

CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH

2017 State Legislative Program



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2017 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Resiliency and Sustainability

SUPPORT legislation that encourages vulnerability assessments, coordinates resources and supports the efforts of local governments to mitigate and adapt to these dynamic environmental conditions including, but not limited to, sea level rise.

Smoking in Public Parks

SUPPORT legislation that would amend Florida State Statute which preempts Cities and Counties from the ability to regulate smoking in Public Parks.

Beach Renourishment

SUPPORT legislation related to amending current Florida Department of Environmental Protection regulations for hard-bottom monitoring and mitigation related to renourishment projects. Current monitoring and mitigation requirements make severely needed renourishment projects cost prohibitive.

SUPPORT of funding for Beach Renourishment projects through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems. Urge the Legislature to approve legislation providing an increase in the funding allocation to support of Beach Renourishment Projects throughout the State.

Transportation

SUPPORT the development of mass transit and the establishment of a more stable funding source and funding allocation directly to local governments, for transit operations, mass transit, transit infrastructure, and transit policy implementation.

Gaming

OPPOSE all Gaming Legislation that would not ensure parity with the existing pari-mutuel facilities and ensure those facilities are afforded equal opportunity for success as the Indian casinos or any other new gaming facility established pursuant to new legislation.

SUPPORT home rule authority by ensuring the preservation of local contracts and agreements with municipalities and counties.

MONITOR all Gaming legislation related to decoupling and portability

Pension Reform

SUPPORT legislation that protects municipalities' Home Rule powers to set and fund municipal employee benefit levels.

SUPPORT legislation that provides municipalities with flexibility in the use of insurance premium taxes, as currently interpreted by the Department of Management Services.

Public Lodging Establishments

SUPPORT legislation that repeals the state preemption of the regulation of vacation rental properties in order to allow local governments to regulate such properties to protect the health and welfare of residents, visitors and businesses.

Home Rule

SUPPORT Legislation that will preserve municipal autonomy, including but not limited to the preservation of local contracts, municipal elections, authority to set impact fees or transportation concurrency, ability to have exclusive planning authority, and oppose efforts to lessen that authority.

Condominium Law

SUPPORT Legislation that will preserve the rights of condominium unit owners who might be forced to sell their units pursuant to a condominium termination plan.

Plastic Bags

SUPPORT Legislation that will allow cities to consider and implement strategies to reduce the use of carryout plastic bags from grocery stores and other retail outlets.

Polystyrene Products

SUPPORT Legislation that will allow cities to consider and implement strategies to reduce the use of polystyrene products.

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

BEACH:

The City respectfully requests assistance to control/mitigate the beach erosion severely impacting its coastal residents. Perhaps the most important of all its natural resources, the beach at City of Hallandale Beach also serves as a key component of its economy and a primary feature of its very identity. The cost for the City's Beach Renourishment project is estimated at \$4,450,000. While the City of Hallandale Beach has funded the consultant's work and has budgeted a portion of the cost for renourishment, the City respectfully requests the State Legislature to assist in the funding of this project with appropriation of an additional **\$2.15 Million**. The City currently has \$2.3 Million of available funds this project.

WATER PROJECT:

The City respectfully requests funding assistance for the construction of an additional water supply well in the Biscayne Aquifer. The City of Hallandale Beach is particularly aware of the limitation of Biscayne Aquifer water, due to the fact that a number of wells have, over the past decades, been succumbing to saltwater intrusion. Due to the location of this proposed well, the City will be able to continue to utilize economical Biscayne Aquifer water for a considerably longer time frame than its current wells which are close to the saltwater intrusion front line. While the City has set aside some funding for the project, the City is respectfully requesting **\$1,352,000** from the State to assist in funding this important project.

POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS:

Resiliency and Sustainability

SUPPORT legislation that will approve funding assistance for the Resiliency and Sustainability Initiatives, including but not limited to, mitigation and planning for sea level rise, energy and resource efficiency in land use patterns and redevelopment policies, renewable power generation and energy conservation, environmentally responsible waste reduction, including recycling, natural resource conservation, everglades restoration, water conservation, water production and reuse, the recommendations of the Southeast Florida Coastal Ocean Task Force, and environmentally responsible storm water treatment through conservation easements, in order to address current and future conditions and the concerns of the South Florida Water Management District.

SUPPORT legislation that will approve funding assistance to bury power lines.

Flood Control and Mitigation

SUPPORT legislation related to flood control and mitigation assistance, including funding for maintenance of the C-51 Canal.

Public Utility Easements

OPPOSE legislation that mandates local governments and their taxpayers bear the cost of relocating utility equipment when the equipment is located within a public utility easement or right of way and needs to be relocated for public purposes.

Florida Competitive Workforce Act

SUPPORT legislation creating the Florida Competitive Workforce Act which would secure freedom from discrimination because of or based on the perception of, race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, handicap, or marital status.

Fracking

OPPOSE legislation that would preempt local communities from regulating matters relating to exploration, development, production, processing, storage, and transportation of oil while also declaring all existing ordinance & regulations related thereto voided.

Revenue Caps/Reductions

OPPOSE legislation that would reduce and/or limit the amount of revenue to municipalities. Such reduction proposals limit the City's ability to provide the current level of programs and services with only a minor savings to the residents. This includes the Communication Service Tax, Business Tax Receipts, cuts in the corporate income taxes on manufacturing, manufacturing machinery, and retail, commercial lease taxes.

Shopping Cart Regulation

SUPPORT legislation that would amend the current shopping carts regulations to provide for City control of its regulation. Abandonment of shopping carts has become

an increasing safety problem within our City. Currently law does not provide the business with any incentive or penalty to collect or fail to collect their shopping carts.

FP&L Rate Increases

OPPOSE all bills related to Florida Power and Light (FPL) rate issues. FPL rates not only directly affect the residents and businesses but the operations of the City.

Attorney Client Privilege “Shade Meetings”

OPPOSE any legislation that will open the “shade” meetings to the public. It is imperative that the Commission have the available attorney-client privilege to discuss strategy and provide direction to its legal counsel.

Sovereign Immunity

OPPOSE legislation that will increase the sovereign immunity recovery amounts as set forth in Florida Statutes 768.28.

Public Schools

SUPPORT legislation that will approve funding for bricks and mortar projects in public schools.

Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs)

MONITOR legislation related to CRAs.

Review of Florida Constitution

MONITOR process and agendas related to the Florida Constitution Revision Commission.