

CITY OF LYNNWOOD
TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2016

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2 10. CALL TO ORDER – The July 27, 2016 Special Meeting of the City of Lynnwood
3 Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Board, held in the Council Chambers of Lynnwood
4 City Hall, was called to order by Board President Cotton at 7:00 p.m.
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ROLL CALL

Board President Ian Cotton
Board Vice President Benjamin Goodwin
Board Member M. Christopher Boyer
Board Member Ruth Ross
Board Member Shannon Sessions (absent)
Board Member Shirley Sutton
Board Member George Hurst

OTHERS ATTENDING

Public Works Director Franz
Deputy PW Director Elekes
Resident Capital Project Eng. Mach
Executive Assistant Morris
City Attorney Larson

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9 30 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 29, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING

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11 *Motion made by Board Member Ross, seconded by Board President Cotton, to approve the*
12 *minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously (6-0).*
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14 40. CITIZEN COMMENTS OR COMMUNICATIONS

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16 Board President Cotton read a statement regarding the Public Disclosure Commission rules
17 that apply to public hearing comments. There were no public comments.
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19 50. ORDINANCE #10 – INCREASED OR DECREASED VEHICLE LICENSE FEE

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21 A. Public Hearing

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23 Board President Cotton opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. and reviewed the
24 purpose of the hearing, order of speaking, and hearing procedures.
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26 Staff Presentation: Public Works Director Bill Franz made a PowerPoint presentation
27 regarding Lynnwood's transportation needs and funding.
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29 David Mach explained that the TBD Board had requested that staff come back with an
30 ordinance to consider potentially increasing the current \$20 vehicle tab fee to \$40 which
31 is something that can be done at the Board level. Staff has prepared an ordinance to that
32 effect which is contained in the TBD packet starting on page 50-2. If the Board wishes,
33 staff can also prepare an ordinance decreasing the vehicle tab fee. In the Ordinance on
34 page 50-3: section 1 specifies the \$20 to \$40 increase, section 2 states the date the fee

1 becomes effective (February 1, 2017 at the soonest), and section 3 specifies the projects
2 the funding can be used for.

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4 Written Comments: Staff explained a letter had been received from Sid Roberts which
5 had already been distributed.

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7 Public Testimony: None

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9 Seeing no public comments, the hearing was closed.

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11 B. Consideration, discussion and possible action or other disposition related to said
12 ordinance.

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14 Board Member Hurst asked ____ (inaudible). David Mach explained it started out
15 below half a million and has been in effect for about five years. It has gone up steadily.

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17 Board Member Sutton asked what has changed since 1971. Deputy Director Elekes
18 explained that the budgeting decisions made by the Administration and Council have
19 changed. There used to be a much higher percentage of the General Fund put towards
20 transportation funding. This has been reduced gradually each year.

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22 Board President Cotton commented ____ (inaudible).

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24 Board Member Sutton said she remembers hearing that 15,000 individuals come in and
25 out of our city on any given day and a large portion of fees are attributed to them. She
26 asked what the City can do to have some of those individuals be part of the solution.
27 She suggested assessing higher non-resident fees. This might result in a decreased need
28 for license tab fees which would disproportionately impact low-income and no-income
29 residents.

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31 Board Member Boyer commented this transportation funding issue has been a high
32 priority for the Council and the TBD Board for a number of years. The TBD Board was
33 hopeful two years ago that a .2% increase in sales tax would solve the problem, but it
34 was not approved by the voters. As a result they have been looking at other ways to get
35 to the minimum \$4 million/year revenue mark. He stated that there is a ballot measure
36 being prepared for a .1% increase in sales tax. He agreed with Board Member Sutton
37 that the license tab fee increase is a regressive tax policy, and it unfairly affects those of
38 lesser means. The license fee ordinance clearly puts the burden on residents of
39 Lynnwood whereas other measures might assign more costs to those coming in from
40 outside of Lynnwood. He noted that the red light camera fees issue is beyond the
41 purview of the TBD Board, but would be worth looking at by the City Council. He
42 noted that no one funding source is going to solve the problem; instead they will need to
43 piece it together from different places. As a result they will likely still need to depend
44 on the increase in license tab fees and sales tax revenues. He stressed that the streets are
45 unsafe, and it is critical that the City does something to fix them.

1 Board President Cotton asked _____ (inaudible). Deputy Director Elekes replied that it
2 would be all of the above. ADA ramps have an estimated cost of somewhere between
3 \$5,000 and \$10,000 per corner. At least half of the city has old-standards ramps so the
4 cost for fixing ramps alone would be approximately \$15-20 million or \$250,000-
5 \$500,000 per year annually just to do wheelchair ramps. Under the current program and
6 policy staff has endeavored to correct the ones that were done as part of a capital
7 project. Director Franz explained that they look for opportunities whenever possible.
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9 *Motion made by Board Member Boyer, seconded by Board President Cotton, to*
10 *approve TBD Ordinance No. 10 of the City of Lynnwood, Washington, Transportation*
11 *Benefit District, increasing the vehicle license fee established in Ordinance No. 2 and*
12 *authorizing certain projects to be funded; and providing for severability, an effective*
13 *date, and summary publication. ”*
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15 *Board President Cotton moved to amend the motion on line 30 of page 50-3 so*
16 *February 1, 2017 is the inserted date.*
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18 David Mach explained that the inserted date of February 1, 2017 would be the earliest
19 that it could happen.
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21 *Board Member Boyer seconded the amendment. The amendment passed.*
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23 Board Member Ross asked if there was a way to apply car tabs based on vehicle value.
24 Mr. Mach replied there is not a mechanism for that right now. He noted that February 1,
25 2017 would also need to be inserted on line 13 of 50-3.
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27 *Motion made by Board Member Boyer, seconded by Board Member Ross, to insert*
28 *February 1, 2017 into line 13 on page 50-3. Motion passed.*
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30 Board Vice President Goodwin discussed concerns he had about the ordinance and
31 stated he would not be supporting it. (inaudible)
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33 Board Member Boyer commented in support of the ordinance. (inaudible)
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35 Board Member Ross agreed that this is a bitter pill. As much as she hates this, she feels
36 like it is necessary. She thinks it is one opportunity they have to establish something
37 that is not sales tax.
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39 Board President Cotton agreed that this was unpleasant but necessary. (inaudible)
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41 *Upon a roll call vote the motion passed 4-2 with Board Members Goodwin and Sutton*
42 *voting against the Ordinance.*
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44 60. SCHEDULING UPCOMING SPECIAL MEETING(S)

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46 Board President Cotton announced that the next TBD Board regular meeting was scheduled
47 for October 19, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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70. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Board Member Boyer, seconded by Board Member Sutton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Ian Cotton, TBD Board President



Sonja Springer
Finance Director, Acting as Board Treasurer