

Legislative Policy Council

Minutes of the Meeting

December 4, 2015

Present: Mike Hill, Tom Keegan, Robert Hucks, Terrance Herriott, Mary Henry, Raymond Rollins, Verlon Wulf, Mike Hagg, Nora Battle, Tony Cox, Yvette Jefferson, Jimmy Richardson, Bob Barenberg, Peter Gasca, George Mims, Stephen Greene, Dodd Smith, Richard Singleton

Guests: Mark Kelley (KMSO)

Staff: Brad Dean, Kathy Richardson, Kelly Ward

I. WELCOME

- Mike Hill called the meeting to order. The October 30th meeting minutes were approved.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- Brad Dean provided an update on the Federal Highway Reauthorization bill which the Congress passed with sustained funding for states but no specific funding for I-73. Congressman Scott is working on possible tolling options and is working with the USDOT to consider a tourism strategy for future funding.
- Brad provided an update on secure travel partnerships stating this has been put on hold due to recent national security threats.
- Brad discussed beach renourishment funding efforts stating Congressman Rice and Senator Graham are working to add funding to the Omnibus Bill which would replenish FEMA funding for renourishment.
- Brad reviewed S.C. voter survey results which reflect support for I-73 at an all-time high.
- Brad discussed a proposed city ordinance regarding extended stays. Mike Hill recommended getting a new copy of the ordinance and take this issue up at a future meeting.
- The council reviewed the proposed 2016 MBACC Legislative Priorities that if approved, will be brought before the full board at the December meeting. Bob Barenberg made a motion to approve the 2016 Legislative Priorities as presented. Richard Singleton seconded the motion and was then approved by all members present.
- Mark Kelley gave a state legislative update discussing several pre-filed bills dealing with firearms, minimum wage and K-12 & higher Ed.

III. REPORTS

- Tom Keegan gave an update from Congressman Tom Rice's office discussing the House's efforts to block climate rules, advocating postponing acceptance of Syrian refugees until a proper vetting process is in place and the status of the debt ceiling.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- Mike Hill reminded all of the upcoming John Kasich event on December 8th.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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