

Lodger's Tax Committee Meeting
409 West Wabash Street
Lordsburg, New Mexico 88045
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday July 20, 2023
5:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Fortunata Castro, Committee Member; Linda Erikson, Committee Member; Marsha Hill, Committee Member and Krystal Delao, Committee Member

Attendance: Christie Ortiz and Vanessa Haynes, Chamber of Commerce; Sundi Hendrix, Citizen and Felicia Delagarza, Citizen

Approval of Agenda: Marsha Hill moved to approve the agenda as written, 2nd by Linda Erikson, Committee polled, motion passed.

Minutes

a). Minutes of Lodger's Tax Committee Meeting March 2, 2023

Marsha Hill moved to approve the Minutes of Lodger's Tax Committee Meeting of March 2, 2023, 2nd by Fortunata (Nati) Castro. Committee polled. Motion passed.

b). Minutes of Lodger's Tax Committee Meeting April 13, 2023

Marsha Hill moved to approve the Minutes of Lodger's Tax Committee Meeting of April 13, 2023, 2nd by Nati Castro. Committee polled. Motion passed.

New Business

a). Lodger's Tax Funding Request Review

1. Lordsburg-Hidalgo County Chamber of Commerce

Christy Ortiz spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Two requests were made – 1). \$70,000.00 for yearly allotment request and 2). \$5,000.00 to promote Lordsburg and Hidalgo County at the Annual Outdoor Economics Conference in

Sante Fe. After much discussion, it was decided by the committee that \$1,200.00 of the website costs were non-eligible per the Lodger's Tax Guidelines and that 8 hours per week (instead of the requested 10 hours) at \$20.00 per hour was sufficient to pay Tina Martinez for the work she does for the Chamber, bringing the total allotment on item #1 down to \$66,720.00 (less \$1,200.00 + \$2,080.00 = \$3,280.00). On item #2, it was decided that \$5,000.00 was an acceptable allotment but only if the new Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Vanessa Haynes (Vitela) be allowed to also attend the Conference to represent the Chamber of Commerce, which was agreed upon. Total recommended by the Lodger's Tax Committee for the Lordsburg-Hidalgo County Chamber of Commerce totalled \$71,720.00. After careful consideration, Linda Erikson made a motion to accept the \$71,720.00 allotment, 2nd by Marsha Hill. Committee polled. Motion passed.

Adjourn

With nothing further to be discussed, a motion was made by Marsha Hill to adjourn, 2nd by Linda Erikson. Committee was polled. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

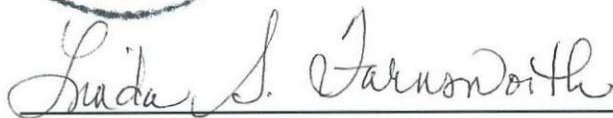
Approved this 16th day of January, 2024



Krystal Delao – Chairperson



Attest:



Linda S. Farnsworth, City Clerk

**LODGER'S TAX
COMMITTEE
Recommendations**

7/20/26

Lodgers Tax Committee met on 7/20/23 @ 5:30 p.m.

#1

The Chamber of Commerce requested \$70,000.00. The Lodger's tax Committee removed \$1,200.00 for website costs which is non-eligible. The Committee also agreed that only 8 hours per week were necessary to pay Tina Martinez for the work she does for the Chamber of Commerce. She (Tina) requested 10 hours per week at \$20.00, but the Committee recommend only 8 hours per week at \$20.00. So instead of paying Tina Martinez \$10,400.00 per year, the Committee recommended \$8,320.00 (a difference of \$2,080.00 per year).

\$70,000.00 requested
1,200.00- website costs
2,080.00- Tina Martinez

\$66,720.00 Total amount recommended for the Chamber

#2

The Chamber of Commerce requested \$5,000.00 to promote City of Lordsburg and Hidalgo County at the Annual Outdoor Economics Conference in Santa Fe to be held October 2023. The Committee recommended the \$5,000.00 for the Chamber, but instead of Christy Ortiz and Beth Cox (with Discover Hidalgo) being the only ones in attendance, it was recommended that since this money is being requested for the Chamber of Commerce, that the new Director Vanessa Vitela should also attend to represent the Chamber of Commerce in Santa Fe.

\$66,720.00 Total amount recommended for the Chamber
5,000.00 Total recommended to promote City/County at the
Annual Outdoor Economics Conference in Santa Fe

\$71,720.00 Total for both requests recommended

**COUNCIL
APPROVAL
7/26/23
(HIGHLIGHTED
AREA)**

g). Fleet Safety Policy (per Personnel Policy)

Code Enforcement Officer Dusti Conover presented the new Fleet Safety Policy to the Council. Councilor Saucedo moved to approve the Fleet Safety Policy as written, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos. Council was polled. Motion passed.

h). Taser Policy (per Police Department Policy)

Code Enforcement Officer Dusti Conover presented the new Taser Policy to the Council. Councilor Saucedo asked for some corrections to the verbiage of said policy. Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos moved to accept the Taser Policy with the corrections that were suggested, 2nd by Councilor Plowman. Council was polled. Motion passed with corrections to be made to policy.

i). Pursuit Policy (Per Police Department Policy)

Code Enforcement Officer Dusti Conover presented the new Pursuit Policy to the Council. Councilor Saucedo asked for the same corrections be made for this policy as the ones made to the Taser Policy regarding verbiage. Councilor Plowman moved to accept the Pursuit Policy with the corrections that were suggested, 2nd by Councilor Montenegro. Council was polled. Motion passed with corrections to be made to policy.

j). Lodger's Tax Recommendation from Lodger's Tax Committee

The Lodger's Tax Committee recommended the allocation of \$71,720.00 in Lodger's Tax funds to the Chamber of Commerce. Councilor Saucedo moved to approve the Committee's recommendation of \$71,720.00, 2nd by Councilor Montenegro. Council was polled. Motion passed.

k). Patrick Saucedo – Liquor Permit for Tejano Fiesta

Mr. Saucedo suggested that the beer garden be sectioned off separately in order to better keep track of who is drinking. In recent past, The City had allowed alcohol any where in the park during the Tejano Fiesta. Mayor Pro-Tem Morelos moved that the beer garden for the Tejano Fiesta be sectioned off and separate, 2nd by Councilor Neave. Council was polled. Motion passed.