

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT BOARD  
February 28, 2017

The regular meeting of the Moses Lake Transportation Benefit District Board was called to order at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 401 S. Balsam, Moses Lake, Washington.

Executive Secretary Sophia Guerrero called the roll. The following were:

Present: Board Members Todd Voth, Karen Liebrecht, Don Myers, Ryann Leonard, Bill Ecret, David Curnel, and Mike Norman

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Board member Norman led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chad Strevy, 910 Camas Place, stated that he supported the sales tax option as a revenue source as it was less burdensome on the City's residents and will bring in more funds than the \$20 license tab fee.

Mary Perry, 4180 W. Lakeshore Drive, stated that one of the reasons given for the Transportation Benefit District was because transportation funds were lost to the City and she wanted to know how that happened. She pointed out that the recent additional excise tax funds were designated for street projects, and that funds were to be provided by the Colville Confederated Tribes for 5 miles of road.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes: The minutes of the January 24 meeting were presented for approval.

Action Taken: Board member Curnel moved that the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Board member Ecret, and passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION - VEHICLE LICENSE FEE**

A resolution was presented which provides for a \$20 license tab fee.

The resolution of the Moses Lake Transportation Benefit District Board authorizing a vehicle license fee was read by title only.

Board member Myers requested that the amount be reduced to \$10 as he felt the \$20 would be a burden on low income residents.

John Williams, City Manager, stated that many cities have adopted a Transportation Benefit District to raise funds because funding from the state for transportation projects has decreased. He mentioned that the City has about \$500,000 a year in deferred maintenance because of the state cut back in funding. He mentioned that the sales tax would be more fair but it takes longer to implement than the vehicle tab fee.

There was discussion by the Board.

Action Taken: Board member Norman moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Board Member Liebrecht, and passed with Chair Leonard and Board member Myers opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION - TBD IMPOSING SALES AND USE TAX**

A resolution was presented which would impose a 0.2% sales and use tax to pay for transportation projects. Adoption of the sales and use tax would eliminate the vehicle tab fee.

The resolution of the City of Moses Lake Transportation Benefit District Board providing for a ballot proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the district on \_\_\_\_\_(date), to authorize a sales and use tax to be imposed within the boundaries of the district upon all taxable retail sales and uses in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs associated with transportation improvements in the districts identified herein was read by title only.

John Williams, City Manager, pointed out that the imposition of a 0.2% sales and use tax would raise approximately \$1.4 million per year and that the funds can only be used for transportation projects. The vehicle tab fee would be eliminated if the sales tax were imposed.

There was discussion on the funding and timing of the election.

Action Taken: Council member Norman moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Board member Liebrecht, and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**: The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

ATTEST

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Ryann Leonard, Chair

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W. Robert Taylor, Finance Director