



CITY OF MUKILTEO, WASHINGTON
WISE INVESTMENTS IN TRANSPORTATION TASKFORCE MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2016
City Council Chambers—11930 Cyrus Way

Call to order

Chairperson Joe Marine called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Len Baron, Diane Cooper, Melanie Field, Councilmember Randy Lord, Joe Marine, Kevin Wilson

Staff Present: Marko Liias, Policy Analyst; Andrea Swisstack, Assistant City Engineer; Glen Pickus, Planning Manager

Agenda order

No changes

Meeting Items:

- Approve Meeting Minutes from March 23, 2016

Melanie Field moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Lord seconded the motion which was approved unanimously

- Finalize Transportation Funding Scenarios

Policy Analyst Liias identified revisions to the revenue estimates from the various scenarios and presented an interactive scenario building tool that was used to refine the varying options. There was unanimous consensus that there should be a scenario recommended to Council that included the formation of a transportation benefit district and imposition of a \$20 vehicle license fee. Task Force members identified it as a starting point for investments, and it was noted that the fee is connected to streets and cars. The downside identified was that it does not share the costs of street maintenance with all user groups, relying heavily on residents alone.

On that basis the Task Force reached a consensus to present a second scenario that included the \$20 vehicle license fee but also increased business license fees and paid parking rates at the waterfront. This option was not unanimously supported, although there was consensus that it be included to provide the City Council with options. The strengths of the scenario were that it spreads costs onto businesses and visitors, instead of relying on residents alone. The downsides are the impacts on businesses from the fee increases, and the impacts on waterfront businesses from higher parking charges.

Both scenarios would include dedicating a portion of real estate excise taxes to transportation on an on-going basis. Task Force members agreed that this should be a proportion, so that the amount would increase as REET revenues increase.

There was discussion of reassessing the vehicle license fee after two years and considering an increase, since the \$20 fee would not fully fund transportation needs.

- Public Outreach Strategies

The Task Force agreed that public outreach should be conducted by the City Council, since the Task Force is an advisory body to the Council.

- **Discuss Final Report to City Council**

In addition to the scenarios, the Task Force discussed a “Menu of Accountability Tools” presented by Policy Analyst Liias. There was consensus that tools #1, 3, 4, and 5 should be included in the final report and recommendations. There was unanimous support for the creation of a Transportation Commission to provide ongoing public oversight and input to the City.

Public Comments

None

Reports and Communications

Melanie Field reported on the Washington Greenway public meeting

Comments from Staff

None

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting: May 25, 2016

Exhibit: Menu of Accountability Tools