

**Covington Transportation Benefit District
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 27, 2015**

The Special Meeting of the Covington Transportation Benefit District was called to order in the Covington Council Chambers, 16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington, Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at 10:14 p.m., with Margaret Harto, Chair of the Board, presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Harto, Joe Cimaomo, Mark Lanza, Marlla Mhoon, Jim Scott, Sean Smith, and Jeff Wagner.

STAFF PRESENT:

Regan Bolli, Chief Executive Officer; Rob Hendrickson, Treasurer; Sara Springer, Legal Advisor to the Board; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Kevin Klason, Covington Police Chief; and Sharon Scott, Board Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board Action: Board Member Lanza moved and Board Member Mhoon seconded to approve the Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chair of the Board Harto called for public comments.

There being no comments, Chair Harto closed the public comment period.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes: October 28, 2014 Transportation Benefit District Special Meeting Minutes.

Board Action: Board Member Cimaomo moved and Board Member Lanza seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adopting Resolution Calling for Special Election.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE COVINGTON TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT, COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 28, 2015, AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE DISTRICT AT THE RATE OF TWO-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TEN YEARS, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015,

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR OR FINANCING THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS; SETTING FORTH THE TEXT OF THE BALLOT PROPOSITION; DIRECTING PROPER DISTRICT OFFICIALS TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER PROPERLY RELATED MATTERS.

Board Action: Board Member Lanza moved and Board Member Cimaomo seconded to approve Resolution No 15-01 calling for the inclusion of a proposition on the April 28, 2015 special election ballot to authorize an additional sales and use tax within the District, in substantial form as included in the Agenda Packet. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

2. Consider Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with City of Covington.

Board Action: Vice Chair of the Board Wagner moved and Board Member Scott seconded to authorize the District Chair to execute an amendment to the interlocal agreement between the Covington Transportation Benefit District and the City of Covington to clarify the payment of costs to secure District funding sources, in substantial form as included in the Agenda Packet. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

3. Consider Resolution Requesting Voter's Pamphlet and Approve Explanatory Statement.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE COVINGTON TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT, COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, REQUESTING THE KING COUNTY DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE A LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION ON APRIL 28, 2015, FOR THE BALLOT PROPOSITION PROPOSING A 0.2% SALES AND USE TAX TO FUND THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT; APPOINTING COMMITTEES TO SUBMIT ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST; AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD'S LEGAL ADVISOR TO PREPARE THE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT.

Board Action: Vice Chair of the Board Wagner moved and Board Member Scott seconded to pass Resolution No. 15-02 requesting and authorizing King County Elections to prepare and distribute a local voters' pamphlet for the April 28, 2015 special election for the 0.2% sales and use tax ballot proposition, in substantial form as included in the Agenda Packet. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

The Board provided comments and asked questions, and Legal Advisor to the Board Sara Springer provided responses.

Board Action: There was Board consensus to request the Legal Advisor to the Board to create language from Option 1 (*Proposition 1 represents an effort by the Covington Transportation Benefit District to fund transportation maintenance and improvement projects identified in Covington's six-year Transportation Improvement Program. Among other unmet transportation needs, revenues will be used to fund the reinstatement of annual street overlays, enhanced asphalt patching and crack sealing, and to sustain existing maintenance programs. A vote to approve Proposition 1 will authorize the collection of an additional retail sales and use tax of 0.2% of the selling price (or the value of the article used) for a period of 10 years unless renewed by the voters. Of the available funding options for the District (including a vehicle license fee, which would be paid solely by Covington residents and cost more per family), the District is seeking a sales tax increase so that all persons travelling Covington's streets to shop and conduct business in Covington share the costs of street maintenance.*) with input from individual comments provided by board members.

4. Consider Appointments to Pro and Con Committees.

Chief Executive Officer Regan Bolli informed the Board that three citizens had come forward to volunteer to serve on the Pro Committee and no one had come forward to serve on the Con Committee.

Board Action: Vice Chair of the Board Wagner moved and Board Member Mhoon seconded to appoint Mary Pritchard, Laura Morrissey, and Steven Pand to the Pro Committee. **Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.**

5. Review Timeline.

Chair Harto mentioned to the Board that the April 28, 2015 Special Election Timeline (Attachment 1 in the Agenda Packet) was provided for their information.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Prepared by:



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Submitted by:



Sharon Scott
Board Clerk