



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Tourism Commission

Meeting Date: April 7, 2025

Item Title: Discussion and Possible Action to Update the Tourism Ordinance

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Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

At its March 18th meeting, the Council approved Ordinance 799-25 Concerning Committees, Commissions, and the manner in which the City Council conducts its business. As Tourism is a body created by State Statute, it is unaffected by the new Ordinance. However, the Tourism Commission already utilizes several aspects of Ordinance 799-25 which helps keep consistency with other committees.

Staff recommend that the Tourism Commission updates the Tourism Ordinance to align the elections of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the Tourism Commission to be done during the first meeting of after the Council makes its committee appointments in May. Since Tourism meets usually before the 1st Council meeting in May, its elections could take place in June. Currently, the Tourism Ordinance requires the Tourism Commission to elect officers at its first meeting of each calendar year – or implied as January. Aligning the election with the Council appointments makes it easier to coordinate with the Mayor and Council and adds further consistency.

List of all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Tourism Committee Ordinance
Council Approved Ordinance 799-25

Action Requested of Tourism Commission:

Discussion, review, and make possible recommendations to the Council to repeal and replace Sec. 2-381 of the Columbus Tourism Committee code with the following changes: “one-year terms beginning June 1st” and “elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary at its first meeting after the Council’s first meeting in May or as soon thereafter as the Tourism Commission may meet.”