

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.**  
**April 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM**  
**Virtual Zoom Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**Board Members attending:** Commissioner Mike Meier, Mayor Ed Dodd, Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken, Councilman Bob Jarriel, Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Mayor Brian Foley, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Mayor Joel Tyson, Vice Mayor Rey Neville and Mayor Kaija Mayfield, Noah Powers, (sitting in for Mayor Robert Gibbons).

**Absent:** Mayor Robert Gibbons.

**Others Present:** Stuart Commissioner Becky Bruner, Greg Iannelli from Enterprise Fleet, Indiantown Councilwoman Susan Gibbs-Thomas, Shwanda Barnette from FLC, Bart Gaettjens from FPL, Ian Cotner from AT&T, St. Lucie County Commissioner Linda Bartz

The meeting was called to order by President Jolien Caraballo at 10:00 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.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mayor Brian Foley and seconded by Mayor Karen Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made Motion to approve made by Mayor Linda Hudson, seconded by Mayor Karen Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report:** President Caraballo reported the FLC Conference will be an in-person event. She also reported that Greg Ross from Cooper City is running for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. The League has had great success in killing a few bad bills. And other bills are dying on their own. HB 1 was signed into Law, but Home-based Business, (403) was resurrected in moving swiftly through the Senate. The Impact Bill also passed.

**Special Presentation:** Presenter Greg Iannelli from Enterprise Fleet Management gave a PowerPoint presentation to the members.

**New Business:**

- a. **Joint Project with TC Council of Local Governments:** Commissioner Mike Meier mentioned that at the TCCLG meeting they had discussed working jointly on a regionally impactful project with TCRLC that would be beneficial to the area and both organizations. He would report back on some ideas for projects.
- b. **Policy Committee Appointments:** President Caraballo encouraged all Board Members to sign up for an FLC Policy Committee for this upcoming session. Dates for meetings will be June 11, July 16 and August 12, in Orlando. Several members volunteered. Mayor Karen

Ostrand took Land Use and Eco Development. Mayor Janet Hernandez took Municipal Administration, Commissioner Mike Meier took Utilities and National Resources, Mayor Linda Hudson took Finance and Taxation, and Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo took Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations.

- c. **May Meeting:** Executive Director Christensen reminded everyone the May meeting was a quarterly lunch meeting. It begins at 10:30 for the Board and Membership begins at 11:30. There will be presentations and awards given out. The Scholarship recipients are also invited.
- d. **Update on Okeechobee BBQ in July:** It is still on the calendar and more information will be forthcoming from Mayor Watford. A location still has not been finalized.
- e. **Florida League of Cities Annual Conference Breakfast:** Exec. Director Christensen asked the Board if they were interested in holding the breakfast with Space Coast League. After some discussion there was a consensus to organize the breakfast. FPL had already agreed to sponsor.
- f. **2020-21 FLC Board Member Nomination:** President Caraballo mentioned it was time for the Board to make a recommendation for the coming year. Indiantown Councilwoman Susan Gibbs-Thomas holds the seat currently. President Caraballo asked if there was anyone interested, Councilwoman Gibb-Thomas offered herself to retain the position. Mayor Linda Hudson made a motion to nominate Gibb-Thomas, seconded by Mayor Karen Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously.
- g. **TCRLC Scholarships:** Commissioner Mike Meier, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, reported that the committee reviewed the scholarship applications and that there was a consensus to award the scholarship to Ariam Molinet. There was a brief discussion. Mayor Linda Hudson made the motion to approve Molinet, seconded by Mayor Brian Foley. Motion passed unanimously.
- h. **Sponsors for Neighborhood/Town Meetings:** Exec. Director Christensen spoke about the neighborhood meeting Scott Dudley is conducting to engage residents into fighting for Home Rule. She asked if there was any Board member interested in sponsoring one for their town. Mayor Linda Hudson, Mayor Joel Tyson and Ed Dodd and Mayor Kaija Mayfield agreed.

**Resolutions - None**

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. **Future RCRLC Meetings:** President Caraballo opened with asking for in person meetings to begin again in June for the Board. The Chamber Office is again open to allowing us the use of the facility. Mayor Brian Foley made a motion to approve in person meetings and no virtual option, Mayor Joel Tyson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Directors Report:** No further information.

**Florida League of Cities Report:** Councilwoman Susan Gibbs Thomas reported that President Ortiz held a Building Stronger Cities presentation encouraging resident participation. Legislative Alerts are beginning to be more frequent towards the end of session

**Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, (FMIT):** Mayor Hudson reported that she is attended a meeting in April. She learned about the lines of services and encourages everyone to look into FMIT for their cities.

**Florida League of Mayors:** Mayor Ostrand reported sending Resolutions to support or oppose bills.

**Treasure Coast Advocacy Team:** No report

**Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report:** Mayor Tyson reported that they had a good legislative report by the three legislative lobbyists for the Counties.

**Indian River Lagoon Council:** Commissioner Meier reported that the Grants selection Committee chose the water projects. Encouraged everyone to have you Utility Staff become familiar and to be ready for the next Grant cycle

**Shwanda Barnette from FLC** mentioned the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of City Government Week coming up in October. Wants more cities to participate.

**Mayor Linda Hudson** reported that it was the Fort Pierce Port 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May. Events are scheduled to celebrate.

**Associate Member Announcements:**

Nothing to report

President Caraballo asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Tyson made the motion, Mayor Hudson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:18.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

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**Karen Ostrand, Secretary - April 21, 2021**