



**Minutes  
Town of Lake Park, Florida  
Legislative Priorities Workshop  
Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 8:08 PM  
Town Commission Chamber, 535 Park Avenue**

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Legislative Priorities Workshop on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 8:08 p.m. Present were Mayor James DuBois, Vice-Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro, Commissioners Erin Flaherty, Michael O'Rourke and Kathleen Rapoza, Town Manager Dale S. Sugerman, Attorney Thomas Baird, and Town Clerk Vivian Mendez.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS**

**1. Discussion of Town Priorities for the 2014/2015 Legislative Session**

Town Manager Sugerman thanked Senator Jeff Clemens for attending and participating in this workshop session with the Commission.

Mayor DuBois reviewed a variety of potential legislative priorities (see Exhibit "A").

Senator Clemens thanked the Commission for inviting him to the workshop. He took personal responsibility for the Sober House legislation being defeated during the last legislative session. He felt confident that the next legislative session would be successful because he would be working with Senate President Andy Gardner on the Sober House issue. He stated that his legislative priorities would be Sober Homes; On-line Voter Registration; and Benefit Corporation, to name a few. He stated on the subject of funding, he was working with the Lake Worth Park of Commerce on infrastructure and the Town of Palm Springs was looking for funding for their parks.

Town Manager Sugerman shared an article regarding the City of Sarasota's top legislative priorities (see Exhibit "B").

The Commission had a long discussion on a variety of legislative issues that affect Lake Park. The Commission came to consensus on the following proposed legislative priorities:

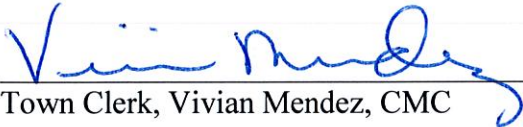
- a. Sober homes.
- b. Enabling legislation for authorizing MSTUs for police services.
- c. Economic development:
  - i. Funding for replacement of private property septic systems with sanitary sewer lines in all portions of the Town.
  - ii. Funding of a stormwater drainage project on Lake Shore Drive.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission and after a motion to adjourn by Commissioner O'Rourke and seconded by Commissioner Flaherty, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



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Mayor James DuBois



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Town Clerk, Vivian Mendez, CMC



Approved on this 19 of November, 2014



**Town of Lake Park Town Commission  
Legislative Priorities Workshop**

Agenda Request Form

*Exhibit "A"*

**Meeting Date:** November 5, 2014

**Agenda Item No. 1**

**Agenda Title: Commission Discussion on Setting the Town's Priorities for the 2015 Legislative Session in Tallahassee.**

- SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REPORTS
- BOARD APPOINTMENT
- PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE ON \_\_\_\_\_ READING
- NEW BUSINESS**
- OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

- CONSENT AGENDA
- OLD BUSINESS

**Approved by Town Manager** \_\_\_\_\_ *[Signature]* **Date:** 10/22/14

*Dale S. Sugerman*, Ph.D./Town Manager  
Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Originating Department:</b>  <p align="center"><b>Town Manager</b></p>	Costs: None Funding Source: Acct. <input type="checkbox"/> Finance _____	<b>Attachments:</b> A variety of materials on potential legislative priorities.
<b>Advertised:</b> Date: _____ Paper: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	All parties that have an interest in this agenda item must be notified of meeting date and time. The following box must be filled out to be on agenda.	Yes I have notified everyone _____ or Not applicable in this case <u>DSS</u> <b>Please initial one.</b>

**Summary Explanation/Background:**

This is the agenda item for the legislative priorities workshop which will follow the regular Town Commission meeting. Attached to this agenda request form are the background materials previously submitted by various members of the Town Commission, along with resource material from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Commission and the Florida League of Cities.

**Recommended Motion:** No motion is necessary as this is a workshop meeting for purposes of discussion only.

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

AGENDA ITEM 13

From: Staff

Date: October 17, 2014 Council Meeting

Subject: Legislative Priorities 2015

Background

At its last meeting in September, Council received a preliminary list of suggested Treasure Coast legislative priorities for 2015. The Gubernatorial Committee has been meeting since May to create and refine the list, and has made a special effort to focus on specific priorities that apply to the region as a whole. In addition, the idea was suggested for Council to host a four-county legislative delegation meeting for the Treasure Coast Region sometime before the start of the 2015 legislative session.

