

CLE ELUM LODGING TAX & EVENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

8:30 AM

**119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922**

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Members Present:

Beth Williams via zoom

Jon Cornelius

Audrey Malek

Staff Present:

Whitney Prosek - Office Assistant

Rob Omans - City Administrator

Mathew Bailey - Public Works Director

Ed Mills - Fire Chief

Rich Albo - Police Chief

2. Unfinished Business

a. Update Lodging Tax Application

Moved to the next meeting due to the application still with the attorney for review.

b. Event Application

Moved to the next meeting due to the application still with the attorney for review.

3. New Business

a. Cle Elum Lodging Tax & Event Committee — Meeting Minutes — January 14, 2026

MOTION: Committee Member Cornelius made a motion to approve the January 14, 2026, Lodging Tax & Event Committee meeting minutes; seconded by Committee Member Williams.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.

b. Northern Kittitas County Historical Society — 2026 Night at the Museum — Lodging Tax Application

Lodging Tax & Events Committee Agenda

February 11, 2026

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Micheal Richards provided a description of the Night at the Museum activities and planned local history speakers.

Councilmember Malek inquired about the program coordinator expense, noting that while the lodging tax could be used to reimburse the speakers, it could not be applied to cover the costs of the program coordinator.

MOTION: Committee Member Cornelius made a motion to approve the Lodging Tax application for the 2026 Night at the Museum without the program coordinator costs for a total of \$7,295.00; seconded by Committee Member Williams.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.

c. Pioneer Queen Coronation Committee — 2026 Meet & Greet — Lodging Tax Application

Councilmember Malek stated that reimbursement for food expenses is not permitted.

MOTION: Committee Member Cornelius made a motion to approve the Lodging Tax Application for Pioneer Queen Meet & Greet in the amount of \$3,260.00; seconded by Committee Member Williams.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.

d. Lodging Tax Logo — Kittitas County Lodging Tax Application

The committee reviewed the logo and its intended purpose. The committee preferred the city seal logo.

Chief Albo expressed support for utilizing the city seal logo rather than the logo that was presented due to its familiarity.

Councilmember Malek requested clarification on the legal rights associated with the use of the city seal and proposed revisiting the matter at the next meeting.

4. **Other Committee Comments**

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.



Audrey Malek, Chair



Debbie Lee, Clerk