

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12:00 p.m., Monday, May 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (ATAX) was held at 12:00 p.m., Monday, May 16, 2016 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms. Attending the meeting were Malcolm Burgis, Julise Spell, Susan Haynie, Judith Bleecker and David Nelson, Administrator Tucker, Treasurer Suggs, Assistant Administrator Fragoso and City Clerk Copeland. The absences of Margaret Miller and Sally Muhlig were excused and a quorum was present to conduct business.

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

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

MOTION: Ms. Haynie moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 18, 2016 as submitted; Ms. Spell seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Citizens' Comments** – None

4. **Financial Statements**

Consideration of FY17 ATAX Budget

Treasurer Suggs distributed the schedule titled Distribution of Funds Received and pointed out that State ATAX receipts for the quarter ended March 31, 2016 was seventeen percent (17%) greater than the same quarter last year, which should be an encouraging sign for the quarter ahead.

Since the Committee had a look at an earlier version of the FY17 ATAX budget, Administrator Tucker stated that she would highlight the changes. ATAX Fund revenues and transfers have not changed since originally seen; the first change was on line 295, Recreation Department Capital Outlay with the re-budget from FY16 of the cost to replace the holiday tree for Front Beach at seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000). The other change was on line 308, Construction in Progress to add back the estimated design and engineering for new Front Beach public restrooms for one hundred nine thousand eight hundred twenty dollars (\$109,820). The City has also submitted a pre-application for a Hazard Mitigation grant for the cost to elevate the restrooms due to their location in a "V" flood zone.

Ms. Haynie asked whether the County was going to pay for the construction of the restrooms, and the Administrator said that the City and the County are in negotiations.

Administrator Tucker recounted how the City had contracted with Liollo Architecture to study the available City-owned properties to determine the best location for new public restrooms, and, after their research and discussions with Front Beach businesses, the decision was to rebuild in the same location. Liollo worked with an outside vendor and quoted the City one point one million dollars (\$1,100,000) for construction to be elevated and ADA compliant.

Ms. Spell asked when construction would begin if the County provided the funding.

The Administrator responded that the first step was to get the money, and that, once that was done, the construction would have to be done in the off-season. Since the City cannot be ready for this winter, it will likely be the winter of FY18.

Administrator Tucker reported that the Secret Season campaign had not seen any progress since the last meeting, but she hoped to have news at the next meeting.

Mrs. Bleecker asked how the parking management plan had worked over its initial kickoff weekend, and the Administrator responded that officers wrote many tickets for a variety of violations.

The Administrator reported that the appearance is that beach-goers think the state laws end when they get to the beach, and, if a sign says "Beach Parking," they park without any regard to how close to an intersection or fire hydrant they may be or that they are parked on the sidewalk or that all four (4) tires are not off the pavement, etc.

With regard to the parking, Administrator Tucker explained that, beginning in 2012, all golf carts were to be registered every five (5) years, and many resident golf cart owners were not aware of the new regulation, therefore, did not have current registrations on their golf carts. Another issue with golf carts is that they must have a resident parking pass if they are taken to the beach.

MOTION: Ms. Spell moved to approve the FY17 ATAX budget as presented; Mrs. Bleecker seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **Old Business – None**
6. **New Business – None**
7. **Miscellaneous Business**

Next Meeting Date: 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 14, 2016 in Council Chambers.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m.; Mr. Burgis seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk