

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL TIME  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 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**

*NONE*

**Open Public Comment**

1. Carmen DeLeon
2. Kimberlee Goheen Elbon

**Old Business**

***Approval of minutes for November 13, 2024, and January 22, 2025.***

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilor Little to **APPROVE** Nov. 13, 2024, and Jan. 22, 2025, meeting minutes. Councilor Fuentes seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

**New Business**

*NONE*

**Councilor Reports**

- Councilor Yung met Eric Lampert who is serving as the chair of the Rose Village Neighborhood Association, and wanted to say thank you to him and all our staff that work hard to make our community better outside of their normal work duties. He also, brought up a topic for discussion regarding the 50% reduction to the travel budget, and would like to give staff some ideas how they can strategically provide reductions in this category.
- Councilor Belkot provided an update regarding the WSAC meeting she attended, there was a robust conversation related tax exemptions such as prepared food, fire district equipment, children’s diapers, etc. and the Commissioners/Councilors around the State agreed to NOT support tax exemptions due to all the Counties in the State are in a deficit.

**Work Session Requests**

*NONE*

**Report on Policy Issues**

- Jordan Boege
  - Deb Nagano Thank You Letter
    - Council unanimously agrees to send letter
  - Astound/NoaNet BEAD letter of support
    - Council unanimously agrees to send letter of support

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- Jordan will continue to watch the ongoing litigation regarding the Dabbler Timber sales and consider engaging or writing a letter of support, if necessary, he will continue to pursue a conversation with DNR about management of Old Growth Forests and State Trust Lands. Council unanimously requests Jordan to pursue DNR.
- Will continue to keep the Council informed about any potential funding freezes or changes that could impact county services receiving federal funding.
- HB1397/Subordinate levies for Veterans Assistance Programming/Developmental Disabilities, after looking into this it takes those subordinate levies from being a levy imposed by the County to being a levy that is credited against the State Tax. Under this bill the County decide to retain them locally for our Veterans Assistance and Developmental Disabilities or we could transfer it to the State, then potentially grant it back to the County.
- Jordan will compose a letter to the legislative delegation requesting full funding for the document recording fees and no additional 20% cut.

**Executive Sessions**

Start Time 1:35 pm with the presence of legal counsel. RCW 42.30.110(i)(g), 10 minutes, with potential after-action; An additional 10 minutes; An additional 10 minutes. End time was 2:10 pm.

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilor Fuentes to **NOMINATE** Ron Barca to interview for the Planning Commission vacancy. Councilor Little seconded the motion. Belkot-nay/motion passed.

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilor Belkot to **NOMINATE** Liliya Pidhainyi to interview for the Planning Commission vacancy. Councilor Fuentes seconded the motion. Marshall-nay/motion passed.

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilor Yung to **NOMINATE** David Korniyenko to interview for the Planning Commission vacancy. Councilor Belot seconded the motion. Marshall & Fuentes-nay/motion passed.

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilor Little to **NOMINATE** Don Steinke to interview for the Planning Commission vacancy. Councilor Fuentes seconded the motion. Belkot-nay/motion passed.

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilor Marshall to **NOMINATE Dominic Maiello** to interview for the Planning Commission vacancy. Councilor Fuentes seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilor Yung to **NOMINATE** Kyle Fadness to interview for the Planning Commission vacancy. Councilor Little seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

**ACTION:** Moved by Councilor Fuentes to **APPROVE** the closing of the nominations. Councilor Little seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

**ADJOURNED**

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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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