DATE:        January 8, 2019

TO:          City Council

FROM:        Alexander Nguyen
             City Manager

SUBJECT:     City of Oxnard 2019 Federal and State Legislative Program. (10/15/5)

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:
1. Receive and file the report;
2. Adopt a Resolution approving the 2019 Legislative Program for the City of Oxnard; and
3. Take such additional, related action as may be desired.

In October 2017, the City of Oxnard contracted Ms. Elisabeth Paniagua, Principal of E.P.
Consulting Services to serve as the city’s Intergovernmental Relations and Legislative Liaison
Officer to conduct a comprehensive update of the city’s Legislative Program and provide
ongoing legislative and advocacy services. Since there had been limited city staffing focused on
the program, it created limited dedicated attention. The city’s interests had been represented by
federal and state lobbyist teams who communicated with City Management and City Council.

In January 2018, the City Council adopted the 2018 Legislative Program, a comprehensive
document whose goal was to provide a new legislative foundation for legislative issues the city
might face and provide a more defined avenue to convey its funding need priorities at the
regional, State and Federal levels. As a result, during 2018, the city was successful in
responding quickly to changes in legislative circumstances and strategically pursue funding
opportunities, and establish new relationships with its federal and state elected representatives
and agencies. Some of the major highlight activities of the 2018 Legislative Program include:

- Tracking of over 50 legislative State of California initiatives and taking position on over
  25 items.
● Conducted meetings with federal representative and agency to advocate for city priority projects including:
  ○ GREAT-Recycled Water Pipeline Phase 2
  ○ Ormond Beach Conservation and Restoration
  ○ Halaco Site
  ○ Economic Development Program
  ○ Fire Department Programs

● Conducted meetings with state representatives and agencies to advocate for city priority projects including:
  ○ Oxnard City Corps
  ○ Downtown Arts Hub
  ○ Wastewater Treatment Plant
  ○ Fiber Master Plan
  ○ Mandalay and Ormond Beach Power Plants

● Advocated for the state and federal designation of City of Oxnard- Economic Development Opportunity Zones to encourage investment opportunities in specific industrial and commercial areas across the city.

● Advocated for state and federal grants submitted by city departments.

● Advocated to secure a $9.5 million state grant and additional low interest loan for emergency repairs of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

● Conducted a citywide tour for state and federal representatives to showcase citywide infrastructure needs, including the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Recycled Water Pipeline Phase 2 and Environmental Resources Facility.

● Renewed communication between city departments, state and federal representatives, and the city’s state and federal lobbyists.

In preparation for the 2019 Legislative Program, meetings were conducted with all city departments and city council members to explore citywide legislative concerns and project funding needs. After conducting a full analyzes of the city’s priorities and collaboration with the city’s federal and state lobbyists, new focused legislative and project priorities were identified. The proposed 2019 Legislative Program (Attachment A) includes a variety of important city priorities, which will be the focus of advocacy efforts to secure future funding resources. The 2019 Legislative Program outlines specific federal and state legislative and project priorities under the following 13 general areas:

1. Community Services
2. Economic Development
3. Finance
4. Housing
5. Labor Relations
6. Land Use
7. Local Control
8. Military Bases
9. Public Safety
10. Sustainability (Energy and Environment)
11. Telecommunications
12. Transportation
13. Water
The goal for 2019 is to continue to maintain a proactive approach to ensure City of Oxnard interests and concerns are expressed through:

a) monitoring and analysis of federal and state legislation;
b) advising on whether to adopt a position either in favor or against a particular legislation;
c) collaborating with the city’s lobbyist teams to engage advocacy efforts to advance the city’s interests in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento; and

d) maintaining ongoing communication with federal and state representatives and agencies.

In addition, a list of 2019 Staff Identified Priorities (Attachment B) is included as a reference item for City Council. This list includes other significant legislative items and project funding need areas, which the City Council may consider specific line items to add into the 2019 Legislative Program document.

In order to continue a proactive approach for future years, it is recommended that the city maintain an active Legislative Program throughout the calendar year and prepare for upcoming legislative sessions by annually updating the Legislative Program 3-4 months before the end of the calendar year.

Staff requests the City Council’s consideration to adopt a resolution approving the City of Oxnard 2019 Legislation Program with any desired changes.

