

Moore: 'These are the rules I'm following. These are not my rules'

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Cameron Moore

The clashes have, for the most part, centered on a fundamental difference of opinion on county government. Sullivan and Thompson have pushed for commissioners to have a greater role in day-to-day operations, citing their place above the county manager and staff on the county organizational chart. Moore and the other commissioners, however, say many of Sullivan's and Thompson's efforts have violated the county charter and board policy.

Moore spent nearly 10 minutes Wednesday reading from the county charter, code and board policy.

The charter — adopted in 1989 — established that the county manager is the head of the county's administrative branch and responsible for enacting commissioner policies.

"The county charter, I think, is pretty clear about what the role of the county manager is," Moore said.

He also read a passage saying that, if a vacancy occurs at the county management position, commissioners must immediately begin proceedings to appoint a successor.

"What that indicates to me is, is that the voters made a clear statement that, you know, we're more comfortable with professional management as opposed to commissioners managing day-to-day operations, and they don't want that position to be vacant any longer than it needs to be," Moore said.

Experienced manager

Moore, with nearly 30 years of experience in public service administration and economic development, was hired after a succession of nine county managers in 16 years. He received a positive performance review last year from the majority of commissioners. Moore said he has largely avoided making headlines throughout his career.

But he recognized Wednesday that "county managers come and go a lot more frequently here than in other places."

"I, frankly, feel like I get a great deal of criticism for doing the job I was hired to do and following the rules I was given to do that job," Moore said. "These are the rules I'm following, and these are the rules that were provided to me when

I came here. These are not my rules. These are the rules set down by the voters of Clatsop County and by the county commissioners through their code."

He then read from the county code, which indicates that personnel matters are administrative rather than legislative. In a December email, Sullivan expressed disappointment that she was not invited to hiring interviews for a new community development director.

"It would be unwise, inefficient and impractical to attempt to incorporate details of the personnel policies into an ordinance," Moore read. "Board of county commissioners thus expressly authorizes and directs the county manager to adopt personnel policies by administration."

Moore acknowledged that a number of questions about the different roles are not outlined. He asked county Counsel Heather Reynolds, with whom he has often discussed managerial authority, if he had ever overstepped.

"Not that I'm aware of," Reynolds said.

Moore then read from the board policy, which states the board's sole connection to staff operations is through the county manager and that commissioners will govern "with an emphasis on outward vision rather than internal preoccupation. They will provide strategic leadership rather than administrative detail, and they will make sure that there's a clear distinction of board and county manager roles."

Another passage mandated that commissioners act with "proper use of authority" and "appropriate decorum." An investigation last year concluded Thompson acted inappropriately by allegedly placing her hands on a county employee while discussing her dissatisfaction with Moore.

"But wait, there's more," Moore said. "With respect to

the treatment of paid and volunteer staff, the county manager shall not cause or allow conditions that are unfair, undignified, disorganized or unclear."

In April, Thompson allegedly made a phone call to an employee in which the commissioner warned of potential legal action by Moore. The employee described the call as "confusing and also concerning."

His final reading cited a board policy on commissioners' conduct at meetings. "Board members will not attack the knowledge, skills, abilities and personalities or impugn county staff members' motives in board or at county meetings."

During a discussion in February, Sullivan objected to a question Commissioner Sarah Nebeker asked of Moore. Sullivan later apologized but was rebuked by the county manager.

'The same page'

At the end of the meeting Wednesday, Sullivan — based on a request she made a few days ago — made a motion to hold an executive session to review the performance of the county manager. Commissioners voted against the motion 4-1.

Prior to Moore's comments, Sullivan said it was "past time to resolve our conflicts."

"It's important that information is shared between all five commissioners and that decisions are made by the whole board," Sullivan said. "That's why I've called for an executive session, so that we can speak."

Commissioner Scott Lee, the board's chairman, concluded a meeting in April by discussing Moore's absence and Thompson's behavior. He then adjourned the meeting and did not allow Sullivan to give her commissioner's report. He apologized Wednesday to Sullivan, who then thanked him.

Moore agreed with Sullivan that more civility is needed, but he stressed that rules still apply.

