

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE

Members: Amy Foster, Steve Kornell, Charlie Gerdes, Karl Nurse, Darden Rice

MEETING

August 20, 2015, 8:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes of the December 18, 2014 Meeting
- Approve LAIR portion of the minutes of the January 29, 2015 COW Meeting
- Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
- 2016 Legislative Session Schedule
- Review of 2015 Legislation
- Discussion -- Legislative Priorities for 2016 Florida Legislative Session
 - Potential Policy Priorities
 - Potential Appropriations
- FLC Legislative Priorities
- Discussion -- Resolutions of Support
- Federal Update
- Schedule For Future Meetings
- Other Business
- Adjourn

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations Committee (LAIR)

Thursday, December 18, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Committee Chair Steve Kornell, Committee Vice-Chair Wengay Newton, Councilmembers Charlie Gerdes, Amy Foster and Karl Nurse (alternate)

Also Present: Councilmembers William Dudley, Darden Rice and Jim Kennedy; City Administrator Gary Cornwell; Assistant City Attorney Jane Wallace, Legislative Education & Intergovernmental Affairs Director Sally Everett and Assistant to the City Clerk, Heather Worley.

Committee Chair Steve Kornell called the meeting to order. Councilmember Gerdes moved for approval of the agenda. All were in favor of the motion. (Kornell, Gerdes, Foster) Councilmember Gerdes made a motion to approve the September 18, 2014 minutes as submitted. All were in favor of the motion. (Kornell, Gerdes, Foster)

Committee Vice-Chair Newton entered the meeting.

In connection with the new business, the 2015 Florida Legislative Session, Sally Everett, Legislative Education & Intergovernmental Affairs Director, discussed some of the City's potential legislative priorities. Sally explained how she developed a comprehensive list based on priorities and minutes from several previous years.

Proposed City priorities include:

- Opposing unfunded State mandates
- Strengthening of Nuisance Property statutes
- Dedicated funding source for Homeless housing programs
- Enterprise Zone reauthorization
- Strengthening penalties for trafficking in synthetic marijuana
- Opposing limits on parking meters and revenue sharing in State rights of way
- Supporting stronger programs for children, families and juvenile justice

The Florida League of Cities Legislative Priorities were distributed and discussed. Sally explained that while each item is important not every priority listed is equally applicable to our City. The Florida League of Cities Legislative Priorities include:

- Municipal Police & Fire Pension Reform
- Protection of communication services and local business taxes

- Stormwater fee collection
- Water quality and quantity
- Enterprise Zones
- Developments of Regional Impact (DRI)
- Transportation Funding
- Ride for Hire
- Homelessness
- Sober Homes

Resolutions of support were read by Committee Chair Kornell and each item was voted on separately. Councilmember Gerdes made a motion to approve the following resolutions of support. All were in favor of each motion. The Resolutions of Support are as follows:

- Supporting a Bus Rapid Transit Pilot Project for Pinellas
- Opposing any additions to use of Penny funds beyond capital projects
- Opposition to municipal pension reform (*draft specific policy*)
- Supporting the re-writing of the Juvenile Justice Code
- Supporting Legislative guidance on the more timely distribution of 'hardest hit' housing funds
- Supporting additional funding for youth employment
- Support for environmental land purchase guidelines
- Support for Equality Florida's non-discrimination campaign
- Support Medicaid expansion

A list will be sent out to all other Councilmembers to gain feedback and determine which top few issues to support via resolutions to the Legislative Delegation.

Additional issues identified and discussed among Councilmembers include:

- Clarification of "tax swap" language for transit
- Legislative guidance to FDOT on Howard Frankland bridge replacement to include intermodal capacity (*monitor only*)
- Monitor new funding model implementation for sports facilities
- Guidance to FDOT for landscaping standards in urban corridors
- DCF reform regarding case load and higher level training for case workers

Discussion regarding potential appropriations requests includes:

- Apprenticeship Academy
- Bio solids Project
- Skyway Marina Economic Development project

A brief discussion of end of year activities in Congress took place.

The next Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting will be held at the end of January, 2015 with a specific date yet to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Committee of the Whole

Thursday, January 29, 2015, 2:13p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Charles Gerdes and Councilmembers, Jim Kennedy, Darden Rice, Bill Dudley, Steve Kornell, Karl Nurse, Wengay Newton and Amy Foster.

ALSO: Mayor Rick Kriseman, Chief Assistant City Attorney Jacqueline Kovilaritch, Leisure Services Administrator Sherry McBee, Public Works Administrator Michael Connors, City Council Administrative Officer Cindy Sheppard, City Clerk Chan Srinivasa, other members of staff.

