

## **Food & Beverage Tax Advisory Commission**

Cheryl Munson – Chair Ron Smith - Vice Chair John Hamilton Julie Thomas

Susan Bright Lennie Busch **Tony Suttile** 



## FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION SUMMARY MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021 at 11:00 AM MEETING CONNECTION VIA ZOOM

**Members** 

Present - Cheryl Munson, Vice- Chairperson

Present - Ron Smith

Present - John Hamilton

Present – Julie Thomas

Present - Susan Bright

Present - Lennie Busch

Present - Tony Suttile

Staff

Present – Jeff Cockerill, Legal Council Present - Margie Rice, Legal Council

Present - Meghan Miller, Council Assistant

#### 1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chery Munson called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. A roll call of members present taken. All members present.

#### 2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Α. **CHAIR** 

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#### В. **VICE CHAIR**

Julie Thomas made a motion to elect Cheryl Munson as Chair for 2021 and Ron Smith as Vice-Chair for 2021. Bush seconded.

No further discussion.

Munson asked for a Roll Call vote on the motion on the floor to appoint Ron Smith as Vice-Chair and Cheryl Munson as Chair for 2021.

Miller called the Roll:

Suttile Yes Munson Yes **Smith** Yes Hamilton Yes **Bright** Yes **Busch** Yes Thomas Yes Motion Passed; 7-0; Unanimous

# 3. MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, Jeff Cockerill Request Use of County Food & Beverage Tax

The Monroe County Commissioners approved Resolution 2021-02: Requesting Use of the Food and Beverage Funds in order to pay management and debt expenses of the Convention Center. This is necessary due to the drop in Innkeepers receipts.

Julie Thomas and Jeff Cockerill presented on this item. Discussion ensued.

Thomas made a motion to replace the wording "any and all funds" to the amount of "\$300,000" in Item 1 in the Commissioners' Request for Approval to the Food and Beverage Tax Advisory Commission. Smith seconded.

Commission discussion ensued.

**Public Comment:** 

Eric Spoonmore, County Council Geoff McKim, County Council Mike Campbell, Convention & Visitors Bureau

Munson requested Jeff Cockerill, County Legal to read the statement to be approved by the Commission. Statement read:

Now, therefore, be it approved as follows: The Monroe County Board of Commissioners request to use \$300,000 in the County's Food and Beverage Tax Fund for expenses related to debt service of the Convention Center Campus property and Convention Center Management expenses is approved.

### Munson asked for a Roll Call vote:

Miller called the Roll:

Smith Yes
Hamilton Yes
Bright Yes
Busch Yes
Thomas Yes
Suttile Yes
Munson Yes

Motion passed 7-0; Unanimous

#### 4. DISCUSSION REGARDING UPCOMING ANNUAL REPORT, Cheryl Munson

Munson is in the process of getting the Annual Report ready. She needs information from the City to complete the report. Report is due to be presented to the Monroe Council at their February Work Session on February 23, 2021.

#### 5. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

Discussion ensued on possible days and times members would be available to meet. Munson suggested Thursdays at 11 a.m. Thomas is only available Mondays or Fridays before noon. Fridays are better for Smith. Monday is bad for Hamilton, with Friday being a better day for him. Aiming for 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. on the third Friday. It was requested for Meghan Miller to send Doodle Poll for the next meeting for the above dates and times.

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Catherine Smith, Auditor

The Minutes from the **January 21, 2020** Food and Beverage Tax Advisory Commission Meeting were presented and **approved on February 19, 2021.** 

## FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION

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Cheryl Munson, Chair (County Council)	Cheryl Munson, Chair (County Council)
Ron Smith, Vice Chair (City Council)	Ron Smith, Vice Chair (City Council)
John Hamilton, Mayor	John Hamilton, Mayor
Julie Thomas, County Commissioner	Julie Thomas, County Commissioner
Susan Bright, Business Owner	Susan Bright, Business Owner
Lennie Busch, Business Owner	Lennie Busch, Business Owner
Tony Suttile, Business Owner	Tony Suttile, Business Owner
ATTEST: Lotherine Smith	February 24, 2021

Date