

Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

12:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2015

The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2015 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Committee members Malcolm Burgis, Susan Haynie and Margaret Miller, Vice Chair David Nelson, Administrator Tucker, Treasurer Suggs, Assistant Administrator Fragoso and City Clerk Copeland; a quorum was present to conduct business.

1. Vice Chair Nelson called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and public were duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Miller moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 5, 2015 as submitted; Ms. Haynie seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Citizens' Comments

4. Financial Statements – Treasurer Suggs

Citing the Balance Sheet, the Treasurer reported that the ATAX Fund had approximately one million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) on-hand that is held in BB&T, First Tennessee Bank and the South Carolina Local Government Investment Pool; revenue through September was interest income only. In reviewing the expenditures for the first three months (3 mos.) of the fiscal year, Treasurer Suggs noted that the budget was exceeded by nineteen hundred ninety-four dollars (\$1,994) for the bucket attachment for the skid steer.

MOTION: Ms. Miller moved to approve the over-budget amount of \$1,994 for the skid steer bucket; Ms. Haynie seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

In October the City received the State ATAX funds for the September quarter totaling eight hundred four thousand dollars (\$804,000); the schedule headed "Distribution of Funds Received" illustrates the collections for the past two years (2 yrs.) and that this was the highest quarterly receipt the City has ever gotten.

5. Old Business – None

6. New Business

A. Request from the Fire Department for \$2,500 to purchase 2 rescue sleds

Chief Graham stated that two (2) rescue sleds were purchased several years ago with ATAX funds that were expected to last considerably longer than they have despite the heavy use they receive in the tourist season. When one is sent to the shop for repairs, it can be out of service for two to seven (2-7) days; the Chief said that they plan to keep the old ones as backups. The

handout distributed by the Chief showed the different models available and pointed to the Department's choice that would cost the City a thousand dollars (\$1,000) each.

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MOTION: Vice Chair Nelson moved to approve \$2,500 for 2 rescue sleds for the Fire Department; Mr. Burgis seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Consideration of a request for \$3,500 from the Dunlop Junior Tennis Championship

Vice Chair Nelson noted that this funding application is for a tennis championship held on Daniel Island for young players and many families stay here on the island. Requests for the same amount have been made for the past two years (2 yrs.) and the Committee has approved them.

MOTION: Ms. Haynie moved to approve \$3,500 for the Dunlop Junior Tennis Championship; Mr. Burgis seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Miscellaneous Business

Next Meeting Date: 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 6, 2016

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Burgis moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m.; Vice Chair Nelson seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk