

**BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS  
BOARD TIME  
MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2015**

**DRAFT**

The Board of Councilors convened at 1300 Franklin St, Vancouver, Washington 98660, Conference Room B.

**Quiet Zone**

Axel Swanson, Senior Policy Analyst provided some background. Mielke inquired more about the cross arms. Swanson responded. Swanson proposed a new alternative safety measure design and inquired on associated costs. Stewart inquired about the number of homes. Swanson responded. Stewart spoke about similar situations. Further discussion ensued. Stewart expressed her concerns with design in regards to digging in the bank. Tom Grange, Public Works responded and explained the project further. Further discussion ensued about working with the neighbors and providing them with the all costs associated with the project. Stewart inquired about other crossings. Swanson responded. Further discussion ensued about getting complete cost. Further discussion ensued. Mark McCauley, County Manager, spoke about the need of a written agreement. Further discussion ensued about the process. Stewart spoke about speaking with someone from the local office from the Federal Railroad Administration. Swanson responded. Madore spoke about moving forward. Further discussion ensued about the analysis. The board agreed that the step moving forward will be that Axel Swanson will touch base with the neighbors regarding their responsibility to acquire a qualified approved consultant for the analysis. The county can provide design work, work with DES to come up with a harder confirmed number for construction and draw up any necessary contracts. Swanson will report back to board after everything has been vetted with neighbors. The board will decide whether to move forward at that time.

**Cemetery Districts Local Voters' Pamphlet Participation Waiver**

Cathie Garber, Elections provided some background on previous waivers. Stewart inquired about District Five. Garber responded. Further discussion ensued about district five. Madore spoke about a RCW in relation to waiving the fees. Madore stated he didn't think they qualified for the hardships according to the State law. Further discussion ensued about the RCW. Madore spoke about getting more answers from legal staff in regards to uncontested races. Representative from Cemetery District #1 spoke further about costs associated with pamphlet participation. Further discussion ensued about waiving uncontested / contested races.

**ACTION:** Moved by Stewart to **NOT** grant the three waivers they received from Cemetery District #1, #5, and #6. Mielke seconded the motion. Councilors Stewart and Mielke voted aye. Madore abstained. Motion carried.

**Paradise Point Property**

Mielke presented. Peter Silliman, Research Analyst / Policy Assistant joined the discussion. McCauley joined the discussion and spoke about rental revenue on the property. Stewart stated they were moving too fast and feels more discussion needs to be done with the Parks staff. Stewart inquired about conservation futures. Mielke responded. Pat Lee, Conservation Futures, joined the discussion. Stewart stated her concerns and inquired on the originator of the proposal. Mielke responded. Further discussion ensued about the property. Lee stated they were required to purchase another property if they sold this property and follow State laws. Further discussion ensued regarding the process of buying and selling of Conservation Futures property. Madore requested to get feedback from Parks staff regarding this particular piece of property and come back to board time for further discussion.

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**Approval of minutes**

Madore requested changes to the April 22, 2015 minutes regarding a statement from Stewart about her concerns that the transparency resolution and its proximity to current negotiations may extend contract negotiations. Madore suggested that the statement be changed as follows: Stewart stated she was not ready to move forward at this time.

**ACTION:** Moved by Stewart to **APPROVE** minutes of April 22, 2015 as amended. The amendment is as follows: under the transparency resolution (sentence #8) it is to say: Stewart stated she was not ready to move forward at this time. Mielke seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** Moved by Stewart to **APPROVE** minutes of April 29, 2015. Mielke seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** Moved by Stewart to **APPROVE** minutes of May 6, 2015. Mielke seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

**Space Planning**

McCauley gave a brief overview of what had been discussed at a previous board time regarding the cost estimate to construct two new offices and the no cost option. He also stated that Mielke was not in attendance when this was discussed. Discussion ensued.

**ACTION:** Moved by Stewart to move forward with the plan to accommodate the new council members as was prescribed in the original office design of the county commission with the improvements indicated in the plan that shows the building of two new offices. Madore seconded the motion. Discussion ensued about the funding for this project. Councilor Madore, Stewart voted aye. Councilor Mielke voted nay. Motion carried.

**Associate Development Organizations (ADO) letter from Dept. of Commerce**

Mielke stated that this is the pass through money that comes from the State that we give to the Columbia River Economic Development Council. Discussion ensued. Madore requested that this issue be brought back at the May 20, 2015 board time.

**Early Adopter Memo**

Madore stated that this memo is not ready and will be brought back at the May 20, 2015 board time.

**Councilors Reports**

Stewart talked about the C-Tran Board misinterpretation of a motion they made on December 3, 2014 that was interpreted to mean that we potentially had a conflict of interest on the question of proper public meeting notification. In reviewing materials she felt there was no basis for them to require our recusal from the execution session regarding the matter.

Madore spoke about a letter received from Jeff Hamm stating that he and Stewart are required to recuse themselves from the C-Tran executive session. Further discussion ensued.

Mielke asked when the evaluation of the Dolle Building will be brought to the Board. McCauley stated that it coming soon. Discussion ensued.

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Mielke brought up an issue regarding a Paint store. Silliman stated that the county did an appraisal on the property and the owner has been given a first right of refusal in which he has 30 days to respond. Further discussion ensued.

Mielke gave a short review of the WSAC Board of Directors meeting he attended.

**Work Session Request – Traffic Impact Fee (TIF) Program Update**

McCauley provided some background. Oliver Orjiako, Community Planning Director requested the work session on Traffic Impact Fee (TIF) Program Update. Further discussion ensued.

**ACTION:** The Board approved the work session.

Silliman brought up the Ibrahim House property. Discussion ensued.

Swanson said he is helping a couple of college student with their project which is working with the legislature on victim advocacy issues.

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David Madore, Chair

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Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor

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Tom Mielke, Councilor

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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