

## Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.

### October 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM Virtual Zoom Board Meeting Minutes

**Board Members attending:** Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Mayor Tom Slater, Councilman Bob Jarriel, Mayor Janet Hernandez Mayor Karen Ostrand, Mayor Joel Tyson, Mayor Mike Meier, Vice Mayor Vinny Barile, and Vice Mayor Robert Gibbons, and Mayor Ed Dodd.

**Absent:** Mayor Mike Meier, Mayor Janet Hernandez, Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken, Mayor Anthony Young.

**Others Present:** Nicole Fogarty, (St. Lucie County) Kloee Ciuperger, (Martin County), Ian Cotner (AT&T), Gene Rauth, (Jupiter Island), and Christine Thompson (Carr, Riggs).

The meeting was called to order by President, Vice Mayor Vinny Barile at 10:03 am.

Mayor Tyson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**Self-introduction of members and guests.** The Members and Guests introduced themselves.

4. **Consent Agenda:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made Motion to approve made by Mayor Linda Hudson, seconded by Mayor Karen Ostrand motion passed unanimously.
5. **President's Report-** Vice Mayor Barile spoke about a reporter, George Andreassi from St. Lucie Voice, who was doing an investigative piece on Exec. Director Christensen and Councilwoman Caraballo. He requested the League's financials and asked members to answer a number of questions. There was a discussion and no action taken.
6. **Special Presentation:** Nicole Fogarty and Kloee Ciuperger gave a presentation on what is expected to occur in Tallahassee during the next legislative session.
7. **Resolutions** - None
8. **New Business**
  - a **Announcement of the 2021 Slate of Officers:** Mayor Linda Hudson, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported to the Board that the committee which included herself, Vice Mayor Vinny Barile and Mayor Ed Dodd, met via Zoom on October 20. Vero Beach Mayor, Tony Young was absent. A discussion of future leadership took place. The goal was continuity, consistency and representation.

The slate that was voted on was:

President: Port St. Lucie Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Stuart Mayor Mike Meier

Secretary: Ocean Breeze, Mayor Karen Ostrand

Treasure: St. Lucie Village, Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken

In a second action, the Nominating Committee nominated Sebastian Mayor Ed Dodd as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

No action was taken, as the election is in November.

**b Building Stronger Cities:** Executive Director Christensen addressed the Board, explaining that the FLC President, Tony Ortiz's priority for the year in "Building Stronger Cities". It is a movement for elected officials to begin working with their constituents to teach them about Home Rule. There is a "toolbox" of information available on the FLC website for anyone to take advantage of, in preparing themselves to work with their constituents.

**c. Advocacy Team Update:** Executive Director Christensen is trying to schedule an Advocacy Team meeting with the members but is having difficulty finding a time when most can join a virtual meeting. She will continue to work on achieving this goal.

**d. Proposed Budget:** E.D. Christensen presented a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 20-21. With the decision to change the fiscal year to January to December, beginning in January of 21, she noted that this was truly a 3 month budget, and that there would be a new budget presented for approval in December for the new fiscal year. She noted that by then, FLC will have notified TCRLC of their monthly stipend, and give TCRLC a better chance to properly budget. A motion to accept the Proposed Budget was made by Mayor Mike Meier and seconded by Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo. Motion passed unanimously.

## 9. Unfinished Business

**a. Home Rule Heroes Update:** Executive Director Christensen reported that FLC has created a video to recognize the TCRLC Home Rule Heroes for 2020. She tried to show the video, but Zoom wasn't cooperating. She will show the video at the December Lunch Meeting.

**b. Update on December Board Meeting/Lunch:** President Barile mentioned that December meeting will be live and will include virtual capability. It will take place at the PSL Civic Center on December 16, TBD.

## 10. Old Business - None

**11. Executive Directors Report: E.D.** Christensen reminded everyone of the FLC Legislative Conference coming in November.

**12. Florida League of Cities Report:** Councilwoman Susan Gibbs Thomas was absent. Councilwoman Caraballo

**13. Florida League of Mayors:** Mayor Ostrand announced that there is a contest for all schools in Florida 6-8 grades. It is an essay contest will the topic being "what if I were Mayor?". It ends on November 21.

**14. Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, (FMIT):** Mayor Hudson reported that the new Manager is Mr. Krepcio. Next meeting in December.

**15. Treasure Coast Advocacy Team:** Nothing more to report.

**16. Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report:** Mayor Tyson reported that elections are coming, and the next meeting will be live and in person.

**17. Indian River Lagoon Council:** Nothing to report.

**18. Board Member Announcements:** Mayor Tyson reported that he does have opposition and he will be 92 at the end of his next term if he is reelected. Mayor Slater announced he did not seek reelection and has enjoyed working with everyone.

Mayor Ostrand mentioned that the US Census for Ocean Breeze is very low because they are counted as part of Jensen Beach or Unincorporated Martin. She is working to get that changed. Mayor Hernandez thanked everyone for welcoming her to the Board.

**19. Board Member Announcements:** None

**20.** Mayor Karen Ostrand moved for adjournment, Mayor Joel Tyson seconded, meeting was adjourned. at 11:35.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

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**Mike Meier, Secretary - November 18, 2020**