

#### **Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee**

2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2020 Council Chambers 1207 Palm Boulevard Isle of Palms, South Carolina

Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19 Pandemic: The public may join the virtual meeting by clicking here: https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms

#### **Public Comment:**

Citizens may provide public comment here: <a href="https://www.iop.net/public-comment-form">https://www.iop.net/public-comment-form</a>

#### Agenda

- 1. **Call to Order** and acknowledgment that the press and the public had been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.
- 2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes February 12, 2020
- 3. Citizens' Comments Comments shall be limited to 3 minutes
- 4. Financial Statements Debbie Suggs
- 5. Old Business

Review and consideration of FY21 ATAX budget

#### 6. New Business

Consideration of a sponsorship request from the South Carolina Aquarium in the amount of \$10,000 for the 2020 Turtle Trek 5k sunset beach run to take place on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Consideration of a sponsorship request from the Carolina Coast Surf Club, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000 for advertising and promotion of tourism through Surfcam, including a link to the City of Isle of Palms website for beach access, parking, and traffic information.

7.	Miscellaneous		
	Date of next meeting:	a.m.,	, 2020

8. Adjournment

## City of Isle of Palms Forecasted Revenue Declines Related to Covid-19

State Acco	ommodations Ta	x (Tourism-Rel	lated Only)		FORECAST	FORECAST	Heads in Beds in	
	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21		
Sept Qtr	518,796	520,784	518,028	546,269	580,306	435,230	Jun-Aug	100% reduction
Dec Qtr	179,446	178,830	202,803	203,067	181,550	136,162	Sept-Nov	75% reduction
Mar Qtr	66,294	61,586	71,773	103,097	88,638	66,479	Dec-Feb	50% reduction
June Qtr	364,938	407,460	413,234	445,779	111,445	334,334	Mar-May	25% reduction
Total						_		
Fiscal Yr	1,129,474	1,168,660	1,205,838	1,298,212	961,938	972,204		Assume normal
								economic activity
	1.7%	3.5%	3.2%	7.7%	-25.9%	1.1%		resumes by July
	Incr from FY15	Incr from FY16	Incr from FY17	Incr from FY18	Incr from FY19	Incr from FY20		2021 (FY22)
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2	GL Number	Description	ACTUAL FY15	ACTUAL FY16	ACTUAL FY17	ACTUAL FY18	ACTUAL FY19	BUDGET FY20	YTD As Of 3/31/2020	Jan-Dec 2019	FORECAST FY20	INCREASE/ (DECREASE) IN FY20 BUD REV	BUDGET FY21	INCREASE/ (DECREASE) IN FY21 BUD	FORECAST FY22	FORECAST FY23	FORECAST FY24	FORECAST FY25
5		STATE ACCOMMODATIONS 1	LVA ELINID I	DEV/ENITIES														
5	50-3450.4105	ACCOMMODATION TAX-RELATED		1,129,474	1,168,660	1,205,838	1,298,212	1,271,020	761,856	1,332,249	961,938	(309,082)	972,204	(298,816)	1,465,383	1,494,691	1,524,584	1 555 076
-	50-3450.4105	ACCOMMODATION TAX-RELATED  ACCOMMODATION TAX-PROMO	512,774	521,296	539,382	556,541	599,175	587,100	351,626	614,884	443,967	(143,133)	448,713	(138,387)	676,330	689,857	703,654	1,555,076 717,727
-	50-3500.4501	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,600	6,250	1,750	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	50-3500.4504	SALE OF ASSETS	7,383	19,108	5,805	8,930	2,130	5,000	-	-	-	(5,000)	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,001
-	50-3500.4505	INTEREST INCOME	2,980	7,516	15,583	23,956	35,035	30,560	20,584	34,421	27,000	(3,560)	34,000	3,440	35,700	37,485	39,359	41,327
11		TOTAL REVENUES (NO TRANSFERS)	1,635,746	1,683,644	1,731,180	1,797,765	1,934,552	1,893,680	1,134,066	1,981,554	1,432,905	(460,775)	1,459,918	(433,763)	2,182,413	2,227,032	2,272,597	2,319,131
12		% Increase/(Decrease) from Prior \	2%	3%	3%	4%	8%	-2%			-26%		2%		49%	2%	2%	2%
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14		GENERAL GOVERMENT																
15	50-4120.5013	BANK SERVICE CHARGES	39	90	75	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	50-4120.5022	WATER AND SEWER	515	237	407	740	259	600	259	440	600	-	600	-	600	600	600	600
	50-4120.5025	NON-CAPITAL TOOLS & EQUIPMEN	3,233	-	-	1,917	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
-	50-4120.5061	ADVERTISING	3,000	3,500	5,895	795	-	10,000	-	-	-	(10,000)	-	(10,000)	-	-	-	-
	50-4120.5065	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	39,127	- 40.760	- 20.470	-		-	-	-	-	- (40.000)	- 42.500	- (42.500)	-	-	-	-
