

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2012 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Goedde and Councilmembers Cooney, Harper, Higgins, Isenhart, McCardle, Morehouse and Steele.

STAFF PRESENT: Attorney Galbraith, City Clerk/Administrative Assistant Allison-Liles, Parks & Recreation Director Sablan.

At 6:05 p.m. Mayor Goedde called to order this special City Council meeting to consider possible action related to funding payment of the Town Toyota Center bond issue debt.

County Commissioner Doug England presented the following proposal:

- The City of Wenatchee (the City) would first impose a .2% sales tax increase.
- The 9 jurisdictions in the Greater Wenatchee Public Facilities District (the PFD) would submit for public vote a proposal to increase the sales tax district-wide in an amount not to exceed .15%.
- If approved, the sales tax would expire one year after all the repayment obligations have been satisfied.
- If City and the PFD are unable to achieve an acceptable repayment package on or before 12/31/2013, the sales tax would expire.
- If the City imposes the .2% increase and the voters approve the district-wide increase, the other eight jurisdictions in the PFD shall have no obligation of any kind or nature to participate in resolution or retirement of the Bond Anticipation Note Series (BANS).
- The City will actively pursue responsible parties at the sole cost and expense of the City. Proceeds after legal expense recovery shall be returned to the PFD for retirement of the BANS.
- The sales tax credit (.033%) is intended for operating expenses to insure the Town Toyota Center remains open at no additional expense to the eight other jurisdictions in the PFD.
- After the current debt is retired, any jurisdiction may withdraw from the PFD upon 60 days notice.
- Any future debt or shortfall is the responsibility of the PFD and none of the eight jurisdictions.
- New PFD Board: Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Chelan, Cashmere, Douglas County, Chelan County, small cities.
- Upon passage, the City will continue advances toward operations until money can be collected.

Commissioner England acknowledged that the proposal was being presented with insufficient background information, but asked if Council, based on its considerations so far, would reject it or would be open to further discussions.

Discussion followed with Council asking questions and voicing various concerns.

At Galbraith's recommendation, Council adjourned to executive session at 7:20 p.m. Executive session was estimated to last fifteen minutes. At 7:40 the City Clerk informed the public that the executive session would continue for approximately ten additional minutes. Regular meeting reconvened at 7:57 p.m. following adjournment of the executive session.

Mayor Goedde stated that it was Council's consensus that there was insufficient information to make any decision, so it would not act either to accept or reject the proposal at this time. Steele said Council would give City of Wenatchee time to decide what it will do and to provide additional information before making a decision one way or the other.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested To:



Linda Allison-Liles, City Clerk



Robert R. Goedde, Mayor

Approved by City Council 2/23/2012