

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
January 26, 2022 (postponed from Jan. 19), 10 AM
Port St. Lucie City Hall – relocated due to conflict
Minutes

The location for this meeting was changed due to a last-minute conflict with the SLC Chamber of Commerce.

Board Members attending: Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilman Rey Neville, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Mayor Brian Foley, Commissioner Kaija Mayfield, Councilman Ed Dodd, Commissioner Mike Meier, Councilwoman Janet Hernandez, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Mayor Robert Gibbons and Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken

Absent: Councilman Bob Jarriel and Mayor Joel Tyson

Others Present: Marshall Critchfield, FPL.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Jolien Caraballo at 10:22 am.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: President Caraballo 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.

Additions and deletions to the Agenda: An amendment to the agenda was made by adding item 9e. Budget and 9f. Support SB 1824. A motion to amend the agenda by adding 9e and 9f was made by Mayor Hudson and seconded by Alderwoman Van Hekken. Motion passed unanimously.

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

President's Report: President Caraballo spoke about the recent trip to Tallahassee. She also addressed several bad Bills, SB 620 and HB 280. She asked that a future item for discussion be placed on the agenda regarding recognition for State Leaders who work with the Cities.

Special Presentation: None

New Business:

- a. **Committee Appointments** – Each year the President make appointments to the Leagues committees. President Caraballo asked if there were any members who wanted to stay on a committee they have already been appointed to and as she read the committee names, all members agreed to remain on their existing committees from 2021. During the discussion Commissioner Meier also agreed to be an alternate for the By- Laws/Policy and Procedures Committee.

Budget/Audit: President Caraballo – ex-officio
Councilwoman Janet Hernandez

Mayor Linda Hudson
Aldерwoman Ingrid Van Hekken

Nominating Committee

Mayor Linda Hudson, Chair
Councilman Ed Dodd
Mayor Joel Tyson

By-Laws/Policies and Procedures

President Jolien Caraballo – ex-officio
Mayor Brian Foley, Chair
Mayor Robert Gibbons
Mayor Kaija Mayfield
Alternate: Mike Meier

Scholarship

President Jolien Caraballo – ex-officio
Commissioner Mike Meier
Mayor Karen Ostrand
Councilman Rey Neville

Mayor Hudson made a motion to approve all assignments for 2022, seconded by Commissioner Meier's. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **February Meeting Update** – Exec. Dir. Christensen said that the February luncheon meeting will be postponed to March in order to secure a location. Councilman Dodd agreed to check on Captain Hiram's. Vice Mayor Neville offered to check Vero Beach Yacht Club as a backup in case Captain Hiram's is not successful. The Board will be notified of the finalized location. No action needed.
- c. **Recommendation of a FLC Nominating Committee Member** – President Caraballo explained that the FLC needs a recommendation from our League for an appointee to the FLC Nominating Committee. The person needs to attend two meetings, one in June and the Annual Conference in August. There was a brief discussion as to the duties and past members. Commissioner Meier's expressed his interest. Mayor Hudson made a motion to nominate Mike Meier, seconded by Councilman Dodd. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Audit Committee to review Financials** – Ex. Director Christensen explained that there needs to be an audit. The Budget/Audit committee will audit the 2021 books. President Caraballo offered PSL City Hall for the audit, as she did last year. Christensen will schedule the meeting with the members.
- e. **2022 Budget** - Exec. Dir. Christensen reported that the budget needed to be approved for 2022. Because of scheduling issues, a budget review was only able to take place in late December after the Installation Luncheon. The Exec. Committee gave preliminary approval to adopt the 2022 Budget, so there was a budget to begin 2022. The Board would still need to give final approval.

Exec. Dir. Christensen explained that the budget was based on the 2020 and 2021 fiscal years. There was an increase in the monthly stipend from FLC for almost \$500.00 but the Associate

Membership numbers are down due to a loss of members during the pandemic. Her goal is to bring those members back and find some new members.

Mayor Hudson asked about funds that could be set aside for a special celebration for President Caraballo's election to President of FLC. It was agreed to put a \$5000.00 placeholder on funds in contingency for such an event.

A motion to approve the budget with the amendment of the placeholder of \$5000.00 was made by Councilman Dodd, seconded by Commissioner Meier. Motion passed unanimously.

- f. **Discussion of Bills SB 1824 and HB 1415** – President Caraballo reported that the City of PSL had put in place mobility fees and ended the collection of impact fees in October. She also explained the two bills proposed that helps to close loopholes in the Florida Statute regarding mobility fees.

She provided a sample resolution and asked that the TCRLC members bring it back to their cities and consider supporting the two bills. She also asked that the League also pass a resolution in support of the bills.

A motion to send a Resolution in support of the two bills to their respective committees was made by Councilman Dodd and seconded by Commission Meier. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions: None

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Local Voices United** - Executive Director Christensen asked that all members if they are on Social Media to Like and Share the posts from Local Voices United. The program is picking up momentum but needs everyone's participation.
- b. **Advocacy Team Update**- There will be a zoom meeting for the team to regroup and prepare for Tallahassee. All members asked to attend.

Reports:

Policy Committee Reports:

Finance, Taxation and Personnel: Mayor Hudson reported on HJ-1 and SB 1746 – An additional Homestead Exemption for first responders and military.

Land Use and Economic Development – Mayor Ostrand reported on Sovereign Immunity.

Municipal Administration – Councilwoman Hernandez reported on Smoking in Public Parks and HB 9241 – Cyber-Security. We support both bills at FLC.

Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations – VM Caraballo reported on SB 1702 for bldg. inspections of structures for safety based on Surfside.

Utilities, Natural Resources and public Works – Commissioner Meier reported on SB 1944 and HB 1241 PFAS Bills

Executive Directors Report: Exec. Director Christensen – No further information.

Florida League of Cities Report: No report.

Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, (FMIT): No report.

Florida League of Mayors: No report.

Treasure Coast Advocacy Team: No further information.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report: Commissioner Meier reported had a presentation on Youth Vaping. They supported a resolution against Youth Vaping.

Indian River Lagoon Council: Commissioner Meier reported that they were reviewing grant applications.

Associate Member Announcements: No reports

Meeting adjourned at 12.05 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Karen Ostrand, Secretary February 16, 2021