Agenda Item: 2.a

Meeting Date: December 1, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To:	City Commission
Through:	Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager
From:	Nicole Delfino
Date:	2026-12-01
Subject:	City Commission 2027 Legislative Priorities Discussion
Presenter(s):	Nicole Delfino, Strategy & Sustainability Manager
Staff Recommendation:	Staff recommends a review of previous year priorities with City Commission discussion to provide feedback for updating and amending priorities for 2027.
Strategic Themes:	Good Governance
Boards & Committees:	N/A
Budget Impact:	N/A
Past Action:	Review of prior years Legislative Agendas, Attendance at 2026 Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days, Advocacy with State Officials
Next Action:	2027 Legislative Platform Development & Advocacy
Attachments:	A. 2027 Legislative Priority Review Presentation 12.1.26.pdf B. City of Dunedin 2026 Legislative Agenda.pdf

Background:

In an effort to protect the quality of life for the City of Dunedin residents, the City established Legislative Priorities in February of 2019, producing documentation of our most pressing state and federal legislative priorities. Subsequently, priorities have been updated each year.

During the 2024 legislative session, City staff, with support of the City Commission, engaged Legislative Lobbyist, The Southern Group (TSG) through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Within TSG, the City's primary legislative lobbyist is Laura Boehmer. The TSG agreement commenced just ahead of the 2024 Legislative session (in November 2023), allowing staff to work with Ms. Boehmer and TSG to advocate for the City of

Dunedin.

During the 2024, 2025 and 2026 Legislative sessions, TSG facilitated meetings and coordination occurred both in and outside of Tallahassee with City staff, elected officials, and state agencies. Each year, TSG together with City Staff coordinates submission and provides the required documentation for state appropriation requests.

Our legislative impact and advocacy continue to grow as we engage and build our relationships with state elected officials. In 2027, we will engage with new State Senator Chris Nocco and continue our relationships with Representative Adam Anderson and Representative Kim Berfield as well as the larger Pinellas County delegation. Developing concise and direct priorities and requests is key to advocacy.

As we look ahead to the 2027 Legislative session, staff would like to review our current legislative position, request Commission discussion and direction on 2027 priorities and amend the Legislative advocacy document. Staff will coordinate connecting with delegation during off-session season and visits to Tallahassee for advocacy and as part of the 2027 Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days.