An update and preview of the upcoming 2019 legislative year will also be provided by the city’s federal lobbyist team, MMO Partners and state lobbyist team, Arnold and Associates.

**PERSONNEL IMPACT**

Consultant will track federal and state legislation, issue letters of support or opposition on behalf of the city, and advocate for funding opportunities for city projects and programs

*Prepared by Elisabeth Paniagua, Principal, E.P. Consulting Services.*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution Oxnard2019 Legislative Program 1.8.19

2019 Legislative Program Final - City of Oxnard 1-8-19

City of Oxnard 2019 STAFF Identified Priorities 1-8-19
RESOLUTION NO. __________

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD
APPROVING THE 2019 CITY OF OXNARD LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oxnard as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council finds as follows:

A. The major objective of the City Council is to adopt a legislative program which strengthens local government, promotes city interests and defends the city against legislative actions by regional, state and federal authorities that would weaken or threaten local governments and/or take away traditional revenue sources; and

B. It is vital to the fiscal health and the self determination of the city to effectively communicate with state legislators and federal representatives in order to favorably influence state and federal legislation, regulations and grant requests.

SECTION 2: The City Council desires to be proactive and involved in the government decision making processes through implementation of the City of Oxnard 2019 Legislative Program as identified in Exhibit “A,” which is attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

SECTION 3: This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption and will remain effective unless repealed or superseded.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED, this 8th day of January, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

________________________________________
Tim Flynn, Mayor

ATTEST: 
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

________________________________________
Michelle Ascencion, City Clerk

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Stephen M. Fischer, City Attorney
City of Oxnard
PROGRAM SUMMARY

The 2019 Legislative Program provides a framework for the City of Oxnard’s legislative and project priorities. It serves as the foundation of a focused advocacy strategy to assist the City Council and staff in evaluating federal and state legislative initiatives against city interests. The City Council annually establishes the Legislative Program to guide advocating efforts of city positions on clearly stated legislative issues and stipulated funding needs for city projects.

The Legislative Program is a result of an annual evaluation of citywide legislative and project funding priorities. The identified legislative priorities include those directly impacting municipal services and programs. Federal and state legislative proposals will be reviewed throughout the calendar year. Proposed legislation that is consistent with the Legislative Program may be supported, while initiatives inconsistent with city interests may be opposed. The associated project priorities include capital improvement projects and other emergency city funding needs. Project priorities will be used to seek funding opportunities throughout the year. Additional issues not addressed may acquire further City Council direction.
City of Oxnard
COMMUNITY PROFILE

“The City of Oxnard will have clean, safe, prosperous and attractive neighborhoods with open, transparent government.”

(Mission Statement- adopted January 2005)

Incorporated as a general law city in 1903, Oxnard is a vibrant and culturally diverse community. Located on the beautiful “Gold Coast” of Southern California, the city has a small-town charm and has become a hub of manufacturing, agriculture, financial services, defense, international trade and tourism. Named for the Oxnard brothers who began the agricultural community by opening a sugar beet factory, today Oxnard is a thriving center of commerce, tourism and industry in Ventura County. Oxnard is the largest city in Ventura County with a population of over 210,000 residents.

As the only full-service city in Ventura County, Oxnard provides residents with a full range of municipal services, including police and fire protection, parks and recreational services, library services, cultural events, water, wastewater, and solid waste disposal services. During the last fifty years, the population has grown significantly, providing many challenges and opportunities for the community. Oxnard offers many growth options for its enterprising and forward-thinking business community, while maintaining a family-friendly environment. As Oxnard grows and evolves, it will continue to strive to maintain a balance between its residents needs and business friendly services.

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(U.S. Census 2017 and Zillow Index 2018 Estimates)
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City of Oxnard

LEGISLATIVE AND PROJECT PRIORITIES

1. Community Services

   **STATE**
   
   **Support:**
   - Legislation that provides adequate and consistent funding to support acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of recreation and parks facilities.
   
   **Oppose:**
   - Legislation that reduces or eliminates funding for recreation, senior and art programs.

   **PROJECT PRIORITIES**
   1. Improvements and expansion of parks, recreation facilities, and open space areas to provide sufficient and safe recreational opportunities for all residents.
   2. Highest level of funding for the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) grant to provide community programs for at-risk youth.
   3. Highest level of funding for 21st Century Community Learning Center programs to provide academic enrichment and achievement opportunities during non-school hours for low-income and at-risk children.

2. Economic Development

   **FEDERAL**
   
   **Support:**
   - Legislation that provides economic expansion opportunities to Naval Base Ventura County, Air National Guard and the Port of Hueneme.
   - Legislation that provides resources focused on supporting local economic development activities including business retention and business attraction.
   - Legislation that expands economic development initiatives to provide business investments and the creation of new jobs in disadvantaged communities.

   **PROJECT PRIORITIES**
   1. Development of an Economic Development Strategic Plan to identify opportunities to support economic growth, job creation, and business investments.
   2. Highest level of funding for Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant programs to promote and expand local economic development opportunities.
3. Finance

**STATE**

**Support:**
- Legislation that allows states and cities to collect their fair share allocation of sales taxes on internet, catalog or other remote sales.
- Legislation that reforms the local government financing structure to create long term stability for local government, including public services, facilities and future growth.
- Legislation that provides cities with a greater share of fines and forfeitures.

**Oppose:**
- Legislation that proposes changes to the tax system and local tax allocations, which would result in a negative impact on local government.
- Legislation that would impose state mandated costs with no guarantee of local reimbursement for city services.
- Legislation that restricts local taxing authority over new development, including changes to development taxes and fees.

4. Housing

**FEDERAL - STATE**

**Support:**
- Legislation that supports local government’s ability to provide affordable housing options and programs for all income levels in the community.

**PROJECT PRIORITIES**
1. Affordable workforce housing projects and programs for all residents, families and special populations.
2. Highest level of funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESP), Continuum of Care (COC) programs focused on affordable housing and homeless assistance.
3. Highest level of funding for Cal-HOME and Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) programs to assist housing rehabilitation and first-time homebuyers.

5. Labor Relations

**STATE**

**Support:**
- Legislation that reforms the workers compensation system to lower employer costs while continuing to protect employees.
- Legislation that reforms the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) pension system and post-employment benefits to decrease long-term costs.

**Oppose:**
- Legislation that restricts the ability of local authorities to determine employee’s benefit levels.
6. Land Use

**STATE**

**Support:**
- Legislation that develops a statewide earthquake disaster prevention model for new development and a structural seismic retrofit program for existing buildings.
- Legislation that provides for better oversight and accountability during the sale of private properties with unpermitted improvements.

7. Local Control

**STATE**

**Oppose:**
- Legislation that fails to provide full cost reimbursement for all mandated programs.
- Legislation that attempts to preempts local authority.
- Legislation that interrupts or weakens city services and infrastructure.

8. Military Bases

**FEDERAL**

**Support:**
- Legislation that protects the presence of Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) and expands new missions for NBVC operations.
- Legislation that provides the Ventura County Regional Defense Partnership for the 21th Century (RDP-21) with resources and economic expansion opportunities.
- Legislation that includes aircraft for the firefighting capability of the Air National Guard within Ventura County.

9. Public Safety

**FEDERAL - STATE**

**Support:**
- Legislation that assists local law enforcement and community policing efforts to expand public safety services.
- Legislation that provides tool and resources to local law enforcement tools to protect the public from crime.
- Legislation that creates intervention and prevention programs to reduce crime and youth violence.
- Legislation that allows law enforcement to better combat violence through investigation, interdiction, and prevention of firearm related crimes.

**Oppose:**
- Legislation that allows non-public safety individuals, except certified retired law enforcement personnel to carry a concealed firearm outside their state of residence or the state issuing the permit.
**PROJECT PRIORITIES**

- Expansion of community fire prevention safety programs and emergency disaster preparedness education programs, including Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) training.
- Support for job training for specialized civil service positions to expand fire prevention and safety education outreach programs.
- Highest level of funding for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant programs to support new staffing, equipment needs, and emergency disaster training for public safety.
- Highest level of funding for Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Department of Justice, and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant programs to expand law enforcement efforts and crime reduction.

**10. Sustainability (Energy and Environment)**

**FEDERAL - STATE**

**Support:**

- Legislation that assists with the cleanup of contaminated soil and polluted water including underground fuel tanks, surfaces water, groundwater, and coastal areas.
- Legislation that requires the disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and well stimulation treatments.

