



Item No. 16a

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Town Manager

Department Submitting Request

Connie Hoffmann

Dept Head's Signature

REGULAR
COMMISSION MTG
Meeting Dates - 7:00 PM

DEADLINE TO
Town Clerk

ROUNDTABLE
MEETING
Meeting Dates - 7:00 PM

DEADLINE TO
Town Clerk

- April 27, 2011
- May 24, 2011
- June 28, 2011
- July 26, 2011

- April 15 (5:00 pm)
- May 13 (5:00 pm)
- June 10 (5:00 pm)
- July 15 (5:00 pm)

*Subject to Change

- April 12, 2011
- May 10, 2011
- June 14, 2011
- July 12, 2011

- April 1 (5:00 pm)
- April 29 (5:00 pm)
- June 3 (5:00 pm)
- July 1 (5:00 pm)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Quasi Judicial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Old Business | <input type="checkbox"/> New Business |

FY2011 DESIGNATED HIGH PRIORITY ITEM

SUBJECT TITLE: INPUT TO BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES ON PROPOSED COUNTY ETHICS ORDINANCE

EXPLANATION: At the May Roundtable meeting the Commission reviewed the proposed ethics ordinance that Broward County is considering that would apply to all municipalities in the County. The Broward League of Cities has requested the Town's input and the Commission asked that a draft of a letter to the League of Cities be prepared for your review that summarizes the points discussed at the Roundtable meeting.

EXPECTED OUTCOME: Commission review of the draft of the letter to the League of Cities.

EXHIBITS: Draft letter for the Mayor's signature to the Broward League of Cities.

Reviewed by Town Attorney
 Yes No

Town Manager Initials CH

Debby Eisinger
President
Broward League of Cities
Governmental Center, Suite 122
115 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Dear Mayor Eisinger,

The Lauderdale-by-the-Sea Town Commission has reviewed the proposed County ethics ordinance that would apply to municipalities and asked that I convey input to the Broward League of Cities as the League develops its recommendations to the County Commission.

It is the opinion of the Lauderdale-by-the-Sea Town Commission that:

- 1) The option for a municipality to opt-out out of applicability of the ordinance should only be open to those cities that have adopted their own ethics ordinance.
 - 2) Language should be added to the ordinance that expressly states the costs of staffing and operating the County Inspector General's Office shall be borne entirely by the County and not passed on in any way to the municipalities or other governing bodies.
 - 3) The ordinance as drafted does not define the penalties that would apply to those individuals' whose actions are not in accord with the ethics ordinance. Penalties should be proscribed in the ordinance and the penalties should be commensurate with the gravity of the violation.
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- 4) The reference to honest fraud should be removed from the ordinance as such behaviors are already covered by federal law.
- 5) The duties of the Inspector General should be expanded to include rendering advisory opinions on ethics issues posed by government officials.

We thank the League in advance for consideration of these points.

Sincerely,

Mayor Roseann Minnet

cc: Rhonda Calhoun, Executive Director, Broward League of Cities
Lauderdale-by-the-Sea Town Commission