Date: September 3, 2013

To: Mayor Walter B. Duke, III

 Vice Mayor Albert C. Jones

     Commissioner Chickie Brandimarte

   Commissioner Bobbie H. Grace

From:  Robert Baldwin, City Manager

Re: Draft Dania Beach 2014 Legislative Action Agenda

The City Commission set a Legislative Action Agenda in 2011 to which we have made minor modifications for the recent sessions. Though it is still early for the 2014 session, we are seeking your input in the coming months to finalize our plan.

Attached for your review is our draft 2014 Legislative Action Agenda. The document was designed primarily to express the City’s general position on matters before the Florida State Legislature. It incorporates some of the recent positions of the Florida and Broward League of Cities and will be updated as their plans are completed. Our action agenda includes:

-The document is designed as an educational tool to give background into the City’s position.

-The City’s positions flow primarily through our belief in the concept of Home Rule and our position to oppose and discourage Unfunded Mandates from Tallahassee.

-The Broward League of Cities past position is to levy a special assessment for law enforcement, whereas our position is a special assessment more broadly for public safety.

-We included state regulation of pain clinics.

-We included a provision that School Resource Officers/Deputies be funded by the State.

 -We included a regulation to prohibit portability of pari-mutuel licenses.

-We support legislation to allow a condemning authority to transfer property obtained through eminent domain to a private party if condemned under a noise mitigation program.

Of course this Action Agenda is not all-inclusive, and we encourage other items be brought to our attention by the Commission, the public and our lobbyist. We will bring a final plan to you for adoption.

City Commission direction is requested.