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**R2019-67: SETTING FORTH THE CITY’S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2020 SESSION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.**

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**Applicant/Purpose:** Council/to communicate the City’s State legislative priorities to our residents, our local legislative delegation, and to the Legislature as a whole.

**Brief:**

- This resolution sets out Council’s position on 8 bills filed but not acted upon in 2020 (all opposed in part or in whole except S227):
  1. Highest Priority: H4431 - SC Business License Tax Reform.
  2. High Priority: H4262/SB638- Small Wireless Facilities Deployment.
  3. Priority: H4516 Rental of Residential Building.
  4. Priority: Bill H3274: Cigarettes and Nicotine Products.
  5. Priority: HB3968/S590: Asset Forfeiture & Private Property Act.
  6. H4482: Housing Attainability Act.
  7. S394: Auxiliary Containers.
  8. S227: Millage Rate Increase Limitations.
- The resolution also calls upon the legislature to consider new legislation to:
  1. Amend the distribution of Federal opioid funds for greater local discretion.
  2. Amend State law to change the process of reclamation of tenant’s possessions.
  3. To grant representation on the Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority’s Board.
- The resolution also includes a strenuous objection to newly filed H4745 - Legacy County-Wide Hospitality Fees.

**Issues:**

- Existing bills:
  - 1-4 & 7 take discretion away from local units in favor of a “one-size-fits all approach” (does not consider each unit’s unique characteristics).
  - 5 takes away a valuable tool that law enforcement agencies have long used in the war against drugs.
  - 6 is an overly broad bill requiring local units to perform a complicated analysis of the effect of each piece of legislation on housing prices.
  - 8 addresses the unique needs of smaller units that do not have a millage rate.
- Proposed legislation:
  - 1: Allows local input into funding allocation decisions currently made exclusively by a State agency.
  - 2: The current practice of setting a tenant’s possessions on the curb for 48 hours results in the unauthorized removal & littered neighborhoods.
  - 3: The City is the Authority’s biggest customer, but has no seat at the table.
- H4745 is an unprecedented intrusion into a local issue that is well on the way to being resolved by the parties in dispute.

**Public Notification:** Normal meeting notification.

**Alternatives:**

- Do not approve a legislative agenda for the 2020 session.
- Amend the proposed agenda.

**Financial Impact:** W/ the exception of existing bill 8 above, each bill or proposed legislation has its own unique financial impact.

**Manager’s Recommendation:** I recommend approval.

**Attachment(s):** Proposed agenda.

CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the South Carolina legislature is scheduled to convene on Tuesday January 14, 2020;  
and

WHEREAS, there are a number of bills filed in 2019 that are of significant concern to the City  
of Myrtle Beach that were not acted upon by the Legislature, and remain on the table for  
consideration in the 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City also desires to submit several new matters for the consideration of the  
Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to respectfully articulate a position on these matters of  
legislative significance to our local Delegation in the form of this Legislative Agenda.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council,

1. Hereby adopts the attached summary of its 2020 Legislative Agenda.
2. Respectfully requests that the Horry County Legislative Delegation consider the  
positions set out in the Attachment regarding the bills already under consideration.
3. Also respectfully requests that the Horry County Legislative Delegation consider the  
positions set out in the Attachment regarding new proposed legislative actions.
4. Thank the Horry County delegation for its support in previous years as well as its  
continued support of these important legislative matters.
5. Directs the City Manager to immediately send this Legislative Agenda to each  
member of the Delegation upon approval.

SIGNED, SEALED and DATED, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

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BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER STANFORD, CITY CLERK