

**ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

11:00 a.m., Monday, October 12, 2009

A Special Meeting of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 12, 2009 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Committee members Ferencz, Linville, Nelson and Chairman Ward; a quorum was present although absences for members Burgis, Hollingsworth and Miller were excused.

1. Chairman Ward called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and the public had been notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Purpose

Chairman Ward explained that the purpose of this Special Meeting was to discuss two (2) funding requests held over from the regular meeting of October 7, 2009.

A. \$1,000 Request from The Fort Sumter-Fort Moultrie Historical Trust

Liz Traynor, the Project Coordinator for the Civil War Sesquicentennial that will begin in 2010, apologized to the Committee for missing the regular meeting of October 7 and thanked them for allowing her the opportunity to appear today. She explained that the funds she was seeking would be used to fund speakers for a symposium to be held December 2-4, 2009 "to commemorate the 150th anniversary of South Carolina's secession from the Union, an act that dramatically changed our nation and the world."

MOTION: Mrs. Ferencz moved to approve \$1,000 to The Fort Sumter-Fort Moultrie Historical Trust; Mr. Linville seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. \$5,000 Request from Morgan Creek Grill to Support "Palm Bucks" Promotion

Carla Pope, Operations Manager for Morgan Creek Grill, stated that, as she had approached other island businesses over the past several days, she had learned that there was not sufficient time to garner the support among island businesses to make this promotion a success at this time. She asked the Committee's indulgences to keep the project in mind and that she would work toward making it happen in the off-season next year.

3. Adjourn

Mrs. Ferencz expressed concern that the information requested on the funding application was not definitive enough to garner information on the tourism impact to the island from a proposed event. She voiced an interest in reviewing the application to determine what changes could be made to it so that the applicant would be required to provide that type information. Chairman Ward agreed that he was always interested in knowing how the Isle of Palms benefited from accommodations monies spent.

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m.; Mr. Linville seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk