

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF MAY 14, 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

NONE

Open Public Comment

1. Carmen DeLeon
2. Hector Hinjosa
3. Teresa Hardy
4. Kimberlee Goheen Elbon
5. Wendy Cleveland

Old Business

Approval of minutes for May 7, 2025.

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Yung to **APPROVE** May 7, 2025. Councilor Little seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

New Business

- First Quarter Financial Review
 - Mitchell Kelly and Mark Gassaway presented the first quarter financial review. Council requested a “White Paper” with this information and the additional suggested information, by Council, such as “sales tax leakage”, and when the Council “Elected to take the 1%”.
 - [Quarterly Report Mock-Up 2025](#)
 - [General Fund CPI 10-Year Comparison](#)
- 2026 Annual Budget Process
 - County Manager, Kathleen Otto spoke about the 2026 Annual Budget Process.
 - There was a projected balance available in 2026 with a -\$10.5M and a operating deficit of \$12.5M
 - There was \$2.5M in year-end savings from 2024, historically this was \$5-6M, this means there are being more positions filled.
 - There have been savings in ARPA projects, ARPA recovery funds, and capital bonding for jail projects that will be returned to the General Fund.
 - Instead of the -\$10.5M there is \$6.5M available for one-time fund balance.
 - Our operating deficit increased to \$14M annually.
 - The County Manager and the budget team are continuing to review all revenue streams that would be available to the County.

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- The County Manager is recommending that any new request that a department or office submits; must have a revenue stream tied to that or it must be mandated by law.
- Recommendation for Public Safety Sales Tax: No new requests; unless we go out for a new public safety sales tax initiative.
- Recommendation for Mental Health Sales Tax: The Advisory Board met and allocated \$2.1M in a one-time funding for the Bridge Shelter per Council's direction and no more than \$1.5M for ongoing salary services and programs.
- Recommendation for all other funds: Proceed through the normal budget process.

Councilor Reports

- Councilor Yung attended the Groundbreaking at Fort Vancouver, for the Lynch Technical Trade Center. "Our Community will benefit greatly from it".
- Chair Marshall also attended a Groundbreaking with the Columbia River Estuary Partnership. A lot of partnerships, landowners and the restoration economics that go along with this. They anticipate 293 local jobs and 40 Million to the local economy.
- Councilor Belkot provided a C-Tran update from last night's meeting, stating that Tri-met has been invited to come speak over the summer about ridership decline and financial decline to the C-Tran Board.

Work Session Requests

- Code Update: 2026 Environmental Public Health (EPH) Fees
 - Council unanimously agreed to move forward with this work session request.

Report on Policy Issues

NONE

Executive Sessions

Start Time 2:24 pm with the presence of legal counsel. Pending Litigation, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), 15 minutes, with after action; Pending Litigation, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), 10 minutes; with no after-action. Extension 10 minutes; Extension 10 minutes; Extension 5 minutes; Extension 5 minutes; End time was 3:20 pm.

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Yung to **APPROVE** the proposed settlement and release of all claims relating to the lawsuit entitled *Susan Zawacky, et al 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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