"I think if we can get back on the same page and understand that there are rules that apply to the county manager, and there are also rules that apply to board members," Moore said. "I think if we both take the time to understand those and to comply with those rules consistently, I think we'll all be a lot better off."



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Workers with WCT Marine & Construction build a squid boat in one of the former seaplane hangars owned by Hyak Maritime at North Tongue Point. WCT hopes to add aerial cranes inside the hangars to help with vessel work.

Tongue Point: 'We're all for it, if it helps bring investment dollars'

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President Donald Trump and the Republican Congress to encourage new investment in struggling communities. Jim Knight, the executive director of the Port of Astoria, applied for the opportunity zone designation, calling it another potential tool to help further the Port's mission as an economic development agency.

"We're doing our best to capture every opportunity in the grant world," Knight said.

Knight's application came after the Astoria City Council declined to pursue an opportunity zone. City councilors were concerned that the rules of the federal program had not been written, as well as the possible gentrifying effect new investment could have on housing. The opportunity zone includes the Emerald Heights Apartments, a large, low-income housing complex where up to 1,000 people live.

Knight said he doesn't see too much risk to the city, which still has authority over local development. Grant resources are drying up, he said, and the Port needs outside investment to improve its decaying infrastructure in places like the East Mooring Basin. The basin, largely empty of vessels, is filled with sea lions and in need of a new multimillion-dollar causeway.

Before applying for the opportunity zone, Knight also reached out to Hyak Tongue Point. The company late last year purchased North Tongue

Point, a former Navy seaplane base on the eastern edge of Astoria the Port had been leasing over the past decade but struggled to develop.

Hyak, a boat-building and chartering company, is trying to make the industrial dock and seaplane hangars into a regional marine fabrication and repair center servicing tugs, barges and other commercial vessels. Hyak co-owner Robert Dorn said that while the rules of opportunity zones are unclear, the incentive could be promising.

"We're all for it, if it helps bring investment dollars," Dorn said.

Hyak's purpose at North Tongue Point is mostly to help core tenants — including shipwright WCT Marine & Construction and marine contractor Bergerson Construction — grow their businesses, Dorn said, while providing Hyak a spot to potentially build vessels in the future.

Dorn has also been working with the Port, Clatsop County, Warrenton and Astoria to get North Tongue Point into the Clatsop Enterprise Zone, a state designation that would provide Hyak a property tax exemption for three to five years on new development. The Astoria City Council voted against joining the partnership in 2015 over mistrust of the Port, but has since come around, in part to help Hyak.

"That just gives us the ability to put new capital in (with) a little bit of tax break for three

to five years, to help us get up and running," Dorn said.

Hyak is looking at several major investments to make North Tongue Point capable of servicing bigger vessels. The company wants to strengthen a former seaplane ramp to take out bigger vessels, add aerial cranes in the seaplane hangar WCT operates out of and add more covered workspaces for shipwrights.

Over the next few years, the company would like to build new piers and acquire a travel lift capable of lifting large vessels out of the water and driving them around the tarmac to work sites, Dorn said.

Dorn sees the investments as particularly timely given the numerous closures over the past decade of shipyards around Portland and Seattle. Zidell Marine, a barge-builder located in the South Waterfront district of Portland, launched its last ship last summer before closing the shipyard and preparing to redevelop the land into apartments, offices and retail space.

WCT could build and maintain larger vessels such as barges at North Tongue Point while providing more skilled job opportunities locally, Dorn said.

Willie Toristoja, co-owner of WCT with his wife, Carol, said he now employs about 35 people and is excited to provide new career opportunities. "We really have an opportunity to create jobs," he said.

Fund: 'We're establishing a fund that hasn't been defined yet. Just making that clear'

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Moore said it didn't seem prudent to discuss specific policies about how to manage the fund until it was established.

"I think that, to me, would

be the next step," Moore said. "If you indicated interest in moving forward with that, clearly you have to have to develop guidelines and policies, you know, regarding what types of projects you would fund and not fund."

While no policies have been documented on paper, commissioners have already directed staff to address homelessness, Commissioner Sarah Nebeker said.

