

PUBLIC HEARING
Lighting Proposal
7/11/17

2411 E. Trails End Drive, Belfair, WA 98520

Commissioners Deb Watson, Joe Morris and Sarah Carlson were present. Also present was the District's legal counsel, Anne Montgomery, Dana Kampa, reporter for the Shelton-Mason County Journal/Belfair Herald and one member of the public.

Commission President Deb Watson read the following:

"Good Evening and welcome to a special meeting of Trails End Water District for the purpose of a Public Hearing on the issue of streetlighting. This Public Hearing is called to order at 7:30 pm.

Public testimony will be taken at this hearing. If you wish to speak, please sign in on the roster.

If you have any exhibits or pictures you would like the Board to consider, please submit all your exhibits to Sarah for labeling.

This is an opportunity for you to state your opinion and your position with regards to streetlighting within our District. It is not an opportunity to ask questions of the Board, although any member of the Board can ask questions of you.

This Public Hearing on Streetlighting will now come to order."

I. Presentation of the proposal:

Commission President Deb Watson read the following:

"The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether or not streetlighting is wanted by the residents of this District. It is the proposal of the District that streetlighting be continued. The cost passed on to the customers is the cost of electricity only, right now it is \$2.00 per customer per month.

We have not paid for any poles to be put up, and we have not paid for any light fixtures. The total cost to the District is power, unless streetlighting is to be extended into areas without the existing power pole structures. In the future, it is our intent to extend street lighting down Rasor Road and to other areas without any lighting.

Do any of the other Commissioners have anything to present on the proposal for street lighting?"

Mr. Morris summarized his conversations with five individuals. He fielded two calls today asking how it came about and why the \$2 charge. Both were invited to come to this hearing but both declined saying that they were "fine with it." Ms. Carlson took one similar call when the lighting fee first appeared on the bill. That person was simply curious. There was also an e-mail inquiry that was answered. Mr. Morris explained there was at least one person on Rasor Road who complained about paying for a service that they did not have. He explained to the audience that Rasor Road did not receive lighting because their power was run underground. The PUD placed lights on existing poles that Rasor Road does not have. The commissioners explained that they are investigating steps to light not only Rasor Road but some of the longer secondary roads off Trails End Drive. Ms. Carlson explained that she supported the lighting for several reasons related to safety. Through the years there have been many issues of vandalism and criminal activity around the lake including damage done to our parks and homes. She also explained that it is not safe for children going to and from school in the winter months. It is dark when they wait for the bus in the morning and dark when they get off after school. Ms. Watson concurred and further expressed concern about traffic, especially at the intersection by the clubhouse. The proposed resolution 2017-5 proposing that street lighting be established contains language to allow for extension of services to Rasor Road and the secondary roads.

II. Testimony

David Hutsell, 650 E. Trails End Drive, was the only member of the public in attendance. He was asked to give his full name and address for the record. He said simply that he thought the lighting was a good idea. Board members had no questions.

III. Closing the Public Hearing

Commissioner Watson asked the following questions:

Does the Board have sufficient information to make their decision?

All three board members responded yes.

Is there any specific information the Board still needs to have?

All three board members responded no.

Ms. Watson said she would entertain a Motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Morris moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Watson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The public meeting was closed at 7:46 pm.

IV. Board Deliberation

Ms. Watson stated public hearing is now closed to further presentation and the Board will now deliberate and make its decision. She asked the Board if they wish to do that now or at a future meeting.

All Board members stated they wished to make a decision at this meeting.

Ms. Watson asked if the Board members wish to comment on the proposal. There were no comments. She then asked if there was a motion to accept or reject street lighting. Mr. Morris moved to accept street lighting. Ms. Watson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Carlson moved to approve resolution 2017-6 establishing street lighting and all related fees and charges and amending resolution 2016-3 paragraph III. Ms. Watson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Following passage of this resolution, Commission President Deb Watson read the following:

“Following the acceptance of this Resolution, a street lighting system shall not be established if, within thirty days following the decision of the board, a petition opposing the street lighting system is filed with the board and contains the signatures of at least forty percent of the voters registered in the area to be served by the proposed system.”

With no other business of the Board, this meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by:

Sarah Carlson, Commissioner Date

APPROVED:

Deb Watson, Commissioner Date

Joe Morris, Commissioner Date