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To: Town Commission
From: Tom Harmer, Town Manager
Report date: October 11, 2022
Meeting date: October 17, 2022
Subject: Establishing the Town's 2023 Legislative Priorities

Recommended Action

Establish the Town of Longboat Key Legislative Priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session

Background

Each year the Town Commission considers legislative priorities for the upcoming Legislative Session and for presentation at the Manatee and Sarasota County Legislative Delegation Hearings.

Attached are the proposed 2023 Town of Longboat Key Legislative Priorities. The items listed are consistent with the Town's 2022 Legislative Priorities with some minor updates and additions.

A new item has been added to seek State support related to neighboring jurisdiction actions that may impact ingress and egress on the island.

Last year the Florida Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law legislation to address the monitoring and inspections of multistory, multifamily residential buildings, especially in coastal areas. I discussed the new legislation with Allen Parsons to see if he recommended any further lobbying related to clarification of the new law. He stated that there is a lack of clarity regarding the 3-story component, and whether or not that starts from the ground level (which could mean a parking garage then the 2 stories above) or whether it applies to 3 habitable floors. He said there is a report coming from the Florida Building Commission by the end of the year that may clarify this question. Based on the action last year, this item has been removed from this year's list.

Based on direction earlier this year, the Town Commission has addressed the local control of issues on the waterways that led to an item being added last year. This issue has been removed.

The issue related to virtual/remote technology was edited to address meetings while under a declared State of Emergency.

The follow-up to the OPPAGA report has been removed as there is no current effort to further lobby or advocate with the State. Our local legislative delegation has indicated that the issue must first be addressed at the two county level and the Commission has

previously directed that we focus on potential partnership opportunities with both counties at this time.

The examples for the Home Rule issue were removed to make it broader in nature.

The Town Manager and Town Attorney have shared the list with David Ramba, the Town's lobbyist, and agreed the list is still relevant for the 2023 Legislative Session with the noted additions. The proposed 2023 Legislative Priorities will be presented for Commission consideration at the October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting. We can add, subtract, or edit any of the items on the list. We will also ask if the Commission would like to adjust the order of the items on the list to reflect a particular priority.

The Florida League of Cities 2022 Legislative Action Agenda is attached for reference. The ManaSota League of Cities 2023 Legislative Priorities will be discussed and adopted at their November 10, 2022 9:30am meeting and will be provided to Commissioners via an e-mail transmittal following adoption. Sarasota County's Legislative Priorities have been finalized (attached). Manatee County has not finalized their priorities; however, they are planning a discussion after the November elections.

Upon adoption, the Mayor and Town Manager will present the Town's Legislative Priorities at the respective Sarasota County and Manatee County Legislative Delegation Hearings. The delegation hearings have not been scheduled at this time, but are anticipated to be held in early December. The 2023 Legislative Session is scheduled to start on March 7, 2023.

Staff Recommendation

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Attachments

- A. Proposed 2023 Town of Longboat Key Legislative Priorities (Available in Town Clerk's Office)
- B. Florida League of Cities 2022 Legislative Action Agenda (Available in Town Clerk's Office)
- C. 2023 Sarasota County Legislative Priorities (Available in Town Clerk's Office)

End of Agenda Item