

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF JULY 18, 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 July 11, 2018

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Olson to **APPROVE** minutes for July 11, 2018. Councilor Stewart seconded. All aye/motion carried.

New Business

Mental Health Sales Tax Update

Emily Zwetzig, interim budget director, presented more information was provided as a follow up from last week. The packet included a complete summary. They are looking for approval to move forward with recommendations for the county manager, totaling appx \$1.2 m. Secondly, move forward with an external RFP process with the intent to set aside up to \$1.2 m. Thirdly, asking the council would like an update after the external RFP process is completed. Information included in the packet provided was the information from the work session in January, advisory board resolution approved in February, and the bylaws that outline the intent. It also includes the applications and scoring sheets. An updated balance was provided, and going into 2019 there is an \$8.2 mil carryover and \$4.8 mil fund balance policy that will be coming to the council to approve. There is a \$2.4mil gap between expenditures and income, which the budget office feels is recommendable to approve for new requests. Expected fund balance \$5.8mil at the end of 2019. Councilor Olson asked about the process to curtail programs if and when the sales tax begins to decline. Emily said they review yearly for economic downturn. Internal and external packages would be reviewed the same and scored on the same scale. Methodology similar to what the purchasing department does. There were seven packages that were submitted – all packages had a 12 or 13, with 14 being a perfect score. The advisory board suggested that all packages move forward. The packages were outlined as far as who the packages are from, what they are requesting funding for and how much funding was requested. Further discussion ensued.

November 12-16 WSAC Conference

There will be no council weeks for the two weeks in November – first due to shortage of council members attending WSAC, and the second week due to the thanksgiving holiday. The council will also move the November 6th hearing to 10am.

Fireworks and Animal Control Update for July

Animal control reported 9 missing stray pets, a couple fatalities and a number of aggressive dog calls. The pound received 14 dogs, and an online presence facilitated the return of 20+ dogs during and after the fourth. There was less activity this year during the fourth. People have a heightened awareness and are taking more responsibility for their animals. There has been a third party service helping process licenses and help with the backlog. Recruitment is underway and is robust with 50+ applicants for OA positions, handful for the manager position, and 20+ for animal control officers. Quite a few applicants are highly qualified and interview processes will begin next week.

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They will be working with a local agency to provide training in Clark County, because there are a large number of people who need to attend here in this area. DOGPAW is concerned about the exposure to aggressive dogs and non-compliant dog owners. They feel that having the presence of an animal licensing officer would help alleviate these issues. The goal is to alleviate the problem at the point of the issue. They are looking to see more volunteer action in regards to training the dogs and general control over their animals. The fire marshal had patrols out July 1-5, concentrating on the south end of the county. They experimented with a reserve unit which was effective. Observations included a heavier concentration of fireworks on July 4th. Things they did differently – they provided a flyer to individuals who purchased fireworks that showed the rules and regulations for the county. They had three roadside reader boards posted throughout the county that advertised the south of 219 rule. Fire marshal responded to 112 calls, down from last year. They issued 10 citations vs last year where none were issued. They had two people per vehicle, and cut down on the number of vehicles that went out which seemed to work well. Tempers were kept in check with two officers. There were 298 calls regarding fire concerns. They responded, between June 28 and July 5th, to 35 fire incidents. They discussed statistics of fireworks in relation to the fire incidents. They also discussed citation rates and increasing tent fees.

Council Report

Councilor Boldt spoke to the Historic Preservation Commission. Three councilors wanted to appoint the people who were nominated by the City of Vancouver, and two wanted to interview. Councilor Olson stated once they got the packet with the additional information regarding the interview process she was more comfortable appointing those selected by the city of Vancouver. Councilor Stewart said her decision was not impacted by the City's selections, and Councilor Quiring concurred. They chose to select the individuals recommended by the City of Vancouver for appointment. Councilor Boldt also spoke to NACo. He would like to pursue a restructuring of the law and justice committee that from now on that they will get reports from the jail, mental health, re-entry, and so forth. They discussed making modifications and creating a type of jail oversight committee. Councilor Quiring spoke to the railroad work session that morning. She would like to see a public forum where people can ask questions. They would like to ask Kathleen to put together open houses and they may have public comment in a Q&A setting.

Staff Reports

Work session request: 2018 Annual Reviews and Dockets

Approved.

Report from Task Forces, Commissions and Boards

None.

Legislative Briefing: None

Lindsey Shafar Report on Policy Issues: None.

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

The council adjourned at 2:00pm.

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Marc Boldt, Chair

Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor

Julie Olson, Councilor

John Blom, Councilor

Eileen Quiring, Councilor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Messinger, Clerk of the Council

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