

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 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.

Councilor Stewart absent.

Old Business

Approval of minutes for June 6 and June 13, 2018

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Olson to **APPROVE** minutes for June 6 and June 13, 2018. Councilor Quiring seconded. All aye/motion carried.

New Business

Clark County Correction Facility Advisory Commission Status Report

There are three parts to this meeting: first, getting people oriented, did some tours, and gave a general understanding of the project. Second, they will be discussing alternatives and changes. Third, they will decide on what recommendation to give. They are currently at the tail end of stage one / beginning stage two. They are learning about possibilities, alternatives and collecting information. A marketing survey will be done in July or August that will be significant in understanding people's views and give an idea of what they might vote for. Councilor Boldt asked to see the survey before it goes out. Councilor Olson asked if the discussion around the Wapato jail was included in this discussion. Councilor Boldt said that there has been some discussion but there are two things to consider: financials and legalities. That is one of the pieces of the puzzle, and if they don't use the facility, will have to explain to the voters why they aren't using that facility. The main webpage has a section dedicated to it so constituents can follow it easier.

Jim also mentioned the Freight Rail Dependent Use Advisory Committee work session, which concluded with a suggestion for a follow up discussion the week after the fourth of July. Looking at the work session calendar, the week after the fourth of July has two other work sessions scheduled for that Wednesday. The following week there are also two work sessions scheduled on Wednesday. Councilor Olson would like to move the Freight Rail discussion up. They moved the storm water work session to July 18th and put the Freight Rail work session on the 11th of July.

Council Report

Councilor Boldt spoke to the Historic Preservation Committee that now has three openings. Councilor Olson and Councilor Quiring stated that with three openings, they should interview. They will pick five candidates to interview.

Jim Rumpeltes said that the Monday that Shawn Hennessee starts, in the morning, hold one on ones with the council and that afternoon hold a meet and greet for him and do it in stages with department directors, elected officials, and internal staff members. Jim would then suggest a second round of one on ones with department directors and office staff. Jim will be here for the first three days, but after that it will be up to Shawn how that should go.

Councilor Quiring spoke to tolling. The recommendations are on page 2-7; they are looking at two short term options. The first, tolling Going (Swan Island) to Multnomah/Abernathy and the later tolling concept is they will toll I-5 and 205 both directions. On July 12th, this goes to the Oregon

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Transportation Commission. Councilor Quiring invited all council members to attend that meeting. Councilor Olson suggested that now there is a draft recommendation in place, that the council reiterate their stance on how tolling does not provide congestion relief.

Legislative Briefing: Legislative priorities with Mike Burgess, County Lobbyist

Mike spoke to putting together a legislative agenda, and wanted to hear about the feedback the councilors had received from the legislators. Councilor Quiring and Councilor Olson both stated that the legislators were very receptive to the meeting. Councilor Quiring noted that they had asked the county to pare down the list of needs. The legislators didn't have any items they felt needed addressing. They had conceptual suggestions but nothing specific. Councilor Olson suggested keeping indigent defense, grants and loans in the public works fund, and ADU's. Mike shared that he had spoken to Councilor Blom and reiterated that there needs to be some action taken in Clark County with some affordable housing advocates and work with environmental groups. It could be paired down to a pilot project for Clark County. Councilor Olson also spoke to the need for additional infrastructure in Clark County.

Councilor Boldt stated that the Ruckles House commission is meeting in the fall; Mike hadn't heard anything specific regarding them. Mike said he would check with what should be done with the hearings boards.

Councilor Stewart arrived.

Councilor Quiring asked if the hearings boards went by area for representation. Mike said that there has been a bill yearly to deal with the hearings boards. Rulings typically go their way, but something like the Ruckles House that has independent credibility might have a different story. Mike suggested getting on their agenda.

