



AUGUST 5, 2019
City of Port Angeles Council Special Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers, 321 East 5th Street

The Mayor may determine the order of business for a particular City Council meeting. The agenda should be arranged to best serve the needs and/or convenience of the Council and the public. The Mayor will determine time of break. Hearing devices are available for those needing assistance.

A. Call to Order – Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

C. Public Comment

The City Council desires to allow the opportunity for Public Comment. However, the business of the City must proceed in an orderly, timely manner. At its most restrictive, Public Comment shall be limited to a total of 15 minutes for the Public Comment period. Individuals may speak for three minutes or less, depending on the number of people wishing to speak. If more than 20 people are signed up to speak, each speaker may be allocated two minutes (Council Rules of Procedure Section 12).

D. Appoint committees to prepare arguments advocating approval and disapproval of ballot proposition to enact a tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.530.

E. Adjournment



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Date: August 5, 2019
To: City Council
From: Nathan West, *City Manager*
William E. Bloor, *City Attorney*
Subject: Appoint committees to prepare arguments advocating approval and disapproval of ballot proposition to enact a tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.530.

Summary: On July 16, 2019, City Council approved a resolution to place on the ballot a proposition to enact a tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.530. Now that a ballot proposition has been formally adopted, state law requires Council to appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' approval of the measure and a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the measure. The arguments will be included in the local voters' pamphlet.

Funding: N/A

Recommendation: By motion, 1) appoint not more than three people to act as a committee to prepare arguments advocating approval of the City's ballot proposition to enact a tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.530; and 2) appoint not more than three people to act as a committee to prepare arguments advocating disapproval of the City's ballot proposition to enact a tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.530.

Background / Analysis:

The sole agenda item for this special meeting is to appoint two committees who will prepare arguments advocating for voters' approval and for voters' disapproval of the City's ballot proposition to enact a tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.530. Each committee is to consist of no more than three people. However, each committee may seek advice from any other person or persons. State law places on the City Council the initial obligation appoint these. The statements written by the committees will be included in the local Voters' Pamphlet.

To solicit members for these committees, the City published in the local newspaper and on the City's web site an advertisement calling for volunteers. Interested people were requested to submit their names to the city clerk by August 1. Then a special City Council meeting was set for on August 5 to approve the committees. That date was set because the required committee appointments and the other documents for the tax proposition must be submitted to the county by the end of the business day on August 6.

For your additional information, a copy of the explanatory statement written for the ballot proposition is attached to this memo. Under state law, the explanatory statement is written by the

City Attorney, but the County has final editorial authority over the language. It, too, will be submitted to the county, along with the other documents, on August 6.

Funding Overview: N/A

Attachments: Explanatory Statement
Summary
Applications

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This proposition will increase the sales tax within the City of Port Angeles by 0.10%. The additional revenue from this sales tax increase will be used only for affordable housing and providing housing-related services within the City as provided in RCW 82.14.530. More specifically, the additional sales tax revenue will be used for: constructing affordable housing and facilities providing housing-related services; or funding the operations and maintenance costs of new units of affordable housing and facilities where housing-related programs are provided. Such affordable housing and facilities will be provided to persons whose income is at or below sixty percent of the median income of Clallam county and who are: persons with mental illness; veterans; senior citizens; families with children who are homeless, or at-risk of being homeless,; unaccompanied homeless youth or young adults; persons with disabilities; or domestic violence survivors.

Passage of this proposition will make the City eligible to claim additional revenue from the State. The additional revenue is a credit, not an additional tax, that is transferred to the City from the State's portion of sales tax. It is equal to 0.0146% of sales taxes paid within the City.

Summary

Five letters of interest were received by the deadline.

- 1) Advocating disapproval of ballot proposition to enact a tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.530.
 - a. Andrea Williams

- 2.) Advocating approval of ballot proposition to enact a tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.530.
 - a. Emily Dexter
 - b. Bobby Dunlap
 - c. Mike French
 - d. Amy Miller

It should be noted that Council's appointment of committee members in no way indicates its support for any position, but rather the body's desire to ensure a fair voter process.

Kari Martinez-Bailey

From: Andrea Williams <drandreawilliams@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 7:22 PM
To: Kari Martinez-Bailey
Subject: Letter of Interest for Writing a Ballot Proposition

*****EXTERNAL EMAIL*****

Good morning:

1. Name: Andrea M Williams
2. Address: 566 Dan Kelly Road, Port Angeles, WA, 98363-9682
3. Phone number: 530-945-9234
4. Email address: drandreawilliams@aol.com
5. Committee Preference: Opposition
6. My qualifications: I am a retired college professor who specialized in several business subjects. One of them was Business Communications. I know how to write clearly yet concisely. I did extensive research in earning a PhD, and am willing to research this proposition. Throughout my own education, I wrote a multitude of papers, including a 444-page dissertation. As a professor I read and critiqued thousands of student papers. I am a critical thinker who keeps her analytical brain turned on in the face of others who allow their emotions to rule.
7. My reason to wanting to be on the committee: Thirty years ago my mother told me that I was community minded. At that time I didn't understand. Yet during the intervening three decades, I learned that she was right. I have always volunteered for numerous organizations. Currently I am a volunteer for hospice, a Master Gardener Intern, and the Rear Commodore of the Sequim Bay Yacht Club. I see this as an opportunity to reach the public on this rather vital issue.

