

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2010**

2:00 P.M. PUBLIC BID OPENING

Present at bid opening: Mike Westerman and Beth Balogh, General Services; Louise Richards, Commissioners' Office

BID OPENING WO 400900

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening WO 400900 – Whipple Creek Stream Restoration. Mike Westerman, General Services-Purchasing, opened and read bids and stated it was the Purchasing Department's intention to award Bid WO 400900 on January 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' hearing room, 6th floor, Public Service Center.

6:00 P.M. COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Mielke, Stuart, and Boldt, Chair, present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Carlos Cervantes commented about fee increase for current use taxation program and asked the board to consider honoring the previous fee in his case, since he had been working with the county on a specific issue for some time prior to the increase, but hadn't been notified of an impending increase.
- 2) Sharon Nasset commented on the CRC project and requested a letter from the board regarding a third bridge corridor – a statement to remind people that they have not lost their opportunity for a third bridge. She informed the Board that she has started a political action committee for a third bridge corridor. Commissioner Stuart said he would forward the email and the information he had sent to the C-TRAN Board of Directors as far as the first question. The second question is a longer conversation.
- 3) Nathan Webster, Dream Big Community Center, thanked the Board for listening and helping.

CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS 1-12

Discussion

Item #1: Approval of Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission's recommendation to rename Stanton Neighborhood Park to Kozy Kamp Neighborhood Park.

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Pete Capell, Public Works Director, explained proposed name change process and said this was a request of the neighborhood. Commissioner Boldt thanked Mr. Capell and Mr. Mayer for their help with the steel headers and fishermen.

Discussion

Item #5: Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Conmed, Inc, to provide inmate medical services at the Clark County Law Enforcement Center Jail, Jail Work Center, and Juvenile Justice Center Detention Facilities.

Commissioner Boldt thanked staff for the work on this contract. It saved a lot of money and a key to safety. He asked them to explain accountability for this contract.

Darin Rouhier, Finance Manager, Sheriff's Office, and Ric Bishop, Custody Commander, Sheriff's Office, explained the contract and said they were comfortable with the foundation and a set of benchmarks in place to make sure there is better service. There is an enhancement of a contract monitor with a medical background.

Commissioner Stuart thanked staff for the savings on this contract and in combination with the Custody Officers being willing to give up a raise that was already in their contract, to be able to keep the jail beds open and people working.

Discussion

Item #12: Community Action Advisory Board appointment.

Bill Barron, County Administrator, explained what the Community Action Board does.

Discussion

Item #3: Contract with Columbia River Mental Health Services to provide Veterans Service Officer services.

Commissioner Stuart pulled #3, contract with Columbia River Mental Health Services.

ACTION: There being no public comment, moved by Commissioner Stuart to **APPROVE** consent agenda items 1, 2, and 4 through 12. Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

ELECT 2010 CHAIR OF CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Mielke nominated Marc Boldt for Chair. Boldt declined.

Marc Boldt nominated Steve Stuart to be Chair of the County Board of Commissioners. Tom Mielke seconded the motion. Commissioners Boldt, Mielke, and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried.

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Stuart nominated Mielke as Vice-Chair of the Board of County Commissioners. Boldt seconded the motion. Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

Stuart thanked Commissioner Boldt for all his work in a tough year in which he provided great leadership.

PUBLIC HEARING: TRAFFIC IMPACT FEES

Item Description: To consider adoption of a resolution continuing a prior resolution that suspended increases in traffic impact fees for developments approved during 2004 through 2007. The effect will be that developments approved within these timelines will maintain the same impact fee per trip as the fee imposed at preliminary approval.

Department: Public Works

Staff Contact: Steve Schulte

Staff Summary:

Steve Schulte said the draft resolution was nearly identical to the one that the Board adopted last April when the TIF and PIF vesting period was extended through 2009. He presented a two slide PowerPoint presentation. Under this proposal, the rates quoted in 2004–2007 would be frozen through the end of 2010. The only exception would be the identical arrangement in last year’s resolution—north or south Orchards would pay \$384 per average daily trip as the TIF rate and is consistent with the previous Urban Holding rate. He provided the four conditions for eligibility.

Stuart asked how many developments or developers took advantage of the extension in 2009. Schulte said the total value was \$2.6 million. Discussion followed having to do with scenarios.

Comments from the public:

- 1) Gandhi Harb, Harb Engineering, expressed his support for the extension and felt eight months was not sufficient time. He supported twelve months. If developments didn’t go through it would greatly impact the local community.
- 2) Ott Gaither was in favor of the extension. He provided an anecdotal response as to the difference it has made.

Discussion:

Mielke thought it was a great move and Boldt agreed.

ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Mielke to **APPROVE** Resolution 2010-01-01.

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Commissioners Stuart said he would vote no, primarily because when originally moved forward with this extension of vesting it was a short term economic development tool, and he hasn't seen its success. He was frustrated that there is not a way to track whether it has been successful or not and knew that it will cost the taxpayers additional money in the infrastructure that will not be built by the new development that's created—worth doing, but not worth extending.

Commissioners Boldt and Mielke voted aye. Commissioner Stuart voted nay. Motion carried.

Marty Snell, Director, Community Development, said he would check into the permit system to see if a report can be written around those projects that pulled permits when they were approved relative to the three year and the recalculation. He said they would try to have something by the end of the month.

