Date: January 21, 2014

To: Mayor Walter B. Duke, III

Vice Mayor Chickie Brandimarte

     Commissioner Bobbie H. Grace

Commissioner Albert C. Jones

From:  Robert Baldwin, City Manager

Re: Dania Beach 2014 Legislative Action Agenda

The City Commission reviewed a preliminary Legislative Action Agenda in September 2013 to which we have made minor modifications.

Attached for your review and adoption is our 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.

City Commission adoption of this plan is requested.