	50-4120.5077	PROGRAMS/SPONSORSHIPS	26,274	19,768	38,479	46,436	53,493	85,000	36,605	64,988	45,000	(40,000)	42,500	(42,500)	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000
	50-4120.5079 50-4120.5085	MISCELLANEOUS  CAPITAL OUTLAY	650 4,904	1,639	212 6,076	4,084	-	1,000 5,000	35	110 35	1,000 5,000	<u>-</u>	1,000	(5,000)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
22	50-4120.5065	CAPITAL OUTLAT	4,904		0,076	4,064	-	5,000	33	35	3,000			(5,000)		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	_
23	50-4120.5090	TOURISM PROMOTION EXP	537,735	545,944	566,446	579,048	623,679	613,100	283,685	368,639	441,041	(172,059)	474,713	(138,387)	702,330	715,857	729,654	743,727
24		SUBTOTAL GENERAL GOVT	615,477	571,179	617,589	633,168	677,431	715,700	320,583	434,213	493,641	(222,059)	519,813	(195,887)	789,930	803,457	817,254	831,327
25		% Increase/(Decrease) from Prior \	6%	-7%	8%	3%	7%	6%			-27%		5%		52%	2%	2%	2%
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27		POLICE																
28	50-4420.5025	NON-CAPITAL TOOLS & EQUIPMEN	5,712	911	1,823	4,868	5,730	7,100	-	5,730	7,100	-	7,100	-	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100
	50-4420.5026	MAINT & SERVICE CONTRACTS	-	-	-	-	4,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	50-4420.5065	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	-	1,700	-	-	-	-	-	- 11 000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	50-4420.5084	CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	-	-	-	-	11,908	-	-	11,908	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	50-4420.5085	CAPITAL OUTLAY	17,056	-	36,386	44,417	93,523	618,000	107,616	82,811	371,980	(246,020)	307,020	(310,980)	34,800	43,800	36,200	42,400
33		SUBTOTAL POLICE	22,768	2,611	38,208	49,285	115,911	625,100	107,616	100,449	379,080	(246,020)	314,120	(310,980)	41,900	50,900	43,300	49,500
34		% Increase/(Decrease) from Prior \	-55%	-89%	1363%	29%	135%	439%	·	•	227%		-17%	, , ,	-87%	21%	-15%	14%
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36		FIRE																
	50-4520.5009	DEBT SERVICE - PRINCIPAL	-	-	-	-	-	70,756	84,296	-	91,915	21,159	78,073	7,317	79,502	80,957	82,439	83,947
38	50-4520.5011	DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST	-	-	-	-	-	33,980	-	-	-	(33,980)	13,841	(20,139)	12,413	10,958	9,476	7,967
39	50-4520.5025	NON-CAPITAL TOOLS & EQUIPMEN	-	2,550	2,743	19,644	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	50-4520.5026	MAINT & SERVICE CONTRACTS	-	-	-	-	31,464	-	-	19,352	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	50-4520.5084	CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	-	-	-	-	11,908	-	-	11,908	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	50-4520.5085	CAPITAL OUTLAY	25,339	88,563	101,358	55,587	24,219	676,000	47,875	27,632	459,980	(216,020)	323,020	(352,980)	66,400	39,600	18,800	8,800
43		SUBTOTAL FIRE	25,339	91,113	104,101	75,232	67,591	780,736	132,171	58,892	551,895	(228,841)	414,935	(365,801)	158,315	131,515	110,715	100,715
44 45		% Increase/(Decrease) from Prior Y	-54%	260%	14%	-28%	-10%	1055%			717%		-25%		-62%	-17%	-16%	-9%
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5	STATE ACCOMMODATIONS	TAX FUND REVENUES
6		Forecast estimate of 2% annual increase in tourism revenues. Added revenue from the new Wild Dunes hotel in FY22. Assume reduced revenue in FY20 amd FY21 due to Covid19.
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8	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	
9	SALE OF ASSETS	
10	INTEREST INCOME	
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14	GENERAL GOVERMENT	
15	BANK SERVICE CHARGES	
16	WATER AND SEWER	Irrigation at Breach Inlet sign
17		T Add/replace/maintain benches, etc at Carmen R Bunch Park
18	ADVERTISING	
20	PROGRAMS/SPONSORSHIPS	Provison for events and sponsorships approved by the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (\$50,000) and July 4th Fireworks show (\$35,000). For FY21 reduce Committee provision to \$25k & no Fireworks show July 2020 due to Covid19.
21	MISCELLANEOUS	
22	CAPITAL OUTLAY	
		SC State Law provides that 30% of State Atax Revenues be transferred to an organization which has an ongoing tourism promotion program. The City's designee is the Charleston CVB. Also includes Tshirts for web promo & IOP website maint. FY20 and FY21 expense
23	TOURISM PROMOTION EXP	impacted by declining State Atax revenues due to COVID 19
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27	POLICE	
28	NON-CAPITAL TOOLS & EQUIPMEN	T Body armor as needed
