

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 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 that following Item 8 Policy Updates that they recess for three Work Sessions, then reconvene to Council Time once the Work Sessions have concluded. Council unanimously agreed to this request.

Open Public Comment

1. Ann Shaw
2. Patti Reynolds
3. Gregory Shaw
4. Jim Byrne
5. Theresa Hardy
6. Kimberlee Goheen Elbon

Old Business

Approval of minutes for February 5, 2025.

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Little to **APPROVE** February 5, 2025, meeting minutes. Councilor Fuentes seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

New Business

Fourth Quarter 2024 – Financial Report

Mark Gassaway and Mitchell Kelly presented a draft preliminary financial report that shows in the general fund revenue, property tax, sales tax increase and other revenue as well as the general fund expenses and the growing unassigned fund balances. Council will need to consider budget requests and determine how to allocate positions due to the limited funding. [Fourth Quarter 2024 – Financial Report](#)

Councilor Reports

- Councilor Belkot provided an update regarding the C-Tran Board meeting she attended. The recent IBR Light Rail related costs were discussed; Camas has signed resolution to support the IBR but not the Light Rail portion of the project. C-Tran and City of Washougal are having a briefing this week, and the City of Battle Ground is next week.
- Chair Marshall reported that she has stepped down from ECHO and Councilor Fuentes will be joining ECHO. That leaves the Chair position on ECHO available. The Council unanimously agreed to appoint Councilor Yung as the Chair of the ECHO (*Ending Community Homeless Organization*) Group.

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Work Session Requests

Notice Update:

- The IBR Work Session is scheduled for February 26th at 9:00AM.

Report on Policy Issues

- Jordan Boege
 - Vancouver Housing Authority wants county and cities to pass resolutions allowing them to operate county-wide without additional council approval. Council requested the gathering of more information and to determine if the resolution would override other jurisdictions' ability to weigh in on Vancouver Housing Authority projects
 - Council is considering supporting a HB1690 for a comprehensive needs assessment of water and sewer systems in the state. Council unanimously supports HB1690.
 - Senate Bill 6505 is a kitchen micro enterprise bill that would establish regulatory apparatus for microenterprise home kitchen operations. The bill requires local health jurisdiction to inspect personal kitchens and exempts small kitchens from some food safety requirements. Council has requested additional information before deciding.
 - The city of Vancouver has requested funding for a bridge shelter, with two options for capital funding and ongoing operations and maintenance contributions. This will be on Council Time agenda for next to present all the information we have received and then will request direction from Council at that time.

Executive Sessions

Executive Session has been postponed due to time constraints and the presence of outside legal counsel to a future Council Time.

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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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