

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

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

10:00am.

Old Business

Approval of minutes for January 31, 2018

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Quiring to **APPROVE** the amended minutes for January 31, 2018. Councilor Blom seconded the motion. All aye/motion carried.

County Manager Onsite Interview Schedule

Shared schedule for County Managers. On February 12, the candidates will be welcomed by the directors, Chair and Interim County Manager. At 8:30, they will go on a two-hour tour of the county. Heath Henderson and Dr. Alan Melnick will be taking one candidate; Vanessa Gaston and Marty Snell will be taking the other candidate. At noon, the county manager staff will have lunch with the candidates for an hour. 1:30pm starts the panels – they will give feedback after those sessions. Panel members will be given index cards with three feedback categories to provide to the council following the panels. There will be an open house held in the Hearing Room from 4pm-6pm; 4pm-5pm is for VIPS, and 5pm-6pm is open to the public. Chair Boldt said that Sean Donaghy from C-Tran has not received an invitation yet. Councilor Olson asked for that list to be provided to them, so they can look at who has been invited. Tuesday morning at 8:30am will have another meet and greet for elected officials throughout the county and the management team, and at 9am it will be opened to all county staff. They will finish the meet and greet at 10am. They have been invited to stay for the hearing. Councilor Stewart asked where the councilors could find the merger of information, and that they would like that information prior to their interviews. County councilor interviews are Tuesday from 1pm-5pm. Jim Rumpeltes and Kathleen Otto are organizing questions this week. Councilor Olson and Chair Boldt would like to receive feedback after the interviews, to remain unbiased. Councilor Stewart agreed, as long as the decision was made collectively between their interview and the index cards. Councilor Blom requested that Jim Rumpeltes sit in on the panels. Index cards and interview notes will be released as public knowledge once a contract has been signed. Chair Boldt asked that there also be a collective synopsis from each panel about the candidates, whether that be another index card or a sit down with the council. That way a decision isn't being made strictly off individual opinions. Councilor Quiring thinks group cards would be sufficient.

New Business

General Fund Legal Settlement

Sarah Lowe, Deputy Treasurer, and Adriana Prata, Budget Director, presented. They provided handouts for the council. Follow up on internal financing proposal included in the December 27, 2017 staff report authorizing \$5.25m settlement. The staff report also proposed an internal loan from the real estate excise tax 2 fund to help with general fund cash flow. The loan was detailed as to total cost to the general fund over five years. Follow up action is required in the 2018 spring supplemental to increase general fund appropriation and capacity, and if desired, to budget for

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this internal loan. County Manager is suggesting the County Council approve this, with the condition that this option only be utilized if absolutely necessary. This is a preemptive notion so the county is provided with all the tools for operational cash flow needs. With agreement, the Treasurer's office will prepare a resolution for a mid-February hearing, and ask that this also be added to the consent agenda. The loan amount cannot exceed \$5.25 million, and would be monitoring cash flow and line of credit, and must be repaid in 5 years; the interest rate would be between 1.76% and 2%; estimated interest costs over 5 years is \$256,000 at the 1.76%. Total estimated cost of the loan about \$5.5 million. This loan has the flexibility where the county can take as little funds and time as necessary, and there are no penalties if the loan is never executed on. Councilor Stewart wanted to know how a loan like this would affect the debt ratio and the bond rating. Sara stated that because this was an internal loan, she did not think this would affect the bond rating and would move the debt ratio needle very little, if at all. What would influence the bond rating is having very little cash flow. Adriana shared that typically the County has about \$20 million during January, and currently is at \$11m, the difference due to delayed billing and the legal settlement. The loan only helps with cash flow. The council agrees with putting together a formal proposal to be presented as separate business. A work session will be held on February 14 about assumptions or proposed assumptions, and can build a budget from that. The budget will be presented on the March 27 work session.

Proposed County Agricultural Committee

Colete Anderson, Program Manager, and Jose Alvarez, Planner, presented. Colete provided background to the committee. Last June, the Council had a work session where an Ag committee had been proposed, a charge put together, and sent out a news release. In September, there was a follow up session regarding transportation rights and discussed a public benefits area working with the Assessor's office. In November, there was a second news release sent out for the Ag Committee. It is still in limbo as to who the Council would like to have on the committee. Today, they are able to start over, move forward, or make amendments. The Assessor's office had recommended the public benefits area, and Chris Cook stated that the group has met one time since then. There a number of projects that are discreet, but are related as they all have something to do with Ag. Chair Boldt was unsure as to who was going to run it, and where to move forward from here. Councilor Quiring didn't know what this advisory group would do, and is not sure if assembling another group will be productive. Councilor Blom thinks this could be beneficial if it were to follow the model of the Aging Commission. Councilor Quiring stated that there is a need to do another area wide study. Chair Boldt said the only way to have the bandwidth for an area wide study is with an Ag Commission. What hasn't been done before is a true scope of work for the area wide assessment and the need for a technical advisory group. The area wide assessment would probably take between 8-10 months. Public Works would be coming back with an on call contract, or would hire a separate consultant. Jim Rumpeltes recommended bringing the scope of work in a couple weeks to council time. It was also recommended to have additional conversation about TDR programs, separate from the Ag Committee. In three weeks, Colete will bring back a scope and have a separate item regarding TDRs.