Kari Martinez-Bailey

From: Emily <emily@thedexterfamily.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 4:33 PM
To: Kari Martinez-Bailey
Subject: Application to be on committee to develop FOR Statement

*****EXTERNAL EMAIL*****

Emily Dexter

135 W. Forrest Ave, Port Angeles, WA 98362

360.900.6445

emily@thedexterfamily.com

- Committee preference; FOR
- Qualifications to write the statement; I am the Executive Director of the Port Angeles Food Bank and I work regularly with people who are experiencing housing insecurity
- Reason you wish to be on the committee. I believe I have an inside view into several demographics where house insecurity is an everyday challenge.

AUGUST 1, 2019

TO: City of Port Angeles

FROM: Bob Dunlap

RE: Committee in Support of 0.1% sales tax for Affordable Housing

I am submitting my name to be part of the committee to write supporting material for the proposed 0.1% sales tax levy to support increasing affordable housing and to serve as matching funds for obtaining other support for such projects.

NAME: Bobby D. Dunlap

HOME ADDRESS: 624 Billy Smith Road, PA 98362

PHONE NUMBER: 360-452-2537

EMAIL ADDRESS: bcdunlap@olympen.com

COMMITTEE PREFERENCE: In favor of the tax levy

QUALIFICATIONS:

President, Serenity House of Clallam County Board of Directors

Treasurer, Clallam County Homeless Outreach, Project Homeless Connect

Previously member of Homelessness Task force for five years and Chairman for two of those

Director, MANNA

REASON TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE:

We are reaching a homeless crisis in Clallam County. Shelters are seeing record numbers of people coming in. Rents are ever increasing, leading to people having to leave their homes or apartments. The economics in Clallam County are still not recovering at the rate of other parts of the country. This is likely to continue into the near future with the problem becoming worse. In addition to the homeless, the "working poor" are also under great pressure to stay above water.

The local housing inventory is not good across the entire range of prices, and for low income it is really not good. When it becomes financially possible for a person to move out of homelessness into permanent housing, there can be difficulty finding a place that is affordable. This also will continue to get worse unless something different happens.

The approach of a sales tax levy has been found to work in several other Washington cities, and it seems like a good approach for Port Angeles. I am interested in helping to craft the argument in support of this move.

Kari Martinez-Bailey

From: Mike French
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 4:05 PM
To: Kari Martinez-Bailey
Subject: Re: Special City Council Meeting-Committee Appointments

Hi Kari,

I am interested in serving on a committee to prepare statements for the Voter's Guide.

- 1) Mike French
- 2) 710 Estes Court, PA 98363
- 3) (360) 461-6171
- 4) mfrench768@yahoo.com
- 5) Prefer the Pro Committee
- 6) Qualifications - local business owner, born and raised in Port Angeles, lived in a variety of housing types in the Port Angeles area throughout my life and understand the issues surrounding housing well.
- 7) Reason for wanting to be on the committee - I want to be part of the solution - a lack of affordable housing is a drag on our local economy and prevents Port Angeles from growing into a vibrant and sustainable tourism destination.

From: Kari Martinez-Bailey <Kmbailey@cityofpa.us>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 10:48 AM
To: City Council <Council@cityofpa.us>
Subject: Special City Council Meeting-Committee Appointments
When: Monday, August 5, 2019 5:30 PM-6:00 PM.
Where: Council Chambers

Dear Council Member,

At your meeting on July 16, you approved a resolution requesting the Clallam County Auditor include a ballot proposition on the November 5, 2019 Municipal General Election Ballot. As a part of that request, the State law authorizes the City Council to formally appoint committees to prepare statements to be included in the Voters' Pamphlet advocating voters' approval of the measures, and advocating rejection of the measures. Each committee can have up to three members.

In order to allow the public as much time as possible to participate we need to act quickly. We will be advertising for those interested in serving on a committee, to provide information to the City Clerk expressing their interest in participating. This meeting will offer the opportunity for Council to review applicants for the committees and make their recommendations during an open public meeting. Once Council has made their recommendations, staff will submit the names to the County on Tuesday, August 6th. The committees have until August 16th to submit their statements.

Applications to be considered must be received **by 5 pm on August 1, 2019**. We will ask that all those interested in serving on a committee, provide the following information to the City Clerk via email (kmbailey@cityofpa.us) or by mailing or delivering a letter of interest to City Hall (321 E. Fifth Street):

- First and last name;
- Home address;

- Phone number;
- Email address;
- Committee preference;
- Qualifications to write the statement; and
- Reason you wish to be on the committee.

Kari Martinez-Bailey

From: Amy Miller <amiller0831@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 1:53 PM
To: Kari Martinez-Bailey
Subject: committee application

*****EXTERNAL EMAIL*****

- First and last name; Amy Miller
- Home address; 1507 E. Lauridsen Blvd
- Phone number; 518-225-9630
- Email address; Amiller0831@gmail.com
- Committee preference; committee to prepare statements to be included in the Voters' Pamphlet advocating voters' approval of the measures.
- Qualifications to write the statement; I live in the city of Port Angeles, I work in the city of Port Angeles, I work with both clients and colleagues who currently could benefit from affordable housing and believe I could provide a unique perspective to the need. I have a masters degree in social work and am heavily involved in the community.
- Reason you wish to be on the committee. I want to be better educated on the subject as well as the process. I believe residents need to be as well. We can't be asked to vote on an issue without fair and accurate information.