

The following is a summary of items that Ericks Consultants worked on behalf of Pembroke Pines for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

1. Charter School Funding:

This is a primary issue for the City that we have worked on continuously for many years. We worked to educate members of the Legislature on the unique nature, mission, challenges and successes of Pembroke Pines Charter School system. We closely tracked and reported on all education proposals during committee weeks and the Legislative Session, especially the House and Senate omnibus education packages. We provided all proposals and proposed changes to the City for analysis of their impact. We helped to support and ensure increased funding for Charter School Capital Outlay at a level that would hold the school harmless during the first fiscal year of a beneficial formula change.

2. Charter School Consortium Meetings

We actively participate in a charter school lobby team group that meets regularly in Tallahassee to discuss legislative challenges and objectives facing Florida's charter schools. We attended meetings and conference calls in order to stay current on all related information as well as foster strategic relationships on behalf of the City. We also performed tasks as necessary for the group that benefitted the City's efforts.

3. Appropriations Requests

During the Legislative Session, we worked side by side with Matt Forest, to lobby for the City's appropriations requests. We ensured required forms were filled out. We secured sponsors. We met with relevant House and Senate Chairmen to educate them on the State's return on investment for the City's projects. We ensured the passage of four House appropriations bills through their subcommittees and worked with the chairs to have them included in their subcommittee budgets. We successfully secured funding in the Senate budget for one request. We worked during the budget conference process to also secure this funding in the House budget. Unfortunately, the Legislature accepted the House's portion of the budget during negotiations. We continued to work with our sponsors up until the final seconds of the Session.

We successfully secured two separate deadline extensions for state funding for our Inclusive Playground project, which was delayed due to heavy rainfall and other factors, and not completed within the parameters of the grant.

4. Legislation and Constitutional Revision Commission Proposals

Tracked developments in legislation related to the City, especially focused on protecting home rule, defending against unfunded mandates and charter schools. In addition, we monitored and tracked developments in legislation affecting all local governments. We reported on important information in our weekly updates to the City commission and staff. We met with and educated members on the impacts of proposals on the City and lobbied for and against

specific language. We did the same for all proposals that moved through the 2018 Constitutional Revision Commission.

5. Monitored and reported back on Committee Meetings & the 2018 Regular Legislative Session

We followed and reported on all meetings of the Legislature of importance to the City and provided an account of the meetings in weekly updates sent to all City officials and staff.

6. Attended all Broward Delegation meetings

We attended all of the local delegation hearings.

7. Attended FAIR meetings

We attended weekly Florida Association of Intergovernmental Relations meetings in Tallahassee and actively participated in the organization in order to stay current on all legislative developments affecting local governments in Florida.

8. Worked closely with Florida League of Cities and Broward League of Cities

We worked closely with the Florida League of Cities, side-by-side with their staff in Tallahassee, and Broward League of Cities. We attended and registered for all conferences in their entirety and policy meetings in order to stay current on all legislative developments affecting municipalities in Florida and Broward County. We also attend all monthly Associate Member meetings for the Broward League of Cities and are active in the League.

9. Support City's charitable efforts

Regular sponsors of City events, such as the Pembroke Pines Charter School Golf Tournament.