

DATE: June 16, 2016

THE SALT LAKE VALLEY LAW ENFORCEMENT BOARD MET ON THURSDAY, June 16, 2016 AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M. AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUILDING, 3365 SOUTH 900 WEST ROOM 115B, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:
CHAIRMAN JIM BRADLEY
TRUSTEE CARMEN FREEMAN
TRUSTEE MICHAEL JENSEN
TRUSTEE TRENT STAGGS

ALSO PRESENT:
JIM WINDER, SHERIFF
SCOTT JURGES, TREASURER
ANDREW KEDDINGTON, ADMINSTRATOR
KARL HENDRICKSON, LEGAL COUNSEL
SCOTT CARVER, UNDERSHERRIFF

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Chairman Bradley opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Item #1 – Public Comment:

Mayor Applegarth suggests to the board that the board not get caught up in the actual percentage of increase, but rather pay attention to the actual revenue generated, and how that can guarantee good service in the future.

Item #2 – Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Action Requested: Identify Conflicts, if any

Discussion:

Chairman Bradley asked if there were any conflicts of interest from Trustees regarding any of the items on the agenda. There were none.

Item #3 – Motion: SLVLESA Portion of the UPD 2016-2017 Budget

Action Requested: Adoption

Discussion:

Andrew Keddington states that with the new UPD budget which is 3.61% more than the previous year, 2.71 % was due to market adjustment, .67% was due to raised insurance costs, and 1.23% was due to 3 new officers being added.

Action: Councilman Staggs called for a vote to adopt the budget. All present voted Aye. Budget adopted.

Item #4: Public Hearing: 2016 Budget Amendment

Action Requested: Conduct Hearing

Discussion:

Action: Councilman Jensen called for a vote to open the public hearing. All present voted Aye. Public hearing opened.

Councilman Bradley asked if there was anyone, who wished to address the board in regards to the 2016 budget amendments. There was none.

Action: Councilman Jensen called for a vote to close the public hearing. All present voted Aye. Public hearing closed.

Item #5: Resolution: 2016 Budget Amendment and Tax Rate Adoption. Adopting an ad valorem tax rate of .001925 on the taxable property in the service area for fiscal year 2016.

Action Requested: Adopt

Action: Chairman Bradley called for a vote to adopt the 2016 Budget Amendment. All present voted Aye. Budget Amendment adopted.

Item #6: Resolution: 2017 Property Tax Increase and Subsequent Budget Years

Action Requested: Adopt

Discussion: Councilman Bradley states that he believes that the board should adopt a tax increase in the range of 11%. He suggests that the board should advertise an 11% increase as the board is able to adopt a lower percentage than that.

Mayor Freeman states that there is a stigma with double-digit tax increases and due to a new bond being introduced in Herriman, he suggests that a 9% increase would be more tolerable for Herriman citizens.

Councilman Jensen suggests that the board publishes an explanation, which explains the differences in the different ranges of a tax increases, and why the tax increase ranges are important.

Councilman Staggs asks the board about current officer allocations and states that from what he has heard from different municipalities, everyone is appropriately staffed and with this tax increase, there is not a need for the 5-10 officers that would be added. He suggests that the board passes the tax increase that is needed. He then stats that he does not see how the board can bind future board members to a 4% tax increase every year and that instead it should be looked at every year.

Councilman Bradley says that no matter the percent of tax increase, it still draws attention, and that is the job and duty of the municipalities' leadership to appropriately discuss and explain the tax increase to their constituents.

Mayor Freeman states that even with the three added officers, it is catching Herriman up from a past shortfall of officers and in the near future, there will be a greater demand of service, therefore needing more officers. He says that even though Herriman as a municipality is doing well in SLVLESA they are willing to be team players when it comes to this tax increase, and recommends a 9% tax increase.

Councilman Jensen suggests the board should take the 4% tax increase out of the resolution, as the discussion of inflation changes year to year with centrally assessed and its values and that every year they may not want to raise taxes.

Mayor Freeman expresses his concern that if the language is not clear that there should be inflationary increases, so that new growth can be used for new resources, if there is turn over on the board, it threatens SLVLESA's health as a whole. He then recommends that there should be a benchmark to be based on and the board's discretion.

Councilman Staggs responds and says that is impossible to set a benchmark, as every year it must be voted on, but instead leave general language that there should be some kind of increase to offset budgetary increases.

Councilman Bradley responds that the resolution can be written both ways, but recommends that if public safety is a top priority, then the long term solvency must be achieved through increases that cover inflation.

Councilman Jensen suggests that the board do legislative intent instead.

Karl Hendrickson states that in the resolution it can be worded so that the board is required at the same date every year to discuss and find a solution to raising the funds to matching the UPD inflationary costs.

Councilman Staggs stated that unless SLVLESA can tell exactly where the new officers are going, then he does not feel comfortable raising taxes 11%.

Mayor Freeman states that Herriman city is comfortable with the 9%, but uncomfortable going any higher.

Councilman Jensen says that he is willing to go to 11% for the purpose of the public hearing, then discuss with the public about why the 11% tax increase makes sense.

Councilman Bradley asks SLVLESA staff if there is a sufficient difference in resources between the 9% and 11% plan and if they could go into detail.

Andrew Keddington responds that with the 11% model, it allows the district to take a more proactive policing approach in the communities, rather than a more reactive model of staffing, where you are staffing when you're already behind.

Scott Carver reminds the board that 5 officers equates to only one 24/7 car in the entire SLVLESA district, which isn't a large impact. He agrees with Andrew Keddington in the idea that with the district

growing, the district always cannot staff the catch up, but rather needs to get ahead of the problem at hand.

Mayor Freeman pleads with the board; to come together as an entire district, agree to a tax rate, which will lead to a great partnership in the district.

Councilman Bradley states that the idea of leaving the ceiling high and going to the discussion with the public, and at this discussion, showing the public the benefits of each scenario would lead to great honest discussion.

Councilman Staggs says that he is comfortable to post 11% tax increase, but would not be willing to support the 11% increase when the time comes for the adoption.

Councilman Bradley asks to amend the current motion, in which Mayor Freeman suggests a tax rate 9.5%, and Councilman Bradley agrees.

Mayor Freeman requests a motion to set the tax increase ceiling to 9%. Seconded by Councilman Staggs.

Previous motion was amended. Sets the tax increase ceiling to 9.5%. All present voted Aye. Motion to set tax increase to ceiling to 9.5% adopted.

Councilman Jensen requests a motion to include a tax explanation ad with the truth in taxation ad. Councilman Staggs seconds. All present vote Aye. Motion to include tax explanation ad with the truth in taxation ad adopted.

Action:

SLVLESA #7: Other Business – Next Meeting August 18, 2016

Discussion:

Councilman Staggs recommends that there should be an agenda item for the August meeting that discusses the changes to board composition in the upcoming year. He expresses a concern for too many total board members in the upcoming year.

Councilman Jensen states that there are many other boards with many more members, and many different problems, that have no issues with solving the issues at hand.

Mr. Staggs moved to adjourn meeting; All voted aye.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

By Jim Badley
CHAIR, SALT LAKE VALLEY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AREA

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CLERK

BOARD APPROVED: 8-18-2016