"What I see is that the county manager and staff have

worked to help us begin setting up this fund and policies that will benefit our community," Nebeker said. "I don't think we have to have everything perfect in order to do something good, and I think this is good."

But Sullivan reiterated that commissioners should develop written policies for the fund first. She introduced a separate motion — which failed — to require specific discussion and documentation of those policies.

"OK, so we're establishing a fund that hasn't been defined yet," Sullivan said just before the final votes to establish the homelessness fund were counted. "Just making that clear."

TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings

THURSDAY

A - Charter Astoria/Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach

THURSDAY EVENING												MAY 10	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Grey's Anatomy "Cold as Ice" (N)	Station 19 "Hot Box" (N)	Station 19 "Hot Box" (N)	Quantico "Hell's Gate" (N)	KATU News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy "Cold as Ice" (N)	Station 19 "Hot Box" (N)	Chicago Fire "One for the Ages" (N)	Chi.Fire "The Grand Gesture" (SF) (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel		
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Law&Order: SVU "Send in the Clowns"	Chicago Fire "One for the Ages" (N)	Chicago Fire "One for the Ages" (N)	Chi.Fire "The Grand Gesture" (SF) (N)	KING 5 News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	BigBang (SF) (N)	Sheldon (SF) (N)	Mom (N)	Mom (SF) (N)	KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:55) Colbert		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	BigBang (SF) (N)	Sheldon (SF) (N)	Mom (N)	Mom (SF) (N)	KIRO News (N)	(3:55) Colbert		
8	KGW	(3) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)	Evening News (N)	Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Law&Order: SVU "Send in the Clowns"	Chicago Fire "One for the Ages" (N)	Chicago Fire "One for the Ages" (N)	Chi.Fire "The Grand Gesture" (SF) (N)	KGW News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show		
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "Exodus" (N)	Arrow "The Ties that Bind" (N)	News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
10	KOPB	(10) Seeing Canada	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(3:50) Midsomer M.	The Noble Art	(3:55) Masterpiece Classic	"Wolf Hall"	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Gotham "One Bad Day" (N)	Showtime at the Apollo "Week 10" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!	News (N)	Page Six TV	
13	KPDV	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Fox 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game		
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "One Bad Day" (N)	Showtime at the Apollo "Week 10" (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
22	KZJO	(22) Friends Pt. 2 of 2	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)			SportsCenter (N)		
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)		NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)							SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) Cornhole ACL National		Spikeball		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		E:60	NBA Basketball Playoffs		
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Sponge (N)	SpongeBob	** Alvin and the Chipmunks '07	David Cross, Cameron Richardson, Jason Lee.	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends		
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	DuckTales	Gravity Falls	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Stuck in Middle	Stuck in Middle	Raven's Home	Bunk'd
34	FAM	(34) ** Puss in Boots '11, Ani Salma Hayek, Zach Galifianakis, Antonio Banderas.		Siren "Being Human" (N)		** Casper (1995, Comedy) Bill Pullman, Cathy Moriarty, Christina Ricci.		Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	The 700 Club			
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) Prometheus '12) Noomi Rapace. (20) ** Prometheus (2012, Adventure) Logan Marshall-Green, Michael Fassbender, Noomi Rapace. (40) FXM Presents		** Click (2006, Comedy) Kate Beckinsale, Christopher Walken, Adam Sandler.				Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends		
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's A. "Don't Stand So Close to Me"		Grey's Anatomy "Six Days" Pt. 1 of 2	** We Are Marshall (2007, Sport) Anthony Mackie, Matthew Fox, Matthew McConaughey.			Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends		
38	ROOT	(38) (4:00) MLB Baseball Seattle vs Toronto (L)		Post-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Toronto Blue Jays Site: Rogers Centre - Toronto, Ont.			Post-game	NCAA Softball ACC Tournament				
