

**City of Enumclaw
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2025, 2 PM
Guesthouse Inn
1000 Griffin Ave

I. Call to Order

A. Attendance – Anthony Wright called the meeting to order at 1:40PM. In attendance were Anthony Wright (Enumclaw City Council), Meilee Anderson (Visit Rainier), Kerry Solmonsens (Chamber of Commerce), Gurkirat Sidhu (Guesthouse), Jessica (Guesthouse): Staff liaison was Kristan Reed, Finance Director.

II. Comments from the Audience - None

III. General Business

- Reed presented Financial Statements for review.
- Reed shared that the Dept of Revenue reached out to inform us that the Hotel/Motel Tax would be .09% instead of .1% starting January 1st, 2025. This is due to the King County Mental Health Tax which pushed the tax amount above the sales tax cap of 12%.
- Potential applicants discussed their ideas on requested amounts, which totaled \$37,000.
- Anderson shared that website traffic is up, but referrals are down.
- Jessica shared that the bridge closure has influenced room rentals.
- Solmonsens shared upcoming Chamber events and Expo events.
- Solmonsens moved to allocate a total up to \$39,000 for the year 2026. Jessica seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Applications were to be posted on the website by the end of day September 12th. Closing date of applications is September 29th, 2025.
- Next meeting was scheduled to be October 2nd at 2 pm at Guesthouse Inn to review and approve applications.

Other Business

- Wright led a brief discussion about the Tourism Promotion Area which would require an interlocal agreement with another jurisdiction.

IV. Adjourned the meeting at 2:40 PM.