Council's regional legislative priority list for 2015 primarily deals with the key regional issues of transportation and infrastructure funding, economic development, environmental restoration, and energy and climate resiliency. In addition, Council has been invited to be a host organization for the Joint Professional Societies Annual Legislative Breakfast for the Treasure Coast Region. This annual event is well-attended and is focused on legislators from the four-county Treasure Coast Region. Council staff would like permission to work with the region's legislative delegation and others to help organize and host the Legislative Breakfast meeting for the region, which will be scheduled sometime in January 2015.

It is Council's mission to provide visionary leadership and advocacy on behalf of local government to preserve the quality of the region's economic, natural, built, and social environment. It is Council's responsibility to: 1) provide an efficient mechanism for addressing problems that can only be addressed by collaborative effort and cooperation between local governments; and 2) help assure that state goals and objectives (the top down part of planning) are achieved in a manner that is appropriate given local and regional needs and conditions (the bottom up part of planning). Council's mission and its ability to carry out its "bottom-up" planning and advocacy responsibilities are furthered by the development of a legislative priorities list for the region. This mission would also be furthered by having our 19 legislative delegates representing the Treasure Coast meet as a region.

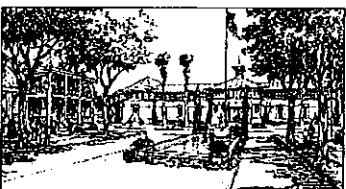
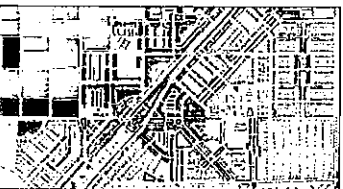
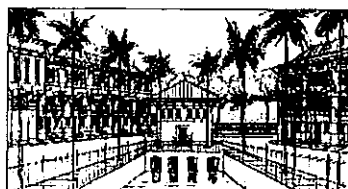
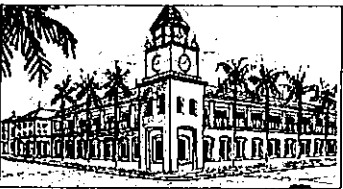
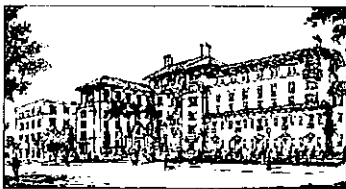
Recommendation

Council should: 1) approve its legislative priorities for distribution and sharing with all interested and involved parties in the region and authorize the Gubernatorial Committee to work over the next couple months to further finalize a legislative priorities document for Council; and 2) authorize staff to be an organizer and host for the Joint Professionals Societies Annual Treasure Coast Legislative Breakfast meeting for the region.

Attachments

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2015



Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Palm Beach

Martin

St. Lucie

Indian River

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# Florida House and Senate Treasure Coast Delegation









## The Florida House of Representatives (Treasure Coast Delegates)

Representative	District	Party	Counties
<u>Berman, Lori</u> 	90	Democrat	Part of Palm Beach County
<u>Hager, Bill</u> 	89	Republican	Part of Palm Beach County
<u>Harrell, Gayle</u> 	83	Republican	Parts of Martin, St. Lucie counties
<u>Kerner, Dave</u> 	87	Democrat	Part of Palm Beach County
<u>Lee, Jr. Larry</u> 	84	Democrat	Part of St. Lucie County
<u>Magar, Marylynn</u> 	82	Republican	Parts of Martin, Palm Beach counties



<b>Representative</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Counties</b>
<u>Mayfield, Debbie</u> 	54	Republican	Indian River County and part of St. Lucie County
<u>Pafford, Mark</u> 	86	Democrat	Part of Palm Beach County
<u>Pigman, Cary</u> 	55	Republican	Part of St. Lucie County
<u>Powell, Bobby</u> 	88	Democrat	Part of Palm Beach County
<u>Rader, Kevin</u> 	81	Democrat	Part of Palm Beach County
<u>Rooney, Jr. Patrick</u> 	85	Republican	Part Palm Beach County
<u>Slosberg, Irving</u> 	91	Democrat	Part of Palm Beach County