**Oppose:**

- Legislation that promotes or expands off shore coastal drilling compromising the environmental integrity of the ocean and coastal communities.

**PROJECT PRIORITIES**

1. Complete remediation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund designated Halaco site.
2. Conservation of the Ormond Beach area and construction of passive recreation opportunities to promote public access.

**11. Telecommunications**

**FEDERAL - STATE**

**Support:**

- Legislation that preserves public access to Public, Educational and Government (PEG) television channels through funding for facilities and equipment, and provides for the use of PEG fees for operational needs.

**PROJECT PRIORITIES**

1. Implementation of the Fiber Master Plan to expand and deploy the local broadband infrastructure to support opportunities for increased economic growth.
12. Transportation

**FEDERAL - STATE**

**Support:**
- Legislation that supports local transportation improvements for arterial streets, road widenings, bridges and regional state highways.

**PROJECT PRIORITIES**
- Construction of street, pedestrian and transportation infrastructure projects, including resurfacing, pedestrian-ADA, traffic signal upgrades and a pedestrian traffic safety study.
- Highest level of funding for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program to provide improved transportation infrastructure, regional connectivity, and economic growth.
- Highest level of funding for the Surface Transportation Block grant program to preserve and improve the conditions of public roads, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects.

13. Water

**FEDERAL - STATE**

**Support:**
- Legislation that amends the California Recycled Water policy encouraging the sustainable use of recycled water and conservation of water.

**PROJECT PRIORITIES**
- Construction of the Aquifer Storage and Recovery project to reduce reliance on imported water and improve the availability of the local water supply.
- Construction of the Hueneme Road Recycled Water Pipeline Phase 2 project to expand the use of recycled water in the region.
- Implementation of automatic meter reading devices and fire flow systems upgrades to reduce water use and ensure adequate water capacity.
- Rehabilitation of the citywide stormwater systems to expand stormwater capacity and reduce the risk of local flooding.
- Rehabilitation of the Mandalay seawalls to maintain structure integrity.
- Implementation of long-term water quality monitoring of Channel Island Harbor and installation of equipment to reduce and prevent algae bloom threats.
- Highest level of funding for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) grant programs for local flood control and restoration projects.
- Highest level of funding for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant programs to provide planning and prevention efforts for identified local flood hazards.
- Highest level of funding for U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) grant programs to expand local water conservation and efficiency.
City of Oxnard  
(Staff Identified)  
LEGISLATIVE AND PROJECT PRIORITIES

1. Community Services

STATE

Support:
A. Legislation that expands programs and services for senior citizen programs, including nutrition, transportation, adult day care, recreation and emergency preparedness education.
B. Legislation that supports and expands community cultural arts programs to improve quality of life and promote art education.
C. Legislation that supports the creation and development of programs for at-risk youth to provide academic and life skills, job and career mentorship, and job training opportunities.

PROJECTS
1. State certification of the Oxnard City Corps program to provide community youth with mentorship, skills and work experience.
2. Expansion of recreational, sports, and health and wellness programs for youth, seniors and adults.
3. Development of technology and long-distance educational programs to expand public access to computers at local library facilities.

2. Economic Development

FEDERAL
Support:
A. Legislation that creates local jobs in manufacturing and service sectors in the United States that do not compromise environmental standards.

STATE
B. Legislation that improves California’s business climate by supporting the development of industry specific workforce training programs for both youth and adults, including on the job training focused on regional industry needs.
C. Legislation that creates new incentives to better attract and expand the film industry in Ventura County.
D. Legislation that creates a California tourism program to promote and support local cultural arts programs.
E. Legislation that returns local government’s ability to enact property tax increment financing or other redevelopment tools that can be used for economic expansion.

PROJECTS
1. Implementation of the Downtown Arts Plan to support and encourage local arts, cultural programs and economic benefits.
2. Highest level of funding to ensure an accurate 2020 Census count of all Oxnard residents.

December 2018
3. Housing

**FEDERAL-STATE**

*Support:*

A. Legislation that reforms and streamlines the Veteran Assistance Voucher Program requirements to ensure broader qualification of homeless veterans.

B. Legislation that expands Section 8 Housing Voucher and Public Housing Programs.

C. Legislation that expands the project-based Voucher Program to authorize the use of more than 20 percent of public housing agency vouchers in any one project.

