

# Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee Meeting

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

November 19, 2024

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## 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

Michael Garibaldi

Garibaldi was introduced as the newest member of ATAC.

## III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2024

Motion approving minutes made by Vice Chair Britt, Seconded by Wilson.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson,  
Garibaldi

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

## V. FINANCIAL REPORT

Natalie Majorkiewicz, Director of Finance, reported that State ATAX collections are up \$14,368 compared to the same quarter of last year and \$687,140 is estimated to be currently available for distribution. This quarter, six applications totaling \$196,916 were submitted for consideration.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Calendar Year 2025 Application Due Dates and ATAC Meeting Schedule

Motion to adopt the 2025 calendar made by Vice Chair Britt, Seconded by Pringle.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson,  
Garibaldi

2. Grant Applicant Q&A: Farmer's Market of Bluffton

Motion to recommend an award of \$55,300 to Town Council made by Thrasher, Seconded by Vice Chair Britt. Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson, Garibaldi

3. Grant Applicant Q&A: The New Bluffton Worship

Motion to recommend an award of \$25,100 to Town Council made by Vice Chair Britt, Seconded by Shumaker. Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson, Garibaldi

4. Grant Applicant Q&A: Society of Bluffton Artists

Motion to recommend an award of \$27,000 to Town Council made by Vice Chair Britt, Seconded by Pringle. Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson, Garibaldi

5. Grant Applicant Q&A: Congregation Beth Yam

Motion to recommend an award of \$2,830 to Town Council made by Chairperson Parker, Seconded by Vice Chair Britt. Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson, Garibaldi

6. Grant Applicant Q&A: Historic Bluffton Foundation

Motion to recommend an award of \$40,000 to Town Council made by Pringle, Seconded by Garibaldi. Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson, Garibaldi

7. Grant Applicant Q&A: May River Theatre

Motion to recommend an award of \$42,826 to Town Council made by Thrasher, Seconded by Shumaker. Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson, Garibaldi

## **VIII. DISCUSSION**

1. Scoring Sheet Updates

Discussion on using the scoring sheet as an internal tool for recommending awards and how to potentially update it to correlate the scores with the amounts recommended to Town Council; samples of different scoring sheets for consideration were distributed.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chair Britt, Seconded by Garibaldi. Voting Yea: Chairperson Parker, Vice Chair Britt, Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Wilson, Garibaldi

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.