

Item 24-0585: Resolution #5-R-24 Increasing the Wheel Tax

Finance Committee

Mon, May 06, 2024, 5:30PM

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 14:35

Okay, moving on to—the last action item is the resolution. It's listed as 24-0585 Resolution 5-R-24 increasing the wheel tax.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 14:48

Move to hold.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 14:49

Yeah, yes. Second.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 14:51

Okay. Move to hold. Is that because Alder Firkus is not present?

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 14:54

Correct. Only one of the authors is here.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 14:56

Correct.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 14:57

Okay. And I would like to give—if he wants to, I would like to give one of the authors that's present, Alder Wolff, a chance to comment on the resolution. Otherwise, we can just have that discussion at a future meeting.

Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 15:10

He indicated that he's fine with having that discussion at a further meeting.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 15:14

Okay. All right. If there's no other discussion.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 15:18

So, I'd like to clarify, my motion is a move to hold till the next Finance Committee meeting.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 15:24

Okay, and can we get that date just for the record?

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 15:30

Correct. May 20.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 15:32

I know legal services like likes us to clarify the—

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 15:35

Yes. Attorney Abshire was saying—

Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 15:38

Legal Services thanks you.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 15:40

Okay. All right. So, the motion is to hold until the next Finance Committee meeting, which will be May 20.

Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 15:46

And we do have—Alder Van Zeeland is raising her hand.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 15:50

Okay, Alder Van Zeeland, go ahead.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 15:52

Thank you chair up. Before we vote on the hold, which I am in agreement with, I just wanted to possibly throw out some information that some of my constituents have asked for so when we come back, we have this information. Would that be okay?

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 16:07

Yes, that's a good idea. I have a couple of things that I'm going to add as well.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 16:11

Okay, great. Um, my constituents are concerned about this. So, the kind of information I'd be looking for would be what we think the amount—with the increase what we would bring in with that amount, and what projects we would be able to fund using that within either, I guess, this this budget year or as a capital expense? I'm not sure what the funding is for, but um, those are my main questions right now. Thank you.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 16:43

Okay, good questions. I'm getting some of those same questions. I also got a question about what else is the city doing to look at ways to either find revenue to do more projects or, you know, possibly cut expenses or looking at other areas? And then the second part was, I would like (and I haven't heard this from anyone) but I'm curious as to what we can and cannot do as it relates to the wheel tax from a state statute language. I know there's—you know, it's the program, right? So, we can't vary from some parameters of the program. I'm just recalling some discussions from the past about this, you know, where we can't change which vehicles are assessed the wheel tax. I just like to get some clarification on the program details. Okay, are there any other questions? Alders Doran or Wolff, would you like to ask for any information at this point?

Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 17:53

And, chair, I don't think you can see, but Alder Meltzer's also present. So, I just want the record to reflect that he too is in the room, but it doesn't look like I'm seeing any hands from anybody else.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 18:04

Okay, great. Thank you. I didn't my phone screen is really small. I didn't notice. Alder Meltzer, do you have any input or any questions or any information requests?

Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 18:18

Everybody seems to be shaking their head no.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 18:20

Okay. Well, we'll look forward some to some future discussion on this item. And so, on the motion to hold we have a motion in a second. All those in favor of holding until the May 20 meeting signify by saying aye. Aye. All opposed? No opposition. So, it's 4 - 0 to hold until the next Finance Committee meeting.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 18:41

All right. That takes us to the end of the agenda, move to adjourn. Second. Motion a second, adjourn. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Aye. All opposed? Zero. We are adjourned.