

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
October 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM
Historic Seminole Inn, Village of Indiantown

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, Councilman Bob McPartlan and Mayor Vinny Barile.

Board Members absent, excused: all present

Associate Members and Attendees and Staff: Numerous Associate Members and guest. Attendance list available from Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mayor Vinny Barile at 10:05 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 Commissioner Meier, seconded by Mayor Tyson and approved unanimously.

5. President's Report: Mayor Barile spoke about the new Vo-Tech/Ag Scholarship, advocacy and trip to Tallahassee.

6. Special Presentation: Later in the program.

7. New Business

- a. **Nominating Committee Report:** Mayor Hudson announced the Slate for 2020. They are as follows: Mayor Vinny Barile, President, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, 1st Vice President, Councilwoman Susan Gibbs Thomas, 2nd Vice President, Commissioner Mike Meier, Secretary and Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken, Treasurer.

The election will be at the November Board Meeting.

- b. **Discussion of New Travel Policy:** Executive Director Christensen went over the approved travel reimbursement policy with the membership. The policy is for reimbursement of hotel, mileage, food and registration fees of up to \$600 per member, alternate member or advocacy team member who travels to Tallahassee for advocacy efforts. Travel reimbursement is also available within the same parameters for Conference attendance. IEMO is separate with its own reimbursement policy.
- c. **Approval of new Associate Member- Contractor Supply Store:** Motion was made to approve membership by Councilwoman Caraballo and seconded by Councilman Robert Auwaerter.

Motion passed unanimously. Erin Proza from Contractor Supply gave a brief presentation about her company and its services

- d. **Associate Member Discussion:** - Exec. Director Christensen discussed the benefit of Associate Members paying dues and suggested that each member, beginning with some of the first members be allowed to speak to the membership and give short presentations at upcoming board and member meetings, to give them some value to their membership. Christensen suggested 1 presentation at Board meetings, and 2 at membership meetings, no more than 10 minutes each. If there is no speaker at the Board meetings, there could be two 10 minutes presentations. This would begin in January. It was the consensus of the membership that such presentations would be made.
- e. **2020 Meeting and Events Calendar:** Exec Director presented the calendar. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Meier and seconded by Vice President Kagdis. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Old Business - None

- 9. **Executive Directors Report:** Christensen reminded everyone about the Holiday Gala on Dec. 7. Initiations to go out this week. Please RSVP early.

FLC Legislative Conference on November 13 to 15. Remember to register with the League to get hotel information.

- 10. **Florida League of Cities:** Mayor Hudson wasn't able to attend and deferred to Councilwoman Caraballo who is also on the Board. Caraballo reported that Mike Sittig is retiring in 2020 and Jeannie Garner will be replacing him as CEO. She also mentioned FLC is going to be unveiling a new logo and motto at the Legislative Conference, which reflects the current time. President Isaac Salver's initiative for this year is Reader to Leaders and their will be a children's book written and shared with everyone to use as part of teaching civics education to K-3 students.
- 11. **FMIT:** Vice President Ann Kagdis reported that FMIT held their meeting and that the Florida Cancer Benefit Program for Florida Firefighters does not include volunteer firefighter.
- 12. **Treasure Coast Advocacy Team:** Mayor Barile reported that the team would be going to Tallahassee in December.
- 13. **Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report:** Mayor Tyson reported that the TCCLG Approved by-law revisions to bring things into compliance based on how they operate.
- 14. **Indian River Lagoon Council:** No report
- 15. **Associate Member Announcements:** None
- 16. **Board Member Announcements:** Councilman Auwaerter spoke about the AAF/Brightline meeting held in Jupiter. IRC is still fighting the train. Virgin reps spoke about the schedule for construction. Safety still a major concern. Sen. Mayfield will have her bill again this year.

VP. Kagdis mention a Guide for Safe Mobility for Life, which is available for municipalities at SafeMibilityFL.com/Guide

Councilman Young mentioned the end of Vero Beach's Centennial Celebration, "Glory Halleluiah" on 10/26 on 14th Ave. beginning at 9 AM. He also spoke briefly about the upcoming elections.

Councilwoman Thomas invited everyone to the 47th Indiantown Rodeo that weekend.

Special Presentation: Councilwoman Thomas spoke about the rich history of cattle and citrus being what helped Indiantown develop in 1902. She spoke about some notables and the beginning of the rodeo.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m. for lunch.

The members and guests ate lunch and heard John Ligon from FLC FMIT speak about FMIT and it's benefits to member cities.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Ann Kagdis, Secretary - November 20, 2019