# April’s 2025 MALA Meeting Minutes

 **Hilton Garden Inn West I-65/Airport**

**April 10, 2025**

**11:00am**

 Networking

 Call April’s Meeting to Order- Shannon Harris

1. Guest Seaker – Judge Spiro Cheriogotis ) Mayoral Candidate – As a Judge he got to speak to directly to the people, which allowed him to see people from every walk of life and the problems that they faced. Bad things occur sometimes in our society. The greatest joy with his job was to see people re-direct their lives and take a different path. When Mayor Stimpson retires, Spiro thinks Mayor Stimpson has put the city in a financial position, which was imaginable 12 years ago, we were teetering on the edge of a collapse for the city. $315M in debt, Legacy debt $ 120M owed to police retirement pension, and negative cash flow as a city. As a small business owner that sounds like bankruptcy. We Pursued projects and investing infrastructure. We are doing good things with the city. Mobile has been soured with the label perpetual potential; the potential has to be realized. We need to realize our potential. Make sure the opportunities to succeed are right here. Spiro left his job as Judge to run for Mayor to be for the city, for the people of the city and the future of the city. Mobile is on the cusp of finally realizing it.s full potential. We have projects going on the new airport, the bridge, and the new arena. The port is getting ready to be the deepest port in the entire gulf coast. Spiro appreciates what the hospitality group does as a group. Tourism money is the best money for the city, because they are almost free money for the city. He wants to maximize what we are doing. He will be looking for more ways to attract more people to visit and fill more hotel rooms.

II Approval of April’s Meeting Minutes – 1st Shannon Harris 2nd – Jeremy Brownlee

III MALA Financial Report – Dues are coming in. Income taxes have been filed. Invoice for taxes $300 has been paid

1V TID – The increase starts June 1st.

V Member and Guests Updates:

Visit Mobile –Carnival Cruise announced year-round cruise. STR : 28 day: Downtown +15, I-65 +6, and TC +5 For the week Downtown +17, I-65 +8 and TC +10

Future Meetings – June 12,2005

Adjournment