

LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

LTAC PRESENT: Councilmember Malcolm Miller, Ruth Weigelt, Susana Matis, Chad Carpenter

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Spence, Troy Woo, Kelly Adams

COUNCILMEMBER MALCOLM MILLER OPENED THE MEETING AND WELCOMED THE COMMITTEE AND VISITORS.

CHAD CARPENTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 30, 2020, MINUTES. SUSANA MATIS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Lodging Tax Revenue Update and Projections

Troy Woo, Director of Finance, provided an update of lodging tax revenue collections and expenditures.

Troy reported year-to-date hotel/motel tax revenues of \$155,896 and \$8,326 interest income for a total of \$164,223.

Troy reported year-to-date expenditures of \$152,683, and noted some expected second quarter payments had yet to be processed.

The projected 2021 Hotel/Motel Tax Budget is \$305,896. Based on estimate revenues for 2021, the five agency requests exceed revenues by \$91,307.

The Committee was informed there are reserves to fully fund the agency requests in 2021 if that is the Committee's final decision.

2021 Lodging Tax Fund Applications

Five programs submitted applications for 2021 funding. The Committee discussed the five applications.

Members decided that applicants will present for five minutes to address how programs will utilize 2021 funding during the COVID-19 crisis and participate in five

minutes of question and answer time. The Committee requested that individual programs answer the following questions:

Experience Olympia

- The funding request from Experience Olympia & Beyond is similar to that of prior years. Please justify this request, given recent cost savings measures, such as staff reductions.

Lacey South Sound Chamber

- Is the Visitor's Center open for foot traffic and adequately staffed?

Washington Center for the Performing Arts

- What are your ongoing expenses?
- What is the status of the capital project?

Regional Athletic Complex

- How does the Experience Olympia Sports Commission and the Regional Athletic Complex work together?
- Are these duplicative efforts?

Lacey Museum

- No specific questions.

THE LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGREED TO RECONVENE ON SEPTEMBER 14 AT NOON.

COUNCILMEMBER MILLER ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:53 PM.