

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
April 17, 2019 at 10:00 AM
St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Office

Minutes

Board Members attending: Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Vice President Ann Kagdis, Vice Mayor Robert Gibbons, Councilman Anthony Young, Mayor Susan Thomas. Councilman Bob Jarriel, Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken and Commissioner Mike Meier. Mayor Barile arrived at 10:45.

Board Members absent, excused: Mayor Tom Slater and Councilman Bob McPartlan.

Associate Members and Attendees and Staff: Mayor Karen Ostrand, Amy Brunjes and Bart Gaejens from FPL, Abbey Johnson from SJWMD, Nancy Yarnell from Area Agency on Aging, Mike Bernard from SBDC, Attorney Travis Walker and County Commissioner Linda Bartz.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo at 10:06 am.

Councilwoman Caraballo led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Tyson said an innovation.

Self-introduction of members and guests.

4. Consent Agenda: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mayor Tyson, seconded by Mayor Hudson and approved unanimously.

5. President's Report: This item was moved to later in the agenda, after our Special Presentation. Mayor Barile spoke advocacy and several bills going through the legislature. There was a brief discussion.

6. Special Presentation: Mr. Dan Richey gave a Citrus Industry update, speaking about the past issues that cause the industry to slow and, in some cases, die in Florida, but then addressed the resurgence and how the citrus industry is important to the economy of our area.

7. Resolutions:

a. Resolution 2019- R005 – Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery – This resolution was placed back on the agenda by Vice Mayor Anthony Young at the request of FPL. Amy Brunjes from FPL about the bill and the importance of the resolution. There was discussion and Ms. Brunjes addressed questions. A motion to approve was made by Vice President Ann Kagdis and seconded by Mayor Joel Tyson. It passed unanimously

8. New Business

a. Report on Florida League of Cities corrected stipend. A brief report was given by Mayor Linda Hudson and Exec. Dir. Christensen on the additional funds received by FLC. Christensen made several recommendations on the use of the additional funds which amounted to \$32284.04. An addition \$598 monthly will also be received. It was suggested by Exec. Dir. Christensen that some

of the fund could be used for the Scholarship Program. There was discussion to use \$16000.00 for our scholarship with Indian River State College Foundation. This would give a total balance of \$30000.00 in the fund for an annual scholarship amount of \$2000.00 in perpetuity. Commissioner Meier made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Caraballo. Motion approved unanimously.

Remaining funds could be used for the new scholarship which the Scholarship Committee is working on and a laptop/software package for TCRLC use. Exec. Director Christensen will also do research on costs for a new laptop and software to conduct TCRLC business and would be passed to future directors.

b. Nominations for 2019-20 Florida League of City Board Seat, District 9 Nominee

After a brief discussion, Councilwoman Caraballo moved to nominate Mayor Linda Hudson for a second year and Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Exec. Dire. Christensen will notify FLC.

- c. Approval of TCRLC Scholarship Recipient for 2019** – Scholarship Chair Karen Ostrand gave a committee report to the Board. After reviewing the final four applicants provided by IRSC Foundation, the Committee by a 2-1 vote recommends Zachary Williams. After Ms. Ostrand gave the committee report, there was a brief discussion by the Board. A motion was made by Mayor Hudson and seconded by Vice President Kagdis to award the scholar to Mr. Williams. The vote was 10-1 with Commissioner Meier dissenting.

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. Old Business - None

11. Executive Directors Report: Reminded everyone about Ethics Class on the 24th of April. The TCRLC May meeting is hosted by the City of Stuart at Flagler Place and will be our Legislative Wrap-up. Scott Dudley will present awards. July BBQ with the TCCLG is on July 19. The new logo now appears on the letterhead and business cards. It is time to sign up for a Legislative Policy Committee.

12. Florida League of Cities: Mayor Hudson reported she attended the Board meeting in Tallahassee. Councilwoman Caraballo now sits on the Board. Mentioned a legislative briefing.

13. Treasure Coast Advocacy Team: Mayor Barile nothing new that hadn't already been mentioned.

14. Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report: Mayor Tyson mentioned Dan Richey was the speaker, but nothing additional.

15. Indian River Lagoon Council: For Mr. Campenni, Ex. Director Christensen reported that the grants are now available for cities and towns to apply for. Contact IRLC for more information.

16. Associate Member Announcements: Nancy Yarnell, Area Agency on Aging, spoke about the email

that ED Christensen sent out earlier.

Mike Bernard spoke about SBDC having 3 more accelerator programs in Indiantown, Stuart and PSL.

17. Board Member Announcements: VP Kagdis spoke about the Cottage Industry and Public Records. She passed out information on Cities being ADA Compliant with their websites. FMIT Board will meet in Martin County at Hutchinson Island Resort and Spa on 6/7. She encouraged attendance.

Mayor Tyson noted Jason Nunemaker; long time CM would be departing for a new position in Plantations.

Mayor Barile announced he too was looking for a new CM.

Commissioner Meier reported that the City of Stuart got hit by ransomware and had no email service until further notices.

Alderman Van Hekken announced she was reelected again.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Ann Kagdis, Secretary - May 15, 2019