

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF MARCH 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 amend the agenda to add 5.1 under New Business; April 15th, and remove 9.2 under Executive Session, Pending Litigation 42.30.110 (1)(i), 15 minutes.
 - Council unanimously agreed to this request.

Open Public Comment

1. Carmen DeLeon
2. Kimberlee Goheen-Elbon

Old Business

Approval of minutes for March 12, 2025.

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Little to **APPROVE** March 12, 2025. Councilor Fuentes seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

New Business

- April 15th Council Meeting
 - On the evening of April 15th, there will also be a C-Tran Meeting. Kathleen Otto, County Manager proposed to keep our meeting with only three Councilors, reschedule the April 15th meeting to another day in the evening or to earlier that day at 10 a.m.
 - The Council unanimously agreed to reschedule the meeting to 10 a.m. that day.

Councilor Reports

- Councilor Little in response to last nights Council Meetings public comments, explained his vote as he understood at the time from last week, he stated he voted in error and came up with alternate solutions, on how to add and remove a Councilor from a Board or Committee, As well as clear language on if the Council directs a Councilor on a committee to vote a specific way then the majority vote is binding for that Councilor, in addition to language on if that Councilor does not follow through with direction of the Council and the consequences.

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Little to **APPROVE** moving forward with a public notice on adding clear language to our Rules and Procedures that if a Councilor asks for direction for their committee or the Council directs a Councilor on a committee for a vote then the majority vote is binding for that Councilor; and if they do not follow the directed vote of the Council, their vote is invalid and the alternate steps in to make that vote. Councilor Yung seconded the motion. *Motion Withdrawn by Councilor Little.*

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ACTION: Moved by Councilor Little to **APPROVE** consider language in our Rules and Procedures of how to remove Councilor Members from Boards and Commissions on addition to the current language that exists on how we add a Council member to a Board or Commission. Councilor Yung seconded the motion. *Motion Withdrawn by Councilor Little.*

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Little to **RECIND** the motion/action to remove Councilor Belkot from the C-Tran Committee. Councilor Belkot seconded the motion. Councilors Marshall, Yung, and Fuentes – nay; Councilors Belkot and Little- aye/motion failed.

- Councilor Yung stated that the public comment last night from individuals in the community that were advocating for individuals with disability, he would like to revisit at the possible direction of the Council regarding the letter they received from the advisory group.

Work Session Requests

- Bridge Preservation Program and Load Restrictions
 - Council unanimously agrees to move forward with this work session request.

Report on Policy Issues

- Jordan Boege updates:
 - America250
 - Councilors are interested, although they are hoping for additional information in the weeks to come.
 - Legislative Updates
 - SB5696 – Others were supportive of this bill passing.
 - HB1258 – Council to have Jordan draft a letter against the bill
 - Budget Forecast: The state will be looking at a deficit of approximately \$13Billion over the next four years.
 - 1406 Funds
 - Met with the finance team last week and Council has looked at options in bonding against these funds for affordable housing. This legislation is sunsetted as of 2019. We could get up to \$10-14M from these bonds.
 - Other
 - DDAB – has requested Council act strongly to oppose Medicaid cuts on a Federal level.
 - Council unanimously agrees to move forward with a letter.
 - CCBPAC – Having an event on May 30th from 9am – Noon and would a Councilor to come and speak.
 - Council will check their calendars before committing.
 - BEAD - The first round of applications for project areas for deploying broadband interest has completed and the second round just opened yesterday for 60 days.
 - OAC – There was a great discussion on the Bridge Shelter and the OSC is fully supportive of having \$2.75M dedicated to the BS based on Vancouver’s request, with the understanding we still need a line item budget with services provided and the measurable outcomes before any statement of work completed and contract between Carelon and the City.

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Executive Sessions

Start Time 2:20 pm with the presence of legal counsel. Pending Litigation, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), 15 minutes; with no after-action. End time was 2:40 pm.

ADJOURNED

CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL

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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