

**BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 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.

**10:00 AM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Councilors led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Denise Neuschwander, Vancouver Heights United Methodist, delivered the invocation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Madore stated he would like to pull consent agenda item #1. Madore read consent agenda items #2 - #9.

**ACTION:** Moved by Stewart to **APPROVE** consent agenda items #2 - #9. Mielke seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

Madore spoke on consent agenda item #1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #1**

1. Josephine Wentzel
2. Dr. Greg Romine
3. Chaplain R. Brandon
4. Robert Nichols
5. Jack Davis
6. Marjorie Callanan
7. Elizabeth Campbell
8. Ann Warren
9. Linda Mather
10. Jan Verander
11. Nancy Schultz
12. John Bunn
13. Carrie Parks
14. Fred Strong *Portland*
15. Seamus Davis
16. Edward L. Barnes
17. Marq Goldberg
18. Kimberly Shell

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19. John Russell
20. Val Humble Portland
21. Sarah Youssef
22. Cheryl Koble Portland
23. Robert Ray Granite Falls
24. Sam Mulvey Tacoma
25. James Kay
26. Keith Mathison
27. Jennifer Chilton
28. David DiNucci Portland
29. Craig Dewey

*The Board adjourned for break for ten minutes and then reconvened.*

30. Bob Seidensticker Sammamish
31. Lynn Krogseng
32. Red Warren
33. Pauline Warren
34. Brian Harvey Portland
35. Carol Levanen
36. John Matison
37. Lee Jensen
38. Richard Prentice
39. Sam Zimmerly
40. Jack Price
41. Kurt Johansen Happy Valley
42. Mary McElligotl

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Madore spoke on consent agenda item #1. He spoke about language from the Declaration of Independence and honoring history. Stewart spoke on consent agenda item #1. She stated the motto is not relevant to the duties she was elected to do. Further discussion ensued. Mielke stated it wasn't intended to be a religious symbol rather a national statement on how the government was formed. Further discussion ensued.

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Madore stated he would like the Board to be able to vote on this unanimously otherwise it appears the council is divided and could send the wrong message to the community.

**ACTION:** Moved by Madore to post the following language from the Declaration of the Independence in the hearing room / hallway: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." Mielke seconded the motion. Stewart stated her concerns with offering a new proposal at this time. Mielke withdrew his motion.

Further discussion ensued about moving forward.

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda item #1. Motion died due to the lack of a second motion.

Stewart spoke about moving forward. Further discussion ensued.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Jack Davis praised Councilor Stewart.
2. Lynn Krogseng spoke about local farming and local food systems.
3. Pauline Warren spoke about a variety of topics.
4. Red Warren spoke about 58<sup>th</sup> Street.
5. Carol Levanen, Clark County Citizens United, spoke about the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan.
6. Susan Rasmussen, Clark County Citizens United, spoke about agriculture land.
7. John Matison spoke about previous meetings / speakers.
8. Gina Carson spoke about encouragement and the national motto.

**COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Mielke stated he was disappointed with the national motto decision.

Madore spoke about the national motto decision. He also spoke about being an ambassador of goodwill.

Stewart spoke about intimidation and her thinking.

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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