



TSCC Regular Business Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 17, 2022

11:30 a.m.

Chair Harmony Quiroz, Commissioners Ofsink, Norton, Wubbold, and were present, as were Executive Director Allegra Willhite and Budget Analyst Tunie Betschart, all via Zoom Meeting.

Absent: Commissioner Donahue

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Quiroz called the meeting to order at 11:30.

Metro Local Option Levy Questions for the Hearing

Executive Director Willhite reviewed the draft questions emailed to Commissioners using Google Docs so edits could be made before this meeting. She went through the questions making edits as suggested by the commissioners. During the process, they recommended deleting some, adding language about the community grants program to one, rearranging and renumbering some, adding wording such as “lessons learned” to one, and including “how is Metro measuring results” to another. They deleted a portion of one and simplified another. They suggested adding an informal follow-up question to one. When they were finished, they had nine questions to present to Metro before the hearing so they could prepare answers for the public hearing.

There was discussion about asking Metro to make remarks on the tax measure at the end of the question-and-answer period and suggesting the same type of discussion at the end of the PCC’s hearing. This final question would allow the district to share anything about the tax measure that had not been covered during the question-and-answer period of the hearing. The decision was to do this for the two remaining tax measure hearings for this November 2022 season.

A suggestion was made to change the budget hearing to request remarks at the end of the hearings instead of at the beginning. However, there were varying opinions on the pros and cons of changing the district representative’s remarks from the opening remarks at the beginning to the closing remarks at the end. One comment was that with the tax measures, the remarks at the end allow the district to say why the measure should be supported. With the budgets, the opening at the beginning allows the district to state its priorities for the upcoming budget and explain resources and expenditures before the questions and answers are given. This order would help the public understand the budget contents and should be presented before the discussions. The

tax measures are explained in the ballot, so voters have a description. At the end allows an explanation of why the measure should receive voter support. Commissioners will discuss changing the budget introductory remarks at a later meeting before the 2023 Budget Hearings. Executive Director Willhite will prepare the revised questions and send them to the district and commissioners. She will also prepare a welcome script to be used at the hearing.

Wrap-up & Other Business

Commissioner Norton Reports to the Commissioners on Arts Tax Committee Meeting

Commissioners Norton gave a very brief update on Arts Tax Oversight Committee's saying on the first read they took public testimony. Testimony was given, and the second read is on Wednesday, October 19. All signs are that it is a go.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.