

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 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 25, 2018

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Blom to **APPROVE** minutes for July 25, 2018. Councilor Stewart seconded. All aye/motion carried.

New Business

2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Several years ago, the auditor's office started to put the CAFR online, and the full document is available on the county website. They had a modified opinion from the state auditors, which means the audit was produced clean. This is the 32nd year that the CAFR will be submitted to GFOA for a CAFR award. They tried to shorten the timeline this year from producing the CAFR from the end of May to the end of April. They were able to set a goal of cutting off two weeks and did produce it in one week less than the prior year, and will continue to work to improve that timeline. Traditionally, the CAFR has 3-4 pages of suggestions from auditors about things that could be done better, and this year was only a page and a half. They reported two other major funds: Camp Bonneville and Debt Service Plan. Revenue in general fund increased \$2.4 million, due to increase in property taxes and sales tax. Other revenues decreased. Net increase was about 1.5%. Expenses increased 4.64%. Fund balance came in at \$28.2 million, which came in above recommended balance of \$23 million. This number is adjusted every year based on expenditure level. Target fund balance for 2018 is \$24.3 million. Road fund balance was about \$20 million, depending on timing of projects being completed. Community development had a small decrease. Reet revenues grew 7.4%, and have been growing for 7-8 years. Reet 1 has a small fund balance of \$600,000, and Reet 2 has a larger fund balance of almost \$10 million. Reet is sensitive to housing and development activity, which makes it difficult to project. Essential support services for facilities are \$1.2 million in the negative. General liability insurance generally carried a fund balance of \$1.3-\$1.7 million, which any excess is carried forward into the following year. Last year, it used all of the previous fund balance and then some. They spent about \$1.5 million in excess, and started 2018 with a negative balance. The costs for these funds are paid into by other funds. Councilor Olson asked how the funds would be trued-up: essentially, they would collect additional funds. They are in the middle of a comprehensive risk audit where they will dig further into this issue. The state audit left a few management letter comments dealing with depreciation, and will be bringing forward a proposal regarding how infrastructure assets are handled. They are also going to implement 10-page quarterly updates.

Council Report

Councilor Quiring mentioned that in light of the presentation of the CAFR, the council might watch a Netflix documentary called "All the Queen's Horses" who is a city clerk who embezzled \$54 million.

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Councilor Blom mentioned how he and Chair Boldt met with the youth commissioners to talk about their policy initiative for this year, and their focus next year will be in the direction of mental health.

Councilor Boldt spoke to the parcel of land and house across from Green Meadows that was donated to the county. Kathleen said they are looking at options of an RFP regarding what needs to be fixed and renting it out to generate revenue. They will be working with Shawn moving forward about turning that into a revenue stream. Councilor Olson asked if the house could be turned into an interpretive center or something along those lines; Emily Sheldrick stated that part of the donation was that traffic would not be increased to the area. If the county decides to reject the place, it would automatically go to Southwest Washington Family Community Foundation. If the question is to rent the property or not, that is a property management issue which means per the charter the county manager would manage that decision. The council would decide whether or not they want to keep the property.

Councilor Boldt mentioned Evergreen Habitat who was interested in a parcel of vacant land of 1.5 acres in Orchards. In the past, they have transferred ownership. Councilor Blom wanted to give an opportunity to other organizations like Habitat, who build affordable housing, to look at the parcel of land as well.

Staff Reports

Work session request: Environmental Public Health fee schedule adjustment

Approved.

Report from Task Forces, Commissions and Boards

None.

Legislative Briefing: None

Lindsey Shafar Report on Policy Issues: None.

The council adjourned at 1:25pm.

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