



MINUTES

LODGING TAX ADVISORY MEETING

August, 27, 2026, at 10 am; held Virtual/First-Floor Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Deputy Mayor Andy Elfers (chair), Meilee Anderson, Dean Burke, Charles Hendricks, Kylie Crick, staff: Carmen Palmer

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Financial Update

Carmen Palmer provided an update on the funds and projects:

- Balance at end of June was \$406,146.
- There's still a \$20,000 bond we're holding for the Heritage Park/Hops Alley plants that will be released to the contractor in Winter 2027 (assuming the plants continue to thrive).
- Total amount available is conservatively \$386,146.

2. Potential Funding Item: Assets for Increased Event Safety

Palmer updated the group that Pierce County LTAC recommended \$500,000 in funding in 2027 for Sumner to replace the sound/PA system and purchase more permanent barricade/bollard options to run down Main Street for better event security. The application anticipated a \$150,000 match from Sumner LTAC to fairly balance the two sources of Sumner lodging tax funding.

Burke moved to approve recommending \$150,000 for this project. Hendricks seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Other Potential Funding Needs

Palmer provided an update on potential other funding needs, focusing on the Council's recent investment in fully designing the balance of Heritage Park. The committee agreed to hold off on any further funding recommendations and meet in March 2027 to assess a Sumner LTAC commitment to building the rest of Heritage Park to align with the upcoming 2028 Pierce County LTAC application process in April.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am