LICENSE TAX REVIEW COMMITTEE ACTION LETTER CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:00 p.m.

Present -

CM Seif
Dena Mezger
Michael Park
George Binger
Christal Weber
Darlene Pickett
Mike Weisenborn
Dena Mezger
Chairman Mosby
Karl Blumenhorst
Cynda Rader
Glen Jones

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Mosby called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

3. **BUSINESS**

George Binger, Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer, presented the Fiscal Year 2016 License Tax update report on the fund balance. License Tax for development that generates new traffic was adopted by voters in 2007, was amended in 2015-16. This tax was paid for by Development Activity. Tax is for streets and related improvements. The license tax must be reviewed annually. Compared to other cities, the fee we charge is on the low to medium end. This is a report of residential building permits, 509 permits were issued for 2016. Everything beyond that is projections were based on city's master plan. Forecasting 650 permits for next year, based upon undeveloped land for next year. City staff is requesting discussion and guidance from the Committee. Mr. Binger has asked to move this meeting to the fall.

Mr. Binger next presented a revenue report, in 2016 we had about \$590,000. Last year there was a 5% increase on non-residential permits. For 2018, if we stay at the current rate, the forecast is \$899,000 in revenue. If we increase the fees, we could see an increase in \$5,000-\$35,000 for one year.

The Fund balance report was presented, Darlene Pickett, showing a current balance of \$2.069 million for project work. The CIP sales tax has an expiration date. The excise tax is a permanent tax, so long as development continues. If we look out five years, 2022, we'd have \$6 million in the fund if we don't spend any money. The next slide was showing excise tax projects that have been completed.

Staff recommendations for 2017 were discussed next, projects eligible for license tax funding should be limited to project identified in the City's Thoroughfare Master Plan. Several potential projects for consideration were discussed. One was SE Browning Street,

Oldham Parkway to Hamblen Road with an estimated cost of \$600,000. A second potential project is US50 South outer road between Todd George and Blackwell. Michael Park, City Traffic Engineer, says this has an estimated cost of \$1.5 million. More discussion ensued about these projects for consideration, including Ward Road project.

Mr. Binger discussed Main Street section of unimproved road, and the long term plan up to Unity Village. Also Colbern Road project was discussed.

Mr. Binger asked to have meeting again in the fall, so we can have funding data from 2017. Discussion resumed about having a full project list with budget in the fall.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Binger will send out the report for review.

5. **NEXT MEETING**:

6. ADJOURN:

Chairman Mosby adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.