



Legislative Policy Council

Minutes of the Meeting - MBACC Boardroom

May 19, 2017 – 9:00 AM

Present: Billy Huggins, Billy McGonigal, Raymond Rollins, Sally Howard, Tommy Bouchette, Wes Standish, Wayne Morris, Tom Keegan, Jimmy Richardson

Guests: Justin Powell, Mark Kelley (KMSO)

Staff: Brad Dean, Kathy Richardson

I. WELCOME

- Billy Huggins called the meeting to order. The January 20, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- Justin Powell with Horry County provided an update on beach renourishment throughout the county stating North Myrtle Beach, Myrtle Beach and Surfside/Garden City are all slated to receive Federal, State & local funding for renourishment.
- Mark Kelley provided a recap of the 2017 legislative session stating passage of the roads bill was a move in the right direction. He stated the automatic stay bill passed in the Senate and got held up in the House but is expected to be taken up again in the 2018 session along with the non-profit transparency bill. The House & Senate haven't reached a budget agreement yet, but currently there is an increase in K-12 funding and the 2:1 funding is once again fully funded. Mark stated that new legislation is being drafted to address funding opportunities for I-73. Lastly, Mark commended the Horry/Georgetown Delegation members for their hard work this year and feels this is the strongest group we've ever had representing the Grand Strand.
- Brad Dean reviewed the SCDOT's infrastructure strategy stating the DOT is ramping up with contractors, but it will be some time before we see construction underway. He also stated that rural roads will be a large part of the first phase of construction. Brad also discussed the new focus of I-73 which is funding. He discussed Horry County Council's recent vote to extend Ride I funding, which could pay for Hwy 22 into Marion, but alerted the Council that Ride I funds are not currently earmarked for infrastructure only.

III. REPORTS

- Tom Keegan reported that Congressman Rice is currently working on healthcare and tax reform and continues feel the I-73 permit will be issued very soon.
- Solicitor Jimmy Richardson stated they've had a successful two weeks in court, but they're still battling the heroin epidemic.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- Sally Howard discussed the City's recent discussions regarding possible regulations related to non-family friendly items sold along Ocean Blvd.
- Kathy Richardson invited all members of the upcoming Town Hall event with Governor McMaster on June 22nd.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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