

**BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS
BOARD TIME
MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2015**

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

Approval of Minutes for May 13, 2015

Madore spoke about adding additional information to the quiet zone section. Mark McCauley, County Manager, and Axel Swanson, Senior Policy Analyst joined the discussion. The additional language will be added to the minutes and will be brought back the following week for approval.

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. Madore spoke about doing their due diligence and stated he would like to make a more informed decision and revote on the issue. Stewart spoke about the associated costs with the charter passing. She spoke about adding the two offices as the building was designed for it. She asked for a more refined cost analysis. McCauley responded. Madore spoke about better utilizing space they already have. Further discussion ensued. Mielke spoke about his concerns with the cost and stated they need to use the space they have.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to go with the no cost option and use the two existing offices. Stewart seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Stewart presented and explained more about the Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC). Discussion ensued. Madore stating his concerns with involvement with the Columbia River Economic Development in relation to the Columbia River Crossing (CRC Project) and referenced a handout / drawings he had. He stated the CREDC needs to remain neutral. He stated he doesn't want to move forward. Stewart inquired more about the drawing. Madore responded. Further discussion ensued about the I-5 / Mill Plain Interchange. Further discussion ensued about various projects including 179th and the scope of staying neutral. Stewart stated her concerns with the message they are sending in Clark County. Stewart spoke further about various projects on the RTC priority list. Madore spoke further about the drawing. He stated the importance of staying neutral and stated his concerns with using funds for the CRC project. Stewart spoke about the importance of having healthy balanced economic development to work together for the common goal. Further discussion ensued. Mike Bomar, President, Columbia River Economic Development Council, joined the discussion and defined their scope and spoke about their communication moving forward. Stewart inquired more. Bomar responded. Madore inquired about a letter Bomar signed regarding funding CRC projects in regards to the Mill Plain Interchange. Bomar responded. Madore spoke about his concerns with lobbying for the CRC Project. Further discussion ensued about the letter. Stewart stated she would like to be present with meetings with Madore and Bomar. Stewart inquired on what needed to be done to move forward. Madore stated more conversations need to be done and to look at a way to market Clark County on neutral grounds. Bomar inquired about the Board's request prior to the CREDC Board Meeting. Madore responded.

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Chris Horne, Prosecuting Attorney, joined the discussion. Stewart stated she would like any requests to be on public record. Mielke stated his concerns with City of Vancouver and WSDOT. Further discussion ensued about the letter. Further discussion ensued about moving forward in a positive manner. This item will be brought back next week.

Early Adopter Memo

McCauley presented. Horne joined the discussion. Further discussion ensued.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to sign the Early Adopter letter. Stewart seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

Letter to Planning Commission member

Horne presented. Further discussion ensued.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to terminate Valerie Uskoki's position on the Planning Commission and formalize it by sending her a termination letter. Stewart seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

Councilors Reports

Mielke spoke about excess property in relation to a 20 acre farm.

Mielke spoke about a proposed resolution he was preparing regarding County Manager appointments.

Work Session Request – Rural Industrial Land Bank

McCauley provided some background. Oliver Orjiako, Community Planning Director requested the work session on Rural Industrial Land Bank (RILB). Further discussion ensued.

ACTION: The Board approved the work session.

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David Madore, Chair

Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor

Tom Mielke, Councilor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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