**TSCC Meeting Minutes**

**October 1, 2019**

TSCC Offices, 808 SW 3rd Ave, Suite 540, Portland Oregon

Commissioners Barringer, Norton, and Ofsink were present as were Executive Director Gibons and Budget Analyst Tunie Betschart.

Absent: Commissioner Wubbold (One position is waiting appointment by Governor)

Chair Barringer convened the TSCC Regular Meeting at 12:16

1. Chair Barringer deferred the September 11 minutes until the November meeting.
2. Craig Gibons review the TSCC FY19 Budget.
   1. Mr. Gibons briefly explained that this reflects only 2 months into the new fiscal year or 17% of the year and 19% of the budget. In part, this is a result of a $4,550 for Dataccuity annual costs.
   2. See attached Budget Report through August 31, 2019
3. Commissioner Recruitment was discussed.
   1. Commissioner Norton sent a message to Thomas Lannom from the City of Portland about the open position on the TSCC Commission. He has not responded. She will attempt to contact him again. Following his response, the Commission will suggest to the Governor’s Office close the search for a commissioner and move to the selection process.
4. Tax Measure Hearings being held this month were discussed.
   1. **Metro Bond Hearing** will be held at Metro Headquarters on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 12:30
      * 1. Questions for the hearing were discussed at length. It was noted that Metro’s bond measures are different in that they are not asking voters for bond money to fund a project but rather they are asking voters to approve a concept. They have become a “regional funder” for various concepts.
        2. Questions were edited, deleted, and some added. The questions to be asked at the hearing will be something along the following themes. “What role does Metro play in the selection of other organizations’ projects?” How will they ensure the spoken limit of $0.19 will be maintained?’ and “Once projects are completed, what funding will be used for operations and maintenance?”
   2. **Portland Public Schools Local Option Levy** hearing will be held at the Blanchard Education Center on Tuesday October 15, at 5:00 p.m.
      * 1. The questions for this hearing were discussed. The theme of these questions needs to be student accomplishment as a result of previous local option levies; accountability and matrix proving accountability due to the previous levies, and how the board plans to receive, review, and respond to financial information to ensure there will be no spending for administrative cost as promised to the voters.
        2. Questions to be asked may include such questions as “what measurable outcomes from the current levy will the district use to persuade voters to pass the levy?” How will student achievement be measured?” And an auditing question about how the district is performing in comparison to the commitments made to the voters and the matrix used to document this.
   3. **Sauvie Island Local Option Levy** hearing will be held October 17, 2019 at the TSCC Office in the conference room at 3:00 p.m.
      * 1. The questions were discussed, revised, renumbered, deleted and some added. It was suggested that the questions lean towards the amount of money received in the past compared to what was anticipated and how it has been used to benefit the district. It was suggested to stay away from the capital purchases and concentrate on the operations of the district. This is an operational levy.
        2. Questions may include “What activities have been done or are planned to inform voters of the issues involved and why the local option levy is necessary? Does the district have measurable outcomes for the use of the funds from this local option levy? Would the district consider reducing the rate since the collection of taxes has surpassed expectations using the same rate as what is currently being levied.
5. Next TSCC meeting will be in November. Date, time and place to be determined.
6. Next hearing be held Tuesday, October 15 at 5:00 p.m. at PPS for their Local Option Tax Levy Hearing
7. Chair Barringer adjourned the meeting at 1:27 pm.

Attachments:

1. TSCC Budget Analysis FY19
2. [Tax Measure Hearing Reviews](http://www.tsccmultco.com/wp-content/uploads/Nov-2019-Tax-Measure-Hearing-Reviews.pdf)

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1. Hearing Questions reflecting Commissioner Review

Craig Gibons, Executive Director

**Approved by Commission at its November 26, 2019 meeting.**







