

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2018**

The Board convened in Conference Room 698, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Chair Marc Boldt, Councilor Julie Olson, Councilor John Blom, Councilor Jeanne Stewart and Councilor Eileen Quiring present.

1:30 P.M.

Old Business

Approval of minutes for January 10, 2018

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Quiring to **APPROVE** the amended minutes for January 10, 2018. Councilor Stewart seconded the motion. All aye/motion carried.

Follow Up on Annexation Data Set (maps)

Jim Rumpeltes presented the maps to the council. Any questions should go to County Manager, and he will share with appropriate staff.

Clearer Communication Better Building

Reminder of meeting 9am-4pm this Friday, January 26, 2018. The discussion will be two-part, with the expectation that each councilor share their hope and thoughts for the day. The first part of the day will be in regards to case studies, discussion about the case studies, what can be improved, and then lunch. The second half of the day, assisted by Eric Johnson, will be looking at themes that were drawn from the case studies and for general interaction with remaining process. There are to be closing remarks by councilors as well. Councilor Olson, who will not be able to attend the meeting, will write a remark that will be shared. The hope is that participants will stay for the whole event. Councilor Stewart asked for a list of attendees. They have tried to separate developers and staff members for a good mix of opinions at each table. The goal is to have no action items, but to consult and have a discussion that may be included in the formal recommendations.

County Manager Candidates

The county manager candidate on-site visit will be on a Monday and Tuesday, two day event. At the end of the first day, there will be two panels, an internal and external. The internal panel will include appointed department heads, one elected official, and one middle management individual. The external panel will include the CREDC director, an executive director of a non-profit, large city, small city, Clark College executive, and Chair Boldt would like an individual from C-Tran to be included. Councilor Blom recommended the panel stay around 5 individuals. A final interview will be held by the Council, where the candidates present a first year game plan. There will be a communication going out later this week or beginning of next week in regards to specific details about the process and the names of the candidates will be revealed.

Fireworks

Councilor Olson followed up on the work session, and presented two options – one, do nothing, or two, go to safe and sane and evaluate what the impact would be. Lindsay Shafar reminded the Council that any restrictions past the state law mandate must be put in place one year in advance, which means that if something was put in place for 2019 it would have to be established by June 27, 2018. Councilor Olson suggested putting together a task force in March, who then can decide

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if this issue should go to a hearing in April. Councilor Stewart found it confusing that there isn't an overall policy regarding fireworks, but that conversation hasn't yet been had.

New Business

Jail Study Commission

Mike Cooke presented. They had received a draft proposal from Marlia Jenkins. The sheriff and he evaluated and made some changes to the format. The original format was two big teams – one heavy with public officials, the other with a technical team, who would be resources to call in on an “as-needed” basis. They are advising to have one commission that represents those who will be utilizing and relying on the jail and jail services. They are proposing a small committee including the county manager, chair, and sheriff. A larger group of about fifteen people would make up a commission, with a few government representatives and including individuals from social services, judicial representatives, clerk's office, prosecutor's office, business individuals, neighborhood association leaders, defense bar, and possibly Disciplinary Rights of Washington. There is no representation from the sheriff's office on the commission. The commission would do research and evaluate, and then report back to the Council. Councilor Olson asked about the budget for this commission, and where the eighty thousand dollars would be going. County Manager suggested polling, anything to do with preliminary design, pulling together existing resources, field trips, permit processes and advice, etc. Councilor Olson asked for a budget to have a solid number of what this commission would cost. The commission would include a review of previous studies, previous litigation, having DLR present what their studies have shown, and discuss what the community needs in a jail and what the community can afford. One year seemed like a good timeframe, but Mike Cooke suggested the final reports would be turned in around October. He doesn't want to inhibit the commission's work and free flow of ideas if they are stuck with a particular number. Once they create a big picture, back and forth dialogue can ensue about what is going to be best for the community. Councilor Stewart asked to include someone who is skeptical, to use as a resource in regards to total cost. A resolution will be created including specific financial requirements, discussed next week, and then made an agenda item.

Legislative Update with Mike Burgess

They are still in committee and reaching first policy committee cutoff, which is February 2nd. Additional cutoff is February 6th. The hearing on the ADU Bill was 1/23/18. Lindsay Shafar and Mike Burgess are coordinating amendment language and with some limits on the bill. They are communicating with staff and legislators and making sure the amendment gets offered. They are also in support of the bills with county roads and a rivers bill. It has been heard, and is waiting for a committee vote. The house bill has not yet received a vote.

Senator Wilson introduced a bill that sets up a deferred prosecution, with the idea to motivate individuals to register their vehicles in Washington. The individual would pay a \$500 fine; the \$1500 citation for failure to register would go away if the vehicle was registered within 90 days. After 90 days, the individual would pay to register the vehicle, the \$1500 citation and the \$500 fine. This bill would allow counties to set up this program. The Council decided to take a stance in favor of the bill.

Fair Funding is a budget negotiating point. This is an effort by legislators to establish ongoing funding source. They take the sales tax generated at the fair and put it into an account for the state, and say “this is the money that will be used to fund fairs”. If the tax generated does not

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reach the \$2 million, the State will backfill it. The effort is to guarantee the \$2 million is statute and give it a funding source. The Council supports the bill.

The Actions for Wrongful Death bill discusses who can and cannot sue and who assumes liability. The bill requires that second tier beneficiaries (parents, siblings) reside in the US at the time of death and that they are dependent on the funds in order to recover. It expands the available damages, which expands the cost. WASAC is opposed. The Council is in favor.

Council Report

Jim Rumpeltes stated they had an hour and half of executive sessions.

Chair Boldt asked the council to send Holley Gilbert their ideas for the state of the county.

Chair Boldt also had the results of the new members of the AG commission, which the Council will discuss next week.

Staff Reports

Work Session Request: Salmon Recovery and Watershed Planning Update

No discussion – approved to schedule.

Work Session Request: 2017 Docket for Plan Amendments

No discussion – approved to schedule.

DEAB's 2017 Annual Report and review DEAB's 2018-2019 Work Plan

No discussion – approved to schedule.

The Council adjourned Council Time at 2:15pm for three executive sessions: one on potential litigation, 1 hour, contract negotiations, 30 minutes, and one on pending litigation for 15 minutes with no action.

Board Time adjourned at 4:00pm.

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ATTEST:

Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Council

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