

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL TIME  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 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 John Blom, Councilor Julie Olson and Councilor Jeanne Stewart present.

**12:30pm.**

**Old Business**

**Approval of minutes for August 15, 2018**

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilor Blom to **APPROVE** minutes for August 15, 2018. Councilor Olson seconded. All aye/motion carried.

**New Business**

**I-5 Bridge Resolution**

Councilor Blom spoke to the resolution. Councilor Olson changed “City of Vancouver” to “Clark County”, and Councilor Blom had added a “whereas” speaking to the relationship between Clark County and Multnomah County. Councilor Stewart stated it is mature but reactive to something the city of Vancouver has done. She is concerned that there is no straightforward way to move forward and spoke to high-capacity transportation in relation to the bridge. Councilor Quiring thinks the council doesn’t have any jurisdiction on this and does not feel that being a copycat to the city gives the county any credence to the issue and does not agree with sections of the resolution. Councilor Olson spoke to the resolution being in support of a project and that the verbiage include high-capacity transit to obtain federal dollars, not necessarily to be used towards light rail as the council has spoken out against light rail in the past. Furthermore she does feel it is their duty as politicians to support things that will help economic development in Clark County. Councilor Stewart does not feel that this resolution would be stepping up and instead would be piggybacking on a solution that the city of Vancouver is re-exercising that mirrors the I-5 crossing. Councilor Blom stated that it is showing support for general principals and broad ideas and to send a message to leaders in Olympia that this bridge is priority for transportation needs. This shows effort in the economic growth movement to help create a stronger economic base. Councilor Blom and Councilor Boldt both stated they were in favor of the resolution moving forward. Councilor Stewart retorted that she was shocked that the council would be feckless in what is really important in Clark County’s economic development and its future. Councilor Olson asked if Councilor Stewart would like to see changes to the resolution or would like to see it gone. Councilor Stewart replied that Councilor Olson has failed in leadership on getting effective transportation across the river. Councilor Boldt said there are three votes to move forward. County manager Shawn Hennessee confirmed that the copy they had in front of them was the correct version. Councilor Stewart would like to see the resolution in a complete format. Councilor Quiring said that she doesn’t want to do it at all, but if they are going to do it she would like to see some changes. Councilor Blom asked what the changes were, and Councilor Quiring said she would think on it and let the council know. Councilor Boldt reiterated that the resolution will be emailed. Councilor Stewart said that she will also share some changes if it is being moved forward. Councilor Boldt said it would be fine to put the revised resolution with proposed changes on council time for next week.

**2019 Community Planning Work Program – Yacolt Cemetery**

Councilor Quiring said this is allowing for work for community planning. The apostolic Lutheran community found that if you are not a resident of Yacolt you cannot be placed in the cemetery, so

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they are asking that they be able to put a cemetery on their church property. It is zoned Forest 40 right now, and they have a conditional use currently for the church. Lindsey Shafar stated that cemeteries are not permitted or conditional use and shared the original ask was that they hoped to change neighboring parcel zoning which would be an allowable use, but zoning designation would have to happen at the next comp plan in 2024. They then adjusted the ask to change the use table to either make it an outright use, partial use, or conditional use only on the grounds of an existing church facility. The ask of the council is if this is something to be added to the list of Community Planning's 2019 work program, not to be completed but added to the list to be considered in the work session. Councilor Quiring said this does not strike her as an odd request, as loved ones of the church are not able to be buried in the Yacolt town cemetery unless they are a citizen of the town. Shawn mentioned that you have to avoid spot zoning. Councilor Olson asked for some pros and cons, which Lindsey mentioned would be part of the process of putting it on the list. Councilor Blom would be in support of putting it on the list and learning more about it. Councilor Olson agreed. Councilor Boldt asked if they could talk to the town, and Lindsey mentioned that had been her suggestion would be to ask the town if the church could bury those passed on a temporary basis, because even if the council put it on the work plan to adopt next fall, they would be looking at a use table starting in 2020 to have an approval sometime in 2020. Shawn mentioned that even if the town was open to it, they are still running into space constraints.

**Drainage Improvement District #7**

On 164<sup>th</sup> between fourth plain and stoning hills/Yacolt area – in 1999 it was suspended, after the county completed some work, they would like it to be reinstated. Councilor Boldt asked if staff could work with District #7 to bring to the council to reinstate it. Councilor Quiring asked why they needed it, and Councilor Boldt said it's a lot easier to work with a drainage district. Lindsey shared that when a drainage district is suspended, the county has to assume responsibility for the maintenance of the facilities previously serviced by the drainage district. The rates and charges can go along with the drainage district reinstatement and the county is no longer responsible. In this instance, the district feels they could do a better job of maintaining and they now have the manpower behind them. The drainage district is made up of property owners in the area.

**Council Report**

Councilor Blom spoke to serving on the canvassing board; the election was certified yesterday with one recount, there was one tie and then that will be certified.

**Staff Reports**

Emily Sheldrick shared that animal control was approached by the Cowlitz tribe last year about trying to enter into an agreement to address issues at the casino. The tribe would like to negotiate a potential agreement. She met with Mitch to go over some potential options; wanted to see what interest there was from the council for animal control to provide services at the casino. Councilor Quiring said it should be okay if they have the personnel; Councilor Olson agreed. Councilor Blom stated that he would like animal control to be back to capacity to serve Clark County before entering into an agreement elsewhere. Emily said the tribe would need to adopt their own animal control ordinances to mirror the county's first.

**Report from Task Forces, Commissions and Boards**

None.

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**Legislative Briefing: None**

**Lindsey Shafar Report on Policy Issues**

Lindsey reminded the council about the freight rail open house for August 30<sup>th</sup>. The planning commission held a work session on some of the work that staff had been doing, and there is a hearing set for Sept 6.

Vancouver Lake – Lindsey will have information to present to the council end of day today/first thing tomorrow regarding information collected thus far so the council can start to formulate some questions.

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

*The council adjourned at 1:40pm.*

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ATTEST:

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Rebecca Messinger, Clerk of the Council

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