



Town of Hilton Head Island
Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Present from the Committee: Jim Fluker, *Chairman*; Richard Thomas, *Vice-Chairman*; Stephen Arnold, James Berghausen, John Farrell, Julie Martin, and Margaret Johnson

Absent from the Committee: None

Present from Town Council: Tom Lennox and David Ames

Present from Town Staff: John Troyer, *Director of Finance*; and Cindaia Ervin, *Finance Assistant*

Present from the Media: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. FOIA Compliance

Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

3. Roll Call- See as noted above.

4. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Chairman Fluker asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Arnold moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Berghausen seconded. By way of roll call, the motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

5. Approval of Minutes-None

6. Appearance by Citizens

Cindaia Ervin, Committee Secretary, stated that comments concerning agenda items were to be submitted electronically via the Town's Open Town Hall portal. The public comment period closed the day prior to the meeting at 4:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the Open Town Hall, there were no comments submitted and nor did any citizens requested to speak to the Committee in person.

7. New Business

- a. Hearing of Applicants

The following applicants made presentations to the Committee during the morning session:

1. HH Symphony Orchestra
2. Arts Center of Coastal Carolina

3. The Boys & Girls Club of the Lowcountry
4. Hilton Head Island Recreation Association
5. Lowcountry Golf Course Owners Association
6. Hilton Head Wine & Food Inc
7. The Coastal Discovery Museum
8. David M. Carmines Memorial Foundation

During the presentation of the Lowcountry Golf Course Owners Association Mr. Farrell disclosed a potential conflict of interest and did not participate. The required disclosure forms are on file.

The Committee broke for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 1:30 p.m. During the afternoon session, the following applicants made presentations to the Committee.

9. Art League of Hilton Head
10. Hilton Head Choral Society
11. Hilton Head Dance Theater
12. The First Tee of the Lowcountry
13. TedX Hilton Head
14. Native Island Business Community Affairs Association
15. Hilton Head Audubon
16. Sea Turtle Patrol Hilton Head Island
17. Shelter Cove Harbour Company
18. Harbour Town Merchants Association
19. Hilton Head Island Airport

During the presentation of the First Tee of the Lowcountry Mr. Farrell disclosed a potential conflict of interest and did not participate. The required disclosure forms are on file.

After the presentations concluded, Mr. Fluker thanked everyone for taking the time to present to the committee. John Troyer, Director of Finance stated that the Finance Department is waiting on the quarterly Accommodations Tax funds to be received. Once Mr. Troyer will provide the Committee with clear amount for funding. Mr. Fluker also reminded everyone that the last meeting for the committee will be Thursday, November 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment

At 4:56p.m. Mr. Fluker adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by: Cindaia Ervin, Secretary

Approved: November 3, 2022