

**BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2015**

The Board convened in the Councilors' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Councilors David Madore, Jeanne E. Stewart, and Tom Mielke present.

**2:00 P.M. PUBLIC BID OPENING**

Present at bid opening: Rebecca Tilton, Board of County Councilors Office; Mike Westerman and Beth Balogh, General Services-Purchasing Department.

**BID #2631**

Annual Sheriff's Uniform Cleaning

Held a public hearing for Bid #2631 – Annual Sheriff's Uniform Cleaning. Mike Westerman, General Services-Purchasing, read bids and stated it was the Purchasing Department's intention to award Bid #2631 recommendations to the County Manager on December 8, 2015.

**6:00 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Councilors led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The Councilors had a moment of silence.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Madore read consent agenda items #1 - #3. Mark McCauley, County Manager, spoke on consent agenda item #4.

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda items #1- #4. Stewart seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Edward Barnes spoke about a recent RTC meeting. **Madore responded.**
2. Sharon Nasset spoke about bridges.
3. Jack Davis spoke about a variety of issues.
4. John Eussen spoke about the 2% tax cut.
5. Michelle Eussen and her sons spoke about Sorenson Park.
6. Annie Jordan spoke about issues regarding the budget. **Madore responded.**
7. Pamela Woods Webster spoke about lights at WSU parking lot.

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**PUBLIC HEARING: 2015-16 BUDGET MID-BIENNIUM REVIEW & MODIFICATION  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

The Board of County Councilors will consider the 2015-16 Budget Mid-Biennium Review and Modification supplemental appropriation in the following amounts: a total increase in expenditures of \$24,917,632; revenue increases total \$16,724,109 resulting in a net decrease in fund balance of \$8,193,523.

The board will also consider annual property tax levy resolutions for 2016.

Adriana Prata, Budget Director presented. Further discussion ensued. Prata provided an overview. Further discussion ensued.

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING: 2015-16 BUDGET MID-BIENNIUM REVIEW & MODIFICATION SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

1. Bruce Maas, Chairman of Veteran's Advisory Board, Bob Nichols, and Judy Russel.
2. Kelsey Potter
3. Sheriff Chuck Atkins
4. Darla Helt
5. Milada Allen, Felida Neighborhood Association President
6. Annie Jordan
7. Treasurer Doug Lasher
8. Kaely McLachlan-Burton
9. Matt Bunn
10. Auditor Greg Kimsey
11. Heidi Owens
12. Jon LeVitre and sons
13. Carol Levanen

Mielke inquired about the change in format of the form. Prata responded.

***The Board adjourned for a break and reconvened.***

Madore spoke about changes to the Community Planning Budget. Oliver Orjiako, Community Planning Director, joined the discussion.

**ACTION:** Moved by Madore to Amend page 14, titled COP-01 Community Planning Budget to \$65,000. Mielke seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued. Further discussion ensued about the Comprehensive Plan timeline. Orjiako spoke further about alternative 4. Stewart spoke about the contingency plan. Stewart inquired where the number \$65,000 came from. Madore responded. Further discussion ensued. Stewart stated she would like more information on where the amount came from. Councilors Madore and Mielke voted aye. Councilor Stewart voted nay. Motion carried.

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Mielke spoke about Paradise Park Farm. McCauley joined the discussion. Mielke inquired about the Haz-mat supplies / positions. McCauley responded. Mielke stated his concerns with costs associated with replacing chairs. Further discussion ensued. Further discussion ensued about Public Health budget. Stewart inquired about the two surplus properties on page 18. Prata responded. McCauley joined the discussion. Stewart stated her concerns with the process. Further discussion ensued. Chris Horne, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, joined the discussion about spoke about Clark County Code 2.33A.120. Further discussion ensued. Stewart inquired if the County had a Property Management Committee mentioned in the code. Horne stated he was not aware of one. Further discussion ensued.

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** Resolution 2015-12-02 as amended. Madore seconded the motion. Councilors Madore and Mielke voted aye. Councilor Stewart voted nay. Motion carried.

Prata provided an overview on the General Fund levy, Road Fund levy, and the Conservation Future's levies.

**ACTION:** Mielke moved to **DIRECT** the County Manager to prepare a levy certification letter to the County Assessor that instructs the following for each of the property tax levies:

**General Fund levy:**

- The actual General Fund levy amount shall be 2% less than the previous year.
- The amounts of the earmarked levies for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities shall the same as the previous year.
- The amount of the earmarked levy for Veterans shall the same as the previous year.

**Road Fund levy:**

- The actual Road Fund levy amount shall be the same as the previous year.
- The amount of Road Diversion shall be the same as the previous year.

**Conservation Futures levy:**

- The actual Conservation Futures levy amount shall be the same as the previous year.

These amounts are exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of state assessed property, and any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

**ACTION:** Madore seconded the motion. Stewart inquired more about the levies. Councilors Madore and Mielke voted aye. Councilor Stewart voted nay. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 2013-06-06 (PRO-JOBS FEE WAIVER RESOLUTION)**

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To consider an amendment to Resolution 2013-06-06 to provide a 250 day notice requirement prior to the amendment or repeal of this resolution, repeal of the repayment obligations contained in Section 7, and action to give retroactive effect to the repeal.

Madore presented.

**ACTION:** Moved by Madore to **AMEND** Section 3.A, last sentence on page 2, delete the following language: “Clark County businesses moving from one location to another, without increasing the number of employees, are not eligible for any waiver of fees.”

