



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Councilors

FROM: Joseph W. Peel, Mayor

DATE: May 23, 2013

REF: Consideration – Appointment to the Tourism Development Authority

BACKGROUND:

The Tourism Development Authority consists of nine members; one County Commissioner; one City Councilor; two members from the hotel/motel industry recommended by the hotel/motel industry and appointed by the Commissioners; one City appointment made by the Commissioners on the recommendation of the City; three County appointments; and one appointment from the hotel/motel industry based on a joint recommendation of the City and County. Pasquotank County makes all appointments to the Authority. Councilwoman Jean Baker is the current City Council representative on the TDA and her term will expire on June 30, 2013. This is her second term on the Authority. Councilwoman Baker has indicated that she is willing to serve another two year term.

ANALYSIS:

During the City Council meeting of May 13, 2013, a question was raised concerning appointments/terms to the Tourism Development Authority (TDA). The enabling legislation adopted by the General Assembly in the 2005 session required that the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners adopt a separate resolution to create the Tourism Development Authority. (This resolution was adopted/became effective on June 6, 2005). Pasquotank County (and only Pasquotank County) has the right to determine the size and makeup of the Authority. All nine members of the TDA serve two year terms and all terms expire in June. The City Council does not appoint members to the TDA; the City only makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, who then make the appointments to the TDA. Councilwoman Baker currently fills the seat on the TDA Board that is designated for a City Councilor. This appointment is specific to a City Councilor. Should a City Councilor who serves on the TDA Board not continue to hold a Council seat, it would be the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners to remove that member and replace the seat with a sitting Councilor.

RECOMMENDATION:

By motion and roll call vote, recommend to the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners that Councilwoman Jean Baker be reappointed as the City Council representative on the Tourism Development Authority for a two-year term expiring on June 30, 2015.

JWP/vdw