

Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee Meeting

Theodore D. Washington Municipal Building, Henry “Emmett” McCracken Jr. Council Chambers, 20
Bridge Street, Bluffton, SC

February 17, 2026

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Channel 1304.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Garibaldi called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Nate Pringle
Ellen Shumaker
Scott Thrasher
Michael Garibaldi

ABSENT

Chairperson Christy Parker
Vice Chair Sam Britt
Jean Wilson

III. SPECIAL ELECTION

Due to the Chair and Vice-Chair being absent, there was a special election for Chairperson. Shumaker motioned to nominate Garibaldi as Chair for the February 17, 2026 meeting. Seconded by Thrasher. Voting Yea: Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher; Abstaining: Garibaldi

The motion passed.

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025

Motion made by Pringle to adopt minutes as drafted. Seconded by Shumaker.
Voting Yea: Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Garibaldi

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Alan Jordan of the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra addressed ATAC regarding the requirement of a specific tagline be used for ATAX funded television and radio commercials. He requested a revised and shortened audio tagline be considered.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

Shannon Milroy, Budget & Procurement Manager, reported 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2026 collections of \$265,955 down slightly from the same quarter last fiscal year. Two applications for funding were received this quarter totaling \$45,000 in requests; there is \$346,809 available for distribution.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Grant Application Q&A: The Rotary Club of Bluffton

Motion to recommend award of \$25,000 to Town Council made by Shumaker, Seconded by Thrasher.

Voting Yea: Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Garibaldi

2. Grant Application Q&A: Beaufort Water Search & Rescue

Motion to not recommend an award to Town Council made by Thrasher, Seconded by Shumaker.

Voting Yea: Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Garibaldi

IX. DISCUSSION**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Shumaker, Seconded by Thrasher. Voting Yea: Pringle, Shumaker, Thrasher, Garibaldi

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.