

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
September 15, 2021, 2 PM and via Zoom
St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Office
Minutes

Board Members attending in person or via Zoom: Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Mayor Brian Foley, Mayor Joel Tyson, Mayor Kaija Mayfield, Mayor Ed Dodd, Commissioner Mike Meier, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Mayor Robert Gibbons

Absent: Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilman Rey Neville and Councilman Bob Jarriel.

Others Present: Shwanda Barnett, FLC Liaison, guest speaker, Paul R. Amos, Esquire

The meeting was called to order by President Jolien Caraballo at 2:10 pm

Mayor Tyson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Vice Mayor Caraballo asked Exec. Director Christensen to introduce those on Zoom and she introduced our guest speaker

Approval of Agenda: An amendment to the was made for Item 9b. Report on CD. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mayor Dodd, seconded by Mayor Ostrand. Motion approved unanimously.

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

President's Report: President Caraballo reported on the FLC Conference. She announced the new FLC Exec. Board and thanked everyone for their support in her election to First Vice President. She also announced that National League of Cities will be a virtual conference.

Special Presentation: Shwanda Barnett introduced herself. She has been with FLC for 5 years and in her new position for 1 year. She spoke about a number of issues, including Legislative Conference, FAST, Relationships with legislators, Grants, City Government Week and ARPA. She also spoke about Scott Dudley's Grassroots program and asked for groups to speak to.

New Business:

a. Policies Committee Reports:

1. Land Use and Economic Development – Mayor Dodd or Mayor Ostrand
 2. Finance, Taxation & Personnel – Mayor Hudson
 3. Municipal Administration – Councilwoman Hernandez
 4. Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations – Ella Gilbert, Attorney from Port St. Lucie gave the report in place of Vice Mayor Caraballo
 5. Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works – Commissioner Meier
- Each member reported on the Priority and Policy each committee proposed for the 2022 Legislative session

In further discussion Mayor Dodd asked that everyone take these priorities to their respective cities and pass a resolution in support and send them on the Florida League of Cities.

- b. **Accept Associate Membership for Paul R. Amos, Esquire** – Vice Mayor Caraballo introduced the item, asked if everyone had a chance to review the application. She asked for a motion. Motion made by Mayor Foley, seconded by Mayor Dodd, motion passed unanimously. VM Caraballo welcomed Mr. Amos and gave him a few minutes to introduce himself.
- c. **Discussion: Installation Event:** Exec. Christensen asked the Board if they prefer a January Gala event or a December lunch event. She reported that President Phillip Walker and FLC CEO Jeanie Garner are making arrangements to attend league events and it would be a good time for them to join TCRLC. After a brief discussion the consensus was to host a December lunch. ED Christensen will invite Walker and Garner.

Unfinished Business:

- a. **By-Laws and Policies and Procedure Amendments:** Mayor Foley began thanking the members of the committee for the many hours that were put into the review of both documents. Many minor changes were made. The substantive change that was made was to Article 6, Section 3 regarding Quorum and the section for the District 9 position was cleaned up. Mayor Gibbons made one last request for change in Article 7. Councilwoman Hernandez commented that longevity was important to move up into a leadership position. Mayor Foley requested that everyone take the next month to review the two documents and that they can be approved in October.
- b. **Report on Reinvestment of CD:** Alderman Van Hekken reported that she and ED Christensen went to IThink CU. Rates changed dramatically over the month since she last reported on the rates. After discussing options with the bank representative and ED Christensen, it was agreed to place the funds into a Money Market account, to keep them fluid, in case the market changes and rates increase on CD's where the money could easily be transferred.

Reports:

Executive Directors Report: Exec. Director Christensen reminded the members that there is a Field Trip meeting in November, organized by Mayor Hudson. Watch for details. Beginning next month meetings will be in person only.

Florida League of Cities Report: Had been covered in previous reports earlier in the agenda.

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 gave a brief report on Home Rule and educating their constituents.

Treasure Coast Advocacy Team: No report.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report: Commissioner Meier reported that Stephanie Heidt gave a talk on the required EAR in all cities Comp Plan.

Indian River Lagoon Council: No report.

Associate Member Announcements:

Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 3:37.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Karen Ostrand, Secretary - October 20, 2021