D. Legislation that creates renewable energy programs for lower-income residents to improve residential housing units.

**PROJECTS**

1. Highest level of funding for the Choice Neighborhoods grant program to improve public housing areas with comprehensive neighborhood revitalization.

4. Labor Relations

**FEDERAL-STATE**

*Oppose:*

A. Legislation that reduces local control in public employee disputes and/or imposes regulations from an outside governmental agency or special interest group.

B. Legislation that limits local government’s ability to contract for services.

5. Land Use

**STATE**

*Support:*

A. Legislation that strengthens local control for land use and zoning regulations.

B. Legislation that provides for shared land use determination among counties and cities when a city’s General Plan is consistent with Government Code provisions.

C. Legislation that revises and streamlines the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) permitting and environmental review process to promote local economic vitality.

6. Libraries

**STATE**

*Support:*

A. Legislation that limits library contributions to the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF).

B. Legislation that provides more flexibility in the local use of Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding to support local library services and technology development services for low-income residents.

*Oppose:*

C. Legislation that reduce funding for public libraries.

December 2018
7. Public Safety

**FEDERAL-STATE**

**Support:**
A. Legislation that requires federal law enforcement agencies to communicate with local public safety officials as threats become known.
B. Legislation that protects local control to restrict and regulate the sale, manufacture and use of marijuana under the Adult Use of Marijuana Act.
C. Legislation that provides local law enforcement agencies with technology, training and funding to create a standard to detect cannabis DUls.
D. Legislation that enhance school safety, intervention and prevention programs of local schools.
E. Legislation to support the inclusion of advanced life support services as part of local fire services to provide improved emergency medical services.
F. Legislation that creates a requirement for high school students to complete an emergency preparedness class to better educate youth about local emergency situations.

**Oppose:**
G. Legislation that reduces or limits local law enforcement efforts to serve and protect the community.

8. Sustainability (Energy and Environment)

**FEDERAL-STATE**

**Support:**
A. Legislation that provides statutory and regulatory protection from potential environmental hazards, including groundwater quality, air quality, seismic safety and public health.
B. Legislation that provides a comprehensive statutory framework for regulation of hydraulic fracturing and well stimulation treatments in California.
C. Legislation that assists local government to evaluate and address potential climate change impacts, including rising sea levels.
D. Legislation that assists improvement projects to expand alternative renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and conservation measures, including street lights, public recreation areas and public buildings.
E. Legislation that encourages the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficient upgrades to local government vehicles and equipment.

**Oppose:**
F. Legislation that prevents local government from protecting the environmental integrity of the community.

**PROJECTS**

1. Permanent removal of the decommissioned Mandalay and Ormond Beach power plants by private owners and/ or state regulators.
City of Oxnard
(Staff Identified)
LEGISLATIVE AND PROJECT PRIORITIES

9. Telecommunication

**FEDERAL-STATE**

**Support:**
A. Legislation that preserves local government authority to zone and plan for the deployment of telecommunication infrastructure.

**Oppose:**
B. Legislation that negatively impacts local authority to manage and control public-right-of-way and not require fair and reasonable compensation from telecommunication providers for use.
C. Legislation that reduces the collection of local franchise fees or diverts collection by the state or the Public Utilities Commission.
D. Legislation that reduces the community’s equal access to affordable cable television, internet and other digital services.

**PROJECTS**
1. Development of a Security Master Plan to upgrade security and communication systems of citywide facilities and public areas.
2. Implementation of the network systems and data center disaster recovery system upgrades to protect critical data, prevent security breaches and provide redundancy in a major emergency.

10. Transportation

**FEDERAL-STATE**

**Support:**
A. Legislation that restores funding and programs for local public transit services, including transportation options for buses, bicycles and pedestrians.

**Oppose:**
B. Legislation that reduces funding to transportation programs, including funding associated with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Capital Investment grant program.
11. Waste Management

**FEDERAL-STATE**

**Support:**
A. Legislation that strengthens local authority to direct municipal solid waste flow to designated solid waste facilities.
B. Legislation that streamlines the Integrated Waste Management Act requirements for local agency tracking, permitting and reporting.
C. Legislation that promotes and expands the market for recycled materials.
D. Legislation that encourages the innovative use of biosolids for alternative regional beneficial uses.

