

**BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS
BOARD TIME
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

The Board convened in the Councilors' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Chair Marc Boldt, Councilor Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor Julie Olson, Councilor David Madore, and Councilor Tom Mielke present.

1:00 P.M.

Legislative Update with Mike Burgess

Mike Burgess, County Lobbyist presented. He spoke about the timeline of the legislative session. He spoke about the budget. Boldt spoke about Western Hospital and staffing. Further discussion ensued. Boldt inquired about capital and transportation budget. Burgess responded. Stewart inquired about the project / priorities list. Burgess responded. Further discussion ensued. Chris Horne, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney spoke about the RSN program that was closing and inquired about DSHS funding. Burgess responded. Further discussion ensued.

Approval of minutes for February 10, 2016

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** the minutes for February 10, 2016. Madore seconded the motion. Chair Marc Boldt and Councilors Stewart, Olson, Madore, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

CREDC Land for Jobs Study

Jeff Swanson, Economic Development Director presented. Further discussion ensued. Mielke stated his concerns with the request. Olson inquired more about the funding. Swanson responded. Further discussion ensued. Stewart spoke about current and future growth. Further discussion ensued about partnerships. Further discussion ensued about taxable retail sales and developments. Madore spoke about the previous CREDC work session and existing costs with a project. He also inquired about previous return of investment projects with CREDC. Swanson / Boldt responded. Further discussion ensued. Item will be brought to the consent agenda. Madore stated for the record he was not in favor of putting it on the consent agenda.

2016 Primary and general elections (due dates for resolutions to be placed on the ballot)

Cathie Garber, Elections Manager, presented and spoke about the guide for jurisdictions and deadlines. Madore inquired more about measures coming forward. Garber responded.

Madore spoke about a potential charter amendment regarding requiring voter approval when raising property taxes by 1%.

Councilor Reports

Mielke stated his concerns with recent spending and wanted more information ahead of time. McCauley responded. Further discussion ensued.

Work Session Request – Reconsideration of 5 resolutions adopted on December 22, 2015 and rescinded on January 5, 2016.

McCauley provided some background.

ACTION: The Board approved scheduling the work session.

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Work Session Request – Reconsideration of 3 resolutions adopted on December 22, 2015 and 2 rescinded on January 5, 2016 and 1 rescinded on February 16, 2016.

McCauley provided some background.

ACTION: The Board approved scheduling the work session.

Adjourned

The Board adjourned for Executive Session and reconvened at 4:20 P.M.

Adjourned

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Marc Boldt, Chair

Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor

Julie Olson, Councilor

David Madore, Councilor

Tom Mielke, Councilor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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