GMA issue is in regards to the Ridgefield issue, and clarified that the Ridgefield Public Works should have their budget go away. The council is tired because they can't control it anyway, and they were encouraged to expand the boundary at their recommendation. The council was in compliance but then Ridgefield annexed it. Theoretically all the cities are in non-compliance. Mike suggested county staff beginning to draft bills. Mike asked, what is the punishment? Councilor Olson said if it was an issue they could fix on their own, they would do so. Mike clarified and said, thinking as a legislator, what stops Clark County next time from doing what Washougal said, even if it's a questionable decision? Councilor Boldt said that they proposed a fix and could be proposed in the legislation. Mike said that bills are better received when they're not wide open.

Ag will not be included this go around. They have to have an area wide assessment put in the comp plan; and Councilor Olson said it's probably not as important this time around. Councilor Stewart said it would have a lot of implications. Councilor Boldt said it will probably be on there in the future.

Wilson Storm water is a tight line next to a development. It is a technical bill. Councilor Stewart asked if the council had seen a copy of the bill. Councilor Olson said she saw it in session.

Councilor Stewart said she was interested in seeing it, and Mike volunteered to send it to her.

Sales tax leakage issue and Wilson's ATV tax issue has a fiscal hit to the State. There was the rural economic tax credit, but Mike feels there are other options that staff could probably come up with. He will work with legislative staff to come up with some concepts and work that back through.

Regarding indigent defense - Mike said that he wouldn't consider indigent defense an ask of Clark County, because it is a priority for WASAC. Councilor Quiring disagreed that is an ask because it's a big bill and she feels that our delegation should be hit up from our lobbyists because it's a priority for the council. Mike clarified that it was okay to leave it on a list if you were trying to pare down a list - he was implying that it is not just a Clark County issue, because it fits in the global scope.

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In regards to current use applications, with other assessors in the state against it, Clark County will be taking this off the list.

With transportation, it's unlikely there will be a new funding package. Mike said that there is money for 179th already helps the argument to move it forward. That money is being dispersed, which the council is working with the local DOT on where that funding is going. He spoke to 500 – Councilor Boldt said it's not a priority. The 500 project, pedestrian overpass, doesn't have a direct number attached to the project. The I-5 replacement bridge – the council doesn't have a position yet on this. Mike asked if the council would like to hold a work session in Olympia regarding tolling. Councilor Quiring thought it would be beneficial.

The current jail facility has some square footage that they use for reentry, and another offsite facility that they use for food and other things for minimum security work release. The commission is in a preliminary stage. Mike said they could ask for planning money to getting the bigger ask in the future. Councilor Stewart asked who is the hub for information regarding the corrections facility re-entry program: what work has been done, what direction had been taken and what is the current status. Jim said that Ric Bishop and Lindsey would be the points of contact. Jim said that this should be crossed off the list for today, as it is not ready to be handed off to legislation yet.

Councilor Stewart also said there are some policies that should be involved.

From a timeline perspective, Councilor Stewart said it doesn't make sense to have the legislators here when they are tired and distracted ramping up for the New Year. The agreement when they left was "let's do this again". Councilor Olson said September-October would be best.

Mike suggested that specifically with bills like the GMA and ADU that it is important to have the local support. Councilor Stewart is concerned with one specific councilor spearheading a project, because sometimes the message does not get transferred to all councilors. When lobbying for direction, she would like to know what it is going to be. Mike agreed that it is important for the councilors to be in the know, but there needs to be a point of contact person for these issues.

Councilor Olson suggested firming up the list. The list includes: indigent defense, both on the Council's list and on a broader spectrum; ADU; Grants and loans in regards to non-compliance on a comp plan; storm and sanitary sewer for urban / rural development; sales tax leakage; continued commitment to funding for the I-5 corridor as soon as possible; capital budget mental health triage center.

Staff Reports

None.

Report from Task Forces, Commissions and Boards

None.

Lindsey Shafar Report on Policy Issues

None.

The Council adjourned at 1:40 pm for one executive session on potential litigation for 20 minutes with no action.

The Council adjourned at 2:00pm.

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