

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
January 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM
Virtual Zoom Board Meeting
Minutes

Board Members attending: Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Mayor Brian Foley, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Mayor Joel Tyson, Vice Mayor Robert Gibbons, Vice Mayor Rey Neville, Mayor Ed Dodd Mayor Mike Meier (signed in at 11:10).

Absent: Councilman Bob Jarriel, Mayor Janet Hernandez, Mayor Kaija Mayfield.

Others Present: Shawnda Barnette, (FLC), Gene Rauth, (Jupiter Island), Bart Gaetjens, (FPL), Ella Gilbert, (City of PSL Attorney), Councilwoman Gibbs-Thomas, District 9 Representative, PSL Councilman David Pickett.

The meeting was called to order by President, Jolien Caraballo at 10:01 am.

Mayor Tyson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Executive Director called the roll for the Board and introduced the other guests in attendance.

5. **Approval of Agenda:** Item 10 A was postponed until February. Item 10B and !0C, both resolutions were added for consideration. A motion to approve the agenda with the modifications was made by Mayor Tyson and seconded by Mayor Gibbons. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Consent Agenda:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made Motion to approve made by Mayor Foley, seconded by Vice Mayor Neville. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **President's Report:** President Caraballo spoke about the delegation meetings that she attended. She mentioned Martin Delegation was meeting simultaneously to the TCRLC Board meeting.

President Caraballo also raised the question about having the Associate Members speak at each meeting. The discussion was to have both a Guest speaker and Associate Member speak at each meeting. A motion was made by Mayor Dodd and seconded by Alderman Van Hekken. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Special Presentation:** No presentation

9. **New Business:**

- a. **Update on Executive Committee Meeting on January 6:** President Caraballo updated the members on said meeting. She referred to the meeting minutes provided to the Board Members. This was for information only.
- b. **Scholarships for 2021:** President Caraballo asked ED Christensen to address the Scholarships and explain how that the Board needed to determine if there would be any funds spent on the endowed scholarship, since there was no money budgeted for this year. There was \$1500 budgeted for the AG/VoTech Scholarship. After some discussion, A motion was made by Mayor Hudson to spend \$1500 on each scholarship for 2021. The motion was seconded by Alderman Van Hekken. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Committee Appointments:** President Caraballo based on the By-Laws made Committee Appointments for 2021 to the Scholarship Committee, By Law Committee, Nominating Committee and Budget/Audit Committee. She will be an Ad Hoc Member to all committees. The committee appointments are as follows:

Scholarship: Commissioner Mike Meier
Vice Mayor Rey Neville
Mayor Karen Ostrand

By Law: Mayor Brian Foley
Mayor Robert Gibbons
Mayor Kaija Mayfield

Nominating: Mayor Ed Dodd
Mayor Linda Hudson
Mayor Joel Tyson

Budget/Audit: Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken
Mayor Linda Hudson
Mayor Karen Ostrand
Mayor Janet Hernandez

A motion was made by Alderman Van Hekken and seconded by Mayor Hudson to accept the appointments by the President. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **February Meeting:** President Caraballo asked if there should be an in-person meeting or virtual meeting for February. It was the consensus of the Board to hold another virtual meeting in February and to do in person beginning March 17.
- e. **Recommendations to the FLC Nominating Committee:** There was a about the position. ED Christensen explained that this is an annual request from the FLC. Councilwoman Gibbs-Thomas held the position the last two years. It usually is held by someone on the TCRLC Board of Directors. President Caraballo asked if there were any volunteers, Councilwoman Gibbs-Thomas volunteered as did

Mayor Karen Ostrand. A motion was made by Mayor Hudson and seconded by Alderman Van Hekken to nominated Mayor Karen Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously.

- f. **2020 Financial Review:** ED Christensen stated that the books were ready to be reviewed and that she would schedule a meeting prior to the February Board Meeting for the newly appointed committee members to review the books for 2020.

10. Resolutions

- a. **Resolution R2021-001:** Postponed
- b. **TCRLC Resolution to Authorize New Signatory on Bank Accounts:** Motion to approve new signatories to all bank related accounts naming President Jolien Caraballo, Treasurer Ingrid Van Hekken and Executive Director Patricia Christensen as the three new signatories, removing Past President Vinny Barile from all accounts. Motion was made by Mayor Hudson and seconded by Alderman Van Hekken. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Resolution R2021-003:** Support for TC Regional Planning Council – There was an explanation of the resolution by President t Caraballo. Mayor Dodd said he was also bringing this to his Council for a vote. Mayor Hudson said her Commission already voted to support the TC Regional Planning Council. A motion to approved was made by Alderman Van Hekken and seconded by Mayor Hudson. Motion passed unanimously. ED Christensen was asked to send this template out to the members for their Council/Commission consideration.

11. Unfinished Business:

- a. **Advocacy Team Update:** No report.
- b. **Delegation Roundtables:** President Caraballo reported that the Advocacy Team began meeting with the legislators and will complete all meeting within the next few weeks.

Executive Directors Report: E.D. Christensen reported about a number of upcoming events and webinars with FLC.

Florida League of Cities Report: Councilwoman Susan Gibbs Thomas gave the report. She said there hadn't been a Board Meeting, but she remarked about what a pleasure it was and how impressed she was with President Ortiz. There was going to be a zoom meeting with Jeannie Garner.

Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, (FMIT): Mayor Hudson reported that they don't have a meeting until March.

Florida League of Mayors: Mayor Ostrand reported there is a reorganization taking place. She will have more to report at the next meeting. Shawnda Barnette spoke about the Feb. 18 Candid Conversations w. Mayors.

Treasure Coast Advocacy Team: Nothing more to report.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report: Mayor Tyson reported that the Installation of Officers took place at Bone Fish Mac in PSL and the new Board was sworn in. Commissioner Meier is the new President.

Indian River Lagoon Council: Mayor Meier reported there was no meeting for the Council but small gran cycle for organizations is taking place.

Associate Member Announcements:

Board Member Alderman Van Hekken reported they have a new Clerk/Secretary in St. Lucie Village.

Mayor Tyson reminded everyone about the upcoming Frog Leg Festival. Commissioner Meier reported that bridge repairs are completed. He also mentioned that the Dowling Watford requested a letter of support to the Governor for an appointment to SFWMD for the Heartland.

President Caraballo asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Tyson made the motion, Mayor Hudson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:58.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Karen Ostrand, Secretary - January 20, 2021