

**CLARKSTON TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT**  
**July 27, 2015**

**BOARD:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beadles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kolstad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blackmon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manchester	

**STAFF:**

Chief Hastings    Chief Cooper    Clerk Storey    City Attorney Richardson    PWD Martin

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:46 p.m. by Chair Blackmon.

**ROLL CALL:** The record reflects that all members were present.

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to approve minutes of July 13, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Resolution No. TBD 2015-01, Approving a Ballot Measure for the 2015 General Election, to Determine Whether to Impose a .2% Sales Tax Which Would Replace the \$20 Vehicle License Fee.**

MOTION BY BEADLES/WHITE to approve Resolution No. 2015-01.

Beadles commented that he is opposed to this tax. He feels the people who own the cars in the city use the streets and should pay for the maintenance of the streets and it is not right to tax visitors who just drive a few blocks on the City's streets to shop. He said he believe the sales tax is getting too high and that may push business away.

White said there are a lot of residents own cars that do not have Washington plates, so is the city going to enforce the licensing rules. She said if people are using our streets, they should share the cost.

Blackmon said he agrees that many vehicle owners do not properly register their vehicles and feels this is a more fair way to fund street repairs.

White said she doesn't think it would hurt to put this on the ballot and let the voters choose.

Beadles said voters won't know the license tab fee will go away if the tax passes. Clerk Storey pointed out the ballot language that states that if the sales tax is approved the \$20 license tab fee will be rescinded.

Blackmon said the voters will have a choice of sales tax or keeping the \$20 fee.

Nash said the car tab fee will not raise enough revenue to get any projects done.

Kolstad made a motion to table the resolution. He said it is poorly drafted. Kolstad said it has two completely different topics, the sales tax and the removal of the license tab fee. He quoted RCW 35A.12.130 which says no ordinance shall contain more than one subject. He said there should be

two separate documents. Clerk Storey explained that this is a resolution, not an ordinance. If the tax is passed by the voters, an ordinance will be required to rescind the \$20 license tab fee since it was adopted by ordinance. The language in the resolution is just telling people what the intent is. Kolstad said again that it is poorly written. White said the voters have a choice and if they approve the sales tax, they will eliminate the \$20 tab fee.

Provost asked where we are in the process. Blackmon said there was a motion to table and a motion & second to approve the resolution. There was no second to the motion to table.

Jill Ekberg, 1126 5<sup>th</sup> Street, applauded the council's efforts to impose the sales tax to maintain streets because the issue of cars not being properly registered has not been addressed. She wondered if there has been any effort of the board to educate the offices that issue the license tags. She said you can't tell who has paid the fee since there is no sticker for those who have. She commented that she believes that RV's and boats are exempt from the fee, but she has a small Class B van-camper that has been assessed the fee. She said her husband is also in favor of having this tax voted on. Ekberg said many people who live outside the city drive on city streets to get to work.

Motion carried, 4-3, Kolstad, Provost and Beadles opposed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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Vickie Storey, Board Clerk

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Kelly Blackmon, Board Chair