



**SUNRISE**

CONSULTING GROUP

## **SESSION 2020 RECAP**

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# SUNRISE CONSULTING GROUP'S LEGISLATIVE YEAR IN REVIEW

## Committee Weeks

Develop Bill Analysis and Updates for the City.

Attended League of Cities weekly calls and meetings.

Met with City Manager and Department Directors to develop projects and funding requests.

Worked to secure sponsors for funding requests.

## Session 2020

Provided Legislative Updates and Reports to the City.

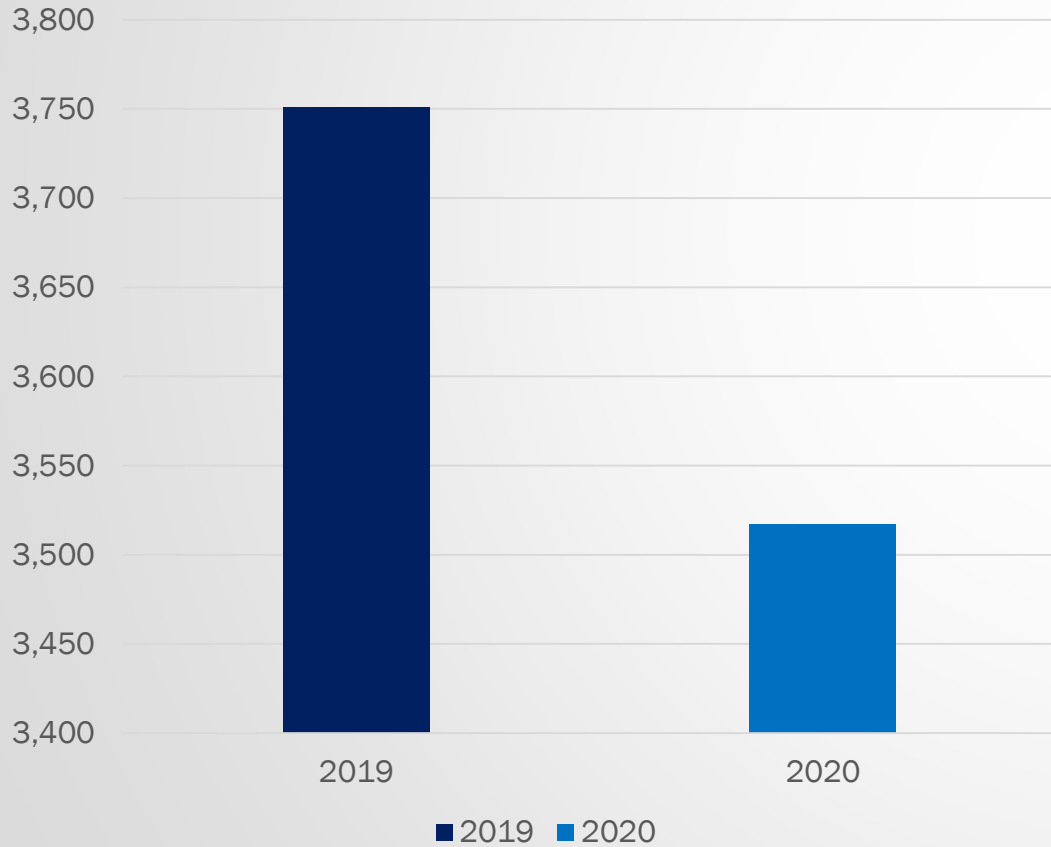
Continued with LOC weekly calls and meetings.

Worked directly with Scott Dudley and the League of Cities on bill impacts, analysis and strategy.

