



ACCOMMODATIONS ADVISORY TAX COMMITTEE MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 25, 2015 ♦ 4:30 P.M.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Harrison called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Harrison, and members Harbin, Lane-Laveglia, Murdock, and Servant were in attendance. Members Chandler and Truett were absent. A quorum was present. Others present: Councilmembers Childs and Stevens and Town Clerk Herrmann.

2. **MINUTES APPROVAL.** Mr. Servant moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 meeting as presented. Mr. Murdock seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **BUSINESS. Wildfire Wireless Surveillance Camera System (\$16,000.)** Chairman Harrison explained that this request was denied at the February 18th meeting, but much discussion was held about possibly funding the request from excess funds set aside for the May 2015 Bike Events. He referred to the decision paper for details; a copy of which is on filed.

Ms. Harbin moved, for purposes of discussion, to recommend that Town Council approve the purchase of the Wildfire Wireless Surveillance Camera System at a cost of \$16,000 from excess May 2015 Bike Week funds; hospitality or other funds as Town Council deems appropriate. Mr. Murdock seconded.

Mr. Servant did not initially approve the proposal, although they seem to be important law enforcement, municipalities and counties. Cameras have their place. He did not know whether crime rates were so high along the beach accesses that it would support the motion. He has yet to hear information to satisfy that question. In his opinion, accommodations tax revenue during this tight budget year could be better spent, and he would vote against the motion.

Ms. Lane-Laveglia asked if 30-percent was paid to the Chamber, and whether that amount had to be paid on reimbursed Bike Week Funds. Mr. Servant said yes; the Chamber would receive 30-percent out of any excess funds, but not on reimbursements.

Chairman Harrison voted in favor. Members Harbin, Lane-Laveglia, Murdock, and Servant voted against. **MOTION DENIED.**

The committee instructed the clerk to contact the membership to schedule a meeting after September so the finance department has time to prepare a statement of revenue and expenditures for its consideration. The Wildfire Camera system will be reconsidered at the fall meeting.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** There were no public comments.

7. **COMMITTEE COMMENTS.**

Mr. Murdock said his term was expiring on April 26th. He understands that another volunteer has come forward. He has enjoyed serving on the committee, but feels his strength is either on planning and zoning or the board of zoning appeals, so therefore, he would not seek reappointment to the committee.

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51 Ms. Lane-Laveglia said she was not opposed to the cameras, but she would like to know
52 whether the cameras were a want or a need in the police chief's opinion.

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54 8. **ADJOURNMENT.** Ms. Harbin moved to adjourn at 4:59 p.m. Mr. Murdock seconded. All
55 voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

56 Prepared and submitted by

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59 Approved:

Debra Eaddy Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

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63 Randy Harrison, Chairman – Lodging Member

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66 E. J. "Mil" Servant, Vice Chair, Lodging Member

Cecil Chandler, Culture/Arts Member

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69 Carolyn Harbin, Committee Member

Melodye Lane-Laveglia, Committee Member

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72 Phil Murdock, Committee Member

James S. Truett, Committee Member

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