EDITORIAL & OPINION

Guest editorial:

Quincy lobbying firm reviews city's priorities

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s you may have recently read in The Herald. Quincy City Commission, on November 28, voted to hire SCG Governmental Affairs to represent the city in Tallahassee and to keep the city informed about legislative activities.

Some may be wondering exactly what we will be doing for the city, so we thought an explanation would be beneficial.

In fact, during the last meeting a commissioner asked "What is SCG going to do for us given the Regular Session starts in a month?"

And that was a great question.

SCG has a long history of representing clients before the Florida Legislature and for some of our clients it was their first time hiring a lobbyist.

This is also the case for the city of Quincy, as far as we can determine.

During a typical year, SCG would work with the city staff three to four months in advance of Session to formalize a legislative agenda and that agenda would then be submitted to the City Commission for its consideration.

In a normal year then we would actually be working throughout the summer and early fall to make sure

any grants or projects that would be considered for funding during the following Session are timely submitted to state agencies for

We also would work to secure letters of support from members of the Legislative Delegation (in this case Sen. Bill Montford and Rep. Ramon Alexander) which are often helpful in funding requests.

Once the City Commission has approved the legislative agenda, immediately share this information with our legislators and begin working the process.

For appropriations projects, this means submitting all of the paperwork necessary to meet the requirements of both the House and Senate.

When the projects have been officially filed, we then start working with the local legislators to make sure the projects are vetted in the legislative committee process with the ultimate goal of having the projects be included in the state appropriations bill.

Due to the early start of the Regular Session this coming year (the Session will start on January 9, but it typically starts the first week of March), we will not have the luxury of implementing our typical process, but the city has already determined their priority projects.



SCG will be working to promote a \$400,000 water main line replacement project for the city of Quincy.

In addition, the city submitted a historical preservation grant to finish the renovation of the R.D. Edwards Building on Highway 90, which previously housed the Quincy Police Department.

While we are working on obtaining the funding for these projects, we will also look out for substantive legislation that affects the day-to-day operations of city governments.

We will support legislation that helps governments operate more efficiently and we will opcity government.

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In short, lobbying is a never-ending process. We are always building and maintaining relationships between legislators and our clients, and we look forward to introducing the City of Quincy to this process.

My partner, Mark Maxwell, and I are honored that Quincy has chosen our firm to represent their interests before the Florida Legislature.

We believe that our successful track record, coupled with our unique understanding of the Quincy community, will create positive outcomes for the city for years to

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Brian Keith Sutton Jr. - VOP

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Chattahoochee Police Dept. Arrest Report, December 11, 2017 None reported

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