

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 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.

Old Business

Approval of minutes for August 1, 2018

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Olson to **APPROVE** minutes for August 1, 2018. Councilor Quiring seconded. All aye/motion carried.

New Business

Crisis Stabilization and Triage Center

Vanessa Gaston presented. The proposal for the crisis stabilization and triage center was drafted and sent to the governor's office. They were able to get \$3 million dollars for this project. They are starting the process of what to do with those dollars. The state put out an RFP for people looking to create a crisis stabilization center. They submitted the same proposal and received \$600,000 for operations. That money was given to Lifeline. The sheriff had the vacant work release center available, which he allowed Lifeline to assume possession of. The county is allowing them to remodel that building and a lease is being drafted for at least 5 years, with the option to renew. The sheriff's office has three buildings total for work release – this is only one of the three. A fence will be put up between the work release facilities and this facility, which is being paid for by the money that commerce gave to Lifeline for remodeling purposes. Vanessa's fund balance is contributing about \$1 million to the project; no general funds are being used. The county is not involved with the exception of leasing the building to Lifeline; however, police officers and sheriffs can drop off individuals that they don't want to take to jail at that facility. Timeline wise, they have to open by June 2019 or they lose the \$600,000. They won't do a public hearing for the application with the city. There will be a secure detox area, but the crisis stabilization will not be. If Lifeline does not need to use all \$3 million, there are conversations with other vacant lands for future options. However, that funding can only be used for brick and mortar, not for purchasing land. Individuals would be transported to the center, either by ambulance or by bus – conversations with C-Tran are in the works. There would not be the ability to walk in and out of the facility. Secure detox will hold 16 beds, triage will hold 16 beds, and crisis triage will have about 16 half beds or chairs for shorter term stays. The average stay would be between a couple hours and at maximum, two weeks. This would be the intake point to stabilize them and then move them onto another program. If someone is booked into jail, they have to wait for a judge to approve their movement to a facility. Law enforcement officers would be able to bring individuals in need directly to this facility to avoid that step. Some programs will be outpatient, some will be specialized housing, it all depends on the need of the person and where the availability is. Determining whether someone is fit for the triage center vs going to the hospital will fall on the responsibility of clinicians at either facility.

Removal of Paradise Park from docket

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Olson to **REMOVE** Paradise Park from the docket. Councilor Quiring seconded. All aye/motion carried.

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Council Report

Councilor Olson spoke to the packet from Aho Construction – Emily Sheldrick said she wants to put it on executive session either next week or the following week. Councilor Boldt stated he wanted John to be present for that conversation.

Councilor Olson also spoke to the forensics investigation council and the backlog of sexual assault kits. The Vancouver crime lab has space for a DNA lab. The council invited the delegation to tour the lab and get a status update on the backlog. Almost all of the WSP reps were there, and many are going to Ohio next week to look at best practices. Ohio also had a backlog of sexual assault kits and got caught up.

Councilor Stewart spoke to WSDOT, through RTC, has put a proposal through to change significantly SR-500 by closing the 42nd Street and 54th Street intersections. There is a lot of discussion regarding the isolation it will create on the north side neighborhoods and Clark County will be responsible for significant road improvements on 40th, which is currently a very narrow road with ditches on either side. She then outlined concerns for other intersections and what the impact would be. WSDOT is also talking about increasing the speed in that area.

Councilor Boldt mentioned that the City of Vancouver passed a resolution about the I-5 Bridge and received an official letter from Anne McEnerny-Ogle that he will be sharing with the council.

Staff Reports

Work session request: Speed Limit Changes

Approved.

Report from Task Forces, Commissions and Boards

None.

Legislative Briefing: None

Lindsey Shafar Report on Policy Issues

Lindsay spoke to lobbyist RFP and forming a plan for next steps. The RFP outlines a timeline for interviews and the question would be to think whether to move forward with interviews, and full scope would most likely be part of an executive session.

The council adjourned at 1:00pm for two executive sessions, one on pending litigation and one pursuant to RCW for 40 minutes total.

The council adjourned at 1:40pm.

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ATTEST:

Rebecca Messinger, Clerk of the Council

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