Chair Gerdes called the meeting to order and the following topics were discussed:

1. Discussion on the creation of an Energy, Natural Resources, and Sustainability Committee:
 - a. Councilmember Rice gave an overview of the Energy, Natural Resources, and Sustainability Committee (ENRS) identifying its purpose and mission.
 - b. Councilmember Kornell raised the following questions: i. is there adequate staffing for a new committee? ii. How will the committee's results be measured?
 - c. Mayor Rick Kriseman spoke in support of the committee and addressed the staffing concerns.
 - d. Councilmember's Gerdes, Dudley, Nurse and Newton spoke in support of the Energy, Natural Resources, and Sustainability Committee.
 - e. A motion was approved by Councilmember Kennedy with the second of Councilmember Rice to establish a (4) member City Council Energy, Natural Resources, and Sustainability Committee with (1) alternate member.
Ayes. Gerdes. Kennedy. Dudley. Rice. Kornell. Nurse. Newton. Foster.
Nays. None. Absent. None.

In connection with the Committee of the Whole meeting, Chair Gerdes turned the meeting over to Councilmember Steve Kornell, Chair of the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (LAIR) Committee.

2. Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (LAIR).

PRESENT: Chair Kornell, members Foster, Nurse, Gerdes and Rice and Council members Dudley, Kennedy and Newton.

ALSO: Mayor Kriseman, Sally Everett, Legislative, Education & Intergovernmental Affairs, Chief Assistant City Attorney Jacqueline Kovilaritch, Leisure Services Administrator Sherry McBee, Public Works Administrator Michael Connors, City Council Administrative Officer Cindy Sheppard, City Clerk Chan Srinivasa, other members of staff.

The Committee discussed the results of their individual rankings of issues discussed at the last LAIR meeting. The top 5 issues identified were:

- DCF Reform including lower case loads, MSW credential and higher pay for investigators
- Clarification of tax swap language for transit
- Homelessness – including dedicated funding source
- Oppose changes to use of Penny funds beyond capital projects
- Support Medicaid expansion

After considerable discussion, the committee decided to send Council resolutions concerning DCF reform and Medicaid expansion to the Pinellas Legislative Delegation. A draft resolution for DCF reform will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Youth Services to fine tune language before going to the Council for consideration, and a resolution supporting Medicaid expansion will be considered an upcoming Council meeting.

There was considerable discussion of Municipal Pension Reform and, because legislative proposals will evolve throughout the Legislative Session, the Committee decided to monitor the issue and take action in the future, if warranted.

The Committee decided to add Support of Reauthorizing Enterprise Zones and Retention of Current local Share of Communication Services Tax revenue to the priorities, and to add support for full funding of the SAIL and SHIP Affordable Housing programs. Therefore, the priorities moving forward will be:

- Support Reauthorization of the Enterprise Zone Program
- Retention of the current local share of Communications Services Tax
- Clarification of tax swap language for transit
- Support for Homelessness programs – including dedicated funding source; and support for full funding of the SAIL and SHIP Housing programs
- Oppose changes to use of Penny funds beyond capital projects

Appropriation requests were also agreed upon, and are:

- Bus Rapid Transit Pilot Project – Central Ave., 4th St- Downtown
- Bio-Solids Water Project
- Apprenticeship Academy

Issues that will be monitored include any legislation regarding the funding of sports facilities, the re-writing of the Juvenile Justice Code, and Municipal Pension Reform. Sally Everett plans to provide the Council and City leadership with a weekly report on activity during the upcoming legislative session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Important Dates for 2016 Florida Legislative Session

Local county delegations are encouraged to schedule Delegation Meetings to consider local bills before September 30. A date for Pinellas delegation meeting has not been announced.

Interim Committee Meetings

- **Wednesday, September 16 through Friday, September 18**
- **Monday, October 5 through Friday, October 9**
- **Monday, October 19 through Friday, October 23**
- **Monday, November 2 through Friday, November 6**
- **Monday, November 16 through Friday, November 20**
- **Monday, November 30 through Friday, December 4**

The Regular Session will convene on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 and is scheduled to end on Friday, March 11, 2016.



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July 16, 2015

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Scott --

As the Chair of the Local Government Affairs Subcommittee, I oversee matters related to Florida's local governments and the local bill process. Per our earlier conversation, please inform your membership that the local bill forms and the Local Bill Policies and Procedures manual has been updated and uploaded to the Local Government Affairs subcommittee page. Here is a brief summary of the highlighted changes in each of the documents:

Local Bill Certification Form: Added text clarifying the requirement for filing an Economic Impact Statement.

Economic Impact Statement: Revised the date-ranges for certain data to 2016-2017 and 2017-2018; expressly requests a description of potential impacts on present governmental services; added a provision for the document preparer to certify whether she/he has the required qualifications and knowledge to prepare the statement.

Local Bill Amendment Form: Added line to state whether the amendment was in a committee or on the floor; if the amendment altered the economic impact of the bill, text was added to state whether and where the revised economic impact statement was filed.

Local Bill Policy and Procedures Manual: Revised page 3 to more accurately state the bill filing deadline in House Rule 5.2(a).

Also, please be aware that Interim Committee meetings will begin on September 16 this year and all legislative delegation meetings have been advised to be scheduled no later than September 30. This will allow sufficient time to publish all necessary 30 day notices and complete all drafting prior to the beginning of session. Please let your membership know if they are considering submitting a local bill to prepare accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie Mayfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "M".

Debbie Mayfield
State Representative, District 54