



# Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Meeting was called to order at 5:56 pm.

Hammer, Famularo, Walcott, and Walker were present. Staff member Bennett was present.

Bennett stated the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion to approve the agenda by Hammer. Second by Famularo. Motion approved unanimously with 4 yeas votes.

## Approval of Minutes

Hammer motions to approve the July 15, 2024, minutes as written. Famularo seconds. Motion passes unanimously with 4 yeas votes.

## Public Comment

No public was present for comment and there was no correspondence.

## Unfinished Business

2. Famularo and Hammer discussed postponing the election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary until the next meeting due to not having the full body in attendance. The rest of the Tourism Commission agreed.
3. Bennett gave a brief update on the delivery of the Rent.Fun kayaks. The kayaks are stuck in transit and no timeline was given by the company.
4. Famularo had discussed the project with Belschner, but that Belschner would have more information about it. Belschner was not present, and the Tourism Commission moved on to the next item on the agenda.

## New Business

5. Staff presented a draft policy for tourism support. The policy addresses the existing room tax funding, use of City staff for tourism research, and marketing, partnerships, and sponsorships by the Tourism Commission. After reviewing and making changes, Famularo motioned to approve the policy for tourism support. Walker seconded. Motion carries after unanimous vote.
6. Staff and the Tourism Commission worked on developing the proposed 2025 Tourism budget. The Commission would like to carry over up to \$30,000.00 for digital display and/or kiosk pending recommendation by the City Treasurer. Digital signage would be paid for by the materials and services line item. Famularo motions to accept the budget with the discussed changes. Hammer seconds. Roll call vote: Famularo - aye, Walker - aye, Hammer - aye, Walcott - aye. Motion carries with unanimous vote. Staff will review the proposed budget with the City Treasurer and bring back any changes for review.

Motion by Famularo to adjourn. Second by Walker. Motion carries by unanimous vote. Meeting is adjourned at 7:50 pm.

-These minutes are to be approved at the next Tourism Commission meeting and are submitted by David Bennett, Communications & Economic Development Coordinator

\*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.