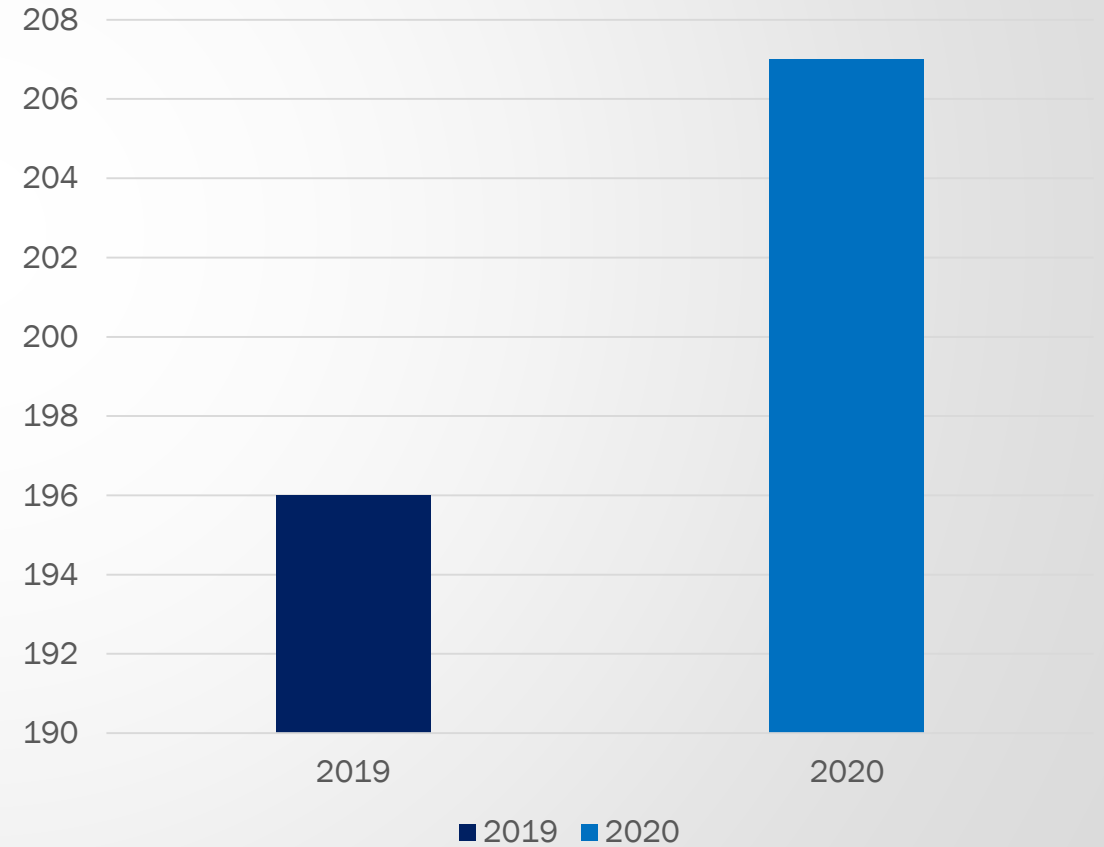
Secured funding for the Beach Street Stormwater Drainage

# 2019 VS. 2020 - LEGISLATION FILED & PASSED

## Bills Filed



## Bills Passed



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# **PROJECT FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS**

## **Beach Street Stormwater Drainage Upgrades**

This project consisted of the design, permitting, and construction of stormwater improvements and best management practices (BMP's) to treat stormwater runoff and improve water quality discharging to the Pithlachascotee River in New Port Richey. This project had a local match from the city in the amount of \$354,000.

**\*Secured \$200,000 (GR)**

**\*\*Vetoed on June 29, 2020**

**\*\*\*116/168 (70%) of Projects on Line 1635A were Vetoed**

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS THAT PASSED

## HB 1091 – Environmental Accountability

- Increase various statutory penalties for violations of environmental laws;
- Each day during any portion of which the violation occurs, constitutes a separate offense;
- Further, each day the cause of discharge of wastewater is not addressed, constitutes a separate offense until the violation is resolved by order of judgement;
- Defines “sanitary sewer lateral” as a privately owned pipeline that connects to the main sewer line, and encourages cities and counties to establish a rehabilitation program by July 1, 2022 to identify and reduce leaking from private lines, and
- Provides for mechanism for the City to work with private property owners to repair or replace defective lines where damage or leaking has been identified.

