

LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 3, 2022

A. Call to Order – Committee Chair Councilwoman Weizmann called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call – Councilwoman Weizmann, Mr. Schuller, Ms. Niemeier, Ms. Debbie Anderson, Ms, Karen Wichman

C. Minutes (will be posted to website as draft until next meeting)

D. Information Items.

Ms. Niemeier went over the changes to the Open Public Meetings Act.

- Must have regular meetings
Committee decided to hold meeting the 1st Tuesday of every quarter.
- Meeting schedule must be posted to website
- Meeting can be cancelled if there are no applications to review.
- Meetings will be in Council Chambers
- May stay with a hybrid model but we are good to back to in person.
- Meetings will be recorded. Recording will be posted to website.
- Must have minutes. Draft minutes will be posted to website until next meeting when they can be approved.

1. Discussion of dates for regular meetings. Agreed to hold meeting the first Tuesday of February, May, August, November of each year. Meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m. Funding applications will need to be received before 5:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting.

2. Discussion of Cheney Rodeo Funding Application. Committee voted to approved the entire insurance payment for the Rodeo as in the recently passed years. Ms. Weizmann would like to include the requested funding for the stock and contractors. Ms. Wichman and Ms. Anderson disagreed as they would like to see more rooms being used in the Holiday Inn for the event. Mr. Rick Edwards was in the audience and stated he was told there were no rooms available. Ms. Anderson will check into that. Committee decided to meet on 5/10/22 virtually to determine if there were enough rooms being used to fund the requested amount for stock/contractors. Discussion on the lodging funding application determined the forms need to be updated to allow for clear revenue and expense explanation from requestors.

3. Attendee Comments on Cheney Rodeo Funding Application.

Mr. Edwards gave an update on the rodeo and the increase in the purse they will have this year. He explained that the increased purse will draw more cowboys from out of state and will make the rodeo bigger. They had a good year last year as they came out of the pandemic and are using those funds for improvements at the rodeo grounds.

4. Discussion of Civil War Association Funding Application

Discussion on their event and the requested web site cost. Committee declined the website cost and voted to approve the remaining request with the condition as the Holiday Inn Express being shown on their advertisements as the host hotel. Funding will be distributed after the event, at the request of the Civil War Association, and the committee would like receipts to back up the requested funds.

5. Attendee Comments on Civil War Association Funding Application

There was no citizen attendance or comment for the Civil War Funding Application.

6. Ms. Niemeier stated she will prepare the packet for City Council on May 13, 2022 for the \$5,900 insurance for the Rodeo and the \$4,450 for the Civil War Association. Ms. Niemeier reminded the committee they are advisory and the City Council will review their funding recommendation take action.

7. The committee is choosing to meet next Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 3:00 p.n. via zoom to discuss the rooms used at local hotels for the rodeo and their request for an additional \$8,700.

E. Conclusion of Meeting

City Clerk

Jill Weismann, Chair

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