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1 **R2021-15: TO ADOPT THE CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH’S 2021 AGENDA FOR FEDERAL**  
2 **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.**

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3 **Applicant/Purpose:** Staff / to adopt a 2021 agenda for federal legislative priorities.  
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5 **Brief:**

- 6 • In March, 2021 the Federal Government passed the American Rescue Plan.
- 7 • It is anticipated that later this summer/fall the Federal Government will pass the American  
8 Jobs Plan.
- 9 • Both of these pieces of legislation contain very significant sums of federal appropriations (i.e.,  
10 federal grants) that can support economic and infrastructure needs of the City and the Greater  
11 Myrtle Beach community.
- 12 • Working cooperatively and collaboratively with the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce  
13 and the business community the City will try and access these appropriations.  
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15 **Issues:**

- 16 • The two main areas of focus for the 2021 Federal Legislative year are: Infrastructure (citywide  
17 and downtown) and workforce.
- 18 • Infrastructure priorities include, but are not limited to, such things as: stormwater (including  
19 deep water ocean outfalls and other stormwater mitigation programs, practices, and projects),  
20 sewer, water, and other public utility infrastructure; technology and communication  
21 infrastructure, including broadband; roadway and intermodal infrastructure (i.e., sidewalks,  
22 bike lanes, bus stations and bus acquisitions, etc.), including support for I-73 and rails-to-trails  
23 programs; initiatives and programs that support affordable and workforce housing needs;  
24 initiatives and programs that support solutions to the homelessness crisis; initiatives and  
25 programs that support solutions to the opioid crisis; initiatives and programs that support the  
26 arts, including public art and the performing arts; initiatives and programs that support the  
27 development/redevelopment of public parks and greenspaces; initiatives and programs that  
28 support public libraries; infrastructure associated with beach and dune restoration; initiatives  
29 and programs that support public safety (both police and fire); initiatives to remediate and  
30 redevelop idle real property and reinvest in distressed and disadvantaged communities;  
31 initiatives to maximize the resilience of land and water resources to protect communities and  
32 the environment; long-term investments in infrastructure spending that will allow the City to  
33 plan for future projects and repairs.
- 34 • Workforce priorities include: support the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and  
35 business community in strongly advocating for assistance in the J1 and H2B Visa programs;  
36 initiatives to retool and revitalize manufacturers and small businesses; expand community  
37 college and other educational uses downtown, especially to create downtown jobs and  
38 economic activity; expand workforce training and expand MB’s innovation economy; enhance  
39 MB resilience and adaptability in the face of climate change.  
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41 **Public Notification:** Normal meeting notification.  
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43 **Alternatives:** Amend or deny the resolution and list of priorities.  
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45 **Financial Impact:** The goal is to secure federal funding for specific projects that support the  
46 aforementioned initiatives.  
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48 **Manager’s Recommendation:** I support the resolution.  
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50 **Attachment(s):** Resolution  
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**RESOLUTION R2021-15**

**CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**TO ADOPT THE CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH'S  
2021 AGENDA FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE  
PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, the passage of the American Rescue Plan and the planned American Jobs Plan have created and will create unprecedented opportunity for the City of Myrtle Beach to access federal appropriations to assist with many economic and infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, the City must be proactive in identifying federal legislation and appropriations for 2021 and beyond which positively affect future economic and community development for our residents; and

WHEREAS, the City will work cooperatively and collaboratively with the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and the business community in advancing these goals; and

WHEREAS, this legislative agenda also provides an opportunity for opposing any legislative actions which could negatively affect the City's economic growth and/or welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City's 2021 Federal Legislative Agenda, attached hereto and incorporated herein as an Exhibit (the "Agenda"), provides a strong foundation for building intergovernmental partnerships in order to benefit the business community and all citizens of Myrtle Beach;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA, the 2021 Federal Legislative Agenda, attached hereto as an Exhibit, is hereby adopted.

SIGNED, SEALED and DATED, this 27<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 2021.

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BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK

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**CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH**  
**2021 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

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FEDERAL PRIORITIES

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1) Citywide and Downtown Redevelopment / Infrastructure:

Support legislation and seek infrastructure funding that includes, but is not limited to:

- Stormwater (including deep water ocean outfalls and other stormwater mitigation programs, practices, and projects), sewer, water, and other public utility infrastructure
- Technology and communication infrastructure, including broadband
- Roadway and intermodal infrastructure (i.e., sidewalks, bike lanes, bus stations and bus acquisitions, etc.), including support for I-73 and rails-to-trails programs
- Initiatives and programs that support affordable and workforce housing needs
- Initiatives and programs that support solutions to the homelessness crisis
- Initiatives and programs that support solutions to the opioid crisis
- Initiatives and programs that support the arts, including public art and the performing arts
- Initiatives and programs that support the development/redevelopment of public parks and greenspaces
- Initiatives and programs that support public libraries
- Infrastructure associated with beach and dune restoration
- Initiatives and programs that support public safety (both police and fire)
- Initiatives to remediate and redevelop idle real property and reinvest in distressed and disadvantaged communities
- Initiatives to maximize the resilience of land and water resources to protect communities and the environment
- Long-term investments in infrastructure spending that will allow the City to plan for future projects and repairs.

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2) WORKFORCE

- Support the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and business community in strongly advocating for assistance in the J1 and H2B Visa programs
- Initiatives to retool and revitalize manufacturers and small businesses
  - Expand community college and other educational uses downtown, especially to create downtown jobs and economic activity,
  - Expand workforce training and expand MB's innovation economy.
  - Enhance MB resilience and adaptability in the face of climate change.