



## **MINUTES and PUBLIC BUDGET OPEN HEARING**

The Grover Tourism Development Authority

June 26, 2018 meeting | 6:04 p.m.

We provide published notice of our regular meetings held four times per year via our regular website, paid advertising campaigns, Facebook site and public body notice posting in plain view of public passerby on the town hall bulletin board to be at 6 pm held the last Tuesday of every quarter (March, June, September, December) at the Grover Town Hall with a backup default of Carolina Crossing Restaurant. Notice is provided to the public that all budgets are submitted at the March meeting, posted on the town bulletin board, our Facebook site, and TDA website for full public review 90 days before the June Public Hearing meeting where budget voting occurs. Entities desirous of requesting tourism-related funds for their use can apply all year long.

- 1. Called to order at 6:08 pm on June 26th** with members Mongiello, Hoyle and Brackett in attendance while Town Finance Manager Willis also presented his bank updates.
- Ms. Hoyle, made a motion for approval and acceptance of the regular minutes held on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Brackett. It was noted a minor time/date change correction of four minutes was needed versus what was typed and would be completed. Passed unanimously. **A NOTE ABOUT CRIMINAL CONDUCT:** At this time for any public meeting under NC law, a board member or Commissioner has the legal right to add any item to an agenda, accordingly, per Roberts Rules of Order. Additionally, it is noted under law that no single person is legally allowed to control any agenda of a public meeting, including any Mayor or Chairperson. Meetings do not have to have an agenda printed up under law and distributed before, and **members** of any public body are allowed under General Statute, to add or request a vote be held on items to add into any agenda. NC General Statute allows for a criminal offense to be had of class two (2) misdemeanor for anyone in charge of meetings stating otherwise, lying to board members or falsely reporting control of any agenda and, “not allowing a new item to be added to tonight’s agenda.” This call to order is mainly directed towards those leading public boards who think they control the agenda or make illegal statements in North Carolina such as, “well, if I feel like putting your item onto my agenda – otherwise we might never talk about your ideas.”
- 3. Financial Report** – The 10% restricted held in store by the state is required at all times by law. The increased fee of \$175.00 for the bonding by Travelers Insurance could go up



again next year by a few dollars so during the public budget hearing of 2017 and 2018 (which is the 2018/2019 year) it was again voted on to authorize \$225.00 or less – therefore no additional meeting would be needed if the insurance company sent a bill of, for instance \$198.77, Or 204.56, or some random amount. Current balance as of June 26, 2018 was 2237.14 reported by Willis. Please see the full report, line by line on the public bulletin boards and websites or such can be emailed in Excel or .pdf to any citizen who would like to review it. Additionally, media and citizens interested in hiring forensic accountants, attorneys, and private investigators are welcomed to printed copies and the TDA bank statements for third-party investigations triggered. We have an open book system. Bank statements will be passed around, examined, and reviewed by all members in meetings. The annual audit continues to be on time and paid for to Darrell Keller CPA PA. It was voted on and authorized at the meeting to sign the \$725.00 contract for Keller.

4. A call was made to suspend the regular meeting, temporarily, by the Chairperson, Mongiello, and to enter into the Public Hearing and Public Tribunal seated to examine and review the proposed budget. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was had by Brackett and vote passed unanimously (such was later voted upon to end and reenter the regular meeting), discussed as examining increased methods of bringing in more funds, booth fees potentially being offered, \$200.00 approved for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, \$1200.00 for the Christmas Festival (total line entry of \$1400.00 on 40-101-03), \$60.00 in bank fees, \$950.00 in bonding and audit fees, and \$75.00 for pamphlet printing. Please see the budget sheet in Excel for line by line items. The LGC reported they accepted the audit contract.
5. Mongiello agreed to build Facebook Event sites for upcoming events. The July 4<sup>th</sup> event on the town green, Flag Pole and Flag Raising Ceremony, IN GOD WE TRUST letters going up and party with Movie Night, Christmas Parade National Night Out on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS for action and report review.

Life safety issues of poor, unreadable, and missing signage were brought up to mitigate

1. town lawsuits and to save people needing ambulances at their homes. **Street signs unable to be read by tourists on main town roads** was brought up by Mongiello and discussed. He has emailed the list of the signs and Willis stated he had a new machine in town that could begin to make its signs.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS - none

**7. Adjourned at 7:18 with a motion by Brackett, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Hoyle and unanimously voted for.**