

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

The Council held a hybrid meeting via WebEx as well as conveyed in the Hearing Room, 6th floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington.

1:00 PM

Councilor Roll Call

- Yung - present
- Belkot – Present
- Fuentes – present
- Little – present
- Marshall – present

Amendments to the Agenda

- County Manager, Kathleen Otto requested to add item 9.3 to executive session for five minutes, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), pending litigation with potential after action.
 - Council unanimously agreed to this request.

Open Public Comment

1. Martha Meyer
2. Carmen DeLeon
3. Kimberlee Goheen Elbon

Old Business

Approval of minutes for February 12, 2025.

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Yung to **APPROVE** February 12, 2025, meeting minutes. Councilor Fuentes seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

- Bridge Shelter
 - Jordan Boege, Sr. Policy Analyst for Clark County started the conversation regarding the City of Vancouver Bridge Shelter request.
 - The city has requested about \$4.8M to fund the Bridge Shelter.
 - Jordan stated that there has been the use of MHST funds before in the past for permanent or the construction of permanent supportive housing projects.
 - The question still remains: Is Shelter...Housing?
 - Jordan provided a current list of requests for MHST funding for the next round in August.
 - DISCUSSION; Q & A
 - There are several questions the Council has raised and are requesting additional information.
 - Jamie Spinelli, City of Vancouver explained what the Bridge Shelter is for and how it will assist the County with the homeless population.

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Little to **APPROVE** \$2.1M from the MHST which is inclusive of \$450,000 for the ongoing operations for 3 years and \$2.75M from the Opioid Settlement Fund as well as the remainder of the MHST will be limited to internal requests, with an additional request of four years of service for the County. Councilor Yung seconded the motion. Councilor Belkot – Abstained, Councilors Yung, Fuentes, Little, and Chair Marshall – aye/motion passed.

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New Business

- CWSRF Loan for Heritage Farm Wetland Restoration
 - Presented by Jennifer Coker, Deputy Director for Public Works and Jeff Schnabel, Stormwater Infrastructure Manger, Clean Water Division.
[Heritage Farm Wetland Restoration Phase II – Loan Request Presentation](#)
 - Council unanimously agreed to move this forward.

Councilor Reports

- Councilor Little spoke about the letter they wrote to Dabblers requesting a pause on the sale of the auction of dabbler and the plans for older growth forest. He would like a letter sent to Commissioner Upthegrove asking him to halt or postpone any activity related to the Dabblers sale area. He would also like to invite the Commissioner for a work session.

Work Session Requests

- Sustainable Future – Parks and Nature
 - Council unanimously agreed to move forward with this work session.

Report on Policy Issues

- Jordan Boege updates:
 - First policy cutoff is Friday; fiscal committee cutoff is on February 28th.
 - The official groundbreaking for the East Fork Lewis River Reconnection project is scheduled for either May 2nd or May 9th.
 - Council is considering sending a strongly worded letter to Commissioner Upthegrove to halt or postpone logging activities.

Executive Sessions

Start Time 2:28 pm with the presence of legal counsel. Pending Litigation, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), 20 minutes; Collective Bargaining, 10 Minutes; Pending Litigation, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), 5 minutes with potential after-action; additional 5 minute. End time was 3:25 pm.

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Yung to **APPROVE** the proposed Settlement and release of all Claims relating to the lawsuit entitled *Kathryne Endicott v. Clark County*. Councilor Fuentes seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

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Sue Marshall, Chair

Glen Yung, Councilor

Michelle Belkot, Councilor

Wil Fuentes, Councilor

Matt Little, Councilor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Messinger, Clerk to the Council

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