

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.**  
**November 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM**  
**Virtual Zoom Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**Board Members attending:** Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Mayor Brian Foley, Councilman Bob Jarriel, Mayor Janet Hernandez, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Mayor Joel Tyson, Mayor Mike Meier, Mayor Kaija Mayfield, Vice Mayor Robert Gibbons, Vice Mayor Rey Neville, Mayor Ed Dodd.

**Absent:** Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken

**Others Present:** Shawnda Barnette, (FLC), Bonnie Landry, (Landry and Assoc.), Jeannette Weiss, (Solutions Partnership), Holly Valdez, (RG Towers), Dennis Murphy, (Culpepper and Terpening), David Pickett, (City of PSL), Gene Rauth, (Jupiter Island), Abby Johnson, (SJWMD).

The meeting was called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Jolien Caraballo at 10:01 am.

Mayor Tyson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Executive Director Christensen asked if former Vice Mayor Vinny Barile, our immediate past President could address the Board. Mr. Barile thanked everyone for their efforts in advocacy and allowing him to serve the TCRLC for two years. He also encouraged everyone to continue and to work harder to protect Home Rule. Other Board members thanked Mr. Barile for his service and leadership.

**Self-introduction of members and guests.** 1<sup>st</sup> VP Caraballo asked Exec. Director Christensen to introduce the new appointed Board members. They are Mayor Brian Foley, Mayor Kaija Mayfield and Vice Mayor Rey Neville. A roll call was taken, and ED Christensen also introduced the Associate Members and other guests.

- 4. Approval of Agenda:** Agenda which was amended since the draft was sent out. Motion made to approve the agenda by Mayor Meier, seconded by Mayor Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Consent Agenda:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made Motion to approve made by Mayor Karen Ostrand, seconded by Mayor Ed Dodd. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6. President's Report:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Caraballo spoke about Legislative Conference being smaller but very informative and spoke briefly on the President's initiatives. She also addressed how she wanted to engage the Board members in the Advocacy efforts of the TCRLC.
- 7. Special Presentation:** None

## 8. New Business:

- a. **Election of 20201 Slate of Officers:** Mayor Hudson reread the slate of officers nominated by the Nominating Committee. They are as follows:
  - President: Port St. Lucie Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Stuart Mayor Mike Meier
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Sebastian Mayor Ed Dodd
  - Secretary: Ocean Breeze, Mayor Karen Ostrand
  - Treasurer: St. Lucie Village, Alderman Ingrid Van HekkenPast President will revert back to Mayor Linda Hudson, per the By-Laws, with the departure of Vice Mayor Vinny Barile.  
A motion to was made to accept the Slate of Officers by Mayor Hudson and seconded by Vice Mayor Gibbons. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Discussion on location for 2021 Meetings:** A discussion on in person version virtual meetings took place. A roll call was taken and by a 7-5 vote the group agreed to hold in person meetings beginning in January with a virtual option. A location will be located that is central, safe and has strong Wi-Fi capabilities for the virtual component of the meeting. Suggestions for a location will be accepted by December 2.
- c. **Approval of the 2021 Meeting Calendar:** A motion was made by Mayor Meier and seconded by Mayor Hudson to approve the calendar. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Class for Newly Elected Officials:** Exec. Director Christensen introduced a program that was conceived through conversation with Past President Barile where the TCRLC and FLC would be introduced to newly elected officials to elected life. Mayor Hernandez and Mayor Mayfield supported the concept. By consensus the ED Christensen will update the Board at the next meeting.

9. **Resolutions** – FLC Priorities and Policies – A discussion took place on the approved Priorities and Policies from FLC. Each committee member read the policy or priority for the committee they sat on. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Caraballo suggested that everyone pass a resolution in support of the priorities. A motion was made to direct ED Christensen to write a model resolution that the cities and towns can use as a template by, Mayor Meier. Seconded by Mayor Hudson.

## 10. Unfinished Business:

- a. **Advocacy Team Update:** No report. The Team only meets later in the day of 11/18. Will report back at the next meeting. Executive Director Christensen invited all the Board members to attend.
- b. **Update on December Board Meeting/Luncheon:** There will be an in-person lunch on December 16. Invites to go out in a day or so. This is for all elected officials and some staff. FLC President Tony Ortiz will be Keynote speaker. Social distancing and proper health issues will be addressed.

**Executive Directors Report:** E.D. Christensen reminded everyone a webinar that FLC was hosting on Voting conflicts. She also asked for new members to provide a headshot for the website updates.

**Florida League of Cities Report:** Councilwoman Susan Gibbs Thomas gave the report. She also provided a written report and asked that ED Christensen send it to all Board members. It included information on Building Stronger Cities, the Legislative Conference and the new advocacy program that FLC is rolling out.

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

**Florida League of Mayors:** Mayor Ostrand reported there is a move to increase the membership by recruiting Mayors from other cities who are not involved in the LOM. Also, a virtual LOM meeting will take place on 11/19.

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

**Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report:** Mayor Tyson reported that the meetings for October and November were cancelled.

**Indian River Lagoon Council:** Mayor Meier reported that the RFP process for funding is still ongoing until January 11. Anyone with projects ready to go, in need of funding can go to the website for more information.

**Associate Member Announcements:** Jeannette Weiss from Solutions Partnership introduced the services that her company offers. Abby Johnson from SJWMD reported on their upcoming meeting and funding opportunities.

**Board Member Announcements:** None  
Meeting adjourned at 11:53.

Minutes respectfully submitted

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**Karen Ostrand, Secretary - January 20, 2021**