

Revenue Task Force Meeting Minutes

Location	Salem City Council Chambers		
Date	March 18, 2024		
Time	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm		
Revenue Task Force Member Attendees	Becky Beaman Russ Beaton Scott Cantonwine Katie Ciancetta Beth Vargas Duncan Matthew Hale Levi Herrera-Lopez Stephen Jenkins	Kathy Knock Ariel Loveall Lee McKenzie Raquel Moore-Green Sean Nikas Keith Norris Jean Palmateer Ray Quisenberry	Nate Rafn (alt) David Reinholdt Bill Riecke Gretchen Schlie (alt) Bill Smaldone Cathy vanEckevort

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Meeting Minutes from February 22 Meeting
- Public Comment
- Share information: Task Force Survey Results
- Share information: Focus Group Summary
- Vote on Decision-Making Framework
- Discuss Revenue Options
- Adjourn

Decision Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Sean Nikas called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call

Chair Sean Nikas performed a verbal roll call of Task Force members.

Public Comment

Jim Schepcke shared public comment related to library services.

Approval of Minutes

The Task Force members unanimously move to amend the minutes from the February 22, 2024, Task Force meeting to add Katie Ciancetta as an attendee.

June 6th Meeting Decision

Task Force members unanimously voted to reschedule the June Task Force meeting to Tuesday, June 4.

Revenue Task Force Focus Group Survey Results: Decision-Making Criteria

Information from the Revenue Task Force survey is presented on decision-making criteria

Decision-Making Framework

Task Force Members unanimously agree to remove “Use in Peer Cities” from the evaluation criteria and approve a decision-making framework with the following criteria:

1. Sustainability
2. Equity
3. Estimated revenue potential
4. Impact on local economy
5. Impact on environment
6. Legal viability
7. Impact timeline
8. Level of administrative effort

Low-Interest Options

Task Force members unanimously vote to eliminate all low-interest revenue options (scoring 1.2-1.5) from further consideration which includes:

- Tolls on Marion Street or Center Street Bridges
- Payroll Tax (Employee-Paid)
- Solid Waste Collection Fee
- Street Lighting District
- Bicycle Registration Fee
- First Responder Fee
- Rental Housing Fee
- Sweetened Beverages Distributor Tax

High-Interest Options

Task Force members unanimously vote to move the following revenue options into a separate legislative packet:

- Local Marijuana Tax Increase
- Payments in lieu of taxes from county and federal buildings
- Payment in lieu of taxes from the state government

Task Force members unanimously vote to keep all other high-interest revenue options within a high-interest designation for further review:

- Business License Fees
- A1 Annex developed areas within the Urban Growth Boundary
- Local Option Property Tax Levy
- Corporate Income Tax
- Intergovernmental agreements and entities outlined in ORS 190

Moderate Interest Options

Task Force members unanimously vote to eliminate Land Value Tax from consideration.

Task Force members vote to move personal income tax to the high interest list. There are five abstentions. The rest of the Task Force members vote Aye.

Task Force members vote to move property tax on vehicles to the high interest list:

- Ayes: 9

- Nays: 8
- Abstentions: 4

Adjourn

Chair Sean Nikas adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Action Items

Moss Adams

- Moss Adams to provide demographic information on focus groups
- Moss Adams to provide additional information on selected revenue options
- City of Salem to send updated invitation for the June 4th Task Force meeting
- Printouts of the agenda and presentation will be provided to members in future meetings

Meeting Materials

- Revenue Task Force Meeting 3 Presentation

Group Norms

- Stay focused on the purpose of the task force.
- Treat others as you would like to be treated.
- Be gracious, understanding, and curious.
- Help one another develop ideas.
- Provide opportunities for all opinions.
- Be open to other's ideas.
- Ask questions.
- Act neighborly.
- Assume positive intent.
- Behave professionally and formally.
- Recall that we are in a public forum and should set the standards for behavior.
- Be respectful. Listen actively, and avoid interrupting, swearing, or side conversations.
- Separate the person from the idea.

Upcoming Revenue Task Force Activities

- Council Status Update on the Revenue Task Force - March 25
- Community Survey – April 2-8
- Town Hall Meetings (open to all members of the public)
 - April 10, in-person at Baxter Hill Community Hall
 - April 16, virtually via Zoom
 - April 23, in-person at Center 50+
- Revenue Task Force Meeting 4 – April 25 at 6:30pm at Salem City Council Chambers