



City of Longview

Cowlitz Transit Authority
Agenda
RiverCities Transit

Minutes

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Wednesday, March 9, 2016

4:00 PM

Longview Council Chambers

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jensen at approximately 4:00 pm in the Longview Council Chambers.

2. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mary Jane Melink, Rick Roberson, Dennis Weber, Larry Alexander and Don Jensen

Altern Abs: 2 - Chet Makinster and Jim Hill

Staff Present

Brad Windler, City of Longview
Tabitha Hayden, City of Longview

Other Present

Judith Dovovan, CWCOCG
Scott Povder, CWCOCG

3. Constituent Comments

None.

4. Consideration of Minutes

On a motion from Weber, seconded by Roberson, the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 9, 2016, were unanimously approved.

5. Consent Calendar

On a motion from Melink, seconded by Roberson, the items on the consent calendar were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

2016 Annual Fixed Route Ridership

2016 February Fixed Route Ridership

2016 February Paratransit Ridership

January 2016 County Treasurer's Report

January 2016 Fund Balance Report

6. Consideration of Invoices

On a motion from Roberson, seconded by Weber, all invoices were approved for payment. The motion carried unanimously.

Invoice - City of Kelso - \$551.96

Invoice - City of Longview - \$300,207.08

Invoice - Columbia Security - \$520.00

Invoice - TCF Architecture - \$2,842.00

7. Vanpool Update

The Vanpool update was postponed to the April 13, 2016 Cowlitz Transit Authority meeting.

8. Staff Report

Sales tax for February is up 2.4% over the previous year.
February 2016 ridership was up 440 rides over February 2015.
STIC Funding - RiverCities was awarded STIC funding for the first time based upon our 2014 ridership data. This funding is awarded to small transit agencies that perform above the statistical average in 6 categories. RiverCities was awarded funding in the amount of \$189,432 for revenue hours per Capita. It is 5307 federal funding. Vanpool should help us qualify for additional STIC funding. Jensen asked about the appropriation. Windler responded that STIC stands for small transit intensive cities meaning small systems with high ridership. The funds will go into the general fund / operating. Roberson asked about stipulations. Windler stated that it does require a local match; however, with operations we already have the funds in place.

Melink asked on behalf of the Longview City Council about the ability to use transit to get persons home from events or on days such as Super Bowl Sunday. Windler said he would take the request to Asher.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:14 p.m.

Tabitha Hayden, Clerk of the Authority

Don Jensen, Chairman