

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 27, 2011

TO: Town Commission
FROM: Al Hogle, Acting Town Manager ~~CHW~~
SUBJECT: Legislative Priorities

At the September 22, 2011 Regular Workshop Meeting the Commission considered establishing legislative priorities for the upcoming 2011-2012 legislative session.

There was consensus to forward the following issues to the October 3, 2011 Regular Meeting for formal action:

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Attached you will find announcements detailing the Thursday, October 27, 2011 Manatee County Legislative Delegation Hearing and the Monday, November 7, 2011 Sarasota County Legislative Delegation Hearing.

The attached letters were developed based on the consensus developed at the September 22, 2011 Regular Workshop Meeting. Upon adoption of the legislative priorities, the attached letters will be forwarded to the appropriate sponsoring legislative delegation.

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

Manatee County Legislative Delegation

Reply to:

- 3653 Cortez Road W, Suite 90
Bradenton, FL 34210
(941) 727-6349 Fax: (941) 727-6352
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- 404 Senate Office Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100
(850) 487-5078

Chairman:

Senator Michael S. "Mike" Bennett

Vice Chairman:

Representative Jim Boyd

Delegation Members:

Sen. Michael S. "Mike" Bennett	Rep. Jim Boyd
Sen. Nancy C. Detert	Rep. Ray Pilon
Sen. Arthenia L. Joyner	Rep. Darryl Ervin Rouson
	Rep. Greg Steube

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Re: Manatee County Legislative Delegation Hearing

The 2012 Legislative Session is fast approaching, and as always, we are working with political and community leaders in our area to prepare local legislation. We again solicit your input. The Manatee County Legislative Delegation meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. until noon at the Manatee County Commission Chambers at 1112 Manatee Ave. West, Bradenton.

We are now setting the agenda for the hearing. Please contact our office at (941) 727-6349 or scott.debbie.s21@flsenate.gov to schedule any local legislation or general presentations you wish to be heard before the delegation. Please note that if you intend to propose local legislation, there are required forms that must be included in your presentation. For additional information on how to access those forms, contact Rep. Jim Boyd's office via email Kathleen.Galea@myfloridahouse.gov.

Same as last year, we will NOT be receiving or hearing any requests for appropriations and there will be no CBIR requests filed this year. Please respect this notice and please do not come forward with money requests, accordingly.

For other presentations, you must provide fifteen (15) copies of your material on 3-hole punched paper (it is not necessary for you to provide presentation binders). You or your group will be placed on the agenda (after local bill presentations) in the order that we receive your information. We will not know the final order of presentation until 48 hours before the meeting.

According to the rules of the Manatee County Legislative Delegation, presentation materials in their entirety must be made available to members of the delegation at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. This is to provide individual members with adequate time to review your material and prepare any questions. In order to meet this deadline, please ensure that your complete presentation materials are received in my office at 3653 Cortez Road West (Wildewood Professional Park), Suite 90, Bradenton, FL 34210, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday October 20, 2011. Any materials received after this deadline will not be included in the delegation notebooks and you will NOT be placed on the agenda. You will still be welcome to speak but will be required to fill out a card for public speaking and be heard at the end of the completed agenda (in order received). THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DEADLINE.

If my staff can assist you with questions you have regarding this information, or general questions about the content of your presentation, please do not hesitate to call my office at (941-727-6349). I look forward to working with you and to seeing you on October 27, 2011.

Sincerely,



Michael S. "Mike" Bennett
Chairman, Manatee County Legislative Delegation



Sarasota County Legislative Delegation



Delegation Chair Contact Info:
8486 S. Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL 34238
(941) 918-4028 Fax: (941) 918-4030

204 House Office Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300
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Sarasota County Legislative Delegation Hearing November 7, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

North Port City Hall
4970 City Hall Blvd, North Port, FL 34286

Please join us for the 2011 annual Sarasota County Legislative Delegation Hearing on November 7, 2011. Sarasota County Representatives and Senators will gather for the purpose of hearing community concerns and proposed local legislation in preparation for the 2012 Florida Legislative Session.

If you wish to address the delegation, please return the attached participant request form to my office via e-mail or fax by Monday, October 24, 2011.

According to the rules of the Sarasota County Legislative Delegation, presentation materials and handouts must be made available to members of the delegation prior to the meeting. This is to provide individual members with adequate time to review your material and prepare any questions.

In order to meet this deadline, please ensure that your handouts or presentation materials (20 copies, 3 - hole punched) are received in my office at 8486 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota FL 34238, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011 so they may be included in the delegation notebooks.

Individuals and groups who do not submit a participant request form by the deadline will still be welcome to speak at the end of the completed agenda, time permitting. In order to ensure that all interested parties are able to participate, presentations and remarks will be limited to three minutes.

If my staff can assist you with any questions, please do not hesitate to call my office at 941-918-4028.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday, November 7th!

Representative Doug Holder
Chairman, Sarasota County Legislative Delegation



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October 4, 2011

The Honorable Senator Michael Bennett
Chair, Manatee County Legislative Delegation
3653 Cortez Road W, Suite 90
Bradenton, FL 34210

Dear Senator Bennett,

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My best regards,

Jim Brown
Mayor

Cc: Longboat Key Town Commission



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ManaSota League of Cities
c/o Pamela Nadalini, City Auditor and Clerk
City of Sarasota
P.O. Box 1058
Sarasota, FL 34230

Dear Ms. Nadalini,

At their October 3, 2011 Regular Meeting the Town Commission took formal action to establish the legislative priorities for presentation to the ManaSota League of Cities, the Manatee County Legislative Delegation and the Sarasota County Legislative Delegation.

As the Town's representative, and on behalf of the Mayor and Town Commission, I am forwarding the attached list for consideration at the October 2011, ManaSota League of Cities Meeting.

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I look forward to participating in the October 2011 ManaSota League Meeting for discussion of these and other issues that come forward from our other members.

My best regards,

Jack Duncan, Commissioner
Town of Longboat Key

cc: ManaSota League of Cities Vice-President Jones
Longboat Key Town Commission