



City of Tigard

Tigard Levy and Bond Advisory Task Force Meeting #2 Summary

MEETING DATE/TIME: Thursday, August 17, 2017; 6-8 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Town Hall Room (Council Chambers), City Hall
13125 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard OR 97223

Attendees

Task Force

Angela Anastasakis
Jeff Croke
Mitch Friedman
Melody Graeber
Chris Middaugh
Alan Miles
Cathy Olson
Kate Rogers
Clifford Rone
Erin Scheller
Carl Switzer
Robert Van Vlack
Jamie Watson

Council and Staff

Councilor Anderson
Eric Zimmerman
Kim McMillan
Kent Wyatt
Jared Isaksen
Nic Westendorf

Consultant Support

Libby Barg
Casey Hagerman

Selection of Task Force Chairs

The Task Force voted unanimously to approve Darlene Dick and Melody Graeber and co-Chairs for the Task Force.

Meeting # 1 Recap: Task Force Questions & Comments

- Doesn't bringing more people to Tigard bring more money?
- Tigard is trying to develop more industrial property.
- Is there property going to residential development that should go to industrial?
- What is the difference between assessed and real property value?
- Any reduction in services can't be punitive.
- Can't we reduce things like road maintenance? Not the things we want like the library and police?
- Could we replace the fleet less often? That would be a cost savings.
- Don't cut kid stuff.
- In general, cutting yourself to prosperity doesn't work.

- Who trusts government? How do I know that money is being spent correctly? Where is all the money going?
- Trust is a big issue. There was a temporary road fee that was made permanent when gas tax vote failed.
- Need to look long-term. We will be back here in another 5 years. The only way to fix this is to fix the property tax issues.
- City of Tigard’s budget is online. All the information is there. I have been on the Budget Committee for 6 years. There is a tremendous amount of thought that has gone into it. It is right there for everyone to see.
- The budget process was an eye opener for me. It is very carefully done. I was impressed.
- I like the “Budget & Brews”. Great way to have citizens involved.
- Need to tell people where the money would go. Build a new recreation center and new programs. That would have great value to voters.
- Extra money could be used for deferred maintenance. One area alone could use \$3M for projects that were not done. The needs of just physical infrastructure could use up all the extra revenue.
- What happens if we hit another recession in the next five years?

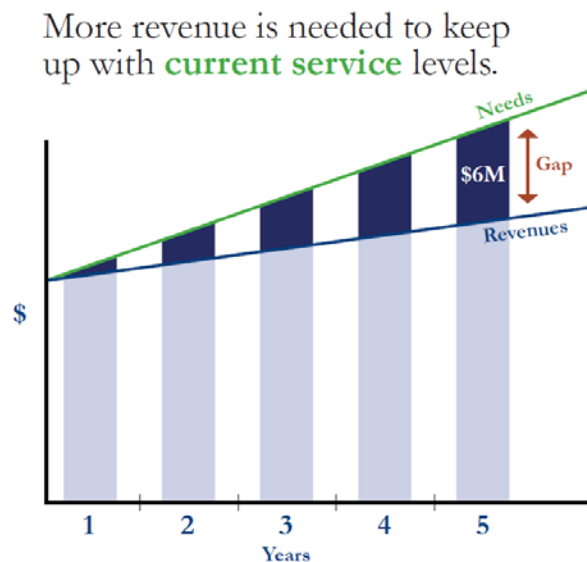
Task Force Discussion: What are the benefits and drawbacks of the scenarios? Tigard Services and Funding Scenarios

The Task Force was presented information about the service and funding issues looking ahead five years. Three scenarios were presented for discussion (see handout *Tigard Services and Funding Scenarios*):

1. **Get Worse** (no additional resources)
2. **Continue to Provide Good Service** (requires new resources)
3. **Get Better** (requires new resources)

Although Task Force members could articulate a few benefits of Scenario #1 *Get Worse* (keep cost of building homes lower for affordable housing, no additional costs for current homeowners) they considered drawbacks as more serious (doesn’t meet the community needs, causes backlog in maintenance, keeps the library from providing services, etc.).

The Task Force unanimously favored Scenario #2 *Continue to Provide Good Service* and Scenario #3 *Get Better*. Discussion focused on how the issues could best be explained to



the community and how solutions could be supported:

- People need to know we have a need.
- There should not be a reduction in police force.
- Scenario #3 is good because it fixes the problem.
- We could mesh Scenario #2 and #3. Give the City a cost of living increase, plus an increase for police.
- There is a need for more police to respond to traffic issues.
- What are the taxpayers getting for their money? How does the increase benefit them? Other City fees and service charges have been going up. If I only have another dollar to give, where would I want it to go?
- If we vote for an increase, then just keep asking for more—that is not good. Scenario #3 is better.

Task Force Discussion: What values should guide decisions about service and funding options?

- ✓ Affordability
- ✓ Public Safety
- ✓ Improve Diversity
- ✓ Infrastructure
- ✓ Livability (parks, art, recreation, library)
- ✓ Jobs
- ✓ Reinvestment
- ✓ Education – community engagement and communications
- ✓ Balanced and targeted
- ✓ Sustainable
- ✓ Access to Services
- ✓ Essential Services
- ✓ Tangible