



City Council Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date: July 10, 2018

Submitted by: Warren Ketteyman, Director of Economic Development

Consent

Public Hearing

Action Item x

Item Title: Discuss and consider approval of a recommendation from Forney EDC to allow a percentage of HOT funds generated by new hotels to be used as an incentive for new meeting/convention space.

How this item ties-in with the City's Mission, Vision, and Values: The item fits under "V" for Visionary – We are open to new ideas and creating solutions to all challenges.

Summary Statement

Recently, Councilman Myers approached EDC and Community Development staff in regard to additional meeting/convention space in Forney. Staff reviewed the HOT funds legal language contained in Chapter 351 of the Tax Code. EDC staff presented the information to the EDC Board where a positive recommendation was obtained. EDC Board also recommended that the HOT Funds incentive not exceed 50% of the respective hotel's property tax obligation.

This incentive would be available to "new" hotel meeting space. Current HOT funds allocation to non-profits would not be affected.

Staff recommends approval.