

Legislative Policy Council

Minutes of the Meeting

June 5, 2015

Present: Mike Hill, Tony Cox, Travis Worthy, Carla Schuessler, Jeff Smith, John Sawyer, Mike Hagg, Jim Eggen, Verlon Wulf, Alicia Thompson, Mary Henry, Raymond Rollins, George Mims, Scott Martin, Tom Keegan, Nate Johnson, Randy Harrison

Guests: John Pedersen, Mark Kelley (KMSO)

Staff: Brad Dean, Kathy Richardson

I. WELCOME

- Mike Hill called the meeting to order. The April 10th meeting minutes were approved.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- Mark Kelley gave an update on the 2015 legislative session which included updates on the state budget which has not yet passed that includes an increase in 2016 tourism grant funding, 2016 Memorial Weekend funding, increased funding for sports tourism through SCPRT and increased funding for K-12 education. He discussed the status of transportation funding, the capital improvements bill and surplus funds. He also updated the council on the school start date issue stating there are 4 bills currently in the Education Committee and encouraged the chamber to work towards a future agreement. He also gave a brief update on pre-filed bills related to Airbnb, discussed passage of the CDV bill and reported the constitutional carry bill did not pass.
- John Pedersen reported for the City of Myrtle Beach discussing a new product development initiative that would set aside funds from future growth to be allocated to new projects along the Grand Strand. He also thanked the chamber for their support through the Memorial Day Weekend events.
- Mike Hill asked the council to review the 2015 Legislative Priorities for future discussion on developing the 2016 priorities.

III. REPORTS

- Tom Keegan gave an update from Congressman Tom Rice's office reporting Congressman Rice supports reauthorization of the ExIm Bank which provided \$62.5 million in exports and almost 400 jobs in the 7th District. He also stated the Congressman will be in the district later this month. Brad Dean thanked Congressman Rice for his assistance in securing meetings with American Airlines.
- Tony Cox reported that the RIDE III will be presented to County Council during their June 16 meeting which includes \$50 million in transportation projects throughout the county.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- None given

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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