

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: December 30, 2015

TO: Dave Bullock, Town Manager

FROM: Trish Granger, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Resolution 2016-02, Supporting the ManaSota League of Cities
(MSLC) 2016 Legislative Priorities

At the ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) meeting on November 12, 2015, a motion was adopted requesting that each member City prepare and adopt a Resolution supporting the MSLC's 2016 Legislative Priorities for forwarding to the Florida Legislature.

The Commission considered Resolution 2016-02 at the December 14, 2015 Regular Workshop Meeting and forwarded it to the January 4, 2016 Regular Meeting for formal action.

RESOLUTION 2016-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE 2016 MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) is a regional league of the Florida League of Cities and is comprised of nine municipalities in Manatee and Sarasota Counties; and

WHEREAS, the MSLC was formed in 1991 by the consolidation of the Manatee County League of Cities and the Sarasota County League of Cities; and

WHEREAS, the MSCL is dedicated to a strong, united, and active advocacy program, and is committed to being a voice that is heard and familiar to the local legislative delegation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Longboat Key is a voting member of the MSLC; and

WHEREAS, the MSLC requested that members support the 2016 ManaSota League of Cities Legislative Priorities through the adoption of a Resolution stating same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The above Whereas clauses are true and correct and are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 2. The Town Commission of Longboat Key does hereby support the 2016 ManaSota League of Cities Legislative Priorities, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. The Town Commission of Longboat Key directs the Town Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to Governor Rick Scott, Senate President Andy Gardiner, House Speaker Steve Crisafulli, and members of the Manatee County and Sarasota County Legislative Delegations.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED by the Town Commission of the Town of Longboat Key, Florida on the _____ day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

Trish Granger, Town Clerk

Jack G. Duncan, Mayor

Attachment: Exhibit A: 2016 ManaSota League of Cities Legislative Priorities



MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.

2016 MAJOR LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

RELOCATION OF UTILITIES

OPPOSE legislation that mandates local government bear the cost of relocating utility equipment when the equipment is located within a public utility easement and needed to be relocated for transportation purposes or for non-transportation purposes regardless of the location.

VACATION RENTALS

SUPPORT legislation that repeals the state preemption of the regulation of vacation rental properties to allow local governments to regulate such properties to protect the health and welfare of residents, visitors and businesses. SUPPORT changes to existing State law relating to vacation rentals that permit grandfathered local governments to modify existing short term vacation rental regulations.

WATER QUALITY & QUANTITY AND SEA LEVEL RISE

SUPPORT legislation that provides a recurring funding source for programs and projects for water quality preservation and enhancement.

SUPPORT legislation that encourages vulnerability assessments, coordinates resources and supports efforts of local governments to mitigate and adapt to the impact of sea level rise.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORT increased funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program which funds local community development activities such as affordable housing, anti-poverty programs and infrastructure development.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE

OPPOSE legislation that restricts or eliminates municipal revenues generated under the Communication Services Tax and the Local Business Tax.

SUPPORT the preservation of the Communication Services Tax and Local Business Tax.

MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

SUPPORT legislation that plans and adequately funds basic mental health facilities and programs in Florida including additional psychiatric beds.

PUBLIC PENSIONS

SUPPORT the codification of the Florida Department of Retirement's interpretation of minimum benefits under Florida Statutes Chapter 175 and 185 Firefighter and Police Officers' municipal pension plans that was issued in

Exhibit A

2012 and that provides local governments with flexibility in the use of insurance premium tax revenues.

SOBER HOMES

SUPPORT legislation that defines and establishes minimum regulatory standards for Sober Home facilities and allows for more stringent local regulations of these facilities



End of Agenda Item