

**BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS**  
**BOARD TIME**  
**MINUTES OF SEPT. 16, 2015**

The Board of Councilors convened at 1300 Franklin St, Vancouver, Washington 98660, Conference Room B.

**Approval of minutes for September 9, 2015**

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** the minutes for September 9, 2015. Stewart seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

**Chevron Station access off 119<sup>th</sup> Street**

Mielke provided an overview of the project and previous discussions. Madore joined the discussion and provided further insight on previous / recent discussions. Madore spoke about the access problems to the business. He stated the business has over 800 signatures asking for better access. He spoke about the request of having an existing driveway that is not blocked by a median for the gas station. Madore spoke about a conversation he had with Heath Henderson, Public Works Director regarding the request. Mark McCauley, County Manager, joined the discussion and spoke about his understanding of the conversation they shared. Stewart provided an overview and stated she thought they were following Public Works recommendation which is different than the request that is being presented now. Stewart stated she wanted more research prior to the item coming to Board time and wanted the appropriate staff in the room during the discussion. Further discussion ensued. Madore spoke about hearing from all the parties to make an informed decision. Further discussion ensued. Stewart inquired about the purpose of the discussion at this time. Mielke responded he wanted to delay construction of the median. Stewart inquired about safety concerns and other options. Further discussion ensued. Heath Henderson, Public Works Director, joined the discussion and provided a timeline and explain previous discussion. Steve Horenstein joined the conversation. Further discussion ensued. Henderson explained the reason of the medians. Further discussion ensued. Madore inquired about more options. Carolyn Heniges, Public Works, joined the discussion. Further discussion ensued. Discussion ensued about grant funding associated with the medians. Madore spoke about compensation for the business owners and future negotiations. Chris Horne, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, joined the discussion. Mielke inquired about the code in regards to medians. Heniges responded. Discussion ensued about negotiations. Madore stated he needed a clear cut answer about the left turn lane on the property. Henderson stated Public Works stands behind putting up the median. Madore inquired on negotiations with the property owner. Mielke stated his concerns and asked for the project to be delayed. Heniges presented all the options available. Stewart inquired about a circular flow and other options available for a win / win situation. Heniges spoke about which vehicles were having the access problems. Henderson spoke about U-turns. Horenstein spoke about facts and circumstances. He also spoke about previous negotiations. Horne spoke about his concerns with delaying the project. Heniges spoke about the accident history. Further discussion ensued about negotiations. Bob Stevens, Budget Manager joined the discussion and spoke about going into executive session. Further discussion ensued about the purpose of the discussion.

*The Board adjourned for Executive Session*

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*Reconvened at 3:17 PM*

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The Board decided to do more research and bring back at a later date.

**2 % property tax reduction in December 1 BOCC meeting**

Due to time, the Board decided to move the item to the following week. Madore reference a handout titled "Proposal to reduce 2016 property taxes by 2%."

**Councilor / Staff Reports**

Madore provided an update on the flag policy after the Law and Justice meeting. Discussion ensued about putting a narrative description on why the flags are being flown at half-staff on the grid. Further discussion ensued about the current policy and being consistent.

Mielke inquired about an RFP / services with Animal Control / Humane Society. McCauley responded.

McCauley spoke about a surplus property located on the southeast corner of Highway 99 and N.E. 88<sup>th</sup> Street. Further discussion ensued. Henderson joined the discussion.

Mielke inquired about the Miller Paint Store. Further discussion ensued. McCauley stated he would follow up.

Henderson spoke about obtaining a used scale.

Stewart inquired more about the surplus property on the southeast corner of Highway 99 and N.E. 88<sup>th</sup> Street. McCauley responded. Further discussion ensued about the process. Horne/ Henderson joined the discussion.

McCauley spoke about Battle Ground State Park.

*The Board adjourned for Executive Session and reconvened at 4:22 PM*

Mielke inquired about a work session regarding medians. Further discussion ensued. McCauley stated he would follow up.

Adjourned

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David Madore, Chair



Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor



Tom Mielke, Councilor

ATTEST:



Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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