

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
May 19, 2021, at 10:30 am
Fort Pierce River Walk Center
Minutes

Board Members attending: Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken, Councilman Bob Jarriel, Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Mayor Brian Foley, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Mayor Janet Hernandez, Mayor Joel Tyson, Mayor Kaija Mayfield

Absent: Vice Mayor Rey Neville, Commissioner Mike Meier and Mayor Ed Dodd.

Others Present: A list of all other attendees is attached to the minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Jolien Caraballo at 10:32 am.

Mayor Tyson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Executive Director called the roll for the Board members and introduced the other guests in attendance during the business meeting.

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

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

President's Report: President Caraballo reported the FLC Conference Policy Committees will begin in June. She hoped everyone had signed up and was assigned to a committee. The meetings are on Friday and held at the Hyatt at the Orlando Airport. Patricia can assist with travel.

Special Presentation: Presenter Christine Thompson, Christine Noll-Rhan and JT Leahy from Carr, Riggs and Ingram, CPA, to speak about the American Rescue Plan – Local Governments and willingness to assist cities and towns as they work through the program.

New Business:

- a. **Introduction of Mayor Greg Ross, Cooper City:** Councilwoman Caraballo introduced Mayor Ross, explained he is a candidate for the 2nd Vice President position of the FL of Cities. Mayor Ross gave a brief introduction and spoke about his goals if elected. He asked for the TCRLC support. There was a brief Q & A followed by a Board discussion. Mayor Joel Tyson made a motion to support sending a letter to the FLC Nominating Committee with the TCRLC support, seconded by Mayor Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Home Rule Hero Presentation:** Councilwoman Caraballo invited Mayor Greg Ross to assist her in presenting Home Rule Hero Certificates to the members present who

participated actively in the Advocacy Team activities during the most recent legislative session. Photos were taken. Exec. Director Christensen explained that the original certificates were lost in transit from Florida League of Cities, however, new certificates would be sent, and Councilwoman Caraballo would present them directly to the recipients at the upcoming council meetings for the recipients.

Resolutions - None

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Discussion of future Meeting Locations and Field Trips:** Councilwoman Caraballo asked if there was any interest in considering holding educational meetings and field trips in towns and cities around the Treasure Coast. Councilwoman Caraballo asked members to make suggestions and contact Exec. Dir. Christensen. It was agreed that further discussion will take place at the June meeting.

Executive Directors Report: Exec. Director Christensen reported that the TCRLC Strategic Plan, Bylaws and Policies and Procedures needed review. She would like to use the June meeting as a working meeting for Board. She also stated that the Mission Statement needed revision as discussed previously. She also reminded everyone of the joint BBQ in Okeechobee in July.

Florida League of Cities Report: Councilwoman Susan Gibbs Thomas was not available for the meeting. Councilwoman Caraballo reported the FLC Conference is in person in August.

Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, (FMIT): Mayor Hudson reported that she is attending the FMIT in Miami in May. She will have further information to share at the next meeting.

Florida League of Mayors: Mayor Ostrand had no report.

Treasure Coast Advocacy Team: No report.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report: Mayor Tyson reported that Kate Cotner from FPL gave a good presentation on Hurricane readiness and resiliency.

Indian River Lagoon Council: Exec. Dir. Christensen reported that Mr. Campenni and Commissioner Meier asked that all TC cities have shovel ready projects ready to go for the next round of funding. Also, a new policy will be put in place that funding has to be spent within a set period rather than have it granted and not used for a number of years.

Associate Member Announcements:

Nothing to report

Councilwoman Caraballo recessed the meeting at 11:25 for lunch and presentations.

At 12:15 Councilwoman Carballo reconvened the meeting.

City of Fort Pierce Presentation: She introduced City Manager Nick Mimms and Redevelopment who gave a presentation on all the projects going on in Ft. Pierce, including the Port and Riverfront areas.

Scholarship Recipient Presentations: Councilwoman Carballo introduced the TCRLC Scholarship Recipient Alicia Sisco who won the Scholarship for Ag/VoTech and Ann Decker from IRSC Foundation. She read the bios of both recipients and presented a check to Ms. Decker for the 2021 Scholarship Funds. Councilwoman Carballo also spoke about our Endowment Scholarship recipient, Ariam Molinet, who couldn't be present.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Karen Ostrand, Secretary - June 16, 2021