39	F51	(39) MLB Whiparound (L)		MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Los Angeles Angels Site: Angel Stadium -- Anaheim, Calif. (L)				Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.	** Miss Congeniality '00, Com) Michael Caine, Benjamin Bratt, Sandra Bullock.				
43	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
44	COM	(44) The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	The Daily Show (N) The Opposition (N)	
45	HIST	(45) Swamp People "Poacher from Hell"		Swamp People "Savage Showdown"	Swamp: Blood "Swamp Savage"	Swamp People "Lone Hunter" (N)	Swamp People "Lone Hunter" (N)	Swamp People "Lone Hunter" (N)	Swamp People "Lone Hunter" (N)	(05) Truck Night "In the Hole"	(05) The Tesla Files "Without a Trace"		
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Old Wounds"		The First 48 "The Invitation"	First 48 "Endless Love and Out of Time"	Marcia Clark Investigates The First 48	Marcia Clark Investigates The First 48	Billionaire Boys Club (SF) (N)	Billionaire Boys Club (SF) (N)	(05) The First 48 "Fatal Mistake"			
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life "Milla's Story"	My 600-lb Life: Superized "One Ton Family: Part Two" (N)	Naked and Afraid "South Africa"	Naked and Afraid "South Africa"	Naked and Afraid: Pop-Up Edition	Naked and Afraid: Pop-Up Edition	Skin Tight "Tamika and Emily: Part 1" (N)	600-lb Life "One Ton Family: Part Two"		
48	DISC	(48) Naked and Afraid "Double Jeopardy"		Diana: In Her Own Words Princess Diana recorded interviews about her life. (N)	Harry's Story (N)			Diana: In Her Own Words Princess Diana recorded interviews about her life.	** Olympus Has Fallen '13) Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart, Gerard Butler.				
49	NGEO	(49) The '90s "The Countdown"		Diana: In Her Own Words Princess Diana recorded interviews about her life. (N)	Harry's Story (N)			Diana: In Her Own Words Princess Diana recorded interviews about her life.	** Olympus Has Fallen '13) Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart, Gerard Butler.				
50	TNT	(50) NCIS: New Orleans "Knockout"		NCIS: New O. "Down the Rabbit Hole"	London Has Fallen (2016, Action) Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart, Gerard Butler.			** Olympus Has Fallen '13) Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart, Gerard Butler.	** Escape Plan '13) Sylvester Stallone.				
51	AMC	(51) (4:55) ** Open Range '03, Western) Kevin Costner, Annette Bening, Robert Duvall.		** Escape Plan (2013, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jim Caviezel, Sylvester Stallone.				** Jurassic Park III (2001, Sci-Fi) William H. Macy, Téa Leoni, Sam Neill.	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Reparations"		** The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997, Adventure) Julianne Moore, Pete Postlethwaite, Jeff Goldblum.				House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters		
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Chopped "Grandma vs. Grandma"	Chopped "Julianne's Day"	Chopped "Thanks, Mom!"	Chopped "Thanks, Mom!"	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters		
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters		
55	FX	(55) (4:00) White House Down		**** Straight Outta Compton (2015, True Story) Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr., Laurence Fishburne.	O'Shea Jackson Jr.			Atlanta (SF) (N)	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Movie	
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	The Ingraham Angle		
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Jay Leno Garage "Down and Dirty" (N)	Jay Leno's Garage "The Motor City"	Jay Leno "Old School vs. New School"	Jay Leno "Old School vs. New School"	Jay Leno's Garage "Down and Dirty"	Jay Leno's Garage "Down and Dirty"	Paid Program			
63	BRVA	(63) Southern Charm "Groovy Baby"		Southern Charm "All Talk No Action"	Southern Charm "Pulp Friction"	S. Charm "Exes on the Half Shell" (N)	Imposters (N)	Watch What (N)	Southern Charm				
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) The Blue Angel Marlene Dietrich.		The Scarlet Empress (1934, History) John Lodge, Sam Jaffe, Marlene Dietrich.		*** Shanghai Express '32) Clive Brook, Marlene Dietrich.		*** Shaun of the Dead (2004, Horror) Kate Ashfield, Nick Frost, Simon Pegg.	Krypton "Savage Night"				
65	SYFY	(65) Movie		*** Con Air (1997, Action) John Cusack, John Malkovich, Nicolas Cage.		*** Shaun of the Dead (2004, Horror) Kate Ashfield, Nick Frost, Simon Pegg.		Krypton "Savage Night"					
102	RFD	(102) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America 'Live'	Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library		