

WALLA WALLA CITY TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT
Special Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Laib called the meeting to order at 8:50 p.m.

Present: Board Members Jim Barrow, Conrado Cavazos, Jr., Barbara Clark, Jerry Cummins, Mary Lou Jenkins, Chris Plucker and President Shane Laib.

Absent: None.

City staff in attendance: City Manager Nabel Shawa, City Attorney Tim Donaldson, City Engineer Neal Chavre and City Clerk Kammy Hill.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 11, 2012.

Board Member Cummins moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 11, 2012. Board Member Barrow seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

B. Ordinance No. TBD-2012-01 imposing a sales and use tax in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) upon all taxable sales and uses for a period of ten years and taking further action related thereto.

City Attorney Donaldson reported the voters approved a two-tenths of one percent sales tax increase for the Transportation Benefit District on February 14, 2012. The proposition is self-enabling and the Department of Revenue will begin collection of this new sales tax on July 1, 2012. This ordinance is merely a housekeeping item.

President Laib invited public input. No one in the audience chose to address the Board on this issue.

Board Member Plucker moved to adopt Ordinance No. TBD-2012-01. Board Member Clark seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

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- C. Resolution No. TBD-2012-01 creating a transportation improvement advisory committee.

City Manager Shawa reported this resolution will establish a citizen advisory committee of five members with a member of the Transportation Benefit District Board to serve as an ex officio member. This committee will review project selection and methodology, propose project priority ranking, evaluate project completion, review and evaluate received revenues, and provide advice to the Transportation Benefit District Board.

There was discussion on:

- Preservation of authority to remove a member of the committee "without cause." Removal of a member would be subject to a vote of the Transportation Benefit District Board.
- A recent meeting held to discuss the feasibility of enlarging the infrastructure improvement committee and modifying the scope to include the responsibilities proposed for this separate committee.

President Laib invited public input.

Anne Haley, 644 Boyer Avenue, Walla Walla, encouraged adoption of the proposed resolution. The ad-hoc streets task force feels this committee should be under the purview of the Transportation Benefit District. Citizens took a risk in approving the sales tax increase and this committee will ensure an adequate review and oversight by the citizens of the projects and expenditures.

Damien Sinnott, 621 Lincoln Street, Walla Walla, indicated he echoes the comments made by Ms. Haley. The Chamber of Commerce formally endorsed the sales tax proposition. Concerns had been expressed with the use of the sales taxes for purposes other than streets and this advisory committee will provide additional oversight by citizens.

There was additional discussion on:

- Process for selection of committee members.
- Whether committee membership should be restricted to only City residents or also include residents of the City's urban growth area. A majority of the Board indicated they support allowing up to one member to be a resident of the City's urban growth area.

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Board Member Clark moved to adopt Resolution No. TBD-2012-01. Board Member Jenkins seconded the motion.

Board Member Clark moved to amend Section 2 of Resolution No. TBD-2012-01 to include "At least four members of the committee shall be residents of the City of Walla Walla. One member may reside in the City of Walla Walla's urban growth area." Board Member Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes by Board Members Barrow and Cummins.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. TBD-2012-01 as amended unanimously carried with 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.