**The Florida Senate  
(Treasure Coast Delegates)**

<b>Senator</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Counties</b>
<u><b>Abruzzo, Joseph</b></u> 	25	Democrat	Part of Palm Beach County
<u><b>Altman, Thad</b></u> 	16	Republican	Part of Indian River County
<u><b>Clemens, Jeff</b></u> 	27	Democrat	Part of Palm Beach County
<u><b>Grimsley, Denise</b></u> 	21	Republican	Okeechobee County and parts of Highlands, Martin, Osceola, Polk, St. Lucie counties
<u><b>Negron, Joe</b></u> 	32	Republican	Parts of Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, St. Lucie counties
<u><b>Sachs, Maria Lorts</b></u> 	34	Democrat	Parts of Broward, Palm Beach counties

# 2015 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Legislative Priorities

## DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT (DRIs)

**Background:** Since 1972, the DRI process has been a valuable planning tool statewide in improving the outcome of large development projects and in identifying and minimizing negative impacts on the approving local government, and those local governments outside the approving jurisdiction. Over the years the process has been streamlined and reformed.

**SUPPORT** continued improvement of the DRI process which: 1) ensures at least the current level of identification and mitigation of greater-than-local impacts; 2) protects the current standing of local governments to have multijurisdictional impacts properly addressed; and 3) strengthens the intergovernmental review process for DRI-scale local comprehensive plan amendments found in Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

## FLORIDA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM

**Background:** The authority for the state enterprise zone incentive program, originally established in 1982, expires December 31, 2015. The program offers an assortment of tax incentives to business locating in areas targeted by local government for economic revitalization. Tax incentives include a sales and use tax credit, tax refund for business machinery and equipment used in an enterprise zone, sales tax refund for building materials used in an enterprise zone, and a sales tax exemption for electrical energy used in an enterprise zone. Local governments can provide additional incentives for a zone located within their boundaries. The Treasure Coast Region has five designated enterprise zones. There are 65 enterprise zones statewide.

**SUPPORT** legislation that reauthorizes existing statewide enterprise incentive zone programs and ensures the existence of state incentive programs targeting job creation, job expansion, investment and economic stability.

## CONVERSION OF SEPTIC TO CENTRAL SEWER SYSTEMS

**Background:** Leakage from coastal septic sewage systems has been suggested as a contributing factor to the current poor health of the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie River Estuary. Within the counties of Indian River, Martin and St. Lucie there are about 120,000 private septic systems. Brevard, Volusia, and Palm Beach counties share the same issue. Many local and state political leaders in the region have expressed some desire to eventually get the most troublesome coastal septic tank areas onto public sewer systems. The cost of switching from septic tanks to public sewer systems may be prohibitive for individual counties and property owners.

**SUPPORT** legislation that would increase funding for and reduce the cost of converting coastal septic systems to central sewer systems and that provides incentives for property owners and local governments to encourage conversions.

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## STATE FUNDING OF REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

**Background:** Regional Planning Councils perform several required activities under 16 different state statutes. They also provide significant functions, values, and services to state agencies and to local governments statewide. The Governor appoints one-third of the voting members of the eleven regional planning councils around the state. State funding of around \$2.5 million per year has been provided to regional planning councils since 1986. No definitive reason for the vetoes has been provided by the Governor's office.

For the last four years, the Governor's veto of regional planning council funding has created an unfunded mandate statewide totaling \$10 million.

**SUPPORT** full state funding of regional planning councils to, at a minimum, cover the costs of statutory responsibilities and support enhanced economic development activities.

## SOBER HOMES/RECOVERY RESIDENCES

**Background:** Sober homes or recovery residences have been an issue for many local governments in the region. Primary community concerns consist of the lack of regulation or oversight by any entity or agency, and there is little to no structure and no standard operating procedure. Due to this lack of oversight, medical treatment is occurring in some sober homes even though it is not permitted, as a sober home is not a treatment facility. Many sober homes are advertising themselves as the entry into treatment, while they should be the last step in the continuum of treatment of post detoxification. Anyone is capable of opening a sober home and does not need credentials to meet or accountability standards to operate one. Additionally, there is no requirement to have any life-safety inspections or background checks of the owners/operators, which may present a public safety issue for tenants of these sober homes. Some of the sober home operators have partnered with laboratory facilities and/or medical providers and are engaging in insurance fraud and/or patient brokering, which is illegal but very hard to prove as the homes do not have to register with any entity or agency.

**SUPPORT** state and federal legislation and rulemaking that defines and establishes minimum regulatory standards for sober homes and their owners/operators and provides for some penalties for their failure to follow the standards.

