



Town of Summerville
Local Hospitality and Accommodations Tax
Advisory Committee Meeting

Doty Park Depot Building
320 North Laurel Street, Summerville, SC 29483
Tuesday, June 18, 2019
7:00pm

A G E N D A

1. Call to order
2. Review and approval of April 25, 2019 minutes
3. Review and consideration of conflict of interest policy
4. Finalization of 2019 HTAX Application
5. Adjourn

Wiley Johnson, Mayor

Council Members:

Bob Jackson, Mayor Pro-Tem
Walter Bailey
Aaron Brown
Christine Czarnik
Kima Garten-Schmidt
William McIntosh



Town Administrator
Colin L. Martin

Town Clerk
Beth Messervy

Town Attorney
G.W. Parker

Town of Summerville
Local Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Meeting
April 25, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Jane Orenstein, Jerry Crotty, Bernie Mazyck, Chris Bauer, Wilma Burgreen, William Harbeson, and Ben Hough. Also attending was Town Clerk/Staff Liaison Beth Messervy. A quorum was met. Members of the public and press were duly notified. Press and public attended.

CALL TO ORDER

The HTAX Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Orenstein at 7:00pm.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Committee introduced themselves to the members of the audience. Chairman Orenstein explained that there would be no public comment section for the meeting, but that the public would be welcome to ask questions at the end of the meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:

Jerry Crotty made a motion, seconded by William Harbeson, to re-elect Jane Orenstein as Committee Chair. No vote was taken, as Ms. Orenstein expressed that she did not wish to continue in the role. Mr. Harbeson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bauer, to elect Bernie Mazyck as Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

With there being no corrections, the minutes from the October 22, 2018 meeting were accepted into record.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO HTAX APPLICATION:

Mr. Harbeson expressed his concern with the Preservation Society not receiving enough money in 2018 HTAX funds. Ms. Orenstein directed the conversation back to the proposed revisions to the HTAX application.

There was some discussion regarding that the committee needs to follow the guidelines of what HTAX money is to be used for: funding projects, events, or organizations that bring in tourists.

Mr. Mazyck stressed the need to continue the workshop for the applicants to attend in order to get a sense of the application process. Some discussion followed regarding whether or not it was legal to make the workshop mandatory to attend in order to accept an application.

The committee then discussed different ways in which they should advertise the workshop as well as when the applications would be accepted.

Hospitality and Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Meeting
April 25, 2019
Page 2

Mr. Mazyck asked that a request to attach a copy of the organization's full budget be added to the current application for funding. Mr. Crotty stated that any changes should go to Council for approval.

The committee set the date for the workshop to be August 29th, 2019 at 7pm. The place is still to be determined. Mr. Mazyck stated that he would meet with the Town Attorney prior to the next meeting in order to go over the application with legal questions. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, June 18th at 7pm. The place was yet to be determined.

The Committee then took questions from the audience, which was primarily made up of representatives from organizations who have applied for HTAX money in the past.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Messervy, Staff Liaison