	MAINT & SERVICE CONTRACTS	FY19 Budget for Hill Report priorities. FY19 forecast assumes 50% of this to be spent in FY19. FY20-FY24 forecast uses 1% of insured building value to estimate annual maintenance provision. PSB costs are splity 50% with Fire Dept.
30	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
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32	CAPITAL OUTLAY	FY21 incls repl of 1 patrol SUVs (\$41,000), 1 license plate reader (LPR) for island-wide parking enforcement (\$50,000) and PSB repair cost (\$216,020). Forecast periods = 20% of the annual Police Dept capital needs per the 10-yr plan.
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37	DEBT SERVICE - PRINCIPAL	Debt service for new 75' ladder truck  Pobt service for new 75' ladder truck
38	DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST	Debt service for new 75' ladder truck
39	NON-CAPITAL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	
40	MAINT & SERVICE CONTRACTS	FY19 includes Hill maint priorities. Assume most of these will become part of the PSB renovation included in FY20
	CAPITAL OUTLAY	FY21 incls repl (1) personal watercraft (\$14,000), replace (1) ATV (\$18,000), 25% of Fire pumper truck reburb (\$75,000) and PSB repair cost (\$216,020). Forecast periods = 20% of the annual Fire Dept capital needs per the 10-yr plan.
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46		PUBLIC WORKS																
-	50-4620.5026	MAINT & SERVICE CONTRACTS	-	-	-	-	28,750	-	-	28,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	50-4620.5065	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-		-
	50-4620.5079	MISCELLANEOUS	5,796	5,790	12,768	13,889	3,972	7,500	4,110	538	7,500	-	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
50	50-4620.5085	CAPITAL OUTLAY	64,667	23,994	12,768	4,661	199,605	37,500	8,010	50,850	37,500	-	40,000	2,500	3,000	41,000	62,600	9,600
52		SUBTOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	70,463	29,784	-	18,550 45%	232,326	45,000	12,120	80,137	45,000	-	47,500	2,500	10,500	48,500	70,100	17,100
53		% Increase/(Decrease) from Prior Y	4%	-58%	-57%	45%	1152%	-81%			-81%		6%		-78%	362%	45%	-76%
54		RECREATION																
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56	50-4820.5025 50-4820.5026	NON-CAPITAL TOOLS & EQUIPMEN MAINT & SERVICE CONTRACTS	-	_	<u>-</u>	1,2/3	30,237	-	-	30,237		_	-	_	_	-	-	
	50-4820.5085	CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	-	17,191	39,109	(5,804)	10,000	4,114	(5,804)	5,000	(5,000)	5,000	(5,000)	22,200	37,800	35,800	47,400
	50-4830.5092	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	33,586	42,469	50,889	45,564	13,050	16,000	8,105	12,945	9,000	(7,000)	12,000	(4,000)	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
59		SUBTOTAL RECREATION	33,586	42,469	68,080	85,946	37,483	26,000	12,219	37,378	14,000	(12,000)	17,000	(9,000)	38,200	53,800	51,800	63,400
		% Increase/(Decrease) from Prior Y	-18%	26%	60%	26%	-56%	-31%	<u> </u>		-63%		21%		125%	41%	-4%	22%
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62		FRONT BEACH AND FRONT B	BEACH REST	rooms								-						
63	50-5620.5020	ELECTRIC AND GAS	755	524	569	641	492	700	494	474	700	-	700	-	700	700	700	700
64	50-5620.5022	WATER AND SEWER	15,405	13,868	11,496	9,321	9,642	15,000	7,089	10,969	12,000	(3,000)	12,000	(3,000)	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
65	50-5620.5026	MAINT & SERVICE CONTRACTS	5,985	8,280	52,059	4,917	3,041	20,000	784	2,432	5,000	(15,000)	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	50-5620.5044	CLEANING/SANITARY SUPPLY	6,656	6,421	7,648	5,656	7,527	7,500	4,560	7,811	6,000	(1,500)	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
	50-5620.5062	INSURANCE	1,765	3,248	3,688	5,003	5,912	6,000	6,235	5,641	6,000	-	7,000	1,000	7,140	7,283	7,428	7,577
	50-5620.5065	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	70	70	70	70	80	80	80	80	80	- (50.000)	80	- (5.000)	80	80	80	80
69 70	50-5620.5067	CONTRACTED SERVICES	126,454	127,607	141,041	115,853	129,715	150,000	88,222	138,794	100,000	(50,000)	145,000	(5,000)	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000
	50-5620.5079 50-5620.5084	MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	13,646	-	32,021	4,226	-	-	<u> </u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	50-5620.5085	CAPITAL OUTLAY	13,040		32,021	388,348	57,410					<u> </u>			<u> </u>			105,000
73	30 3020.3003	SUBTOTAL FR BEACH RESTRMS	170,737	160,018	248,592	534,035	213,819	199,280	107,464	166,202	129,780	(69,500)	192,280	(7,000)	195,420	195,563	195,708	300,857
74		% Increase/(Decrease) from Prior Y	10%	-6%	55%	115%	-60%	-7%			-39%	(00,000,	48%	(1)000)	2%	0%	0%	54%
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76	TOTAL STATE A	TAX FUND EXPENDITURES	938,369	897,174	1,089,338	1,396,215	1,344,560	2,391,816	692,173	877,270	1,613,396	(778,420)	1,505,648	(886,168)	1,234,265	1,283,734	1,288,877	1,362,898
77		% Increase/(Decrease) from Prior Y	-1%	-4%	21%	28%	-4%	78%			20%		-7%		-18%	4%	0%	6%
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79	NET INCOMI	E BEFORE TRANSFERS	697,377	786,470	641,842	401,550	589,992	(498,136)	441,892	1,104,284	(180,490)	317,646	(45,730)	452,406	948,148	943,298	983,721	956,233
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81		TRANSFERS																
82	50-3900.4901	OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	4,024	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
83	50-3900.5901	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(549,328)	(537,773)	(573,442)	(768,513)	(577,410)	(278,713)	-	(577,410)	(278,713)	-	(583,686)	(304,973)	(644,168)	(746,675)	(471,220)	(477,247)
84		NET TRANSFERS IN/(OUT)	(545,304)	(537,773)	(573,442)	(768,513)	(577,410)	(278,713)	-	(577,410)	(278,713)	-	(583,686)	(304,973)	(644,168)	(746,675)	(471,220)	(477,247)
85	NIET INICONAL	E ACTED TRANSFERS	452.052	240.507	CO COO	(255.554)	43.503	(776.040)	444 000	F36.674	(450.000)	247.646	(630.446)	147.400	202.000	405 500	F40 F04	470.000
86 87	NET INCOM	E AFTER TRANSFERS	152,073	248,697	68,400	(366,964)	12,582	(776,849)	441,892	526,874	(459,203)	317,646	(629,416)	147,433	303,980	196,623	512,501	478,986
	ENDING FUN	ND BALANCE	1,850,319	2.099.016	2,167,416	1,800,453	1,813,034	1,036,186			1,353,831		724,415		1,028,396	1,225,019	1,737,519	2,216,505
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46	PUBLIC WORKS	
47	MAINT & SERVICE CONTRACTS	
	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
49	MISCELLANEOUS	Annual provision for beach trash cans. Prior to FY20, this line included pooper scooper expenses that are now included in Police Dept Animal Control in the Muni Atax fund.
50	CAPITAL OUTLAY	FY21 incls 1/3 cost to replace 2003 Mack Flatbed (\$40,000). Forecast periods = 20% of Public Works 10 Year Capital Plan totals for non-drainage related capital expenses.
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54	RECREATION	
55	NON-CAPITAL TOOLS & EQUIPMEN	
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57	CAPITAL OUTLAY	FY21 incls replacement of playground equipment and/or scoreboards if needed, Forecast period annual amts = 20% of 10 Yr Cap Plan totals
	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	Connector Run (\$7,500), Easter egg hunt (\$4,500), music event (\$4,000). No music event in 2020 due to Covid19
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	FRONT BEACH AND FRONT	REACH RESTROOMS
	ELECTRIC AND GAS	DEACH RESTROOMS
	WATER AND SEWER	Includes outside showers
	MAINT & SERVICE CONTRACTS	Maintained higher budget despite lower YTD expense. Increased provision reflects goal to maintain current good condition of the renovated facility.
	CLEANING/SANITARY SUPPLY	Supplies for front beach restrooms
	INSURANCE	Supplies for front beach restrooms
	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Backflow tests
	CONTRACTED SERVICES	Includes \$60k for year-round restroom attendant, \$85k year-round business district (on street) & beach trash collection. Recycling collection is included in the Muni State Atax Fund.
	MISCELLANEOUS	
71	CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	No construction anticipated in FY19-FY24
72	CAPITAL OUTLAY	Parking kiosk replacements in FY25.
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	TRANSFERS	
82	OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	EV20 EV24 incle views to Con Fund for 1.2 fivefighters 1 notice officer and E00/ of EC0s EV21 EV24 also includes \$210 450 (200) af annual dalating dark to 200 (200) af \$250 000 to 1.0 for E00 000 to 1.0
0.7	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	FY20-FY24 incls xfers to Gen Fund for 1-3 firefighters, 1 police officer and 50% of BSOs. FY21-FY24 also includes \$216,450 (75%) of annual debt svc on Marina dock bond. FY23 incls \$281,250 (approx 38%) of \$750,000 Marina dredging project. FY22-35 incls \$50,000 for Marina maintanance.
83 84		25 incls \$50,000 for Marina maintenance.
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## State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Isle of Palms, South Carolina

## Application for State Accommodations Tax Funds

Date Received: Total Project Cost:
Total Accommodations Tax Funds Requested:
Action Taken By Accom. Tax Advisory Committee: Date ApprovedDenied
Action Taken By Ways & Means Committee: Date ApprovedDenied
Action Taken By City Council: Date ApprovedDenied
Documentation required for payment:line item budget,invoices,Financial Report
For Office Use Only
<b>A. Project Name:</b> South Carolina Aquarium – 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Turtle Trek 5K Sunset Beach Run
B. Applicant Organization: South Carolina Aquarium
1. Mailing Address: 100 Aquarium Wharf, Charleston, SC 29401
<b>Telephone:</b> 843-579-8540 Fax:
2. Project Director: Stephanie Gabosch
<b>Telephone:</b> 843-579-8540 Fax

3. Description of Organization, Its Goals and Objectives:

Founded in 2000 by a task force led by Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. and comprised of regional community and business leaders, the South Carolina Aquarium has become the #1 family attraction in Charleston and one of the most popular attractions in the region. According to the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Aquarium has an annual economic impact of \$318 million which supports 3,300 jobs statewide.

For twenty years, through diverse programming, inspiring exhibits, and concerted conservation outreach efforts, the Aquarium has delivered on its mission to inspire conservation of the natural world by exhibiting and caring for animals, by excelling in education and research, and by providing an exceptional visitor experience. Since opening, the Aquarium has welcomed more than 8 million

guests to marvel at the unique biodiversity of South Carolina, from the mountains to the ocean. As a valuable community institution, the Aquarium serves as a catalyst for economic and community development through tourism, conservation efforts, and education.

#### We're committed to conserving water, wildlife and wild places.

With education, research and community engagement, the South Carolina Aquarium focuses on fostering positive change for the natural world surrounding us through our conservation efforts.

