

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
October 20, 2021, 10 AM
St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Office
Minutes

Board Members attending in person or via Zoom: Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilman Rey Neville Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Mayor Brian Foley, Mayor Joel Tyson, Mayor Kaija Mayfield, Mayor Ed Dodd, Commissioner Mike Meier, Councilwoman Janet Hernandez, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Councilmember Mary Jane Benedetto, alternate for Mayor Robert Gibbons

Absent: Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken and Councilman Bob Jarriel.

Others Present: Mike Bernard, (SBDC), SLC Commissioner Bartz, Erin Pozner and Brian Jennison (Contractor Supply); Craig Ross, (Diamanti); Ella Gilbert, (City of PSL); Katheryn Tomson, (Rep. Dayna Trubulsey) and Joseph Katz, (Rep. Toby Overdorf).

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Tyson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Self-Introduction of Board Members, Alternate Members and Guests: President Caraballo asked for a self-introduction of members and guests.

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 Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: President Caraballo reported on the upcoming 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: Erin Pozner and Brian Jennison spoke about Two Way Radio Gear; a part of Contractor Supply and Craig Ross spoke about Diamanti and the services they offer.

New Business:

- a. **Call for Nominations Committee Meeting** – President Caraballo explained that a nominating committee needed to be appointed to bring a slate of officers back to the board at the next meeting. Mayor Hudson, Tyson and Mayfield volunteered to serve. Ex. Director Christensen will schedule a meeting for the committee. Report will be given in November.
- b. **Approval of the 2022 Calendar** – Ex. Director Christensen stated that the calendar is proposed and can be modified to address the TCRLC Field Trip meetings going forward. A motion to approve the 2022 Calendar was made by Mayor Mayfield, seconded by Mayor Foley. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- a. **By-Laws and Policies and Procedure Amendments:** Mayor Foley addressed the Board, explaining that after a lengthy process, all committee members agree that the By-laws and Policies and Procedures were ready for approval. All changes and modifications were made. Each member of the board was presented a redlined copy and a clean copy of each document. There was no discussion. President Caraballo thanked the committee, stating she was watching the emails between the Ex. Director and members of the committee, and she was pleased that the committee had completed their task. She asked for a motion to approve the By-laws. Motion was made by Mayor Hudson and seconded by Mayor Mayfield. Motion passed unanimously.

President Caraballo asked if there was a motion to approve the Policies and Procedures. Mayor Ostrand made a motion to approve the document, Mayor Hudson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon approval of the By-laws, President Caraballo asked to address and issue that pertains to the by-laws where the Village of Indiantown Manager requested the Ex. Director attend the next Village Council meeting. There was an exchange of information between Councilwoman Hernandez and President Caraballo. Mayor Dodd expressed concern about the TCRLC Ex. Director attending to respond to questions when there seems to be a lack of understanding by member of the Village Council on how TCRLC works. Commissioner Meier agreed. After additional comments, Ex. Director Christensen explained of a prior meeting and what took place, to correct comments previously made. It was the consensus of the Board that no one from TCRLC attend the meeting and that Councilwoman Hernandez speak to her Council to explain how TCRLC operates.

- b. **Update on November Board Meeting/Lunch:** Ex. Director Christensen asked Mayor Hudson to speak on this item. Mayor Hudson reminded everyone of the plans to tour Derecktor Boatyard on November 17 and then there would be a lunch at Ocean Village Bistro following the tour. Ex. Director Christensen mentioned there would be a short meeting prior to lunch for the Board.
- c. **December Installations/Lunch:** Ex. Director Christensen reminded everyone that there would be an Installation Holiday Lunch on December 15. The Oak and Ember restaurant in Port St. Lucie was secured and FLC President Phillip Walker and CEO Jeannie Garner would be in attendance. It will be a lunch meeting that will begin at 11 AM instead of 10 AM. Associate members are invited along with City Mangers.

Reports:

Policy Committee Reports: Reports were not given since the policies have been set. As bills are sponsored relative to any of these topics, members will give reports.

- a. Land Use and Economic Development
- b. Finance, Taxation & Personnel
- c. Municipal Administration
- d. Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations
- e. Utilities Natural Resources & Public Works

Executive Directors Report: Exec. Director Christensen – Asked if those attending the Legislative Conference were interested in dinner on the first evening. She will email everyone.

Florida League of Cities Report: President Caraballo reiterated that the Legislative Conference was coming up the first week in November.

Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, (FMIT): Mayor Hudson reported that she will have further information to share at the Legislative Conference.

Florida League of Mayors: No report.

Treasure Coast Advocacy Team: The Advocacy Team will be meeting with Rep. Overdorf next week.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report: Commissioner Meier reported that Don Donaldson from Martin County gave a presentation on Septic to Sewer conversions.

Indian River Lagoon Council: No report.

Associate Member Announcements: No reports

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Karen Ostrand, Secretary - November 17, 2021