

CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH

2018 State Legislative Program



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2018 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Obtain a commitment for a transit station located on the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) right of way (ROW), immediately west of the City's new \$28 million Bluesten Park, which will serve as a new "downtown" for Hallandale Beach and as a direct link to Gulfstream Park.

Provide a strategy in conjunction with Alcalde & Fay for how the City of Hallandale Beach can obtain the post office site through a public private partnership process.

Develop a specific strategy in conjunction with other jurisdictions to avoid Florida Legislature efforts to terminate, severely limit or eliminate the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRAs).

LEGISLATION

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES:

Beach Renourishment

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

SUPPORT 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.

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.

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.

SUPPORT legislation that will require the Public Service Commission to develop innovative strategies requiring Utilities to partner with municipalities to encourage undergrounding of utilities. For example, if a City decides to underground its utilities; the Utility should be required to collect the cost on the monthly bills not to exceed some maximum percent of the monthly cost.

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, ability to set expiration dates for contracts resulting from labor negotiations, and oppose efforts to lessen that authority.

FINANCE, TAXATION AND PERSONNEL:

Pension Reform

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

Uniformed Services Cancer Disability Presumption

OPPOSE legislation that would establish a cancer disability presumption for uniformed services.

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. This includes the Communication Service Tax, Business Tax Receipts, reductions in the corporate income taxes on manufacturing, manufacturing machinery, and retail, commercial lease taxes.

Fuel Tax

SUPPORT legislation that will allow local governments raise the fuel tax by one cent for congestion mitigation, with the share of 50% for cities and 50% for counties.

Expanded Homestead Exemption

SUPPORT legislation that will prevent the State from imposing the additional homestead exemption within jurisdictions that did not approve the measure.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS:

Public Notices by Local Government Entities

SUPPORT legislation that would allow a city to decide the most appropriate manner for notifying the public of legal notices, including allowing a city to publish legal notices or advertisements on its website in lieu of purchasing ad space in a newspaper.

SUPPORT legislation that would require newspapers to provide a discounted government rate for all public notices required by the state.

Utilities

SUPPORT legislation that would repeal telecommunication companies' ability to use the local right-of-ways without authorization by the local government.

Energy Backup Systems

SUPPORT legislation that repeals the state preemption on the requirement that gas stations have an energy backup system.

SUPPORT legislation requiring that Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing homes have energy backup systems.

Fire Protection

SUPPORT legislation that will ensure that no more extensions are granted by the State to the requirement that high-rises be sprinkled.

Transportation

SUPPORT the development of mass transit and multimodal transportation systems, as well as 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.

URBAN ADMINISTRATION:

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.

Medical Marijuana

SUPPORT legislation that protects municipalities' Home Rule Powers to regulate Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MMTCs) and dispensaries to protect the health and welfare of residents, visitors and businesses.

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.

Emergency Operations

SUPPORT legislation that will require all local Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plans (CEOPs) to undergo a certification process, including a peer group review, every three years.

SUPPORT legislation that will require the local Emergency Operations Manager be Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) certified.

SUPPORT legislation that will require the Florida Windstorm Underwriting Association lower the insurance rates by 10% in certified jurisdictions.

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

Austin Hepburn Center

The City is requesting funding assistance to provide community-based services to persons aged 60 plus through the provision of recreational activities, nutrition and transportation services. The program is managed by the City's Human Services department and is held at the Austin Hepburn Center, located at 1000 N.W. 8th Avenue, Hallandale Beach. It is anticipated that this programing will result in annual service to approximately 264 clients (number obtained from an average of three years' performance) and allow for elders to maintain an acceptable quality of life in their own homes avoid and/or delay nursing home placement. The program will require approximately \$82,020 in funding to be contracted through the Department of Elder Affairs.