

**CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL TIME
MINUTES OF MARCH 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 to amend the agenda to add 5.2 under New Business; April 1st, and add 9.1 Executive Session, Pending Litigation 42.30.110 (1)(i), 30 minutes with no after action.
 - Council unanimously agreed to this request.

Open Public Comment

1. Mark Leed
2. BJ Swearer
3. Teresa Hardy
4. Carmen DeLeon
5. Tonya Enger
6. Kimberlee Goheen-Elbon
7. Kyle McBride
8. Mary Goody

Old Business

Approval of minutes for March 5, 2025.

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Little to **APPROVE** March 5, 2025, meeting minutes with suggested changes. Councilor Belkot seconded the motion. All aye/motion passed.

- Tri-Mountain Golf Course
 - Michelle Schuster presented to the Council three options from the current golf course management company. ([Suggested Options](#))
 - After a Q & A discussion; Council agreed to continue with “Option C”.

New Business

- Assigned Fund Balance ([Staff Report](#))
 - Mark Gassaway, Auditor’s Office, presented a staff report for Council’s information and is requesting at next Tuesday’s Council Meeting the approval of the recommendation to assign General Fund, fund balance as of December 31, 2024, as outlined in the presented staff report.
- April 1st Council Meeting
 - The first week in April is Spring Break, and some Councilors and public will be unavailable. Kathleen Otto, County Manager proposed to move the April 1st meeting to April 8th at 10 a.m. and also cancelling any work session and Council Time that week and continue the following week.
 - The Council unanimously agreed with this request.

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Councilor Reports

- Chair Marshall provided a C-Tran Board Meeting report. The Chair stated that Councilor Belkot voted against what the Council had previously discussed in a public meeting. The C-Tran vote was then voted to be tabled by Chair Marshall and will be brought back in C-Tran’s April Board Meeting.
- Councilor Little requested to consider adding a provision to the Rules of Procedure that requires council members to follow the majority vote of the council when representing them on boards and commission.

ACTION: Moved by Councilor Fuentes to **APPROVE** the removal of Councilor Belkot from the C-Tran Board as a result of not adhering the County Council’s direction on the vote 4 to 1 to keep the existing MLPA language related to the ONM in light rail. Councilor Yung seconded the motion. Councilors Marshall, Yung, Fuentes, and Little – aye; Councilor Belkot - nay/motion passed.

- Councilor Fuentes agreed to be the primary and Councilor Little agreed to be the alternate on the C-Tran Board. Councilors Marshall, Yung, Fuentes, and Little agreed with this change.

Work Session Requests

- Development Engineering Advisory Board – Annual Update & 2025 Work Plan
 - Council unanimously agrees to move forward with this work session request.

Report on Policy Issues

- Jordan Boege updates:
 - DDAB Letter – Medicaid Update
 - Council agreed to hold off on sending the letter regarding Medicaid cuts at this time.
 - Discovery Clean Water Alliance – Letter of Support
 - Majority of Council supports sending the letter of support.
 - Letter and Requested Meeting with Commissioner Upthegrove
 - Schedule a meeting with DNR Commissioner Upthegrove for Chair Marshall and Councilor Little to discuss policy around preserving forest land.
 - Council requested a briefing from the County Forester and Kevin Tyler on the county's lands program and priorities, specifically related to forest lands and harvesting.
 - Pollinator Week Proclamation
 - Majority of the Council agreed with moving forward with this proclamation.
 - IBR Resolutions Webpage
 - Council agreed that the current resolutions should stay on the webpage.
 - Council requested to pause on a new resolution at this time.
 - Update on Bridge Shelter
 - Carelon is willing to amend the contract they have with the County to set aside the funds requested and manage the funds contracting with the City of Vancouver.
 - Council agrees for the County Manager to sign the amendment on behalf of the Council.
 - SB5184
 - 3 Councilors in support of moving forward.

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Executive Sessions

Start Time 3:03 pm with the presence of legal counsel. Pending Litigation, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), 30 minutes; with no after-action; Additional 15 minutes requested. End time was 3:45 pm.

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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