

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO EXTENDING THE TIMEFRAME FOR USE OF THE LODGING TAX GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS FROM THE LODGING TAX FUND AWARDED IN 2020 TO THE RECIPIENTS DESIGNATED THROUGH RESOLUTION 2019-119; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT EXTENSIONS WITH THE RECIPIENTS LISTED IN RESOLUTION 2019-119 ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND SETTING FORTH OTHER DETAILS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, at the regular election on November 8, 2011, the voters within the City of Brighton approved the imposition of a Lodging Tax, to be effective January 1, 2012, in the amount of three-percent (3%) on short-term lodging of less than 30 consecutive days; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2121, amending the Brighton Municipal Code by the addition of Article 3-40, implementing the provisions of the Lodging Tax as approved by the voters; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-40-50 of the Brighton Municipal Code defines the approved uses of the Lodging Tax for the purpose of economic development, special events, cultural arts facilities, advertising and marketing, and promoting tourism and other activities which utilize public accommodations within the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-40-170 of the Brighton Municipal Code establishes the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, the purpose of which is to "study, investigate and advise the City Council as to the development and promulgation of policies for the implementation, support and use of revenues from the lodging tax" consistent with the provisions of Section 3-40-50 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2019, the City Council approved Resolution 2019-119 to award Lodging Tax Funds during the 2020 calendar year in the amount of \$200,000 for the Brighton Economic Development Corporation, \$200,000 for the Brighton Cultural Arts Commission, \$45,000 to the Office of Youth Services for the "Image Summit", and \$15,000 to the Brighton Youth Commission for "SPEAK Week"; and

WHEREAS, many of the events and public activities scheduled for 2020 were canceled, postponed, or held virtually due to the COVID pandemic and the public health orders, which resulted in the Brighton Economic Development Corporation, the Brighton Cultural Arts Commission, the Office of Youth Services and the Brighton Youth Commission not being able to use all of the awarded Lodging Tax Funds in 2020; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2020 the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee presented a recommendation to the City Council to extend the timeframe another 12 months for the use of the Lodging Tax Funds awarded in 2020 to the Brighton Economic Development Corporation, the Brighton Cultural Arts Commission, the Office of Youth Services and the Brighton Youth Commission; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the deadline will result in a 2021 budget for the Lodging Tax grants of \$319,230 and this amount is subject to Council's approval of the 2021 budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the recommendation from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and finds the same to be reasonable and consistent with the letter and intent of Article 3-40 of the Brighton Municipal Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council of the City of Brighton hereby authorizes the City Manager to undertake such tasks and execute such documents as may be required to extend the timeframe for use of the Lodging Tax Grants from the Lodging Tax Fund for calendar year 2020 for an additional 12 months, expiring December 31, 2021. The original funding amounts approved by Council through Resolution 2019-119 remain the same.
2. Subject to formal appropriation by City Council via approval in the 2021 budget.

RESOLVED this 17th day of November 2020.

CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO

GREGORY MILLS, Mayor

ATTEST:

NATALIE HOEL, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JACK D. BAJOREK, City Attorney