

Consent Agenda

Item 4a. Approval of Minutes for December 8, 2016

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities

December 8, 2016, 10:30 AM

Cobbs Landing, Fort Pierce

THIS MEETING WAS RESCHEDULED FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2016

Board Members Present: Commissioner Vinny Barile, Council Dowling Watford, Commissioner Tom Campenni, Mayor Bob McPartlan, Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Mayor Joel Tyson, and Councilwoman Earlene Cairns, (alternate for President Ann Kagdis).

Board Members Excused: Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken, Councilman Robert Auwaerter, Councilman Robert Gibbons, Councilman Anthony Young,

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 by Mayor Hudson, Interim President. The invocation was given by Councilman Watford, and the Pledge was led by Mayor Hudson.

Self - Introduction of members and Associate Members: We had the pleasure of meeting new alternates, Councilman Gerry Piper from Fellsmere and Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan from Port St. Lucie.

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A motion was made by Mayor Tyson and seconded by Commissioner Campenni to approve the consent agenda. There was no discussion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Hudson asked Cathie Mouring, Grace Way Village to introduce herself and speak a few minutes on Grace Way Village.

Presidents Report

Mayor Hudson, Interim President, reported on the legislative session and the Legislative Priorities that are coming forward, after the FLC Legislative Conference.

Committee Report

Nominating Committee – Mayor Tyson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave a report on the Nominating Committee meeting held on December 3. The committee was made up of Councilman Watford, Vice Mayor Bartz, (alternate) and himself, who also chaired the meeting.

He said that the Nominating was unanimous in their decision to put forward the Slate of Officers for 2017 as:

Mayor Linda Hudson – President

Commissioner Tom Campenni – Vice President

Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken – Secretary

Commissioner Vinny Barile – Treasurer

The election will be on January 18 during the Annual Meeting. At that time nominations, may also come from the floor. No further action was needed.

New Business:

Executive Directors Evaluation Update – Commissioner Campenni, Chairman of the Executive Director Evaluation Committee, gave the report. The committee was made up of President Kagdis, Mayor Hudson and himself. The committee asked Ms. Christensen to complete an evaluation report and then the committee met with her to discuss the report.

It was the consensus of the Committee that Ms. Christensen was doing a good job and should continue in the capacity of Executive Director.

Executive Directors Contract – Commissioner Campenni introduced the Executive Directors contract and referring to the previous discussion about Christensen’s evaluation, stated that the terms would remain the same as the last contract, but that the Committee was recommending an increase of \$5000.00 for the additional responsibilities that would be required due to the changes in the Treasurer’s duties be modified.

Ms. Christensen’s contract for a two-year period, with an increase in fees to bring the total annual payment for services to \$18,500.00 annually to be paid in 12 monthly installments.

In addition, Ms. Christensen will also use the Strategic Plan, approved by the board in May, June, 2016, as a guide and future Goals and Objective.

A motion was made by Mayor Hudson to approve the contract and seconded by Councilwoman Caraballo.

Resolutions

Resolution R2016-005 – State Land Purchase – Commissioner Campenni introduced the resolution, explaining that he believes the resolution should be approved to show the TCRLC support for Senate President Joe Negron’s support for land purchases south of Lake Okeechobee.

A motion to approve was made by Commission Campenni and seconded by Councilwoman Caraballo for discussion.

Under discussion, Councilman Watford addressed the board explaining why he disagrees with the resolution and would not be supporting approval of the resolution.

After discussion by the Board, it was recommended that the resolution come back in the future for reconsideration after language in the resolution be modified to make it more generic in support of the use of funding to improve water quality in ways, not limited to the land purchase.

The motion and second was withdrawn. The resolution will be modified and brought back at a future meeting.

Executive Directors Report

- ED Christensen reminded everyone about the FLC Legislative Conference.
- In addition, she asked for volunteers to fill the vacancies on the TC Advocacy Team.
- Christensen also briefed the board on the Constitutional Revision Committee.
- The House Speaker, Corcoran was making changes to the House Rules governing lobbying and lobbyist.

Committee Report

Florida League of Cities Report – Commissioner Campenni – nothing to report this month, next month there will be the Legislative Priorities approved by the FLC Board.

Treasure Coast Advocacy Team – Mayor Hudson – encouraged participation.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report – Mayor Tyson – spoke about the speaker from The City of Vero Beach Utility Director who spoke about the progress being made on the city’s sewer conversion program.

Associate Member Announcements:

Happy Holiday announcements.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11.25 AM for the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments Meeting/Installation Lunch

Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Christensen for

Secretary Ingrid Van Hekken

