

Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee Meeting

Theodore D. Washington Municipal Building, Henry “Emmett” McCracken Jr. Council Chambers, 20
Bridge Street, Bluffton, SC

August 20, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair C. Parker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairperson Christy Parker
Vice Chair Sam Britt
Nate Pringle
Ellen Shumaker
Scott Thrasher
Jean Wilson

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2024
Motion approving minutes made by Vice Chair Britt, Seconded by Pringle.
Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson
2. Workshop Minutes of July 30, 2024
Motion approving minutes made by Shumaker, Seconded by Wilson.
Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

Natalie Majorkiewicz, Director of Finance, reported that revenue is down approximately 5.7% over the same quarter as the previous year. Available funds for distribution are \$595,051. Total applicant requests this quarter are \$158,500.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers: Chair
Motion nominating Christy Parker to remain Committee Chair made by Vice Chair Britt, Seconded by Shumaker.
Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson
2. Election of Officers: Vice-Chair
Motion nominating Sam Britt to remain Committee Vice-Chair made by Chairperson Parker, Seconded by Pringle.
Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson

3. Grant Applicant Q&A: Historic Bluffton Arts & Seafood Festival
Motion to recommend an award of \$80,000 to Town Council made by Vice Chair Britt,
Seconded by Shumaker.
Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson
4. Grant Applicant Q&A: Coastal Conservation Association
Motion to recommend an award of \$10,000 to Town Council made by Vice Chair Britt,
Seconded by Pringle.
Voting Yea: Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson
Voting Abstaining: Chairperson Parker
5. Grant Applicant Q&A: Boys & Girls Club of the Lowcountry
Motion to recommend an award of \$23,500 to Town Council made by Pringle, Seconded by
Vice Chair Britt.
Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson
6. Grant Applicant Q&A: Historic Bluffton Foundation, Heyward House
Motion to recommend an award of \$40,000 to Town Council made by Vice Chair Britt,
Seconded by Shumaker.
Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson
7. Grant Applicant Q&A: Historic Bluffton Foundation, Luke Peebles Celebration
Motion to recommend an award of \$3,200 to Town Council made by Vice Chair Britt,
Seconded by Shumaker.
Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson

VIII. DISCUSSION

1. Review of Workshop Discussion Items
Overview of items discussed during the workshop held in July was presented. Further discussion is needed regarding requests for operating expenses related to museums and cultural and civic facilities as well as updates to application scoring sheets.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Pringle, Seconded by Vice Chair Britt.
Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson
Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.