## RESTORATION OF THE REGION'S RIVERS, ESTUARIES, AND WATERBODIES

**Background:** The Indian River Lagoon, Lake Worth Lagoon, St. Lucie River and Estuary and the Loxahatchee River exist within a six-county area (Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Brevard, and Volusia) along the southeast and east central coasts of Florida. Even though considered significantly impaired, these riverine and estuarine systems together are still recognized as the most diverse in North America with an estimated annual economic value worth billions of dollars. Concerns about these rivers and estuaries include: too much or not enough freshwater input, degradation of seagrass and other benthic habitats, reduction of oyster and fish populations, total nitrogen and total phosphorous loading, algal blooms, and abnormal mortality in large sea mammal and bird populations.

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**SUPPORT** legislation, projects, or programs to: 1) reduce harmful freshwater discharges into the St. Lucie River Estuary and Indian River and Lake Worth lagoons; 2) increase freshwater flows to the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River; 3) better manage Lake Okeechobee and improve the Herbert Hoover Dike; 4) increase water storage, aquifer recharge and the health and longevity of the Region's natural systems and water supply; 5) adequately fund local government efforts to comply with Total Maximum Daily Load regulations and targets contained in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Basin Management Action Plans; and 6) adequately fund and manage the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program.

## TRANSPORTATION

**Background:** The Region's transportation system should be one that integrates all modes of travel into one balanced system that supports community goals, enhances urban life, increases mobility and provides for healthy economic growth through the safe and efficient movement of goods and people. Achieving and maintaining such a system will become more challenging as the region grows in the future. Serious regional issues that need to be resolved include: infrastructure backlog; increasing auto dependency and its drain on the family budget; rising fuel and infrastructure costs; an antiquated gas tax system; geographic impediments and local opposition to port and rail capacity expansion for passengers and freight; a growing transportation disadvantaged population; and increased traffic congestion which imposes personal inconveniences and barriers to economic development.

**SUPPORT** legislation, projects, and programs that will: 1) increase the capacity and public safety of roadway, port and airport, rail, public transit, and greenway and trail systems being advanced by local metropolitan/transportation planning organizations; 2) implement an alternative road usage assessment system to replace or supplement the old gas tax system; 3) restore Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) funding for local government use; 4) improve emergency evacuation times, routes, and planning; 5) increase flexibility in the State's transportation investment policy towards a more balanced allocation of funds between transit and traditional highway capacity projects; 6) establish local government funding for corridor retrofit programs intended to enhance their value for economic development; and 7) establish policy requiring the Florida Department of Transportation to routinely plan, design, construct, reconstruct and operate a "context-sensitive" system of "Complete Streets" that will serve the transportation needs of all ages and abilities while maintaining safety and mobility.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Background:** The Treasure Coast Region like other regions around the nation are faced with global competition and the choice of investing in diversification, import/export infrastructure, innovation, and education or risk falling behind economically. The current economy – long focused on tourism, agriculture and construction – must be reinforced to respond to new global challenges and competition in an increasingly interconnected world. The region's citrus industry, for example, must now compete with products from Brazil at the same time it opens up new markets for grapefruit juice in China and confronts citrus greening. The slowdown in the residential construction and tourism sectors, however temporary, highlights the importance of a diverse, more recession-proof economy for the region's economic sustainability.

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Educational foundations of the region also must be strengthened to ensure a competent and diverse workforce. Challenges related to the region's location and its special physical and environmental features also must be addressed.

**SUPPORT** legislation, projects and programs that: 1) encourage flood insurance reform; 2) increase funding for local beach renourishment efforts, and inlet and navigable waterway maintenance and improvement; 3) improve the region's climate for existing and emerging industry clusters, business retention, and job growth and creation; 4) facilitate infrastructure retrofits due to saltwater intrusion and sea level rise; 5) fund roadway corridor retrofits and community development/redevelopment programs to improve economic development potential; 6) fully fund the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program; 7) expand the region's housing and homeownership opportunities for underserved populations; 8) support state, federal and local efforts to include research and assist the citrus industry in addressing and controlling the damage and threat caused by citrus greening; 9) improve the region's public education system, including higher education; 10) increase FDEP Brownfields voluntary cleanup tax credit funding from \$5 million to \$10 million; and 11) establish a Summer Olympics Task Force for offering southeast Florida as a venue to host a future Summer Olympic games.

