

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 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 regarding the February 12, 2025, minutes to correct that Councilor Belkot was present and not absent.
 - Council unanimously agreed to this request.

Open Public Comment

1. Marc Boldt
2. Carmen DeLeon
3. Kimberlee Goheen Elbon

Old Business

Approval of minutes for February 26, 2025.

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Fuentes to **APPROVE** February 26, 2025, meeting minutes. Councilor Belkot seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Belkot to **APPROVE** the correction of the February 12, 2025, meeting minutes. Councilor Little seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

- Bridge Shelter Update
 - Jordan Boege, Clark County Sr. Policy Analyst provided a presentation.
 - [Update – Bridge Shelter Support Request & Funding Options](#)
 - Councilor Little suggests asking the City to change their proposal to allocate the full amount requested for mental health sales tax funds towards operations.
 - There was discussion about the possibility of amending the contract with Carelon and there are concerns about liability and compliance.
 - Council is interested in providing \$4.85 million of support towards the bridge shelter project.
 - \$2.1 million from the mental health sales tax fund can be used for operational support.
 - \$2.75 million from the Opioid Settlement fund could be used for bridge shelter operations, pending legal approval.
- Annual Work Plan and 2025 Comp Plan Update
 - Kathleen Otto asked the Council to consider three options for the comp plan update, including continuing as is, doing a research study after the comp plan update in 2026 or beyond, or doing a study with defined outcomes no later than 2026.

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- Per Councils direction, pause everything at this time as discussions continue to happen throughout the year, then any study would be in 2026.
- Presented by Oliver Orjiako and Jose Alvarez
 - [Community Planning Overview](#)
 - Reviewed the 2025 Community Planning Work Program
 - Reviewed the 2025 Project Schedule Calendar

New Business

NONE

Councilor Reports

- Councilor Marshall suggested to write a letter of support for the congressionally directed spending earmark for 2026 requested by the Discovery Clean Water Alliance.
 - Council unanimously agreed

Work Session Requests

NONE

Report on Policy Issues

- Jordan Boege updates:
 - SB5696 passed unanimously.
 - Request from Public Health for a Food Waste Prevention Week Proclamation.
 - Council unanimously supports moving forward with this proclamation.
 - Final draft letter of support for “My Building Permit Software”.
 - Council unanimously agrees to move forward with this letter of support.
 - Request from Councilor Little; related to Dabblers; Send a letter to Commissioner Upthegrove to address the Councils concerns with one of the following options indicated in this letter:
 - A new cut to be proposed in one of the new DNR units that has less quality owl habitat.
 - Ask for the cut prescription to change on the unit to one of the options they discussed during the meeting with DNR officials; specifically, a thin rather than a clear-cut style.
 - Finally, that DNR ask for a health buffer to be placed between the designated old growth stand.
 - Council agrees to move forward with a letter that supports their cut preference, and follow-up with a tour and have Commissioner Upthegrove join a Council meeting.
 - Resolutions related to IBR; Council may consider a new resolution clarifying their current stance on the project.
 - This will come back next week to give the entire Council a chance to review the current resolutions.
- Amber Emery advised council that the Agricultural Advisory Commission interviews have been conducted and has been sent to the County Manager for approval, before moving to the Council consent agenda for final approval.

Executive Sessions

Start Time 3:15 pm with the presence of legal counsel. Potential Litigation, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), 5 minutes; with potential after-action. End time was 3:25 pm.

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Fuentes to **APPROVE** the request that Clark County provide the defense and indemnification of the individually named defendants in the lawsuit entitled *O’Neal Payne III v. Clark County et al.* pursuant to Clark County Code 2.97.025. Councilor Belkot seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

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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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