

**TOWN OF DAVIE
STATE LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 12, 2015**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. 2016 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Mitch Taylor, Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator, stated the Town's top three legislative priorities:

- Group Homes
- I-595 Express Lanes
- The Seminole Gambling Compact.

Mr. Taylor reported they were making progress on group homes and had determined some ways to bring the Town some relief, such as penalizing organizations responsible for operating the homes; establishing baselines for training and credentialing for staff; local participation in site visits and oversight process.

Regarding the I-595 express lanes, the Town continued to convey its concerns that most of the residents could not use the lanes but the Town's Fire Rescue Department was responsible to respond to calls for service on the express lanes.

Regarding the Seminole Compact, Mr. Taylor reported the Town was monitoring negotiations. At Council's direction, staff had begun exploring options for expanding lobbying efforts regarding the compact. Staff would bring information to Council's December 2 meeting.

Mr. Taylor stated they were also monitoring campus development agreements. He noted the Town provided contractual Police services to Broward College but the college did not pay a Fire Assessment fee.

Mr. Taylor said they wished to open dialog with legislators to determine what action they could take regarding the Utilities Surcharge. The Town Attorney was researching the legality in State statutes and should have information for Council the following week.

Mr. Taylor reminded Council of the Town's four appropriations requests:

- Eastside Infrastructure Improvements Project
- Sports/Special Events Venue Funding
- Backup Emergency Communication Equipment
- The Farm Park.

The Town's legislative watch list included:

- Utilities Relocations
- Fracking
- Law Enforcement Body Cameras

Mr. Taylor said there was bill that would require municipalities using body cameras to adopt policies regarding their use and maintenance and included language that would allow Police to record individuals without their knowledge.

The Broward League of Cities' legislative priorities included municipality-run charter schools. Candice Ericks, Ericks Consultants, reported there was a Senate Bill addressing this, but the bill did not have a House of Representatives sponsor.

Council discussed the Broward League of Cities' support for school choice and charter schools and Mayor Paul remarked she did not see a lot of support for the Broward League of Cities' position regarding charter schools or any kind of school choice that involved charter schools. She pointed out that the Town did not need to agree with all of the Broward League's legislative priorities. Councilmember Caletka remarked that in Broward County, a child could attend almost any school, provided there was a seat available.

Vice-Mayor Starkey was pleased that the Broward League had added group homes to their legislative priorities.

Councilmember Hattan thanked the consultants for keeping Council updated.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk