

Regular Workshop – November 18, 2010
Agenda Item 7
Consent Item

Agenda Item: 2010-2011 Legislative Priorities

Presenter: Town Manager

Summary: At the November 1, 2010, Regular Meeting, the Town Commission discussed the format for presentation of the Town's 2010-2011 Legislative Priorities and directed staff to reformat the correspondence grouping similar items. A copy of the proposed revisions to the correspondence is attached, along with the original format for the document.

Attachments: 11-10-10 Memo, Manager to Commission;
2010-2011 Legislative Priorities.

Recommended

Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda will authorize the legislative priorities to be forwarded to the Manasota League of Cities, Sarasota County and Manatee County Legislative Delegations.

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 4, 2010

TO: Town Commission
FROM: Bruce St. Denis, Town Manager *h*
SUBJECT: 2010-2011 Legislative Priorities

At the November 1, 2010, Regular Meeting, the Town Commission discussed the format for presentation of the Town's 2010-2011 Legislative Priorities and directed staff to reformat the correspondence grouping similar items.

A copy of the proposed revisions to the correspondence is attached, along with the original format for the document for your consideration.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



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November 1, 2010

Manatee Board of County Commissioners
Attn: Donna Hayes, Chair
P.O. Box 1000
Bradenton, FL 34206-1000

Dear Chair Hayes,

The Longboat Key Town Commission, at their November 1, 2010, Regular Meeting, established the following Legislative Priorities. These legislative priorities were established as issues that the Town of Longboat Key would request the State Legislature to address during their next session.

2010-2011 Town of Longboat Key Legislative Priorities

❖ Beaches^{Boys} and Tourism

Protect, maintain, and renourish beaches and shores relative to:

- Oppose legislation that allows oil drilling off the West coast of Florida.
- Support State funding for beach renourishment projects and research, control, and mitigation of Red Tide
- Support legislation to provide for the protection of sea grasses in Sarasota Bay and efforts to establish Sister Keys as an aquatic preserve.

❖ State and Local Government Revenue and Expenditures

Identify and utilize additional revenue sources and alleviate restrictions limiting local government revenue:

- Support State authorization of other revenue sources beyond our present sources
- Oppose unfunded mandates on local governments
- Support reform on the method of tax assessments on non-homesteaded and commercial properties
- Support legislation providing authority for governmental entities to utilize their publicly accessible websites for legally required advertisements and public notices in lieu of current requirements.
- Support funding for Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) identified projects

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❖ Local Government Authority

Provide flexibility to local governments:

- Oppose legislation that erodes home rule powers of local governments
- Oppose pre-emption of County and municipality authority to regulate the use of fertilizer products within their governmental boundaries

❖ Public Employee Pensions

Enact legislation that provides local governments flexibility relative to:

- Support legislation to modify the appointment process relating to the composition of the Board of Trustees for Firefighters' and Police Offices Pension Boards pertaining to the fifth member (At-Large) appointed to the Board.

❖ Public Services

Protect and preserve home ownership opportunities for residents:

- Support reasonable insurance premiums and limit State financial exposure
- Support full funding of the Affordable Housing Program
- Support funding for public transportation.

Please note that this list is not in order of priority. The Longboat Key Town Commission appreciates the opportunity to share these legislative priorities with the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners.

Sincerely,

George Spoll
Mayor

cc: Longboat Key Town Commission
Bruce St. Denis, Town Manager
David Persson, Town Attorney
Trish Granger, Town Clerk



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Manasota League of Cities
c/o City of Sarasota
Attn: Pamela Nadalini, City Clerk
P.O. Box 1058
Sarasota, FL 34230

Dear Ms. Nadalini,

The Longboat Key Town Commission, at their November 1, 2010, Regular Meeting, established the following Legislative Priorities. These legislative priorities were established as issues that the Town of Longboat Key would request the State Legislature to address during their next session.

2010-2011 Town of Longboat Key Legislative Priorities
(Not in Order of Priority)

1. Oppose legislation that allows oil drilling off the West coast of Florida
2. Support State funding for research, control, and mitigation of Red Tide
3. Support State funding for Beach Renourishment
4. Support State authorization of other revenue sources beyond our present sources
5. Oppose unfunded mandates on local governments
6. Support reform on the method of tax assessments on non-homesteaded and commercial properties including capping annual increases
7. Support funding for Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) identified projects
8. Oppose legislation that erodes home rule powers of local governments
9. Support legislation to provide for the protection of sea grasses in Sarasota Bay
10. Support reasonable insurance premiums and limit State financial exposure
11. Oppose pre-emption of County and municipality authority to regulate the use of fertilizer
12. Support full funding of the Affordable Housing Program
13. Support the efforts of the Sarasota Bay Watch to establish Sister Keys as an aquatic preserve.

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14. Support legislation to modify the appointment process relating to the composition of the Board of Trustees for the Firefighters' and Police Officers' Pension Funds to provide for local municipal Commissions/ Councils to appoint three Board members or place restrictions or provide additional authority to the sponsoring entity on the election and approval of the fifth (at-large) member of the Pension Board.
15. Support legislation to authorize governmental entities to utilize their publicly accessible websites for legally required advertisements and public notices in lieu of current requirements for notices to be placed in newspapers of daily circulation.

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Sincerely,

George Spoll
Mayor

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Bruce St. Denis, Town Manager
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