

MINUTES OF CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX COMMISSION MEETING

5:30 PM, February 01, 2024

CARVERS BAY BRANCH LIBRARY

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm.

In attendance:

Commission members in person:

Mark Hawn - Chair	Reed Tiller
Harris Chewning	Gary Cooper
Robert Crenshaw	Ashley Nelson

Commission members present via Teams (virtual):

None

Commission members not in attendance:

None

Also present:

Jim Hipp – Facilitator for the Commission

Walt Ackerman – Georgetown County staff liaison for the Commission

Members of the Press present:

Charles Swenson – Coastal Observer

The Chair then proceeded with the Agenda and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024 meeting.

MOTION was made by Nelson and seconded by Hawn to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2024 meeting.

Motion passed 6-0.

The Chair introduced himself to those in attendance and described the format for the meeting, which would include direct involvement from all community members in attendance.

The Commission held a lengthy discussion, with significant participation and input from community members in attendance, about the types of projects that can be considered by statute, the method for presenting projects, requirement for a sponsoring agency, the necessity of being inclusive of all areas of the County, the Commission's commitment to transparency and several other topics.

The Commission then heard from Walt Ackerman about the form that was developed for project submission. Several additional items were added since the last meeting at the request of the Commission. Ackerman reported that the form is now live and the link to access the form was sent out to qualified sponsoring entities. He then reviewed the form and discussed each field and why it was requested by the Commission so that all in attendance would know the rationale behind the need for item on the form.

The Commission then held a brief discussion on the "Notice to Accept Project Proposals" document that was sent to all potential sponsoring agencies.

The Commission discussed the first draft version of a set of criteria or "matrix" for evaluating projects that was developed by Commissioner Harris Chewning and Jim Hipp. Significant input was received from community members in attendance. Revisions to the evaluation "matrix" will be made prior to the next meeting based in part on that input. The Commission noted that the formulation of final version of the evaluation criteria matrix will most likely take several more meetings.

The Commission will hold its next several meetings as follows:

- February 8, 5:30 pm – Waccamaw Library
- February 22, 5:30 pm – Howard Event Space
- February 29, 5:30 pm – Southern Georgetown Library
- March 7, 5:30 pm – Andrews Library
- March 14, 5:30 pm – Carvers Bay Library
- March 28, 5:30 pm – Waccamaw Library

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 pm via motion by Crenshaw, second by Tiller.