests some of that funding to come to the local corps office.

C-Tran Board Composition

Councilor Boldt wanted to share that next Tuesday at 6:30pm, after the regular C-Tran hearing, they will have the board composition meeting. Nothing will change. Councilor Stewart mentioned that the last time this happened, a seat was given up and given to a smaller city that doesn't have bus service and is not within the sales tax area. She stated that the council losing a seat has diluted their authority. Councilor Boldt said that all of the council is invited, but of course he and Councilor Blom will be in attendance.

Debrief on legislative meeting

Jim Rumpeltes was impressed with the relationships that the council had with the legislators. As far as takeaways from the meeting – Councilor Quiring was encouraged that the legislators were supportive of meeting mid-year, instead of just December. Councilor Olson was encouraged to pair their list of items down to 3-4 critical items to focus on – she asked the council if they would like to work on that list. Councilor Stewart said it would be a good topic for the next council time. Lindsey said her main takeaways were potentially revisiting the ADU bill, looking at the area-wide Agricultural assessment, Indigent Defense, Capital budget, and a coalition of board of counties and their legislators together regarding sales tax leakage. Councilor Olson added the Public Works trust fund to the list. Lindsey mentioned that a meeting in September might be beneficial, especially if a lobbyist is added; as that might be around the time they start. In the RFP, it outlines lobbying the

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Washington State Legislature; however there is an option that this individual would be federal lobbyist for Clark County as an additional option within the RFP. A third option would be someone who works directly with Oregon. Councilor Stewart mentioned there is a need for someone to communicate with Oregon, as Washington and Oregon share some grants, etc. Councilor Blom asked that, in parallel with the RFP process, the council look at what information the Oregon counties can provide. He would like to see some additional monitoring of what is going on in Oregon and how that affects Clark County. It would mainly be transportation focused. Jim clarified that it should be included in the RFP and all the options. Individuals can potentially bid on just one of the options, or they may have the opportunity to bid on all three. Councilor Blom asked if it was possible to discourage potential individuals from thinking they're unqualified if they only apply for 1/3 of the RFP. Lindsey said it's not uncommon to have someone have multiple lobbyists on contract, and as such is not concerned about that. They will move forward with the RFP, and when Lindsey returns in August the selection process will begin, with the idea that someone is selected by September.

Council Report

Councilor Quiring outlined the letter that was sent to Oregon Transportation. She shared a picture of the potential project of the I-5 tolling proposal. Councilor Quiring thinks that another letter should be submitted, that outlines Southwest Washington, what they do and what we pay, and should potentially have the ask first, and then the why. Councilor Quiring thinks the council should make a strong statement opposing this until there is a better solution for all commuters and where the money goes, because the project they are potentially going to be piloting does not have any added capacity. They mentioned in the work session that most of the funding they would be receiving would be going towards the tolling project, not towards any additional projects. Councilor Stewart asked if there was a way to claim the tolling as unfair, since it will neither add lane capacity nor improve highway performance. Tolling, under federal rules, has to have some sort of benefit. Additionally, Washingtonians who work in Oregon pay income tax that they see little to no benefit from. Councilor Quiring thinks there should be some sort of mitigation that Washingtonians should receive a decrease in income taxes paid based on the amount of tolls paid to go back and forth to work.

Councilor Olson requested a list of non-mandated items that are coming out of the general fund that could potentially be cut.

Councilor Blom spoke to a letter received regarding ADU's – the issue is the home, which is considered a small home but because it is not normal residence impertinence, it triggers a shoreline development permit, whereas if it was considered a normal residence, it would not. The request from the constituent was to waive the shoreline development permit when it is associated with ADU's. The permit is \$7,000 on potentially a \$30,000 ADU so cost-wise it doesn't make sense. Councilor Boldt said they would still need to get the permit, but waive the fee. Councilor Olson asked to do this at a policy level. Councilor Stewart asked what the fee is regarding, and whether it was considered as part of the cost to review the plans in relation to the shoreline. Councilor Blom mentioned that if it was an extension on an existing home, the permit would be required. Jim Rumpeltes said he will have Mitch Nickolds look into this project. Mitch will be attending council time next week, and Jim will ask him to potentially prepare something regarding this issue. Councilor Blom mentioned the National Park Service is moving their regional headquarters to Fort Vancouver, creating 120+ jobs.

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Staff Reports

Work Session Request: 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

The Council approved the request for the work session.

Report from Task Forces, Commissions and Boards

None

Lindsey Shafar Report on Policy Issues

Lindsey is setting up an elected officials meeting with Jamie Herrera-Butler, local mayors and city officials, and the county council to status check, see how things are going with congress.

Mike Bomar reached out to the crisis triage center at the port, and how the port could potentially expand that facility, especially in regards to the proximity of homeland security next door. She has gotten information from Lifeline and Vanessa Gaston, and he is appreciative of the assistance.

Legislative Update – none.

The Council adjourned at 1:15 pm for two executive sessions: one on personnel matters for 30 minutes and one on labor negotiations for 10 minutes with no action.

The Council adjourned at 1:55pm.

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