## SB 1066 – Impact Fees

- Prohibits the application of a new or increased fee to pending permit applications, unless the intent is to lessen, reduce or mitigate the total impact fee, and
- Provides that impact fee credits are assignable and transferable at any time after the establishment of the fee within the same fee zone, district or an adjoining zone or district within the same local jurisdiction.

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS THAT PASSED (CONT'D)

## HB 101 – Public Construction

- The bill changes the limits of retainage allowed on state and local government contracts;
- Contracts less than \$200,00, the bill reduces the fee from 10% to 5%, and
- For contracts more than \$200,000, the bill reduces from 10% to 5% after half of the project is completed and from 10% to 5% for the entire project if the local government population is less than 25,000.

## HB 5007 – State Administered Retirement Systems

- The bill revises the employer contribution rates for the FRS based on the 2019 Actuarial Valuation, and
- The total cost to local governments statewide will be \$61.1 Million.

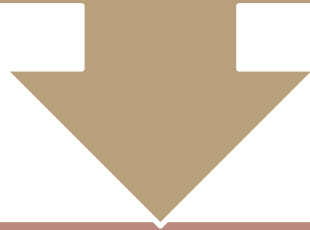
Membership Class	Blended Normal Costs 2019	Blended Normal Costs 2020
Regular Class	3.19%	4.84%
Senior Management	4.60%	6.39%
DROP	4.68%	7.03%

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS THAT PASSED (CONT'D)

## HB 1343 – Environmental Resource Management

- Transferring the Onsite Sewage Program from the Department of Health to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP);
- Requires public utilities holding, applying for, or renewing a domestic wastewater discharge permit to file annual reports regarding transactions or allocations, common costs and expenditures on pollution mitigation and prevention among the utility's permitted system;
- Requiring local governments to create wastewater treatment plans; however if the local government does not have a domestic wastewater facility, then it is not required;
- Requiring sanitary sewage facilities to take steps to prevent sanitary sewer overflows;
- Requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to conduct inspections of producers enrolled in best management practices (BMPs);
- Creating grant programs for the funding of water quality projects where there is a minimum requirement for of a 50% local match, and
- The bill provides for fines for failure to comply with pollution prevention plans in addition to increasing the caps of administrative penalties that may be assessed by DEP.

CARES Act Local Government Funding - \$45,000,000 for Rental and Mortgage Assistance to housing offices within local government entities has been released. Currently over 80% of local governments have signed funding agreements with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.



Governor DeSantis signed EO 20-211, which took effect on September 1, 2020 providing an extension of Mortgage Foreclosure Relief and an Eviction Moratorium solely based on the impacts from Covid-19, until October 1, 2020.

## **COVID 19 UPDATES**

## ***Governor Requesting Information from Local Governments***

*– Deadline September 15 (tomorrow)*

Gov. Ron DeSantis on Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> requested that local officials provide information about “all actions” county governments, city commissions or other boards or commissions have taken regarding the coronavirus. The governor requested that local government officials submit “a complete response of information in writing” about any orders, including “regulations, rules, commands or restrictions on persons, businesses or other entities” related to COVID-19. DeSantis demanded “the full text” of any orders and amendments; any “enforcement guidance” provided to law enforcement agencies; and “the possible amount of the fine or penalty” or the length of imprisonment for violations of orders. DeSantis also is seeking the number of citations and the numbers and amount of fines or penalties, as well as “specific information on any arrests and imprisonments due to violations of any such order.”

Direct any questions on this request to

[LocalResponse@laspbs.state.fl.us](mailto:LocalResponse@laspbs.state.fl.us).

**COVID 19  
UPDATES**

## NEXT STEPS

### 2020 BUDGET

1. The budget was signed by the Governor on June 29, 2020.
2. Gov. DeSantis vetoed over \$1 Billion from the budget.

### BUDGET WITHHOLDING

1. The Governor directed that all quarterly distributions to agencies and departments be withheld by 1.5%, for a total of 6% withheld by the end of the year.
2. These allocations will be re-assessed in November after the elections.

# QUESTIONS...



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