



Meeting Minutes

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 4, 2023
Richland City Hall – Council Chambers
625 Swift Boulevard

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Meeting – 4:00 p.m.

Council Liaison Terry Christensen called the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Attendance: Council Member Terry Christensen and Committee members, Douglas (Gus) Sako, Char Garza, and Lacey Stephens.

Also, present were Deputy City Manager Schiessl, Finance Director Allen, Parks & Public Facilities Director Hester, and Staff Liaison Everett.

Public Comments

None.

Approval of Minutes

The October 27, 2022 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting minutes will be presented for the Committee's review and approval at the next scheduled meeting.

New Business

1. Reallocation of Hotel Motel Funds

Laura Hester provided an overview of the 2019 Badger Mountain Community Park project, which was delayed/never completed due to COVID and production supply issues. This project was recently rebid at a lower cost if combined into one phase from the original three phases.

Laura Hester also provided an update on the current Fitness Court in Howard Amon Park project, which was being completed under budget.

Laura requested a discussion on the transfer of excess funds from the Fitness Court (\$100,000) to the Badger Mountain Park Project, along with a reallocation of the funds never spent (\$200,000) to finish this project in 2023.

Brandon Allen provided an update on Tourism Promotion Area Tax and Hotel Motel Funds including current funding levels and projected levels for 2024, which were favorable.

Discussion

After a short discussion, Mayor Christensen made a motion to move \$100,000 from the Fitness Court project and \$200,000 from the second 2% (capital projects) toward completing the Badger Mountain Park project and seconded by Gus Sako. The motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Christensen adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Approved: Terry Christensen
Council Liaison Christensen

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