

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
June 16, 2021, 10 am
St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Office
Minutes

Board Members attending: Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken, Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Mayor Brian Foley, Mayor Joel Tyson, Mayor Kaija Mayfield and Mayor Ed Dodd, Commissioner Mike Meier.

Absent: Mayor Robert Gibbons, Mayor Karen Ostrand and Councilman Bob Jarriel, Mayor Janet Hernandez.

Others Present: Noah Powers from the Town of Orchid, Holly Valdez and Scott Richards from RG Towers.

The meeting was called to order by President Jolien Caraballo at 10:06 am.

Mayor Tyson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Approval of Agenda: An amendment to the agenda to discuss the CD renewal in July was added to the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Meier and seconded by Mayor Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.

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

President's Report: President Caraballo reported the FLC Conference Policy Committees will meeting again in July and final policies and priorities will be approved at the FLC Annual Conference. She asked that each member of a Policy Committee be prepared to give a report at the upcoming Board meetings.

Special Presentation: Holly Valdez and Scott Richards from RG Towers gave a presentation on the safety of tower and new technologies.

New Business:

- a. **By Laws and Policies and Procedure Amendments:** Mayor Foley, By Law Committee Chair reported that the committee met virtually on June 7. They had a lengthy meeting and began making the modifications. It will take a bit longer, but the final drafts of both documents should be completed by July and sent out to the Board members for review in enough time, prior to the next Board meeting.
- b. **Mission Statement:** Councilwoman Caraballo asked the Board members to review the Mission Statement and send her or Exec. Director Christensen suggestions for modifying the Mission Statement for better clarification of what the TCRLC's mission is to be.
- c. **Review of Strategic Plan:** Exec. Christensen spoke to the strategic plan from 2016, where all goals were achieved. She asked if there were other goals and objectives. The consensus of the Board was that they like how the organization was operating and only to modify and heighten the advocacy efforts.

- d. **Investigate new CD Options:** Alderman Van Hekken reported that she researched other banking institutions along with Edward Jones. She mentioned that the best interest rate on the Treasure Coast was at IThink Credit Union and recommended a short-term CD or Money Market in case the market turns around and there is an ability to get a higher yield elsewhere. The consensus of the Board was to move cash in the Edward Jones CD and move it to IThink CU.

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Review of Field Trip Discussion:** Councilwoman Caraballo reported that Mayor Hudson agreed to host the first Field Trip meeting in November. Mayor Hudson reported that the group would get a tour of the new Derecktor Shipyard in the Port of Fort Pierce and then the lunch meeting will take place at the restaurant at Ocean Village. She will coordinate with Exec. Dir. Christensen.
- b. **Discussion of Project for 2021-22:** Exec. Dir. Christensen explained that each year, except for last year, due to COVID 19, the TCRLC partnered with the TCCLG on a project to educate residents on Home Rule. She asked if there was an interest to do that again this year. Commissioner Meier said he would inquire with the TCCLG at their next meeting if they wanted to work on a joint project. This will be discussed further in September or October.
- c. **Update on the July Okeechobee BBQ:** Exec. Dir. Christensen reminded everyone RSVPs were required to attend, so Mayor Watford knew how much food to purchase.

Reports:

Executive Directors Report: Exec. Director Christensen reminded everyone of a joint breakfast at the FLC Annual Conference with the Space Coast League of Cities. It is sponsored by FP&L. RSVPs are required. She will send an invite out to all attendees of the conference soon.

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 will have further information to share at the Annual Conference.

Florida League of Mayors: Mayor Ostrand was not present, no report.

Treasure Coast Advocacy Team: No report.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report: Mayor Tyson reported that the June meeting was cancelled.

Indian River Lagoon Council: Commissioner Meier had no report but reminded everyone about grants were awarded recently.

Associate Member Announcements:

Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 12:10.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Karen Ostrand, Secretary - June 21, 2021