

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
September 18, 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, Mayor Joel Tyson, City Manager Noah Powers for Vice Mayor Robert Gibbons, Councilman Anthony Young, Councilwoman Susan Gibbs-Thomas. Councilman Bob Jarriel, Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken and Commissioner Mike Meier, Councilman Bob Auwaerter for Mayor Tom Slater and Mayor Vinny Barile.

Board Members absent, excused: Councilman Bob McPartlan.

Associate Members and Attendees and Staff: Ian Cotner from AT&T, Kate Cotner from FPL, Abbey Johnson from SJWMD, Abbey Johnson from SJWMD, Nancy Yarnell from AAoA, Mike Bernard from SBDC, Attorney Travis Walker and County Commissioner Linda Bartz.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mayor Vinny Barile at 10:01 am.

Mayor Barile led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Tyson led an innovation.

Self-introduction of members and guests.

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

5. President's Report: Mayor Barile spoke about the new Vo-Tech/Ag Scholarship.

6. Special Presentation: Kathy Till presented a discussion on her book "A Journey to Yes" and advocacy.

7. New Business

a. Report on Florida League of Cities Priorities There was a brief report on the final priorities approved by the Florida League of Cities.

b. 2019-20 Annual Budget – Ingrid Van Hekken

The treasurer presented the 2019-20 Budget. There are a few changes being made regarding Travel Reimbursement funds which are being increased and adding FAST travel funds for the Exec. Director. It was decided that if the Exec. Director didn't want to use the FAST travel funds that they would be available for a Board Member to use to go to FAST. Also, funds were moved from Foundation Scholarship to the new Vo-Tech/Ag Scholarship. Motion to approve the budget was made by Councilwoman Caraballo and seconded by Vice President Kagdis, motion passed unanimously

c. Amendment to the By-Laws – Exec. Director Christensen went over the changes to the By-laws addressing the changes to the Mission Statement and the addition of the 2nd Scholarship. Motion to approve the changes to the By-laws was made by Alderman Van Hekken and seconded by Mayor Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **Amendments to the Policies and Procedures-** Exec. Director Christensen went over the changes to the Policies and Procedures, addressing the addition of the 2nd Scholarship and travel funds for FAST. Motion to approve the changes to the By-laws was made by Alderman Van Hekken and seconded by Mayor Hudson. Motion passed unanimously. A second motion to approve the Policies/Procedures was made by Commissioner Meier and seconded by Councilman Jarriel. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Report by Scholarship Committee on Vo-Tech/Ag Scholarship** – Mayor Barile reported on the formation of a 2nd scholarship to benefit students in the Vo-Tech/Ag fields, attending Indian River State College. There was a discussion on whether the scholarship will be a \$1500 annual scholarship award or the beginnings of a 2nd Foundation Scholarship. The consensus was to have it as a \$1500 annual award, which the amount could be modified annually determined by the budget process, to see how it goes, and to reevaluate after a few years. Motion to approve mad by Councilwoman Caraballo, seconded by Mayor Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. **St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River Delegations** – Exec. Director Christensen announced the dates for the three delegation meetings. She thanked Commissioner Meier for presenting at Martin’s Legislative Delegation meeting. It was decided that Councilwoman Caraballo would present at St. Lucie’s Delegation meeting. Looking for a volunteer to present in Indian River.
- g. **Addition to Agenda: Cybersecurity-** Councilman Auwaerter mentioned about an article in the Wall Street Journal. Suggested everyone read it, especially in light of recent ransom ware issues in a few cities locally. The article was emailed to all Board Members prior to the meeting. This is also going to be a Policy Issue for Florida League of Cities this legislative session.

8. Old Business - None

9. Executive Directors Report: Reminded everyone upcoming meeting in Indiantown. Speaker would be from FMIT. FLC Legislative Conference coming up in November. Now accepting registrations. December 7 is the Holiday Gala.

10. Florida League of Cities: Mayor Hudson reported that she would be missing the next Board meeting, but Councilwoman Caraballo would be in attendance. Vice President Kagdis mentioned that FMIT would be meeting at the same time and reviewing their budget. She also encouraged members to bring staff and other elected officials to hear the presentation in October from FMIT in Indiantown.

11. Treasure Coast Advocacy Team: Mayor Barile reported that the team will meet on Oct. 9.

14. Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report: Mayor Tyson mentioned the group heard the “Scoop on Poop” by Kathy La Martina from SFWMD.

15. Indian River Lagoon Council: No report

16. Associate Member Announcements: Abby Johnson (SFWMD) complimented staff at the EOC during the Hurricane Dorian.

Nancy Yarnell of AAoA passed out information on Circle of Care.

17. Board Member Announcements: Ann Kagdis spoke about the tour of the Muscle Car Museum and a Veterans event at the Museum on Nov. 10 from 1 to 5.

VP Kagdis also suggested that the TCRLC purchase Kathy Till's book for the Advocacy Team members to read. They would be the property of the TCRLC and need to be returned after they are read. A motion to purchase 10 books for \$150.00 was made by VP Kagdis and seconded by Mayor Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Jarriel mentioned Okeechobee County and City were dealing with people taking photos in public areas and looking for confrontation. Another possible Cottage Industry lawsuit issue.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Ann Kagdis, Secretary - October 16, 2019