



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

*City Manager*

**City Council Regular Meeting Date: December 16, 2025**

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Dana A. Souza, City Manager  
**Date:** December 15, 2025

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**SUBJECT:** Florida Legislative Session 2026

**BACKGROUND:**

The following is an update on 2026 Legislation the City Council has expressed an interest in following.

Items for the City Council to consider for discussion at the December 16, 2025, meeting:

1. Special Act relating to Lee County Tourist Development Council

This Special Act was proposed at the Lee County Legislative Delegation Meeting held on October 28, 2025. The proposed language has been added to the agenda packet for this item. As of December 15, 2025, a Bill had not yet been filed.

2. Property Tax Reform – PooleMcKinley's update from December 12, 2025, is included in the packet for this agenda item. Attached to the 12/12/25 report is their 11/21/25 report as it lists all the Bills related to property tax reform.

As of 12/12/25, the only Bill or House Joint Resolution (HJR) that has been to the floor for discussion is [HJR 209 – Property Insurance Relief Homestead Exemption Non-School Property Tax](#). All of the other HJR's (201, 203, 205, 207, 211, 213, 215) remain in committee. Clicking on the link for HJR 209 will take you to a page where you may also link to the other HJR's pending in committee.

3. Local Business Taxes – Bills have been introduced in the House and Senate related to Local Business Taxes. The Bills propose that municipalities collecting business taxes measured by gross receipts of businesses (sale of merchandise or services) may continue. Those that do not would be prohibited from collecting business taxes under their current methodology and would not be able to change to a collection methodology based on gross receipts. The Bills, if approved by the Legislature and Governor, will cause the City to lose between \$275,000 - \$350,000 annually, based on pre-lan revenues.

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- [Click here](#) to read HB 103 and the Bill Analyses.
  - [Click here](#) to read SB 122 and the Bill Analyses.
4. Auxiliary Containers (single use plastic) - Senate Bill 240, Auxiliary Containers, is the Bill resident Lyman Welch asked the City Council to consider supporting. [Click here](#) to see the current version of the Bill (11/19/2025). The Bill focuses on DEP developing a uniform ordinance for the use and disposal of single-use containers. [Click here](#) to read the Senate staff analysis for this Bill.
  5. Florida League of Cities Legislative Bill Summaries – [Click here](#) to view the FLC legislative session information. No changes have been made since the December 2, 2025, City Council meeting.
  6. Resident Input – Resident Lyman Welch has provided an email asking the City Council to oppose the following Bills:
    - [SB 718](#) and companion Bill [HB 479](#) which would preempt local water management.
    - [SB 208](#) and companion Bill [HB 399](#) which would preempt local land development regulations.

Staff has not had the opportunity to review these Bills.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Discussion and direction.

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