Move Council Hearing on Aug. 7 to Nov. 6

The hearings on Aug 7 and Nov 6 are the night hearings. No need for resolution – the Council will just move those hearings.

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RV Park Plan

The RV Park was drafted in 2016, which puts it under the P-waiver. Their plans were submitted without Kerr Rd, which has been vacated at this point. They are being asked to resubmit their plans, which would no longer make them eligible under the P-waiver, where they will have to pay all those fees, and additional costs associated with plan submissions. Next, they are being designated as a hotel, which doesn't qualify to have the fees absorbed. Councilor Quiring would like to keep them vested. Marty Snell clarified that the RV park was residential in nature, and so it is not eligible under the fee waiver program. RV parks are also charged at a hotel tax. They had a pre-application conference on December 21, 2016. An email was sent on December 20, 2016 to all staff that if you have a pre-application with RV parks, there are no guarantees that the fee waiver would extend to RV park portion of the project. That was communicated to the applicant. This was deferred to a different forum, as it was not clear what the issue was. Councilor Quiring is seeking, if possible, if this is a decision the council can make, for the fees to be made, and why this happened in the first place. Councilor Stewart also is seeking clarification on the hotel/motel tax and what import it has on codes and fee waivers.

Council Report

Councilor Olson spoke about trails – it is not yet on the docket. It could be placed on the 2019 docket. Jim Rumpeltes will bring back a 2019 docket, and adding the parks and trails to the docket.

Councilor Blom shared that the ADU bill did not make it out by the cutoff time. Lindsay is going to look at Spokane's rural ADU code and if that will be helpful.

Staff Reports

Jim Rumpeltes shared that the value pricing link was uploaded put to press.

Emily Shadrick shared that at the hearing tomorrow, 2/6/18, on separate business is a contract approval for two different ports on region access. She doesn't think you'll need any information from her – will be getting additional info from the prosecutor's office. Emily also sent out an email with all assignments. Jane's last day is Friday.

5th Plain Plat 2&3 – Lennar has not signed their agreement yet. When Jim signs the plat, Lennar should keep to their agreement but they don't have to.

Report from Task Forces, Commissions and Boards

Councilor Boldt is going to WASAC in Washington DC in regards to mental health issues. Tribes are upset at the legislative decision, and he anticipates it going to court. There has been a little bit of a war between rural and urban – for example, PUD can obtain a permit for a well, put the well in a rural area, and then transport that water to an urban area. Councilor Boldt is anticipating hearing more grumbling on that subject.

The bill for Indigenous Defense at 10% is still moving but the cutoff is 2/6/18, so Lindsay Shafar anticipates it dying. Three of the reps and two senators have said they should move forward, because WASAC has taken them to court.

Legislative Update with Mike Burgess

Lindsay Shafar presented – Mike Burgess didn't have any updates, but will walk through the cutoff last week. Last Friday, 2/2/18 was the policy committee cutoff. The following bills died: Marijuana money for indigenous defense, Rural ADU, Study of the third bridge, local

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government regulations of firearms, and minimum density standards. There are a number of bills still alive, specifically: local governments prohibiting or having a moratorium on marijuana, documenting recording fee, bill to increase funding on indigenous defense, study of unfunded mandates, deferred prosecution for vehicle taxes, and Senator Wilson's bill storm sanitary sewers was amended in committee. Fiscal cutoff is tomorrow, 2/6/18. March 8, 2018 is the annual sign and die.

House bill 2902 would require an additional \$50m dollars for the supplemental budget, for fish and wildlife restoration projects. If it comes up for hearing, the Council lends its support.

Councilor Stewart received a notification of action on the marbled murrelet. She stated there is no known nesting places in Clark County. Stance is that they advocate for them not to hurt financially for doing their duty in regards to the marbled murrelet.

The Council adjourned Council Time at 11:35am for two executive sessions on pending litigation for 35 minutes with no action.

Board Time re-adjourned at 12:10pm.

State of the County

Jim walked through the schedule of the State of the County. This year there will be two individuals recognized for the outstanding employee award. Chair Boldt mentioned the GMA budget isn't on the schedule. Councilor Olson will talk about the GMA budget and program-based budget. Council would like to see a color guard. Jim Rumpeltes walked through each councilor's items. Holley Gilbert and Lindsay Shafar will be working together to create a full outline.

Board Time adjourned at 12:40pm.

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