

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the City Council of the City of Lake Jackson met on Monday June 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, in the Council Chambers at the Lake Jackson City Hall with the following in attendance:

Joe Rinehart, Mayor
Ralph Buster Buell, Council member
Manager
Heather Melass, Council member
Gerald Roznovsky, Council member
Will Brooks, Council member
J. B. Baker, Council member

William P. Yenne, City Manager
Modesto Mundo, Asst. City
Alice A. Rodgers, City Secretary
Sherri Russell, City Attorney

WORKSHOP 6:00 P.M. - DISCUSS DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Jim mahon 306 balsam asked if the level two funding

Modesto level two funding came out of discussion with the group

Jim mahon what happens when the funds go down

Modesto stated level two funding would never be funded. There would have to be excess funds to the 512,000

Jime mahon - level two funding would be by request?

Modesto stated yes they have to meet the requirements. Could be a project funded over two years

Sandra shaw after being briefed over what was said, everything that could be said was said

Matt edquist fine arts council said from the fine arts standpoint this is grace. The more we can get the happier they are. Thanked council for the support

Gerald could be a decision of council to set aside funds for the dry years if council feels it is necessary.

Robert rule said this has helped them through the years. Just want to know the rules. He thought the groups should do a better job of showing the use of the monies.

Mayor two options -- subcommittee stay the course, two funding levels and change percentages. Mayor you cannot cap a portion of the group and not everyone and be fair. If council did place a cap everyone should be capped. If we went to the two tier funding it was suggested there be a committee to make recommendations for the funding. everybody that receives funds from the city are an integral part of the city.

Buster buell would like to see this stay where it is. It has worked for years.

Will brooks, the easiest way is to leave it as it is. He has looked at the two level funding with projects being brought forth for request and discussion. From his standpoint he did not think the major players would be affected. He liked the idea of major projects being brought in. the chambers presents their in a big bulk. The other organizations are not as organized.

Heather melass said there are a number of things that could be funded than have not been funded yet. Placing a cap of \$150,000 is reasonable. Eventhough we do not receive the largest share of funds we pay out the most. The cap could be adjusted over the years. She felt money needs to be spent on sports and family outings. If cap not acceptable then figure a way for the city to take a portion to fund things like farmers market, veterans memorial, as good stewarts of the monies we need to know where the money is going. In 2013-14 the chamber received more than \$80,000 Free up the money to be proactive in managing what we want for our city and not brazosport as a whole.

It is our responsibility to tell the monies where to go - there are a lot of options

Gerald roznovsky said that in level one the he stated the monies shown in 17-18 is the monies refunded back to the courtyard by Marriott as agreed to in the agreement with the city.

Modesto mundo

Gerald roznovsky stated there is \$203,000 to be used to market this area. With this and what is given the chamber that is a lot of marketing for lake Jackson and the area. These are the only tax dollars we handle this way. They come in and they go out. In his years here council has never managed these tax dollars as they do all other tax dollars. Need to take a stronger look at how to manage these dollars. There was never intention to take money away from any of these organizations. In the purist form every year everybody that receives funds would put in an for the funds..... we are asking

to meet in the middle with option two. This does not mean that the base line can't be negotiated

j.b.baker need to have all the groups come in as the chamber does and report what they have spent monies on

mayor

scott schwertner 110 spanish oaks circle this is a tax not just a fund. No other tax that council administers and sets is just handed out like this one. Everything is debated and justified for all others. The city will spend more with one organization than it has with capital projects in some years. He felt the city needed to know the return on its investment. Any organization would be willing to come and state their case. They need to come and justify their expenses. He felt the disproportionate To have a budget increase two fold in a year..... Now that we are going to have 1.3 million he felt council should be involved in this..... he said a few years ago in upgrading the civic center we had to scratch for funds to do that. These funds could go toward the civic center upgrades..... He would be in full support of a hard cap or a membership cap

bob sipple 16 heritage oak court said he has heard different things, on one hand he hears there are a lot of increase in funds, the chamber can do more things with more funds, they do support the brazosport area..... the projects are for 15 years and who knows what the economy will be doing. We give quarterly and annual reports..... looking at this fund is the right thing to do but he hears 'chamber you don't need them, someone else does'

Gerald no one on council has said that

Bob hold and look at where this is in 5 years.

Mayor no one has indicated there is a misuse of funds by the chamber. At the same time the center for arts and sc and historical museum etc uses due diligence. They all support the area. The fine arts council and the museums bring bpeopl to our community, they may not spend the night but they come and due things. Council does not feel the funds are not being used properly. We are just looking at a better way to a lot the money in the hot.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____,
2016.

Joe Rinehart, Mayor

Alice A. Rodgers, City Secretary