

Local Option Sales Tax Committee Meeting Minutes

4/29/14 Meeting

The April 29th meeting of the Local Option Sales Tax oversight was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Chair Jon Fitch. In attendance were committee members Dwight Hogan, John Sklarsky, Deb Washburn, Deb Callahan, and Phil Alexander. Ray Nevlin and Kevin Carlson were absent. Also in attendance was City Manager Lon Pluckhahn.

Committee members did introductions for the benefit of newer member Alexander. Mr. Pluckhahn noted that Raylin Nevlin had stepped down from the board, so there were two openings.

The first item of business was the election of officers. Nominations for chair included Dwight Hogan and Jon Fitch. With no other nomination, it was moved by Alexander and seconded by Hogan that nominations cease, all ayes. Ballots were cast for chair and Mr. Hogan was appointed chair. John Sklarsky was nominated for vice chair, and no other nominations were made (nominates closed Callahan/Alexander, all ayes). Callahan asked about terms of officers.

With officers in place, the committee reviewed the LOST resolution and discussed what procedures they would like in place to monitor expenditures. Current expenses were reviewed and the committee discussed income, as well as information to be added to future reports.

The committee then considered the proposed reallocation of funds from the 35th Street rebuild to other projects. It was proposed by staff to use \$600,000 of the \$775,000 available to extend Irish Drive from Tower Terrace Road to the south end of Lowe Park. The City Manager explained that for this project, the money would be paid back as development occurred and that would allow the funds to be used again to do more road projects in the future. The remaining \$175,000 was proposed to be used for intersection improvements at 35th Street and 29th Avenue.

Chair Hogan asked for a motion. Fitch moved, seconded by Washburn, to find that the proposed expenditures met the ballot language and recommend to council that \$600,000 be used for the extension of Irish Drive and \$175,000 for 29th Avenue/35th Street improvements. Motion passed with all in favor.

The committee also discussed future meeting dates. It was moved by Callahan, seconded by Alexander, to have meetings the third Wednesday of every other month at

5:30. Member Callahan left at 7:04. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 (Alexander/Sklarsky, all in favor).