

CITY OF SHELTON

SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
November 21, 2005

Roll Call

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

Also present: Deborah Onderko, Tax Collector
Gloria Kovac, Tax Assessor

The third meeting of the re-appointed committee (eighth overall) was called to order 5:35 pm in City Hall Room 104.

The minutes from the November 14, 2005 were reviewed and approved.

Town Credit Draft Summary Report Discussion:

The single page summary outlining the Senior Tax Relief Committee's activity is the basis for the Final Report. The Committee reviewed additional suggested changes, and implemented several.

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

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. Ann Walsh provided a mark up of the original program information sheet. The Committee along with assistance from Deborah Onderko and Gloria Kovac determined the verbiage "Disabled" could be removed from the city program since it has reference to the state program. Also, it is the intent of the meeting participants that the new two tier amounts and revised income levels be applied to existing program applicants on the biennial cycle but the new program eligibility guidelines be applied to any new applicant or those scheduled for renewal. The program effective dates and new program guidelines can be found in the draft ordinance.

Draft Ordinance:

Ann Walsh provided a marked up version of a draft ordinance. The Committee members discussed at length methods to allow the bi annual application process to continue. Steve Morse offered to accept a challenge and provide language for this concern. Based on the two versions of the draft ordinance, Steve Morse extracted the best of both and assembled a new draft ordinance for further review by the Committee.

City of Shelton Yr 2004 Tax Credit Data and Yr 2005 Estimated Program Costs

Deborah Onderko and Ann Walsh extracted info from the City's records showing there were 167 persons ages 65-74 and 396 persons 75 and over who are participants in the current Tax Credit Program. They calculated that based on this data that our proposed program would cost about \$243,000 with the same number and distribution of participants.

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 28, 2005 in Room 104 at City Hall at 5:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

These minutes were prepared by Steve Morse and Ron Pavlucik
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