

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
March 16, 2022, 10:00 AM
Vero Beach Yacht Club
Minutes

Board Members attending: Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilman Rey Neville, Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken, Councilman Ed Dodd, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Mayor Robert Gibbons, Councilwoman Janet Hernandez, Mayor Joel Tyson and Councilman Bob Jarriel.

Alternates Sitting in for Board Members: Councilman David Pickett, Commissioner John Tompeck, Councilman Bob Auwaerter, Commissioner Becky Bruner

Board Members Absent: Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo, Commissioner Mike Meier, Commissioner Kaija Mayfield, Mayor Brian Foley.

Others Present: Attendance list available upon request.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Second Vice President Ed Dodd at 10:15 am.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Second Vice President Ed Dodd led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Joel Tyson led the Invocation.

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

Additions and deletions to the agenda: There were no changes to the agenda. Mayor Hudson moved to approve the agenda with no changes, Mayor Ostrand seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

President's Report: Second V.P. Dodd reported on the midnight State Budget approval. Many bills did not make it through. Watch for the Governor to sign others that did make it. Some bills were watered down.

Special Presentation: Bart Gaetjens from FPL was asked to give the presentation at the end of the business meeting.

Resolutions: None

New Business:

- a. **Audit Committee Report** – Alderman Van Hekken reported that there was an audit of the 2021 books attended by Mayor Hudson and Councilwoman Hernandez at the Chamber Office. Everything looked good. All funds accounted for, and books balanced. A motion to

accept the Audit Committee Report was made by Mayor Tyson and seconded by Mayor Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously

- b. Nomination for District 9 - Executive** Director Christensen reported that the District 9 seat for the Florida League of Cities Board was opening up and any and all interested parties should send her an email of interest. A Nominating Committee meeting will be scheduled, and the committee will make a nomination for the Recommendation of the FLC Board. The vote will take place in May. The nominee must be available to attend the FLC Conference and 5 to 6 additional Board meetings throughout the year.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Travel Policy and Procedures Update** – Executive Director Christensen explained that the By Law Committee met via Zoom to discuss the Travel Policy. With the exception of some minor language modification, the policy will remain. The recommendations for change were stated:

Any Board member or Advocacy Team member must notify the Executive Director prior to travel that they will be seeking reimbursement, to ensure funds are available or can be made available through a budget amendment by the Board of Directors.

A motion to approve the change was made by Mayor Gibbons and seconded by Mayor Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Policy Committee Reports:

- Karen Ostrand reported that Sovereign Immunity didn't pass.
- Janet Hernandez reported Smoking in Parks (Public Places) did pass.

Executive Directors Report: Exec. Director Christensen – Reported on Bills that were passed and other FLC events that are coming up in the next few months.

Florida League of Cities Report: - No report

Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, (FMIT): No report, meeting in a week.

Florida League of Mayors: Mayor Ostrand reported on an upcoming seminar that all league members can attend virtually.

Treasure Coast Advocacy Team: No report.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report: Mayor Tyson reported Susie brought Donuts. Kathy LaMartina gave a presentation on the Year-Round Irrigation Rule

Indian River Lagoon Council: Commissioner Meier reported that grants wrapped up and were awarded to a number of local cities.

Board Member Announcements: No announcements.

Associate Member Announcements: No announcements

Presentation: Bart Gaetjens gave an update report on FPL and its new and expanding technology and strengthening the of the power grid.
Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Ostrand, Secretary