



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Room Tax Commission

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

4:00 PM

Southside Neighborhood Center

Draft until approved at the Commission's October 12, 2022 meeting.

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Room Tax Commission meeting was conducted through video conferencing and available for public viewing at the following link: <https://stream.lifesizecloud.com/extension/4795863/02ac98ca-8f84-4f8c-9e21-5faab538e7dc>.

Members of the public who wished to speak on an agenda item were asked to contact the Commission Secretary by emailing leissoa@cityoflacrosse.org, calling (608)789-7595, or using the drop box outside of City Hall.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Delagrave at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Guests: Art Fahey, A.J. Frels, Valerie Fenske

Present: 4 - Wayne Delagrave, Neil Duresky, Nick Weber, Justice Weaver

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of September 3, 2020 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Weaver to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2020 meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Weber. Vote: Yes - Delagrave, Weber, Weaver; Duresky abstained

Agenda Items:

I. Election of Officers

Commissioner Delagrave asked for nominations for the office of Chairperson.

Nomination of Commissioner Weaver by Commissioner Duresky. Second by Commissioner Delagrave. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Delagrave turned the meeting over to Commissioner Weaver.

Commissioner Weaver asked for nominations for the office of Vice Chair.

Commissioner Delagrave nominated Commissioner Weber for the office of Vice Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Duresky. Unanimous approval.

II. Room Tax Distribution Report

Presented by: Valerie Fenske, Director of Finance and Human Resources

Motion by Commissioner Duresky to accept and file the Room Tax Distribution Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delagrave. Unanimous approval.

III. Room Tax Statistics 2019 - 2021 year to date

Presented by: Valerie Fenske, Director of Finance and Human Resources

Motion by Commissioner Weber to accept and file the Room Tax Distribution Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Duresky. Unanimous approval.

IV. La Crosse Center Budget Report for 2021 and 2022

Presented by: Art Fahey, Director of the La Crosse Center

DISCUSSION:

-New expanded building will be online for 2022

-The Center received some grants this year and looking into 2022.

-Wedding and corporate business picking up. Conventions look strong. Concerts slow to pick up.

Motion by Commissioner Delagrave to accept and file the report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Duresky. Unanimous approval.

Motion by Commissioner Delagrave to approve the 2022 budget for the La Crosse Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Duresky. Unanimous approval.

V. Explore La Crosse Budget Report for 2021 and 2022

Presented by: A.J. Frels, Executive Director of Explore La Crosse

DISCUSSION:

-shared details of 2021 year-to-date budget report, forecast for the remainder of 2021, and proposed budget for 2022

Motion by Commissioner Duresky to accept and file the report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Weber. Unanimous approval.

Motion by Commissioner Duresky to approve the 2022 budget for the La Crosse Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Weber. Unanimous approval.

VI. Other matters that may be lawfully considered by the Commission.

None discussed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Duresky. Motion seconded by Commissioner Delagrave. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Weaver at 4:41 p.m.