#### We're saving sea turtles.

All seven species of sea turtles are threatened or endangered. Habitat loss, marine pollution and human impacts are just some of the causes of illness or injury in the sea turtles we treat. Working with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), our Sea Turtle Care Center<sup>TM</sup> helps rescue, rehabilitate and release sea turtles back to the wild.

#### We're reducing plastic pollution.

By 2050, the ocean is projected to contain more plastic than fish. Sea turtles, sea birds, marine mammals and fish can mistake it for food or become entangled in it by accident. As it breaks down and becomes microplastic, it enters our food chain and can harm us. With plastic pollution quickly inundating our beloved habitats and animals, we want to reduce and eliminate as much single-use plastic as we can and find solutions to this growing issue.

#### We're participating in research and fieldwork.

Aquarium staff give their skills and expertise to protect our states' animals and environments. We work alongside numerous agencies and organizations to assist with critical conservation projects in the field, working to ensure a healthy future for South Carolina's water, wildlife and wild places.

#### We're empowering citizen scientists.

Citizen science allows people of all ages and abilities to collaborate with professional researchers to make a difference. Citizens can help researchers collect and analyze data, while also learning more about the scientific process and getting involved in their communities. Our citizen science projects address important environmental issues like plastic pollution, sea level rise and invasive species.

#### We're choosing locally sourced seafood.

Consuming responsibly harvested seafood means you're taking into account the long-term viability of the species and the ocean's ecological balance as a whole. That's why our Good Catch program supports local restaurants, purveyors, caterers and collaborators who source their seafood from southeast regional

fisheries, which adhere to some of the strongest regulations worldwide – a critical factor in maintaining a balanced ocean.

#### We're starting conversations about resilience.

The sea level is rising as a result of climate change, and it will have a significant effect on everybody who lives in coastal South Carolina. We have both an obligation and an opportunity to address sea level rise. By leading conversations and creating tools that are accessible to everyone, we provide people with the information they need to protect themselves, their communities and the natural world.

#### C. Description and Location of Project/Event:

The 2020 Turtle Trek is our 5<sup>th</sup> annual 5k sunset beach run and kids fun run that will take place on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Isle of Palms Country Park. The Turtle Trek promotes sea turtle conservation, trash free beaches, and community wellness to all ages from across the US.

We expect the event to sell out again this year with 650 5K runners, 150 Kids' Fun Run participants and 100 Remote Runners. The event begins at 330pm with a beach sweep followed by the Kid's Fun Run and 5K, and ends with an after party and awards presentation at the Windjammer.

Our goal is to raise \$75,000, all proceeds from the Turtle Trek support the South Carolina Aquarium's sea turtle conservation and research initiatives. To date, we have rehabilitated and released 292 sea turtles back to their natural habitats.

Single Event? - Yes

**Ongoing Event/Annual Need? - Yes** 

- 1. **Date(s): of Event:** October 10, 2020
- 2. Impact on Tourism: What percentage of persons benefitting from this project are tourists (98%, 832 runners) vs. Isle of Palms residents (2%, 21 runners).

\*Source of tourist data Runsignup.com – registration website used for Turtle Trek runners. Data taken from 2019 runner registration report (website hits, surveys, ticket sale information, etc.)

3. If this application is for an ongoing event, what is the percentage increase/decrease in tourist attendance versus the past year's event? – Since 2016, we have been steadily increasing attendees but year over year, we are still seeing only 2% of registrations come from Isle of Palm, and the remaining 98% of registrations come from cities from 20 different states. We

expect the same number of attendees as shown above and very similar numbers for tourist attendance. Last year, we had runners between the ages of 1-78 year's old coming from 20 different states.

\*Source of tourist data – Go Race Productions (website hits, surveys, ticket sale information, etc.)

#### D. Funding: Sources of Income for This Event or Project

- 1. Sponsorships or Fundraising: To date, we have secured \$6,500 out of our goal of \$40,000 from Crews Subaru of Charleston and Homebridge Financial. Waiting for sponsorship approval from Publix Super Markets Charities, Wild Dunes, Dockery's and TD Bank. We would be happy to offer Isle of Palms ATAX sponsor logo visibility on all marketing materials such as ads, billboard, t-shirts, posters, etc., as well as complimentary Aquarium tickets or race registrations.
- **2.** Entry Fees: 5K Registration = \$40; Remote Run = \$30; Kid's Fun Run = \$20 Total expected entry fees = \$25,000
- 3. **Donations:** We expect to raise an additional \$10,000 from raffles, merchandise sales, and third party fundraising outlets.
- **4. Accommodations Tax Funds Request:** \$10,000

