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Accommodation Tax Committee Meeting

Port Royal Town Hall, 700 Paris Avenue

July 24, 2025

4:00 PM

Accommodation Tax Committee Members: Nick Borreggine, Carla Ferguson, Elizabeth Smith, Greg Godfrey, and Morgan Iovine.

In attendance: Assistant Town Manager Brooke Plank-Buccola, Town Clerk Lisa Graham.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

The current budget is estimated at approximately \$10,000, with staff to confirm the exact amount.

Committee members were reminded of their prior interest in allocating funds for public restroom facilities. Staff inquired whether the Committee would consider contributing to the \$115,000 restroom facility for the Council-approved Marsh View Park project. Members requested more detailed information from the park rendering and asked for cost estimates on adding additional stalls. As the park has not yet been funded, staff is currently exploring potential grant opportunities.

The Committee discussed whether funding opportunities should be opened to applicants, noting that new businesses may be unaware of the potential availability of funds. There were also questions about whether it was too late in the year for applicants to plan accordingly and whether the funds should be rolled over into the next fiscal year. Concerns were raised about long-term maintenance of any restroom facilities, and whether other municipal parks should also be considered for future installations.

Staff clarified that extending restroom facilities to Sands Beach and the Boat Landing would be expensive due to the lack of supporting infrastructure. However, resident Ann-Marie Adams emphasized that infrastructure investments provide lasting benefits to the community and should remain a priority. The Committee suggested exploring the installation of public showers with timers at Sands Beach and the Boat Landing by utilizing existing water connections. They will reconvene once cost estimates are finalized and are seeking further guidance from staff.

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The meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lisa Graham', written in a cursive style.

Lisa Graham
Town Clerk

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