



ST. TAMMANY PARISH TOURIST & CONVENTION COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET
MAY 1, 2019

The **Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget** for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at the St. Tammany Tourist and Convention Commission office located at 68099 Highway 59, Mandeville, Louisiana.

Chairman Mark Myers. called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Thomas J. Smith, Jr. delivered the invocation. Following the roll call Mr. Myers opened the floor for discussion.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

- Robert Cook
- Bonnie Eades
- Patti Elish
- Mark Myers
- Marlaine Peachey
- T. J. Smith, Jr.

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

A quorum was present

The budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2019 and ending May 31, 2020 was published and was also available for viewing at the Tourist Commission office, in accordance with Louisiana state law. The proposed budget was presented to members of the board prior to this meeting, and Donna O’Daniels reviewed it with the commissioners individually.

Ms. O’Daniels reviewed the budget with commissioners and guests. Hotel/Motel Tax Revenues are budgeted at \$1,400,000, which is the same as last year. The state appropriation, Visitor Enterprise Fund, is projected at \$475,000. Total budgeted revenue is \$1,951,300 and total expenditures are budgeted at \$2,717.630. This budget is similar to the previous year, with spending under the Special Promotions and Events line item to continue to develop and execute marketing campaigns, such as Tammany Taste last year, that are designed to drive business to hotels, restaurants and attractions during traditionally slow periods. Bill McHugh noted an increase in Capital Outlay and Donna responded that with the building being as old as it is, there is more upkeep and repair needed. It is also hoped that a wing of the building can be reconfigured to become Communications Department space.

There being no further questions or discussion, T. J. Smith made **A MOTION** to adjourn the Budget Public Hearing. **The Motion** was seconded by Bonnie Eades, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

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Rae Shipley
Recording Secretary

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Mark A. Myers
Chairman