

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.**  
**May 18, 2022, 10:00 AM**  
**St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Office**  
**Minutes**

**Board Members attending:** Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo, Commissioner Mike Meier, (via phone for first 45 minutes), Commissioner Kaija Mayfield, Mayor Brian Foley Mayor, Linda Hudson, Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken, Councilman Ed Dodd, Mayor Robert Gibbons, Councilwoman Janet Hernandez, and Councilman Bob Jarriel.

**Alternates Sitting in for Board Members:** Stuart Commissioner Becky Bruner, in person for the time Commissioner Meier wasn't available via phone, Vero Beach Councilwoman Honey Minuse, (for Councilman Rey Neville).

**Board Members Absent:** Councilman Rey Neville, Mayor Joel Tyson and Mayor Karen Ostrand

**Others Present:** Terissa Aronsson, SLC Chamber, Frank Moehrle, City of PSL

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Jolien Caraballo at 10:15 am.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** President Jolien Caraballo led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Ed Dodd led the 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:** There were no changes to the agenda. Mayor Hudson moved to approve the agenda with no changes, Commissioner Mayfield seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Dodd seconded by Mayor Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report:** Vice Mayor Caraballo reported on the Executive Committee which was held on April 4. She read a synopsis from the meeting minutes on the issues discussed.

**Special Presentation:** Terissa Aronson spoke about the Development Review Task Force and the Small Business Location Program that the Chamber offers to businesses in St. Lucie County. She also gave an update on the Chamber relocation and the possible relocation of the TCRLC meetings.

**Resolutions:** None

### **New Business:**

- a. Mission Statement** – Mayor Linda Hudson who volunteered to rewrite the TCRLC Mission Statement reviewed her suggestions with the members. There was a brief discussion. A motion was made to accept Recommendation #1. A motion was made by Councilman Dodd and seconded by Mayor Foley. Motion passed unanimously. The new TCRLC Mission Statement is: *The Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities promotes communication among municipalities of Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie Counties; encourages effective advocacy for home rule to all levels of government; fosters excellence in local self-governance and represents the Treasure Coast with the Florida League of Cities.*
- b. IRSC Scholarship Report and Recommendations** - Commissioner Meier, Scholarship Committee Chair reported on the committee meeting, via zoom, to review and recommend two students for the scholarships awarded by the TCRLC. He gave an extensive report on the reasoning for each student recommended. The students are Soledad Hernandez who is majoring in Law Enforcement and Dylan Propis who is majoring in Fire Science Technology. A motion to accept the recommendations was made by Mayor Foley, seconded by Alderwoman Van Hekken. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. District 9 Recommendation to the FLC Board of Directors** – Mayor Hudson, Nominating Committee Chair reported on the committee meeting, via zoom, to interview the Councilman Dodd and Mayor Ostrand for the recommendation to the FLC Board for the FLC District 9 seat. Each candidate was interviewed separately and asked to leave the virtual room after their interview. After each was interviewed, a discussion of each candidate took place. Both candidates had great qualifications. It was suggested that since Councilman Dodd will be incoming President in 2024 for the TCRLC Board, it would be a good segway for him to sit on the FLC Board, to gain more insight on the state level. A motion was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Alderman Van Hekken. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Relocation of TCRLC Board Meetings** – Executive Director Christensen reported that due to the Chamber office relocation, she was looking for a new meeting location for TCRLC. She was offered two locations, both by IRSC, Fort Pierce and PSL campuses. She also checked other locations that were not suitable or available at the time of the meetings. No decision had to be made now, but prior to September, a new location will have to be found. She will keep the Board updated.
- e. Discussion of Upcoming State Elections** – Vice Mayor Caraballo reported on the upcoming state elections and the new boundaries. She recommended that everyone meet with the candidates running to begin building relationships now with the potential office holders.
- f. Discussion of TCRLC Apparel** – Executive Director Christensen asked if there was any interest in members ordering shirts with the TCRLC. There was a consensus of members who were

interested in ordering a shirt. Christensen will research and bring back information for anyone who would like to order a shirt.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. **Policy Committee Reports** – There were no reports
- b. **Executive Director Report** – Executive Director Christensen reported on important upcoming dates for events.  
She also reported on the plans for the Hospitality Suite at the FLC Conference. It was suggested that beer and wine be the beverages.

**Committee Reports:**

**Florida League of Cities Report:** - No report

**Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, (FMIT):** Mayor Hudson said she would be attending in June.

**Florida League of Mayors:** No report.

**Treasure Coast Advocacy Team:** An Advocacy Team meeting is being scheduled for late May or early June.

**Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report:** No report.

**Indian River Lagoon Council:** No report.

**Board Member Announcements:** Councilwoman Minuse mentioned the City of Vero Beach as passed a Resolution supporting the US House Resolution 7520 on the restoration of the norther estuaries, introduced by Congressman Mast. She asked if the members would consider having the same resolution passed by their respective cities. She will have an electronic copy of the resolution sent to ED Christensen for distribution to each city/town.

She also reported that she will continue working on the amendment or repeal of Home Based Businesses.

**Associate Member Announcements:** No announcements

**Meeting adjourned** for lunch at 11:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Patricia Christensen, for Karen Ostrand, (who was absent)