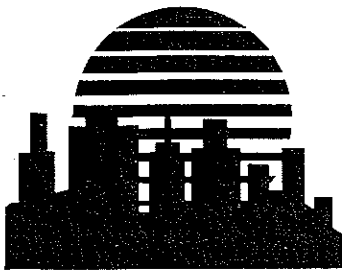


TAB 5



FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of Florida League of Cities, Inc.

From: Rebecca O'Hara, Director
Legislative Affairs

Date: December 20, 2007

Re: Request for Resolution

The FLC Board of Directors adopted an initiative to enhance the Legislature's awareness of the League's priority issues. This plan calls on each of Florida's 412 cities to adopt a resolution that supports the League's key priority issues.

These key issues were adopted by the League membership at the recent Legislative Conference and address Affordable Housing, Environmental Permits, Growth Management, Local Business Taxes, Local Government Pension Plans, Mobile Home Park Closures, Municipal Indebtedness, Property Tax Reform, Transportation, and Water.

Enclosed is a draft resolution that we are asking your city to adopt at the next available council/commission meeting. Please send copies of your adopted resolution to Governor Charlie Crist, Senate President Ken Pruitt, Speaker of the House Marco Rubio, your local legislative delegation and to the Florida League of Cities **no later than Friday, February 22, 2008**.

Also enclosed are a list of addresses for the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House. In addition, we have enclosed a directory so that you may identify legislators whose districts include your city.

A Microsoft Word version of this resolution is available on the League's website under Legislative/Advocacy at: www.flcities.com. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Rikkia Rellford at the Florida League of Cities at (850) 701-3653. Thank you for your assistance.

Enclosures

RESOLUTION NO. 08-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ISSUES DURING THE 2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

WHEREAS, as Florida's population continues to increase, cities are challenged to meet the service demands and infrastructure needs to account for new growth; and

WHEREAS, a majority of Florida's municipalities are challenged to meet the increasing infrastructure, affordable housing, transportation and water quality needs of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the state has imposed greater accountability in comprehensive planning fiscal feasibility standards on municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Florida's municipalities are dependent on other governmental entities for financial stability and presently the state, counties, and school districts, control every funding source that has been authorized for implementing growth management capital improvements and complying with concurrency requirements; and

WHEREAS, municipal self-determination and local self-government are constantly under attack from a variety of public and private interests; and

WHEREAS, the role and function of municipal government is constantly evolving from new demands from its citizens and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO:

Section 1. That the City of Palmetto urges Governor Charlie Crist and members of the Florida Legislature to support legislation that:

- Reauthorizes the affordable housing trust funds, preserves the documentary stamp fee as the trust funds' funding source and removes the legislative cap on fund distribution;
- Enhances public notice of, and participation in, state environmental permitting processes;
- Fully funds state growth management mandates and provides municipalities with state and local option revenue sources to meet financial feasibility requirements and infrastructure demands;

- Allows municipalities and counties to reclassify businesses, professions, and occupations and establish new rate structures for local business taxes on a periodic basis;
- Enhances municipal control over municipal employee pension plan management and funding;
- Preserves and protects property rights of mobile home owners, when mobile home parks are rezoned, but not in a manner that requires removal costs to be the responsibility of local governments;
- Broadens municipal home rule and other authority to issue tax-increment financed bonds and other forms of indebtedness without approval by referendum;
- Provides an equitable, dedicated and recurring revenue source for municipal transportation projects and opposes legislation that transfers or diverts state transportation trust fund revenues to balance the state budget;
- Prohibits the Florida Department of Transportation from eliminating, deferring, or delaying capacity improvement projects contained in the 5-year Work Plan when it negatively impacts the comprehensive plan of the local government;
- Authorizes the use of electronic traffic infraction detectors at traffic intersections; and
- Maintains or increases funding of the state Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Charlie Crist, Senate President Ken Pruitt, House Speaker Marco Rubio and members of the Florida Legislature.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, in regular session, by the City Commission of the City of Palmetto, with a quorum present and voting, this 22nd day of January, 2008.

ATTEST: JAMES R. FREEMAN
CITY CLERK

CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA
BY AND THROUGH THE CITY
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
PALMETTO

By: _____
City Clerk

By: _____
Lawrence E. Bustle, Jr. Mayor