



ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

10:00am, Wednesday, October 8, 2025

1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Present: Rebecca Kovalich, Park Williams, Barb Bergwerf, Chrissy Lorenz, Margaret Miller, Rod Turnage, Mike Boykin (via Zoom)

Staff Present: Administrator Kerr, Director Hamilton

2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – September 10, 2025

Ms. Bergwerf made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2025 meeting, and Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial Statements

Director Hamilton said the fund balance is \$5.6 million at the end of the first quarter of FY26, which is a 17% increase over FY25 and due mostly to interest income. Only interest income has been recorded in FY26. No quarterly payments have been received. Expenses are tracking as normal.

The Committee briefly discussed how the CVB may be able to help with island beautification projects. The CVB will attend the November meeting to discuss their FY25 results.

4. Old Business

a. Discussion and consideration of ATAX Grant Application – Lutheran Retreat Center, \$10,000

MOTION: Ms. Kovalich made a motion to approve, and Ms. Lorenz seconded the motion.

Ms. Kovalich asked if the Lutheran Retreat Center guests bring their own food or if the retreat center provides food. Ms. Lorenz believes they offer modest catering options. Ms. Bergwerf stated they are not contributing to ATAX funds received by the City. Ms. Lorenz noted that the Committee has awarded funds to the Exchange Club and the VFW who do not put "heads in beds." Mr. Williams and Ms. Bergwerf commented that fixing the parking lot will help with the aesthetics of the island.

VOTE: A vote was taken with all in favor.

b. Discussion of future beautification projects

Mr. Williams suggested that all Committee members attend the walkability open house at the Recreation Center on October 20, and then discuss future beautification efforts at the November meeting.

5. New Business

Consideration of FY25 Budget Overages

MOTION: Ms. Lorenz made a motion to approve the following FY25 budget overages: IOP WSC YTD water & irrigation, \$425 JLG Enterprise YTD Trash pickup per contract, \$4,265 Charleston CVB – 30% Tourism Promotion Funds, \$133,005 BSO & Marina Parking Attendant, \$1. Ms. Bergwerf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Miscellaneous Business

The next meeting of the ATAX Committee will be Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 10am.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Turnage made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Bergwerf seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk