


MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor England
Vice Mayor Kostka
Commissioner George
Commissioner Samora
Commissioner Rumrell

FROM: Max Royle, City Manager 

DATE: June 19, 2020

SUBJECT: 2021 St. Johns County Legislative Action Plan: Request from County Administrator for Topics

Attached (page 1) is Mr. Hunter Conrad's request for your suggestions for the County's 2021 Legislative Action Plan. He also asked that all suggestions be submitted to his office by Friday, July 24, 2020.

Attached also (page 2) are the minutes from that part of your August 5, 2019, meeting when you discussed priorities for the County's 2020 Legislative Action Plan.

Page 3 is the letter that we sent in early August of 2019 to the County, listing the priorities that you had approved.

ACTION REQUESTED

We ask that you discuss Mr. Conrad's request and decide what issues or priorities, if any, you want the County to include in its 2021 Legislative Action Plan.



St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Office of the County Administrator
Hunter S. Conrad, County Administrator

June 9, 2020

Max Royle, City Manager
City of St. Augustine Beach
2200 SR A1A South
St. Augustine Beach, FL 32080

Dear Mr. Royle:

This letter is to solicit input from the City of St. Augustine Beach as we prepare recommended items to include in the 2021 St. Johns County Legislative Action Plan. The document is a focused list of St. Johns County issues for which we request financial or legislative assistance and other support from our state and/or federal legislative delegation members.

Topics of consideration could include regulatory issues, requests for financial assistance, legal requirements, or any other potential legislative action that would impact your organization or St. Johns County. I invite you to submit any items you feel should be included in the upcoming Legislative Action Plan. When submitting an item, please include the specific action(s) being requested from members of our delegation.

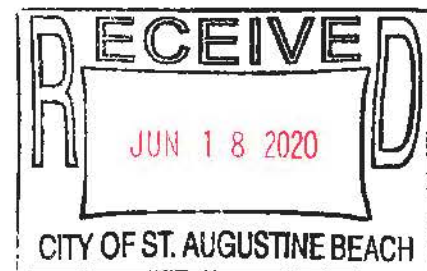
Please submit all items in writing to this office no later than Friday, July 24, 2020. If no response is received, we will presume you have no issues to include in the 2021 Legislative Action Plan.

Sincerely,

Hunter S. Conrad

Hunter S. Conrad
County Administrator

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8. 2020 Legislative Priorities: Request from County and Northeast Florida Regional Council (Presenter: Max Royle, City Manager)

Mayor George introduced Item 16 and asked City Manager Royle for a staff report.

City Manager Royle advised that County Administrator Wanchick sent letter to him which asked to have the Commission to provide the 2020 legislative priorities action plan to him by August 7th. He said that he gave the Commission the Northeast Florida Regional Council legislation priorities for 2019 for guidance purposes and suggested to continue state funding for beach restoration project, to respect Home Rule for cities and counties, and allow the cities and counties to regulate short-term rentals instead of the State of Florida. He asked if the Commission wants to include others.

Mayor George agreed with all three suggestions and requested to add sustainability and sea level rise.

Vice Mayor England requested funding for conservation funding, like Fish Island.

City Manager Royle advised funding for the Florida Forever Program.

Commissioner Samora requested encouraging non-vehicular transportation such as the River to Sea Loop and to encourage Florida Tourism by Visit Florida and expanded use for TDC funds.

Mayor George advised that expanded use for TDC funds has already been addressed by legislation by giving it to St. Johns County. She advised that this seems like a long list.

Commissioner Rumrell suggested mental health.

It was the consensus of the Commission to give County Administrator Wanchick all the items listed.



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August 6, 2019

Mr. Michael Wanchick
County Administrator
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, Florida 32084

Subject: Legislative Action Plan

Dear Mr. Wanchick:

In response to your July 9th letter requesting the City's list of items for the County's 2020 Legislative Action Plan, the St. Augustine Beach City Commission approved the following list at its August 5th meeting:

- Continue State funding for beach restoration projects
- Respect Home Rule for cities and counties
- Allow cities and counties to regulate short-term/vacation rentals
- Provide funding to cities and counties to make themselves sustainable and for planning to cope with sea level rise
- Provide more funding for the Florida Forever program to help cities and counties purchase environmentally sensitive land to protect it from development
- Encourage through funding and state leadership non-vehicular transportation, such as the River-to-Sea Loop
- Support Visit Florida so that the state remains competitive with other tourist destinations in the country
- Provide funding for mental health facilities to help distressed people and possibly prevent acts of mass violence

Sincerely,


Max Royle, City Manager

cc: Representative Cyndi Stevenson