

# Blue Ribbon Commission

## Revenue Committee

### Minutes

February 8, 2019

Immediately following the Blue Ribbon Commission Meeting  
Historic Metropolitan Courthouse  
One Public Square  
Suite 205  
Committee Room 2  
Nashville, TN 37201

Members Present: Emily Evans, Brad Rayson, Tracy Kane, John Cooper and Dave Goetz

Members Absent: Tanaka Vercher

The meeting was called to order by Chair Evans at 12:10 am CST.

The Chair discussed the revenue collections by the TDZ and asked if it was a lawful use of funds to spend on tourist related activities such as fire and police protections, street cleaning.

CM Cooper shared the view that the state has had a broad interpretation of use of the TDZ money including police overtime. Mr. Goetz asked if it should be considered non-recurring revenue and what is the pledging. CM Cooper noted there was no clawback or way to ratchet back flow of funds to TDZ.

The Chair suggested that money from the TDZ would be non-recurring but could be a bridge and asked about its feasibility. The Chair asked the Finance and Legal to explain limitations on use of money. Mr. Goetz questioned if state would want to claim some of the collections from the TDZ.

CM Cooper suggested longer term projections on revenue and expenditures would be helpful to Metro which budgets only on single year projections.

Mr. Goetz asked if we could get opinion on use of TDZ and projections and collections. The Chair asked that Bass Berry attorney attend a meeting to explain use of TDZ funds.

The Chair asked if Commission could get understanding of state's position on use of TDZ funds.

The Chair asked about hotel occupancy taxes collected on short term rental taxes. The Chair asked about the CVC contract and the amount of money being diverted. The Chair indicated she would ask for a copy of the contract. CM Cooper suggested that any diversion of tourism taxes would likely be offset by growth due to new hotel rooms coming online.

Ms Kane inquired about audit requirements of the contract and percentage of collections from membership.

Ms Kane asked about street closure, building permits and alarm permits and whether they covered costs.

The Chair indicated that the various issues would be discussed at the next meeting of the Subcommittee. With no further business, the Subcommittee adjourned at 12:51 pm CST.