CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	February 18, 2020
Action Required:	Approval of Refund of Tax Payment
Presenter:	Todd Divers, Commissioner of the Revenue
Staff Contacts:	Todd Divers, Commissioner of the Revenue Jason Vandever, City Treasurer
Title:	Refund of Tax Payment to TOT Taxpayer

Background:

From January 2017 through October 2019 taxpayer over-reported and paid transient occupancy tax to the City of Charlottesville that should have been paid to another jurisdiction. After re-filing the proper gross receipts and verification by the Commissioner of the Revenue, it was determined that a refund was due.

Discussion:

City Code requires Council approval for any tax refunds resulting from an erroneous assessment in excess of \$2,500 (City Code Sec. 30-6b). Payment of interest is required in accordance with Code of Virginia 58.1-3918. The identity of the taxpayer is withheld in accordance with the provisions of State Code §58.1-3. The refund has been approved for presentment to Council by the City Attorney, Commissioner of the Revenue, and City Treasurer.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan:

n/a

Budgetary Impact:

The refund will reduce current year Transient Occupancy Tax (GL 410040) by \$164,618.53.

Recommendation:

Approval of the tax refund.

Alternatives:

n/a

Attachments:

Council Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND TO TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX FILER OF TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX PAID FOR 2017-2019 \$164,618.53

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Revenue has determined that a transient occupancy tax payer filed amended returns; and

WHEREAS, the transient occupancy taxes for calendar years 2017-2019 were paid on time and as filed; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Revenue has certified that a refund of taxes paid and interest is due in the amount of \$164,618.53; and

WHEREAS, City Code Section 30-6(b) requires City Council approval for any tax refund exceeding \$2,500.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Treasurer to issue a refund of \$164,618.53 to the transient occupancy taxpayer.