

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – Special Meeting**

10:00 AM
April 14, 2021

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Alternate Meeting Format: On March 6, 2020 the Mayor declared a civil emergency due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 24, 2020 the Governor issued Proclamation 20-28 relating to the COVID-19 emergency and open public meetings. The proclamation has been extended. Due to these factors, the meeting was held using a remote meeting platform.

Committee:

Stacy Goodman, Councilmember (Chair)
James Calabrese, Mariott Hotel
Kathy McCorry, Chamber of Commerce
Jarod Munzer, Cougar Mountain Zoo
(*Excused Absence*)
Will Parkinson, Hilton Garden Inn

Administration/Staff:

Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development
Manager
Benton Coblentz, Economic Development
Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of Feb. 25, 2021

IT WAS MOVED BY MCCORRY, SECONDED BY CALABRESE.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Corby Casler, Executive Director of Downtown Issaquah Association, expressed excitement for potential LTAC grant.

AGENDA ITEMS

Order of discussion changed – agenda item “b” was taken up prior to item “a”.

- b) **Recommend 2021 Funding Initiative Applications, (A)**

Presented by:

Benton Coblentz, Economic Development Coordinator

The Committee discussed the merit of the eight applications received. The summary of rankings was reviewed. Commissioner Parkinson abstained from the conversation. After discussion about funding levels,

IT WAS MOVED BY MCCORRY, SECONDED BY CALABRESE, TO:

Fully fund applications #4, #5, and #6. Half funding for applications #1, #2, #3, #7, and #8. The event for applicant #3 is held in 2021.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Parkinson abstained.

Chair Goodman had to leave the meeting. Committee member Parkinson assumed Chair position.

a) 2021 First Quarter Visit Issaquah Report, (I)

Presented by:

Beth Javens, Visit Issaquah

REPORTS

a) City Council Report Out

City Council meeting end of April to discuss \$8.6M federal recovery funding. (Shared by Councilmember Goodman)

b) 2020 LTAC Funding Update

No change since last meeting. The packet includes letter received from Village Theatre.

c) 2021 Schedule

Next regular meeting is in August 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.