**Oppose:**
E. Legislation that restricts local government ability to franchise and collect fees for refuse and recycling collection services and require contractors to guarantee achievement of Integrated Waste Management Act requirement goals (AB 393, AB 341 and AB 1826).

**PROJECTS**
1. Rehabilitation of the Del Norte Recycling Facility infrastructure and equipment to provide safe disposal of solid, hazardous, and special waste.

12. Water

**FEDERAL-STATE**

**Support:**
A. Legislation that encourages the development of consistent statewide water quality policies for the implementation of standards for impaired water bodies, including Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) allocations, National Pollutant Elimination System (NPDES) permits, and monitoring programs.
B. Legislation that amends the existing California Water Code to further support the local collection and discharge of groundwater.

**Oppose:**
C. Legislation that establishes drinking water or treated water quality standards without sound scientific basis and increases costs to local communities.

**PROJECTS**
1. Implementation of waterwise landscaping in parks and public areas to reduce water use and protect the local water supply.
13. Intergovernmental and Nongovernmental Partnership Opportunities

1. Construction of critical local regional transportation projects, including the Port Intermodal Corridor, Del Norte/101 Freeway Interchange, and Rice/5th Street Overpass.
2. California Cultural District certification of culturally diverse and artistically significant areas within the community.
3. Rehabilitation and construction of the Santa Clara River levee system (SR1 and SR3) and a riverside linear park.
4. Partnerships between local businesses and military bases to expand business opportunities and improve efficiency of services to military bases.
5. Expansion of regional supportive social services to prevent homelessness and expand mental health services.
6. Expansion of the Groundwater Recovery Enhancement and Treatment (GREAT) program to expand recycled water supplies to regional city partners.
7. Rehabilitation and construction of the J Street flood control system and a linear park to Ormond Beach.
8. Improvements to the Intercoastal Pacific Coast Bike Route within the Oxnard city limits.
9. Regional partnerships to support environmental protection and coastal sustainability.
City of Oxnard

2019 Legislative Program

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January 8, 2019
Legislative Program Background

• Legislative Program was inactive since 2015.
• Limited city staffing created limited dedicated attention.
• Lack of governmental relations with federal and state representation.
• City’s interests at federal and state level not fully represented.
• E.P. Consulting Services contracted to conduct comprehensive update and provide ongoing Intergovernmental Relations and Legislative Liaison Services.
2018 Legislative Program Review

- Adopted Jan. 2018
- Provided new legislative foundation for city.
- Defined avenue for funding need priorities.
- Renewed communication-city, state, federal.
- Advocated for:
  - 10 city projects at federal and state level.
  - Opportunity Zones.
  - State and federal grants.
  - Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - Tracked 50+ state items.
  - Citywide infrastructure tour.
2019 Analysis and Process

• Preparation of 2019 Legislative Program
• Citywide cooperation and input.
• Priority legislative concerns.
• Priority projects and programs with funding needs.
• Federal and state lobbyist cooperation and input.
2019 Legislative Program

Proactive approach for city interest and concerns:

a) monitor and analyze federal and state legislation;

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2019 Priority Areas

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2019 Priority Areas Details

1. Community Services: Parks- facilities, youth programs, grants.
2. Economic Development: ED growth, jobs, EDA grants.
3. Finance: Finance and tax reform to benefit city.
4. Housing: Homeless assistance, housing options for all, grants.
5. Labor Relations: Public benefit system reform to reduce costs.
7. Local Control: Protect local control across all items.
2019 Priority Areas Details

8. Military Bases:  NBVC, RDP-21, Air National Guard
10. Sustainability: Prevent contamination, Halaco, Ormond, grants.
11. Telecommunications:  PEG TV, Fiber Master Plan, grants
12. Transportation:  Streets-pedestrian, roads, bridges, grants.
13. Water: Recycled water, supply, conservation, stormwater, flood prevention, seawalls, CI.
Next Steps

• Recommendations:
  • Consider addition of other items—Staff Identified Priorities, if desired.
  • Maintain an active Legislative Program in future years.
  • Prepare upcoming years by updating priorities annually.
  • Adopt the 2019 Legislative Program with desired changes.

• Next- 2019 legislative year preview by the city’s lobbyist teams
Thank You