

Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee Public Hearing

December 7, 2017
Cienega Valley High School
6-7 PM

Summary

Attendees

Aaron Brown

J.J. Lamb

Ed Buster

Two additional attendees (did not record names)

Pima County staff

City of Tucson staff

Committee members

The hearing began at 6:10 p.m. with an introductory presentation by Chairman Wendell Long. Since there were only five attendees, the remainder of the hearing was conversational, included comments, questions and answers, and involved the members of the public, committee members, and county staff.

Main themes from speakers

Fix the roads and come up with a way to make sure that the County cannot spend the funding on anything else.

First speaker:

- Is there a way to make sure the sales tax revenues would absolutely go towards road repair?
- Concerned that money would be used for other purposes
- Supportive of the sales tax if it actually went to road repair
- Road conditions are a disincentive to business attraction

Second speaker:

- Utility bill lists a County sales tax

Aaron Brown (also submitted attached comment card):

- Liked the idea of an ordinance that would provide assurances on how funding would be spent
- Supportive of community bonds to build schools, the City of Tucson's recent half-cent sales tax
- Supports County half-cent sales tax for road repair, for a temporary time period, with possibility for continuation if supported by an audit.
- Roads are important because they tie in to everything
- County is responsible for public safety and infrastructure so this proposal makes sense.

Ed Buster:

- Is there a backup plan if this fails?
- Are entities like Raytheon, University of Arizona and City of Tucson supportive?
- Yes, support this proposal – Just fix the roads now!
- RTA and County should work together – good to have watchdogs
- Are there new and progressive ways of building roads that the County is seriously considering?

Hearing ended at 7:10 p.m.

Comment cards attached.

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Comment: _____

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Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: Property Tax is Deductible on Federal returns.

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: 5-year trial to reauthorize

For additional information or to provide comments electronically please visit www.pima.gov/salestax or County Administrator's Office at (520) 724-8661.

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