



**TSCC Regular Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 1, 2021
12:05 p.m.**

Commissioners Barringer, Ofsink, Norton, Wubbold and Quiroz were present as were Executive Director Craig Gibons, Budget Analyst Tunie Betschart, and Incoming Executive Director Allegra Willhite via Google Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Barringer called the meeting to order at 12:05.

Minutes

There were no minutes to discuss as none had been sent to the Commissioners. However, they will be reviewed at a later date.

City of Portland

The first item on the agenda was to discuss the 2021-22 Budget Review for the City of Portland and the questions to ask at the upcoming hearing. Executive Director Gibons gave a brief overview of the City's budget and answered questions the commissioners had about the City's review, the City Council's role as the budget committee. He explained the priorities described in the budget. Following the discussion, they considered the questions that would be asked at the hearing. The Commissioners revised, eliminated, combined, rearranged, and reworded the prepared questions sent earlier and ended with 11 questions. Gibons will prepare and assign the revised questions. He will send them to the Commissioners and the District to prepare for the hearing on June 8, at 9:30 a.m.

Prosper Portland

Prosper Portland's budget was the next budget for review at this meeting. Executive Director Gibons gave a brief overview of the District's budget, answering the commissioner's questions about the closing of the seven URA's. He explained that the reason they are closing is that they have reached their maximum indebtedness. Therefore, seven fewer URA's will reduce their workload. In preparation for this, the District has been working on the financial stability plan and reducing FTE. Executive Director Gibons went on to explain the District has two new funds. One is the American Rescue Plan Fund, and the other is from development fees paid for the rent of commercial space for small business operators with disabilities. Following the review discussion, the commissioners considered the questions they would be asking at Prosper Portland's public hearing on the 2021-22 Budget. They changed the wording on some, sequence of others, deleted portions of some, added to others and added a couple of possible follow-up questions. When they were finished, they had nine questions to send to the District in preparation for discussion at the hearing on June 9, at 3:00 p.m. Executive Director Gibons will prepare the revised questions, send them to the commissioners and the District so everyone will be ready for the public hearing.



Lusted Water District

Executive Director Gibbons gave a brief overview of the Lusted Water district's budget. There was a conversation about the three years of audits that TSCC staff received on May 28. The District's application to the state for loans and grants was discussed. If audits are not kept current, this could jeopardize their ability to issue debt. When TSCC writes the Certification letter, a note should be made that completing these audits would help qualify them for state loans and grants. The vote to certify the budget will be taken at the next Regular Meeting of TSCC due to publication requirements.

Multnomah Rural Fire Protection District #10

Ms. Betschart gave a brief description of the activities of the Multnomah Fire protection district, stating they are active in an organization with the four cities in East County looking at the emergency response time in East County. They are very actively looking at the solutions to this problem. They do not provide fire protection services, but they own fire stations, a training center, and two fire engines. Following the overview of the District, there were no other questions or considerations on the budget. The vote to certify the budget will be taken at the next Regular Meeting of TSCC due to publication requirements.

Other Business

With the time left, the commissioners and staff asked the incoming Executive Director, Ms. Allegra Willhite, to comment or ask questions on the meeting process. She asked a few questions about how the questions were developed and had some comments on the procedure. She said she took lots of notes and use them as a reference in the future.

With no other business, Chair Barringer closed the Regular Meeting of the TSCC.

**Minutes Approved by Commission
At June 8, 2021 Meeting**