

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA WORKSHOP  
NOVEMBER 2, 2016**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were Mayor Paul, Vice-Mayor Luis and Councilmembers Caletka, Hattan and Starkey. Also present were Town Administrator Lemack, Assistant Town Administrator Lewis, Assistant Town Administrator Holste, Town Attorney Rayson and Town Clerk Roig recording the meeting.

**3. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA WORKSHOP**

Mitch Taylor, Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator, provided a power Point presentation on the Town's priorities over the past year.

**2016 Legislative Highlights**

**State Priorities**

- Bergeron Rodeo Grounds Appropriation
- Group Homes Legislation
- Seminole Gambling Compact
- Extend "move over" law to equestrian community
- Water Nutrient Criteria
- I-595 Traffic/Public Safety Impacts
- Public Utilities Surcharge
- Campus Development Agreements

**Appropriations**

- Davie Farm Park
- Eastside Infrastructure Project
- Davie Road Improvements (SW 39<sup>th</sup> Street to Orange Drive)

**Federal Priorities**

- Economic Development and Community Services
- Transportation/Infrastructure
- Public Safety
- Natural Resources
- Government Operations and Finance

**Airport Issues**

- Part 150 Study (Noise Mitigation)
- Flight Path

**Florida League of Cities**

- Legislative Conference
  - December 8-9 in Lake Buena Vista
- Legislative Policy Committees
  - Energy, Environment & Natural Resources

**Broward League of Cities**

- No timetable for legislative priorities as of today

**Seminole Gambling Compact**

- Consultants-Ron Greenstein and Ron Book

Candace Ericks from Ericks Consulting reported they had just returned from the Florida League of Cities' legislative conference and the League had prioritized:

- Energy, Environment & Natural Resources
  - Reclaimed water and water quality
  - Safer Renewable Energy
  - Flood Mitigation and Sustainability
- Finance and Tax
  - Communications Services Tax
  - Local Business Tax Protection
  - Municipal Levy of the Local Government Infrastructure Surtax
- Growth Management
  - Community Redevelopment Agencies and Impact Fees
  - Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations
  - Transportation Network Companies
  - Drones
- Urban Administration
  - Public Records
  - Short-Term Rentals

Ms. Ericks stated there would be a delegation meeting on November 14, new House member training would begin on December 5, and Senate policy meetings would be held the second week of December. Broward Days would be March 15 and 16 and Ms. Ericks encouraged people to go to Tallahassee and call legislators to communicate priorities.

Lauren Jackson, Ericks Consulting, said there would be a new Speaker of the Florida House: Richard Corcoran, and a new Senate President: Joe Negron. So far, Ms. Jackson said the Florida Legislature's priorities included: ethics reform, a \$2.4 billion land purchase to address Lake Okeechobee issues and increasing State employees' wages.

Councilmember Caletka asked Ms. Ericks' opinion on the Seminole Compact status but she replied there were too many unknown variables now. She agreed to provide information to Council as soon as she knew it.

Councilmember Starkey said the Florida League of Cities' Environmental Group supported a ban on fracking in the State of Florida. She added that a younger generation was assuming a leadership role in the Seminole Tribe. Mr. Taylor said the Town would contact the new Tribal Chairman, Marcellus Osceola Jr., for a meeting.

Mayor Paul said there was a State statute that required drivers to move over for horses (which people ignored) and asked how this would work. Ms. Jackson explained that there had been additional proposed legislation to add trash hauling trucks and Police vehicles to the statute. Mayor Paul wanted to look at the State Statute and see how they could work through it. The Town may also wish to implement an educational program.

Mayor Paul agreed the Town should initiate a meeting with the new Seminole Tribal Chairman.

Ms. Ericks believed they would have a very uphill battle regarding funding in the Florida House of Representatives.

Mayor Paul was encouraged about the two group home bills that had been proposed last year and hoped they would be reintroduced this year.

Mr. Taylor said the Seminole Compact consultants had a positive impact at the committee level; the Town's concerns regarding its fair share had been heard. Mr. Book had indicated that the cost for retaining the consultants would be reduced by 50%. Councilmember Caletka felt it would be worth it to retain the consultants to "play defense." Mr. Taylor stated the consultants had met expectations but the problem had been getting the State to put an agreement in place. The Senate and House leadership had not brought an agreement to the floor last year. Council had consensus to continue with the consultants.

Councilmember Hattan requested an executive summary for the lobbyists' activity on behalf of the Town and Mr. Taylor agreed to provide it.

Mayor Paul asked if Council wished to look into the federal legislation regarding puppy mills again. Councilmember Caletka was opposed to this because Council had been divided on the issue. Mr. Rayson had recently been contacted by Detective Brilliant, who had some great ideas for regulating puppy mills and addressing the problem of shops selling sick puppies in the Town. They could apply the Broward County ordinance to Davie, which would allow Code Enforcement and Animal Control to be more effective.

Mayor Paul wanted to consider taking a position on the Dakota Pipeline issue and Mr. Rayson reported President Obama had just visited the area and diverted the pipeline route away from sacred Indian ground.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

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Mayor/Councilmember

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Town Clerk