

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
Board Meeting
October 19, 10:00 AM
Town of Ocean Breeze- Ocean Breeze Resort Club House
Minutes

Board Members attending: Commissioner Kaija Mayfield, Mayor Linda Hudson, Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken, Mayor Joel Tyson, Councilwoman Angelina Perez, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Commissioner Campbell Rich and Vice Mayor Rey Neville.

Alternates Sitting in for Board Members: Port St. Lucie Councilman David Pickett and Indian River Shores Vice Mayor Robert Auwaerter

Board Members Absent: Mayor Robert Gibbons, Mayor Brian Foley, Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo, Councilman Ed Dodd.

Others Present: List Attached.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Immediate Past President, Mayor Linda Hudson at 10:10am.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Hudson led the pledge and Mayor Joel Tyson led the invocation.

Self-Introduction of Board Members, Alternate Members and Guests Mayor Hudson asked for a self-introduction of members and guests.

Additions and deletions to the agenda: Item 11b. was added to New Business to discuss the money market account by Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken.

Approval of the Agenda: Vice Mayor Auwaerter made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Pickett. Motion passed unanimously.

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

President's Report: Mayor Hudson reported that President Caraballo was travelling with FLC on the west coast to view the devastation from Hurricane Ian. She also mentioned the Policy Committee meeting for this month was held virtually and the next meeting will be in person in Orlando during the Legislative Conference from November 28 to December 1.

Presentation: Mayor Hudson introduced Rob Broline from Carr, Riggs and Ingram, who spoke about Construction Cost Verification and Avoidance.

Presentation #2: Ocean Breeze as host city of our meeting invited Ann Kagdis, former Councilmember of Ocean Breeze to speak about the long history of one of the smallest towns in the State of Florida.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Advocacy Took Kit to Assist Legislators – Executive Director Christensen said that the information has all been collected and now will be put into a booklet format to be distributed to the legislators and their staff. She requested funds not to exceed \$600 for the printing of these booklets. Alderman Van Hekken made a motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$600, motion seconded by Vice Mayor Auwaerter. Motion passed unanimously.

Nomination Committee Report – Mayor Tyson gave a report on the Nominating Committee meeting. (Report Attached.) He concluded by naming the slate to go up for election in November. The slate is as follows:

President: Councilman Ed Dodd, Sebastian

1st V.P.: Mayor Karen Ostrand, Ocean Breeze

2nd V.P.: Mayor Linda Hudson, Fort Pierce

Secretary: Commissioner Kaija Mayfield, Sewalls Point

Treasurer: Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken, St. Lucie Village

The slate will be read again at the November Board meeting and other interested parties can put their nomination forward up until that time.

Executive Directors Contract – Mayor Hudson reported the Evaluation Committee reviewed Ex. Director Christensen's contract and provided Christensen provided a self-evaluation which was a list of all the services she provides for the organization. Mayor Hudson stated that there were two items that would change in her contract, regarding compensation and hours worked. Several other Board members spoke complimentary remarks about ED Christensen. Mayor Hudson requested that ED Christensen forward the self-evaluation to all Board members after the meeting, so they can see the list of items she works on for the organization. Mayor Hudson asked for a motion to approve the extension of ED Christensen's contract through 2026 with the salary change and hour increase. A motion was made by Mayor Tyson, seconded by Councilman Pickett. Motion passed unanimously.

Orientation of Newly Elected Officials – Executive Director Christensen introduced Jeannette Weiss from Solutions Partnership who is working on the program that will be presented to the Newly Elected Officials. Ms. Weiss went through the agenda briefly. There will be more to report next month.

New Business:

Discussion of TCRLC adopting/supporting FAC Policy Issues: ED Christensen mentioned that the FAC will be finalizing their list of policies soon. TCCLG will be considering adopting or supporting

some of their platform. The TCRLC should consider doing the same. As new information becomes available, ED Christensen will share it with the Board for consideration.

Discussion on Money Market: Alderman Van Hekken reported that the funds in the money market account are receiving very little in the way of interest. With rates increasing, she would like to find a new, higher yielding account. Vice Mayor Auwaerter said that his town has a great rate with Florida Prime. He will forward the information so Alderwoman Van Hekken and research and bring back to the organization in the future.

Resolutions: None

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee Reports: Mayor Ostrand reported that the Land Use Committee is leaning towards Sovereign Immunity as a main priority, with Mobility Fees and Mitigation of Traffic as other issues for consideration.

Vice Mayor Auwaerter reported that he is a member of the Utilities Committee, and that Florida is one of 3 states without reciprocal agreements to operate wastewater plants. They are looking at legislation for reciprocity.

No other reports from committees were available.

Executive Directors Report: Executive Director Christensen reported the meeting with Rep. Kaley Tuck is canceled and will be rescheduled.

Florida League of Cities Report: - No additional information.

Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, (FMIT): Mayor Hudson reported that Hurricane Ian made a dramatic impact and that there will be some big payouts to cities insured through FMIT.

Florida League of Mayors: Mayor Ostrand reported The FLM meeting has not been held and she will report next month.

Treasure Coast Advocacy Team: No report

Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report: Mayor Tyson reported that the speaker was from Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

Indian River Lagoon Council: No report.

Board Member Announcements: Mayor Hudson announced that the debate between Governor DeSantis and Charlie Christ at the Sunrise Theater is rescheduled but will still occur On October 24th. Sunrise Theater will be celebrating its 100th Year.

Associate Member Announcements: Commissioner James Campo reported that his new City Manger is in place and was brought to them by the Mercer Group. He also mentioned that he is looking to have Sewall's Point have a Communication Plan and if anyone had a recommendation to see him. He also mentioned that Children's Services Council members do not need Ethics Class, like other officials.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Ostrand, Secretary