Date(s) Required: October 10, 2020

**Lump Sum:** Flexible **Installments:** Flexible

5. Other: N/A

**6. Total Budget:** \$30,000

#### E. Financial Analysis

#### Please Provide Line Item Budget for Event or Project

- Marketing: \$15,000 (billboards, digital ads, print ads, appearances, t-shirts, race bibs, printing, press release, posters, postcards, etc)
- Food & Beverage: \$4,000

- Rentals: \$2,500

- Entertainment: \$1,000

- Race director/timing:\$2,500
- Other (EMS, police, awards, misc supplies): \$5,000

**Date for Submission to Isle of Palms Treasurer of Financial Report for Event or Project: TBD** 

### If awarded, funds are requested as follows:

**(1) Lump Sum(s):** 

\$10,000 by October 10, 2020

(2) Payment of Invoices as submitted to City Staff. Invoices should be submitted two weeks prior to due date.

# State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Isle of Palms, South Carolina

## Application for State Accommodations Tax Funds

Date Received: Total Project Cost:	<u> </u>
Total Accommodations Tax Funds Requested:	
Action Taken By Accom. Tax Advisory Committee: Date A	
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Action Taken By City Council: Date Approved	
Documentation required for payment:line item budget,	invoices,Financial Report
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A. Project Name: <u>Advertising and Promotion of Touri</u>	ism through Surfcam, including
Link to City of IOP Website for Beach Access, Parking	
	<del>,</del>
B. Applicant Organization: _Carolina Coast Surf Club,	Inc.
1. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 161, Sullivan's	Island, SC 29482
Telephone: Fax:	
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2. Project Director: _Jim Radley	
Telephone: _843-886-6297 (h), 703-328-471	1 (c) Fax:
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3. Description of Organization, Its Goals and O	bjectives:
Preserve and protect the IOP beaches and oce	ean. This includes participating in
the SCDHEC-OCRM Adopt-A-Beach progra	am to clean the beach from the 9 <sup>th</sup>
Avenue beach access to the Sea Cabins pier.	
family-oriented activity on IOP.	<i>5</i>
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C. Description and Location of Project/Event:	
Real time camera image of beach and surf conditions or	1 IOP displayed on the surf camera web
page (www.carolinacoastsurfclub.org/surfcam.php; see	
of IOP would continue to have its logo as a sponsor on the	
nome page. Daily surf report on surf camera web page v	
section and IOP traffic section that describe how to navi	<u> </u>
web pages for beach access, parking, IOP Connector tra	
neo pages for beach access, parking, for Connector and	inite, and CO (ID 1) apaates.
X Single Event?	Ongoing Event/Annual Need?
1. Date(s): of Event: website or Project Start:	Completion:
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<ol> <li>Impact on Tourism: What percentage of persons benefitting from this project are tourists (95%) vs. Isle of Palms residents (5%).</li> <li>*Source of tourist data: _Internet traffic - 437 website page visits per day average from 1 June 2019 to 31 May 2020, with a high of 1,289 visits per day in September and a low of 318 visits per day in February. The total number of web site visitors for the year was 33,324. (website hits, surveys, ticket sale information, etc.)</li> <li>If this application is for an ongoing event, what is the percentage increase/decrease in tourist attendance versus the past year's event?</li> <li>*Source of tourist data (website hits, surveys, ticket sale information, etc.)</li> </ol>
D. Funding: Sources of Income for This Event or Project
1. Sponsorships or Fundraising: Amount \$5,000 From: private sponsors
2. Entry Fees : Amount \$ From
3. Donations: Amount \$ From
4. Accommodations Tax Funds Request: Amount \$1,000
Date(s) Required: _9/1/2020 Lump Sum _\$1,000 Installments
5. Other:
6. Total Budget: <u>\$6,000</u>
E. Financial Analysis
Please Provide Line Item Budget for Event or Project
Date for Submission to Isle Of Palms Treasurer of Financial Report for Event or Project
If awarded, funds are requested as follows:
(1) Lump Sum(s): \$1,000 on9/1/2020 (date), \$ on (date), \$ on (date).
(2) Payment of Invoices as submitted to City Staff. Invoices should be submitted two

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weeks prior to due date.