## **ENERGY AND CLIMATE RESILIANCE**

**Background:** Energy and climate resiliency are of concern to the region for four main reasons: 1) the cost of doing business; 2) environmental impacts; 3) energy security; and 4) the cost of adaptation and infrastructure retrofit due to sea level rise. Due to the region's geography and growth potential, it is expected to have high energy needs and will be especially vulnerable to sea level rise over the long term. Those factors, when coupled with its vulnerable resources, infrastructure, and growth patterns, put the region at a disadvantage compared to other national and international metropolitan areas. However, the opportunities presented by renewable energy sources, energy conservation and climate adaptation strategies are all within control of the state and the region. There are viable approaches for responding to energy and climate resiliency challenges to ensure the special place that is the Treasure Coast Region retains the competitive advantages afforded by its special climate, geography and people.

**SUPPORT** legislation, projects, and programs to: 1) create a comprehensive state energy policy; 2) establish a renewable energy portfolio standard; 3) fund energy conservation loan programs for homes and businesses; 4) revise public service commission regulations to improve the financial feasibility of energy conservation for power companies; 5) ensure against energy supply interruptions; 6) improve the power and fuel transmission line network; and 7) establish a sea level rise mitigation trust fund for critical state and local government infrastructure retrofit projects.

## **UNFUNDED MANDATES**

**Background:** Federal and state mandates that require local governments to perform actions but provide no funding for them to fulfill the requirements create an added burden on local taxpayers and may displace other essential local governmental priorities. This is especially true during an economic recovery with reduced ad valorem revenues available to finance local

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government. Unfunded mandates take control of the hands of local government and local taxpayers end up paying the bill.

**SUPPORT** legislation that reduces and eliminates unfunded mandates and increases local government revenues and their ability to collect sufficient to provide needed services and facilities.

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The Gubernatorial Committee of the TCRPC was created to address critical concerns within the member counties which comprise the region. It is composed of at least one delegate from each county (Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River), and the Gubernatorial Appointees to the Council.

This Committee is guided by the “home rule philosophy” to develop and implement community-based solutions to regionally shared problems.

The legislative priorities of the TCRPC’s membership and other regional stakeholders were reviewed. The Committee’s intentions were to identify those issues truly affecting the region as a whole and those that might be more effectively addressed by a collaborative effort and cooperation between local governments of the region speaking with one collective voice. These issues would then become legislative priorities for the region.



*Steven M. Weaver, Sr.  
St. Lucie County Gubernatorial Appointee  
Gubernatorial Committee Chair*

*“I believe in the power of cooperation and that we are never stronger than when we pool our resources for the betterment of our regional community.*

*Serving as Chairman for this committee has allowed me to see first-hand that although we come from different counties with unique perspectives, we embrace many of the same critical issues that affect the quality of life in our communities and our region.*

*The resource and expertise of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council affords us a greater opportunity to work collectively and promote regionally.”*

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*Steven M. Weaver Sr.*



# 2015 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Legislative Priorities

## About the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) was created by and for local government. It serves four counties – Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties and their 50 municipalities. Formed in 1976 by an interlocal agreement pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 163, it is one of 11 regional planning councils statewide.



The TCRPC is governed by a 28-member Board. Two-thirds are elected officials and one-third are gubernatorial appointees.

The TCRPC provides a wide scope of services and programs including town planning, urban design and redevelopment initiatives; economic development, regional transportation, natural resources, dispute resolution, energy conservation and community resiliency; emergency preparedness; and technical assistance.

The TCRPC is committed to continuing its regional initiatives in support of shared visions, values and goals.

## Our Mission

To be a dynamic regional forum for local government, providing visionary leadership, advocacy, and coordination between counties and local, state, and federal governmental agencies to solve common problems and preserve and enhance the quality of the region's economic, natural, built, and social environment.

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James DuBois Legislative Priorities: DRAFT 6/18/14 as requested for Legislative Priorities Workshop

1) Economic Development of Commercial & Industrial areas: Master planning of central western business districts as compliment to PBC 5 year road plans including maximizing community and tax base benefits from Silver Beach Rd, Old Dixie, Congress Ave Extension and PAE improvements. Investigation of potential state funding sources for master planning of same and funding sources for property and ROW acquisition for road improvement associated with compensating storage location(s). Included would be the potential for creating the Governor's initiative of Manufacturing Districts and potential associated funding sources to accomplish same and associated benefits of developing a Manufacturing District (Model Local Manufacturing Development Ordinance). FIU Funding, MPO discretionary funding

Potential Impact on Lake Park

Lake Park has a significant industrial and commercial tax base located in its central western districts. These areas are largely part of the Town's CRA, but with limited CRA resources there may be state funds associated with enhancing industrial areas. We should seek programs and resources at the state, county and federal levels to enhance the development and redevelopment of vacant land and underutilized built facilities. In order to create interest and prove value we should seek funding for promoting utilization and refurbishment of vacant industrial spaces.

