

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL TIME  
MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2025**

The Council held a hybrid meeting via WebEx as well as conveyed in the Hearing Room, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 remove 9.2 and 9.3 under executive session; Jordan Boege, Sr. Policy Analyst requested to add 8.2 under Policy Items.
  - The Council unanimously agreed to this amendment.

**Open Public Comment**

1. Wynn Grich                      2. Carmen DeLeon                      3. Kimberlee Goheen-Elbon

**Old Business**

***Approval of minutes for April 16, 2025.***

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilor Little to **APPROVE** April 16, 2025, with minor suggested changes.  
Councilor Fuentes seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

- Law and Justice (Sheriff's Office/Jail/Impacts)
  - Mark Gassaway presented [Levy Lid Lift Scenarios](#) and [Revenue Options](#)
  - Jordan has verified that legislation has removed the 3% option from the bill.
  - Amber Emery stated they are working on having many open houses throughout the summer to spread the word
  - The City is not putting anything on the ballot for August, in turn there is no rush for the County to put anything on the ballot for August as well.

**New Business**

- Meeting Schedule
  - The Council unanimously agreed to take the week of Memorial Day and July 4<sup>th</sup> off for vacation.
- Proclamation: Older American Month
  - The Council unanimously agrees with moving forward with this proclamation, and Councilor Fuentes has agreed to read this proclamation
- Proclamation: Juror Appreciation Month
  - The Council unanimously agrees with moving forward with this proclamation, and Councilor Yung has agreed to read this proclamation
- Proclamation: Court Employee Appreciation Week
  - The Council unanimously agrees with moving forward with this proclamation, and Councilor Little has agreed to read this proclamation
- Proclamation: Peace Officers Memorial Day
  - The Council unanimously agrees with moving forward with this proclamation, and Councilor Belkot has agreed to read this proclamation.

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- Proclamation: National Correctional Officers Week
  - The Council unanimously agrees with moving forward with this proclamation, and Chair Marshall has agreed to read this proclamation.

**Councilor Reports**

- Councilor Yung spoke about his CRESA Tour; as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Community Court. He then provided a brief report regarding the Homeless Action Plan Steering Committee meeting and the Opioid Abatement Council meeting, and the CCACAC meeting and his own Hough Neighborhood Meeting he attended.

**Work Session Requests**

- Councilor Marshall attended a community meeting regarding Pacific Corps' proposal to site a high voltage transmission line from Swift Reservoir to Troutdale (through Clark County) suggesting having a work session from PacificCorp's to learn more about what they are doing.
  - The Council unanimously agreed to move forward with a work session,

**Report on Policy Issues**

- Jordan Boege updates:
  - Legislative updates
    - Brief mention of taxes generally - According to ITEP, Washington has the 2<sup>nd</sup> most regressive state and local tax system in the country.
      - Sales taxes are most regressive - ~11% of income for lowest quintile; <5% for top quintile
      - Property taxes ~4% in lowest quintile; <3% in top quintile
      - WA doesn't have an income tax
    - Moving toward the end of the session.
    - Looking like 3% property tax cap (from 1%) now dead
      - [Under state law](#), property tax revenue can only increase by 1% a year, plus the value of new construction, without voter approval.
- Budget black box - status of comp plan extension requests uncertain, still unlikely
- 1791 - harmonizing uses of REET - passed both chambers
- 2015 - .1% councilmanic sales tax for public safety purposes; LE grant program; CJTC
  - House concurred with Senate amendments, so now will head to governor
- Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund support draft letter completed.
  - The Council unanimously agreed this letter to be sent in support.

**Executive Sessions**

Start Time 2:00 pm with the presence of legal counsel. Pending Litigation, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), 15 minutes; Collective Bargaining, 5 minutes; with no after-action. Extension 10 minutes; End time was 2:30 pm.

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Sue Marshall, Chair

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Glen Yung, Councilor

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Michelle Belkot, Councilor

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Wil Fuentes, Councilor

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Matt Little, Councilor

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Messinger, Clerk to the Council

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