PUBLIC HEARING: PARKING

Item Description: To consider a resolution prohibiting parking and the placement of “No Parking 7am – 7 pm Monday through Thursday, 7am – 3pm Friday, except holidays” signs and “No Parking Any Time” signs on several roads west of Washington State University Vancouver.

Department: Public Works

Staff Contact: Richard Gamble

Staff Summary:

Mr. Gamble presented. He explained that for the resolution pertaining to “No Parking Anytime Signs,” the Director of Public Works now had authority to do what was intended by the resolution, based on the board's approval of the code amendment. Consequently, staff was requesting that the board not take action on resolution #2.

Commissioner Mielke had concerns with the second resolution, as he didn't think the board had favored extending the authority to the department. He noted that he had spoke against the proposal to extend from 100 feet to 200 feet without first coming to the board.

Gamble further presented, stating that it was livability and accessibility issue for the neighbors and the proposal that was assembled from the group was to prohibit parking Monday through Thursday, 7am to 7 pm; Friday 7 am to 3 pm; holidays excluded. He went over the neighbors' petition, as well as proponent/opponent concerns, and presented a map showing proposed sign locations.

Comments from the public:

- 1) Debbie Garlington suggested there be something homeowners and/or their guests can put on the dash of their vehicles when they park on the street during the specified hours.

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- 2) Jon Anderson spoke in opposition to the parking restrictions. He said the streets are paid for and maintained with public funds so there should be no exclusions.
- 3) Buzz Kleemeyer, 2803 NE 147th Street, member of the Vista Meadows & Mt. Vista Neighborhood Task Force, referenced the packet submitted by the task force and commented in favor of the resolution.
- 4) Roger Erickson, 2804 NE 147th Street, expressed support of the resolution.
- 5) Jan Burt, NE 150th Street, expressed opposition to a no parking signs on 150th Street as she thought residents would be provided with parking permits. She asked that permits be further looked at.
- 6) John Shirron, NE 27th Avenue, commented in favor of the resolution.
- 7) Jeff Honsowetz, 2801 NE 145th Circle, commented in favor of the resolution. He pointed out that another road just south of Vista Meadows Park (144th) may be further impacted with the changes and he thought that was something the county might consider.
- 8) Stan Schafeitel, 14412 NE 127th Avenue, expressed support for the resolution.
- 9) Mercedes Johnston, NE 150th Street, expressed multiple concerns and spoke in support of the resolution.
- 10) Susan Rath, NE 28th Court, had concerns about the parking restrictions in terms of limiting friends and family to street parking after 7:00 p.m. weekdays or Saturday only.
- 11) Andrew Johnston, 2605 NE 150th Street, stated that because cars park on both the north and south side of the street, it narrows the pathway leaving very little room for pedestrians and drivers.
- 12) Morgan Criswell, 2408 NE 148th Street, spoke in favor of the resolution. He said he would be in favor of paying for a permit. He asked the county to consider expanding the restrictions all the way down 148th, 147th, and 26th.
- 13) Cathy Pierson, 15003 NE 25th Court, expressed frustration that the original neighborhood petition she saw only showed the restrictions going up to 27th Avenue; she didn't realize it would affect her and her neighbors and was opposed to it going past 26th Avenue.
- 14) Joe Allard expressed multiple concerns with illegal parking that occurs. In response to Commissioner Mielke's question, Mr. Allard said he would be fine with paying for a parking permit.
- 15) Lori Charlton, 2703 NE 147th Street, expressed support for the resolution. Ms. Charlton responded to Commissioner Mielke's question about a permit and said she would support looking into some sort of provision for residents.
- 16) Margie Montfort said she looked into parking permits at the campus and it is a system that works, but the problem lies with who administers the program. She expressed concern about the lower part of Mt. Vista because parking would probably gravitate to that area.
- 17) Steve Montfort, 2805 NE 153rd Circle, commented that WSUV hasn't been a good neighbor because they haven't come up with constructive ideas on how to deal with the parking. He suggested the onus be put back on to the entity that created the problem.

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Debbie Garlington asked for clarification as to whether permits would be optional for residents. Commissioner Mielke said they would be optional.

Discussion:

Chair Stuart asked for a motion and/or additional comments.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** Resolution 2010-01-02 – Parking.

Commissioner Boldt said he appreciated the comments from students. He pointed out that parking and security have to be paid for by the student because by law it can't be paid for by the state. He felt they could work with the homeowners regarding the issue of permits.

Stuart commented about safety concerns in lower and upper Mt. Vista due to the lack of sidewalks and whether or not there should have been sidewalks when it was built is a whole different question. He said the conflicting uses that have arisen based on having a full scale university next to a residential neighborhood is something they deal with, but they would work together as neighbors to try and figure it out.

Commissioners Stuart, Mielke, and Boldt voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Boldt referenced the second resolution (authorizing the Public Works Director to extend up to 250 feet) and confirmed that the board had approved that during biannual code.

Stuart said regarding parking permits, it would be important for them to find out how it would be administrated and the cost involved so they can have a reasonable conversation with neighbors.

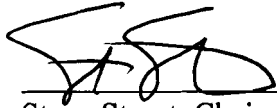
COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

- Commissioner Mielke commented that he had gotten married over the weekend.

Hearing adjourned

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Tom Mielke, Commissioner

Marc Boldt, Commissioner

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Clerk of the Board

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