History of Prior Action:

Master planning Central western and commercial district has been discussed as non agenda material by the Commission but no action has been resolved.

2) Coastal Link/AAF platform development, transit hub and TOD funding sources, initial development and operational funding.

Potential Impact on Lake Park:

Improved transportation opportunities for residences and improved transportation for employers.

History of Prior Action:

None

3) Storm water funding for infrastructure improvement projects including LSD, C-17 (Earman River) outfall and Flagler Blvd outfall

Potential Impact on Lake Park:

Rebuilding of infrastructure and reduced storm water fund assessments.

History of Prior Action:

Storm water drainage improvement funding applications across two legislative sessions.

4) Sober Homes Legislation

Potential Impact on Lake Park:

Improved property values, improved neighborhood quality of life, reduced fire/safety costs

History of Prior Action:

Multiple years of legislative sole initiative and partnered initiatives.

5 Taxing of city-owned marinas

From TCRPC 5/16/14 Meeting Minutes - Vice Chairman Mowery indicated there is a recent circuit court decision that will allow for taxing of city-owned marinas. He stated that this will cause rippling effects as it relates to other municipal entities and municipal operations. Commissioner Perona stated that the City of Fort Pierce will be appealing the decision.

Potential Impact on Lake Park:

None provided.

History of Prior Action:

None provided.

6 AAF/ Coastal Link Quiet Zone Funding. Consultant Louis Rotundo TOD District Special Assessment towards operating Coastal Link station.  
Comp Plan revision Mobility Fee

Potential Impact on Lake Park:

None provided.

History of Prior Action:

None provided.

**7 Marina upland parking development**

Potential Impact on Lake Park:

None provided.

History of Prior Action:

None provided.

**8 Gateway Rd / 10th St. Resurfacing and other streets and roads infrastructure rebuilding**

Potential Impact on Lake Park:

None provided.

History of Prior Action:

None provided.

James DuBois

TOWN OF LAKE PARK - ANNUAL BUDGET

TOWN COMMISSION (GF 100)

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

Vice-Mayor

Schedule 6

Legislative Priority	Potential Impact on the Town of Lake Park	History of Prior Action
#1 Sewer Homes	A formal negotiation program by State oversight would help eliminate illegitimate "recovery" incidences	bill watered down to "voluntary" & not heard in Senate (2014)
#2 Infrastructure Funding (Lake Shore Dr drainage)	Financial assistance for main infra components that accounts for 1/3 of Federal Hwy	Voted by Governor (2013)
#3 MSTU for Sheriff + line rescue (separate from ad utilities)	Separate assessments for law enforcement & fire force would allow village to be reduced + allow village to manage general operations	
#4		

**TOWN OF LAKE PARK – ANNUAL BUDGET**

**TOWN COMMISSION (GF 100)**

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**FISCAL YEAR 2014-15**

**SCHEDULE 6**

<i>Legislative Priority</i>	<i>Potential Impact on the Town of Lake Park</i>	<i>History of Prior Action</i>
#1 Sober Home Bill	Improving the quality of care & successful recovery. Regulation, reporting, testing and visiting homes. Cap of how many homes are allowed per population	Bill did not pass in Senate, in 2014, pursuing bill in 2015.
#2 Better utilization of Industrial land, capital improvements & conservation	Increase jobs, Promote expansion and growth of existing businesses. Lower taxes. Business with technical assistance & capital to increase jobs and help business relocate and grow in LP. Establishes incentives for development	2013 Gov. Rick Scott created a new agency FL Dept of Economic Opportunity to build, relocate & expand by streamlining small to medium businesses, permitting & not raise taxes.
#3 Stormwater, wastewater system, quality, preserve resources and the impact of pollution runoff to impaired waters.	Water quality, preservation of our surrounding resources, stormwater systems and polluted runoff to impaired waters. Funding thru DEP for repairs. Ease the burden from tax payers.	Sen. Joe Negron chaired 2013 public mtgs. To improve water quality. Increase funding and regulation thru DEP for water quality improvement. Prior to 2014/2015 it was an unfunded mandate.
#4 Septic to Sewer	Residents or businesses may convert to Septic at no cost or reimbursement through stamp tax revenues. Benefit to 10 <sup>th</sup> Street conversion.	Sen. David Simmons released a draft protect on a bill to hook septic tank users to central sewers at no cost to residents and provide reimbursement through stamp tax revenues

**TOWN OF LAKE PARK – ANNUAL BUDGET**

**TOWN COMMISSION (GF 100)**

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**FISCAL YEAR 2014-15**

**SCHEDULE 6**

Legislative Priority	Potential Impact on the Town of Lake Park	History of Prior Action
#1 Sober Homes	Improving the quality of care & successful recovery. Regulation, reporting, testing and visiting homes. Put a cap of how many homes are allowed per population	Bill did not pass in Senate, needs more effort in 2015
#2 Mixed land use	Economic development, jobs, retail. Compliment to the marina US 1.	Other cities successful
#3 Better utilization of Industrial land, capital improvements & conservation	Increase jobs, Promote expansion and growth of existing businesses. Lower taxes. Water supply safety	
#4 All Aboard Tri Rail	Reduce auto use & traffic in the town. Promote residential & industrial building. Reduce taxes	Ongoing effort

Exhibit "B"

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## Sarasota city commissioners identify top legislative priorities

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SARASOTA -- Sarasota City Commissioners are considering mental health funding and money for programs for the homeless among the city's top priorities for the next legislative session.

At Monday's commission meeting, commissioners established the top legislative priorities for 2015 as public pension reform, funding for homelessness programs and mental health initiative programs, red light cameras and enterprise zones. After some revisions to the priorities, Commissioner Shannon Snyder asked that the priorities come back before the commission for a final approval at the Nov. 17 meeting.

A representative from the city commission will present the City of Sarasota's legislative priorities to the Sarasota County Legislative Delegation Hearing, which is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 3 and will be from 9 a.m. to noon at the Sarasota County Administration Building.

"If we align ourselves with the Manasota League of Cities and Florida League (of Cities), we have a greater force," Mayor Willie Charles Shaw said. "We take ours and they take theirs (legislative priorities) but we all have the same message."

On Monday, the city commissioners also approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to address improvements to the Bobby Jones Golf Course, 1000 Circus Blvd., Sarasota, to remedy deterioration. The Bobby Jones Golf Club Study Committee would be made up of at least five citizen volunteers. Appointments to the committee will be made at the commissioner's first meeting in January and applications to be on the committee be accepted later this month.

At the meeting, Commissioner Suzanne Atwell asked that the committee's members be residents of the City of Sarasota and if there are not qualified people within the city, then could look outside the city into Sarasota and Manatee counties. The other commissioners approved the clarification.

"I think everyone is in agreement that the city is to retain control of the operation," Commissioner Paul Caragiulo said.

Sarasota resident Millie Small told the commissioners on Monday, "Let's keep it simple and do what needs to be done."

Sarasota resident Norman Dumaine said an ad hoc committee should be formed.





# AGENDA

Lake Park Town Commission  
Town of Lake Park, Florida  
Legislative Priorities Workshop  
Wednesday, November 5, 2014,  
Immediately Following the  
Regular Commission Meeting,  
Lake Park Town Hall  
535 Park Avenue

<b>James DuBois</b>	—	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Kimberly Glas-Castro</b>	—	<b>Vice-Mayor</b>
<b>Erin T. Flaherty</b>	—	<b>Commissioner</b>
<b>Michael O'Rourke</b>	—	<b>Commissioner</b>
<b>Kathleen Rapoza</b>	—	<b>Commissioner</b>
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<b>Dale S. Sugerman, Ph.D.</b>	—	<b>Town Manager</b>
<b>Thomas J. Baird, Esq.</b>	—	<b>Town Attorney</b>
<b>Vivian Mendez, CMC</b>	—	<b>Town Clerk</b>

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED, that if any interested person desires to appeal any decision of the Town Commission, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such interested person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. *Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in the meeting should contact the Town Clerk's office by calling 881-3311 at least 48 hours in advance to request accommodations.*

A. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

C. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS**

1. Discussion of Town Priorities for the 2014/2015 Legislative Session Tab 1

D. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

This time is provided for addressing items that do not appear on the Agenda. Please complete a comment card and provide it to the Town Clerk so speakers may be announced. Please remember comments are limited to a TOTAL of three minutes.

E. **TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

F. **ADJOURNMENT**