

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2010**

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

2:00 P.M. PUBLIC BID OPENINGS

Present at bid opening: Louise Richards, Board of Commissioners Office; Mike Westerman and Laura Pedersen, General Services-Purchasing Department

BID OPENING 2547 – RAILROAD TIES

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening 2547 – Railroad Ties. Mike Westerman, General Services-Purchasing, read bids and stated it was the Purchasing Department's intention to award Bid 2547 on July 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners hearing room, 6th floor, Public Service Center.

BID OPENING 2548 – BALLAST ROCK

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening 2548 – Ballast Rock. Mike Westerman, General Services-Purchasing, read bids and stated it was the Purchasing Department's intention to award Bid 2548 on July 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners hearing room, 6th floor, Public Service Center.

6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS 1-6

Discussion

There was no discussion.

ACTION: There being no public comment, moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda items 1 through 6. Commissioners Stuart, Mielke, and Boldt voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Florence Wager commented in favor of the six projects recommended by the Conservation Futures Advisory Board.
- 2) Sydney Reisbeck commented in favor of the Conservation Futures funding of the proposed green spaces.

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- 3) Gretchen Starke, Vancouver Audubon Society, urged the board to adopt the resolution pertaining to Conservation Futures projects and save more land for the wildlife.
- 4) Sharon Nasset, 1113 North Baldwin, Portland, commented on the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project. She clarified that she had asked the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) for a letter stating that a 6-lane freeway attached to I-5 at Mill Plain as a viaduct going into the Port of Vancouver, continuing down to Highway 30, is the project she brought in, was not studied. That letter has not yet been provided and she asked that it be done. Ms. Nasset said they should be able to look at all of the data fair and honestly and on a level playing field.
- 5) Emmy Petersen, Garden Park, expressed concerns related to the Highway 99 Sub-Area Overlay and redeveloping it into an image that looks like every other redeveloped city in America. She asked the board to take a closer look at things in terms of what the residents of Hazel Dell actually want.
- 6) Jack Davis commented about the proposed Hazel Dell Sports Complex, expressing concerns about widening of the roadways, schools located to toxic waste sites, etc. Mr. Davis stated that a 12-year-old from King's Way First Church of God School had recently died of leukemia. He asked the board to take a closer look at things.
- 7) Robert Dean, 7101 NE 74th Avenue, Vancouver, commented on the Highway 99 Overlay District, in particular the removal of existing signs. Mr. Dean also noted that at the Planning Commission meeting of June 17, a speaker had addressed what he had said using his name personally and making derogatory comments. He felt that the Planning Commission Chair should have corrected the speaker. He asked the board to address that issue with the Planning Commission Chair.
- 8) Tamara McLane followed up on Sharon Nasset's comments regarding RTC providing a letter stating that the 6-lane freeway attached to I-5 at Mill Plain as a viaduct going into the Port of Vancouver and continuing down to Highway 30—the project Ms. Nasset referenced—was not studied.

PUBLIC MEETING: CONSERVATION FUTURES

Item Description: Consideration of a resolution approving the recommendation of the Conservation Futures Advisory Committee to fund six acquisition projects; directing Environmental Services to develop interlocal agreements with the Cities of Ridgefield, Camas and Washougal for use of conservation futures revenue for the new city-sponsored projects; authorizing the County Administrator to execute the agreements; and authorizing the Environmental Services Director to submit grant applications to the state Recreation and Conservation Office for two new county-sponsored projects (Whipple Creek, Tukes Mountain), and for two previously prioritized acquisitions (Salmon/Morgan Creek, Mud Lake/Main Lewis).

Department: Environmental Services

Staff Contact: Pat Lee

Guest Speaker: Bill Dygart, Conservation Futures Citizen Advisory Committee,

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Staff Summary:

Mr. Lee provided a project summary of the six parcels being recommended for Conservation Futures funding by the Conservation Futures Advisory Committee. He referenced a table detailing each project (copy in hearing file).

Mr. Dygart further clarified each of the six projects: Gee Creek in the City of Ridgefield; Fallen Leaf Lake in the City of Camas; Washougal River Greenway; Hartwood in the City of Washougal; Whipple Creek Park; and Tukes Mountain. He explained how the projects were assessed.

Mielke expressed concerns in terms of recognizing buildable lands. He said they would be taking away 130 units of land that could be buildable and he asked that they reduce that by half in the areas of Tukes Mountain and Whipple Creek. He said he could support the resolution if there was a commitment to address that.

Boldt referenced Whipple Creek Farm and said if it is leased, he hoped funds would go to the Legacy Lands budget, and that they would manage the land for Ag.

Mielke asked that they have a work session in order to have more discussion about Tukes Mountain.

Stuart said he was comfortable moving forward with the understanding that there are safeguards in place and that it would come back to the board before anything is finalized in terms of discussions with the landowners, the City of Battle Ground, etc.

Mielke stated that he was fine with the other 5 parcels, but wanted to hold off on Tukes Mountain.

Boldt said he was fine with it, but they would have further discussion.

Stuart said he was also fine with it as the beginning of the process, not a final outcome. He emphasized that this would just be to open the conversation with the landowners.

Dygart commented that the committee—which includes representatives of farm, forest, open space, and recreation—would be glad to come back and provide additional information for the board.

Mielke expressed appreciation for the hard work that went into locating the parcels.

Comments from the public:

None

Discussion:

The Chair asked the board if they had any additional comments and/or a motion.

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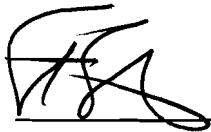
ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** Resolution 2010-07-01, Conservation Futures Acquisition Projects. Commissioners Stuart, Mielke, and Boldt voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

- Commissioner Mielke thanked the board for helping him with Conservation Futures.
- Commissioner Stuart noted that the Department of Transportation would be doing work on I-205 during the next couple of weekends, in the afternoon.

Hearing adjourned

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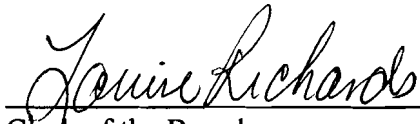
Steve Stuart, Chair



Tom Mielke, Commissioner

Marc Boldt, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board

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