

PROSSER TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016
REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Aubrey called the Regular Meeting of the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Everett, Siemens, and Edwards were present. Board Members Elder, Becken and Rodriguez requested an excused absence.

Others in attendance were City Administrator Stockdale, Secretary Shaw and Treasurer Yost.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (None)

BOARD ACTION

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Board Member Everett, seconded by Board Member Edwards, to approve the Transportation Benefit District Board Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2016. Motion passed 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Elder, Becken, Rodriguez).

APPROVAL OF CHECK REFUNDS

A motion was made by Board Member Everett, seconded by Board Member Edwards, to approve check nos. 1290 – 1296 for refunds due to jurisdictional errors by Washington State and funding reimbursement request for the Chip Seal Project. Motion passed 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Elder, Becken, Rodriguez).

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Everett, seconded by Board Member Edwards, to approve the December 2015 Financial Statement. Motion passed 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Elder, Becken, Rodriguez).

APPROVAL OF 2016 1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Everett, seconded by Board Member Edwards, to approve the 2016 1st Quarter Financial Statement. Motion passed 4 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT (Elder, Becken, Rodriguez).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MATERIAL CHANGE POLICY

City Administrator Stockdale advised staff is working on amending the Material Change Policy and plan to bring an update at the next regular quarterly TBD meeting in August.

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT FEES

City Administrator Stockdale advised the last time the TBD fee was amended was in 2009 and inquired in the TBD Board was interested in increasing the fee. There was discussion regarding what the fees are used for and the current legislation that went into effect in 2015 that allows cities to increase their fees.

City Administrator Stockdale explained that city roads are in desperate need of repair and by increasing the fee slightly it would allow crews to make repairs at six years, rather than the current seven to eight year rotation. With the minimal amount of fees that are currently collected, the roads that need to be repaired are not even on that rotation.

Board Member Everett stated he would support an increase from \$20.00 to \$40.00 if the projects are purposeful and those that are selected are posted with signs that indicating to the public that the project was funded by TBD dollars.

Board Member Aubrey stated the school district has a vote for a school bond coming up in the next general election and he does not want to make it any more difficult for the schools so he would not entertain or support any increase in taxes until the election is over.

Board Member Siemens said he would only support an increase if it were a total of \$25.00 not \$40.00, however he would prefer no increase at all at this time.

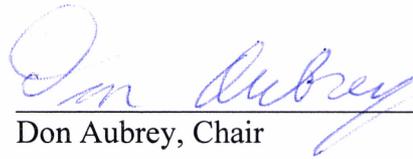
City Administrator Stockdale said this was not a timely issue and was not making a recommendation but rather providing information to the Board of the options available and would bring the item back for further discussion at an upcoming Board meeting where the entire Board will be present.

City Administrator Stockdale further advised the only other item for Board discussion is whether or not to dissolve the TBD. After careful research staff's recommendation would be to wait until the legislation cleans up some of the language and to continue to stay as two functioning entities.

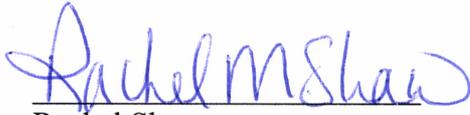
The Board agreed to continue to table the item until more information is made available by legislation on the item.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Prosser Transportation Benefit District at this time, the Regular Meeting of the District was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.


Don Aubrey, Chair

Attest:


Rachel Shaw
Secretary/City Clerk