

CITY OF SHELTON

SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
November 14, 2005

Roll Call

Chairman Ron Pavlucik - present
Vice-Chairman Ann Walsh - present
Gary DeFilippo - present
Steve Morse - present
Carol Savignano - absent

Also present: Deborah Onderko, Tax Collector

The second meeting of the re-appointed committee (seventh overall) was called to order 5:32 pm in City Hall Room 104.

The minutes from the November 9, 2005 were reviewed and approved with the following two changes:

- In sixth paragraph delete "along with minority comments".
- Under "**Costs**" delete "\$190,000/Yr "cost".

These approved minutes outline the City of Shelton's Senior Tax Relief Committee recommendation and will form the basis of the Final Report to the Finance Committee.

Town Credit Draft Summary Report:

The single page summary outlining the Senior Tax Relief Committee's activity is the basis for the Final Report. The Committee agreed to revise paragraph 6 as follows: delete second sentence and add the following "The Tax Credit Program is preferred because it has the potential of benefiting a greater number of Senior Citizens".

Draft City of Shelton-Senior and Disabled Citizens Local Tax Relief Program:

A single page summary of the Tax Credit Program, as developed by the Committee, in the form of an information sheet was reviewed and discussed. The Committee agreed to revise item 5 to read as follows: "The applicant must have resided in Shelton for at least nine months of the previous year. (Yr 2005).

Draft Ordinance:

A draft City of Shelton Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled dated 11/14/05 Ordinance was provided to the Committee members for review and comment at the next meeting.

Grandfather Clause:

The Committee agreed and decided that the proposed new tax relief program would not automatically offer a benefit to residents who were approved for the program in early 2005. Everyone must apply and qualify for 2006.

Administrative Impact:

Deborah Onderko conveyed comments from Tax Assessor Gloria Kovac, that their computer programs and data entry process and application forms may require modifications to accommodate the changed elements and parameters of the proposed Tax Credit Program. The two tier benefit amount in the new program will require additional effort on their part to administer. The Committee decided to take no action on this feedback.

Program Costs:

In accordance with the State Statute, The Committee Report is required to include a cost for the proposed new program. Steve Morse accepted the task to develop rationale for an estimated cost of the new program, to be presented at the next meeting.

The agenda for the next meeting will be to continue the final review of the three-part report to the Finance Committee: 1) Committee Activity Report, 2) The Tax Relief Program Information Sheet, and 3) The Draft Ordinance.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2005 in Room 104 at City Hall at 5:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

These minutes were prepared by Steve Morse
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