

**City of Truth or Consequences
Lodger's Tax Advisory Board
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
City Commission Chambers, 405 W. 3rd St.
July 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION:

Chairman Foerstner called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Jake Foerstner, Chair
Moshe Koenick, Vice Chair
Theresa King, Member
Gina Kelley, Member
Lisa Gabaldon, Secretary

All members were present.

Others present included: City Clerk Cantin; City Manager Madrid and Tammy Gardner, Executive Assistant

1. Approval of Agenda

Member Gina Kelley moved to approve the agenda. Member King seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Comments from the Public

No public present.

3. Approval of LTAB Minutes:
• **March 28, 2019 Special Meeting**

Member Gina Kelley moved to approve the minutes. Member King seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Requests to amend 2018/2019 Budget
• **T or C Fiesta**

Member Kelley asked why we are receiving this amendment now and not in April.

City Clerk Cantin was not sure.

Chairman Foerstner asked what they are planning to amend.

Member Kelley: I'm surprised because it's passed, it's already over and so are they asking us to approve this amended budget for something that they've already done, and I would say no because there's golf carts on here and those are ineligible.

Member King asked why is the septic ok but not the golf carts?

Member Kelley: Sanitation, that is legally ok. It's just the way that the statutes written, it's marketing, sanitation, police and tourism infrastructure.

Chairman Foerstner: So transportation doesn't apply? So knowing that and since it's already spent, I'm just wondering if we're just basically checking it out. But we can keep it in mind.

City Clerk Cantin: Here is the main packet that she submitted for last year. FY she's requesting to amend. \$1,500 for publishing, \$5,150 for radio, \$850 other, costs for porta potties \$500.

Tammy Gardner: I also have an added cost for the Queen lineup for the parade.

Member Kelley: That's not eligible.

City Clerk Cantin: I thought that's what they wanted the golf carts for.

Tammy Gardner: The golf carts are to transport judges and then the lineup at the parade.

City Clerk Cantin: recommend that all budget amendments be submitted earlier.

Member Kelley: Can we ask them to submit them a month after their event?

Member King: I guess they were asking for extra time for the reimbursements.

Member Kelley: They knew how much they were gonna spend before that event.

City Clerk Cantin: check the guideline to check the budget. Board wants to make a reference to review amendments.

Tammy Gardner: Here is an amended budget for this next year for T or C Fiesta. I did not have him sign it, since this meeting was going on right now, so it's not included in the packet, because I just barely emailed it. And it's gonna address the same thing. She's asking for things that you're saying aren't included.

Member Kelley: When they did their application, it was in their application and they weren't here. We brought it up then and we reduced their award based on that.

Tammy Gardner: Right, and that's another thing, especially if they're not here, I don't know how to go about doing that because all I have is their application and I tried to write down as many notes as I could, as to where you guys were cutting their monies, so that they are responsible for redoing their budgets. And if they're not here, they only have an amount. They don't have all of the little cuts so, amending their budget, they have an amount and they're taking it back to the drawing board to adjust the amount and do it themselves.

City Manager Madrid: You know it wouldn't be a bad idea to make the attendance for the distribution of funds meeting mandatory, so that they know what cuts you guys are making.

Member Kelley: So maybe going forward what we can do is when we send them an award letter, spell it out, like the county does. Maybe we can create a form to redo their monies, let's think about it the best way to do it at that time.

5. Lodgers Tax 4th Quarter Work/Spending Reports FY 2018/2019

Member Kelley: Another thing that jumped out at me was the Arts Council, it was all print except for \$70 for local radio; it's kind of disappointing but...

Member King: recused herself

Tammy Gardner: Some of his, I rejected because he did not show me proof of his radio, no tear sheets, another one it did not have paid for in part by Lodger's Tax. When I reject, do you want to see those or just reject them?

Member Kelley: Just reject them; you know what to look for. Those are my only things.

Chairman Foerstner: So do we need to approve these by separate motion for each or can we do them all at once?

City Clerk Cantin: You can do them all at once unless there's some major thing. You may want to make a separate motion for the Chamber.

Member Gina Kelley moved to approve the Lodgers Tax 4th Quarter Work/Spending Reports FY 2018/2019 with the exception of the T or C Chamber of Commerce inclusion of \$781 for buying films for the Film Festival, which is an ineligible expense. Vice-Chair Koenick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Recommendation of Reappointment to LTAB of Moshe Koenick

Member King moved to reappoint Moshe Koenick. Member Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Comments from the Board/Staff

Tammy Gardner: I have a question. When you say that the meetings are quarterly, is it quarterly as in after the reports are due?

Member Kelley: So, we don't meet monthly, just quarterly? And if we need a meeting in between, we just have a special meeting?

City Clerk Cantin: Yes.

Tammy Gardner: When we get reimbursement requests, that way I don't make a mistake and pay someone for something that is ineligible, would that be something that we could bring to you and you guys review them and then you give me your recommendation and then I pay them?

Member Kelley: So maybe we need to shift our meetings for after everybody submits. That sounds actually really good. By and large, most of it is totally fine, it's just a couple of little glitches here and there. My dream is that the Arts Council starts doing something really effective. As long as they're in the guidelines, all we can do is encourage. That sounds like a really good plan, thank you for bringing that up.

City Manager Madrid: asked the board for their opinions regarding the new billboards; better contrast for the billboards were discussed.

Chairman Foerstner: I do want it to go on record that I do like the return to the slogan Hot Springs, cool town vs hot times. So we can relay that to the commission.

City Clerk Cantin: Since we changed and you guys wanted the packets emailed to you, you received all of that detail in the reports. Is that what you want? It would cause Tammy less work, but since you wanted all of the tear sheets and everything it's a lot. But if you are gonna look at their budget amendment and approve the expenditures prior to paying it, it might be beneficial, but if you would take a look at that and send me your comments, we will work together and do whatever works for you. Keep in mind, we are including everything she gets now and we never used to. But, you needed something to look at what they're doing.

Member Kelley: What confused me was that every single reimbursement request was attached, so I think the museum had like 20 of them and maybe just the most recent is all that we need, because then it will show the total.

City Clerk Cantin: Well if you're going to review and accept them for expenditures, you want them separated with what goes with each one. We will bring one hard copy because we have to have it for our record and we can put the rest on a thumb drive to take around. So we will continue to send it out electronically because it is a lot of paper and takes quite a bit of time.

Chairman Foerstner: I like the agenda on paper though, so if we can keep that because it makes it quick to refer to.

Member Kelley: Yes, you can email them to us; you don't need to print them, except for your copy for your records.

8. **SET TIME, PLACE AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING** (Meets quarterly on the last Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM) – October 24, 2019)
9. Adjourn

Member King moved to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. Vice-Chair Koenick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the Lodger's Tax Advisory Board on Tuesday July 28, 2020.



Jake Foerstner, Chairman

