

PROSSER TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
601 7TH STREET
PROSSER, WASHINGTON**

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Randy Taylor called the Regular Meeting of the Prosser Transportation Benefit District (TBD) to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Becken, Rainer, and Troemel were present. Board Members Chambers, Everett, and Poteet were absent.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (None)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Board Member Troemel, seconded by Board Member Rainer to approve the minutes of February 10, 2009. Motion passed: 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Chambers, Everett, Poteet).

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:02 p.m., Acting Chair Taylor recessed the Regular Meeting to conduct a public hearing on the adoption of the proposed Organizational Rules and Bylaws. Acting Chair Taylor called for public comment with none being offered. The public hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m. and the Regular Meeting resumed.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-TBD-01: ESTABLISHING ORGANIZATIONAL RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS AFFAIRS, AND PROVIDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE ARE SEVERABLE FROM ONE ANOTHER, AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

A motion was made by Board Member Rainer, seconded by Board Member Troemel to adopt Ordinance No. 09-TBD-01. Motion to adopt passed: 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Chambers, Everett, Poteet).

RESOLUTION NO. 09-TBD-03: ADOPTING BYLAWS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ITS ORGANIZATIONAL RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS DAILY AFFAIRS

A motion was made by Board Member Rainer, seconded by Board Member Troemel to adopt Resolution No. 09-TBD-03. Motion to adopt passed: 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Chambers, Everett, Poteet).

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:06 p.m., Acting Chair Taylor recessed the Regular Meeting to conduct a public hearing on the sources of revenue and the imposition of twenty dollars of the vehicle fee authorized in RCW 82.80.140 and RCW 36.73.065. Acting Chair Taylor called for public comment.

Michael J. Bradshaw, 932 Memorial Street, expressed his concern that the State Legislature had found a way to circumvent the wishes of the voters. Mr. Bradshaw understood the need for funding street repairs, but he was philosophically opposed to transportation benefit districts.

The public hearing was closed at 6:09 p.m. and the Regular Meeting resumed.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-TBD-02: ESTABLISHING AND IMPOSING \$20 OF THE VEHICLE LICENSE FEE AUTHORIZED IN RCW 36.73.065 AND RCW 82.80.140, AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

Board Member Rainer said it would be best to have the entire Board available for this action.

Board Member Becken thanked Mr. Bradshaw for his comments. Mr. Becken said he would support this ordinance, as it appeared the public did want this to occur.

Board Member Troemel said, during tough economic times, he was in opposition to this matter.

A motion was made by Board Member Rainer, seconded by Board Member Troemel to table Ordinance No. 09-TBD-02 until the April 7, 2009 meeting. Motion to table passed: 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Chambers, Everett, Poteet).

RESOLUTION NO. 09-TBD-04: APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON AND THE DISTRICT WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE COORDINATION OF THEIR EFFORTS IN ORDER TO PURSUE THEIR INDIVIDUAL, JOINT AND MUTUAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS TO MAINTAIN AND PRESERVE STREETS AND RELATED TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON AND WHICH AUTHORIZES THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT

City Administrator Charlie Bush explained the need to define services the City would provide for the TBD.

Board Member Becken stated this resolution referred to a previously tabled ordinance. City Attorney Howard Saxton said this could remain as a reference or the “whereas” could be deleted.

A motion was made by Board Member Rainer, seconded by Board Member Troemel to table Resolution 09-TBD-04 until the April 7, 2009 meeting. Motion to table passed: 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Chambers, Everett, Poteet).

INITIAL DISCUSSION OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

City Administrator Bush said the Board could develop a short list or a very detailed list of projects. Mr. Bush reminded the Board there were some restrictions on the use of the funds, such as for traffic “congestion relief or potential congestion.” Allowable items included sidewalks, bike paths, chip sealing and maintenance. Projects needed to be identified and adopted within the STIP, Regional Transportation Plan or the Capital Facilities Plan.

Acting Chair Taylor had reviewed the specific RCWs addressing transportation benefit districts and was pleased to see that partnering with other entities was encouraged. Mr. Taylor suggested that work on Kinney Way be a priority.

Board Member Rainer spoke in favor of general maintenance for City streets and for Kinney Way. Board Member Troemel was also supportive of improvements along Kinney Way.

Board Member Becken wished to reserve his comments until he saw the actual plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Prosser Transportation Benefit District at this time, the Regular Meeting of the District was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Randy Taylor, Acting Chair

Attest:

Sherry Biggs
City Clerk/Acting Secretary