Moved by Madore to **AMEND** Section 3.D, to replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph with the following language: “The estimated additional annual gross sales, additional annual taxable sales, and additional number of full time employees expected by operations accommodated by development. This information is to allow county staff to post monthly updates that reflect the fruit of this resolution.”

Moved by Madore to **AMEND** Section 7 by deleting it.

Moved by Madore to **AMEND** Section 8 by changing the following language in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph: “60 days” to “180 days” and by deleting “or immediately of the Board concludes that such action is necessary.” Also by adding “to provide certainty and predictability, public notice should be provided at least 260 days before this resolution is repealed or reduced.”

*All motions died due to lack of a second to the motion.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENT TO  
RESOLUTION 2013-06-06 (PRO-JOBS FEE WAIVER RESOLUTION)**

1. Elizabeth Campbell
2. Bridget McLeman

Horne joined the discussion and spoke about the amendments. Further discussion ensued. Horne spoke about a timeline. Stewart spoke about seeing the whole document in appropriate context.

3. Auditor Greg Kimsey
4. John Matson

Stewart inquired about monitoring in the fee waiver program. Madore responded. Further discussion ensued about measuring the program. Stewart spoke about finding out what the net benefit is. Further discussion ensued about the program. Madore read from his presentation. Discussion ensued about moving forward with what was noticed and to bring back the other amendments to December 22.

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** Resolution 2015-12-03. Madore seconded the motion.

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**ACTION:** Moved by Stewart to **AMEND** Resolution 2015-12-03 to return the original language in section 7 to read as “To monitor the effectiveness of the job creation program, staff will report to the Board every six months, the number of job creation permits, the economic health, the unemployment status of Clark County; and the cost and revenue attributed to the projects that have received fee reduction or waivers. The County discretionary portion of sales tax reported by qualifying businesses shall be identified and used to repay a proportional share of all fees waived under this program.” Mielke / Madore spoke about state monitoring.

*Motion died due to lack of a second to the motion.*

Horne spoke about the amendments mentioned in the original notice. Mielke spoke about Councilor Stewart’s amendments. Further discussion ensued.

**Regarding Resolution 2015-12-03**

**ACTION:** Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

Further discussion ensued about noticing for the December 22 hearing to consider the rest of the proposed changes to the resolution.

**ACTION:** Moved by Madore to create a public notice for a hearing on December 22, 2015 to consider the rest of the proposed changes. Stewart spoke about highlighting the changes and moving forward. Horne joined the discussion. Mielke seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

*The Board adjourned for a break and reconvened.*

**PUBLIC HEARING: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNCILOR’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN POLICY**

Public hearing continued from November 24, 2015 to consider implementation of the Clark County Board of Councilor’s Comprehensive Plan Policy, which was adopted on November 24, 2015. Authorization to engage a third party for an amount to be less than \$5,000 to provide guidance to and propose a path forward to the Board on Wednesday. Wednesday’s proposal includes potential contracts to complete the Comp Plan Update, the FSEIS, the Transportation components (Capital Facilities Plan, and Capital Facilities Financial Plan), SEPA process and other steps necessary to complete the necessary tasks. Follow through on other Comp Plan policies.

Madore spoke on a professional service agreement with R.W Thorpe & Associates. Stewart inquired on the selection of the firm.

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **DIRECT** the County Manager to entered Clark County into a professional services agreement with R.W Thorpe & Associates, Inc. Madore seconded the motion.

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**ACTION:** Moved by Madore to **AMEND** the professional services agreement in Section 1, to insert the following language between action and under “and related comp plan implementation work.” Mielke seconded the motion.

Stewart inquired more the firm and the professional services agreement. Stewart inquired more about the costs and services. Madore responded. Stewart spoke about letting staff have involvement in picking the consultant. She stated she thinks the agreement is a bad idea. Chris Horne, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, explained the one day agreement. Stewart inquired more about the short timeline. Chris Cook, Prosecuting Attorney’s office joined the discussion and responded. Stewart spoke about her concerns. Horne / Cook spoke about the proposed amendment.

**Regarding the Amendment**

**ACTION:** Madore and Mielke voted aye. Councilor Stewart voted nay. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE PUBLIC HEARING: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNCILOR’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN POLICY**

1. Elizabeth Campbell
2. Carol Levanen, Clark County Citizens United
3. Susan Rasmussen
4. Val Alexander (read by Elizabeth Campbell)
5. John Matson
6. David McDonald, representing Friends of Clark County
7. Heidi Owens
8. Sydney Reisbick
9. Gretchen Starke

**Regarding the Professional Services Agreement**

**ACTION:** Madore and Mielke voted aye. Councilor Stewart voted nay. Motion carried.

Madore spoke about the November 24<sup>th</sup> hearing and the policies 2.6. Oliver Orjiako, Community Planning Director, joined the discussion and stated the Board wanted to continue the hearing to speak on policies 2.3. Horne joined the discussion and stated that was correct. He also spoke on noticing issues. Further discussion ensued. Madore spoke about implementation of the policy. Madore asked for legal’s assistance in moving forward. Further discussion ensued about implementation of the policy. Horne stated he would follow up with the Board.

**COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Mielke spoke about his Thanksgiving.

Madore thanked everyone for their patience.

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Hearing adjourned

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David Madore, Chair

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Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor

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Tom Mielke, Councilor

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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