

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.**  
**Board Meeting**  
**March 22, 2023, 10:00 AM**  
**Marsh Landing**  
**Minutes**

**Board Members attending:** Mayor Brian Foley, Councilman David Pickett, (alternate for VM Caraballo), Commissioner Kaija Mayfield, Mayor Linda Hudson, Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken, Mayor Joel Tyson, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Commissioner Campbell Rich, Councilman for Councilman David McAuley, Mayor Robert Gibbons.

**Board Members Absent:** Councilman John Carroll, Councilman Ed Dodd, (both arrived for the lunch meeting.

**Others Present:** List Attached

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Karen Ostrand at 10:18 a.m.

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

**Self-Introduction of Board Members, Alternate Members and Guests** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ostrand asked for a self-introduction of members and guests.

**Additions and deletions to the agenda:** None

**Approval of the Agenda:** Mayor Brian Foley made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Tyson. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ostrand took each item individually.

- a. **Approval of the Minutes for January 2023** – Motion to approve was made by Mayor Tyson, seconded by Mayor Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Approval of Treasurer’s Report for January and February 2023** – Motion to approve the reports was made by Mayor Foley, seconded by Mayor Hudson, Motions passed unanimously.
- c. **Approval of Committee Reports** – Reports were attached to the agenda, and one was passed out prior to the beginning of the meeting. Mayor Foley made a motion to accept the Committee Reports, seconded by Alderwoman Van Hekken. Motion passed unanimously.  
Executive Director Christensen reminded everyone; all Committee reports are due no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month of the next meeting.

**President’s Report:** President Dodd was arriving late, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President reported on the Tallahassee trip and her meetings with Rep. Snyder and Rep. Tuck.

**City Reports** - Mayor Tyson announced that the desserts provided after lunch were made by the Fellsmere City Clerk, Maria Suarez-Sanchez.

Mayor Hudson reported that 2023 will be the Fort Pierce Police Departments 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There are events during April to celebrate.

Alderwoman Van Hekken reported that her town has a request for a grant for water and sewer for homes on the river. The current cost estimate is twenty-two thousand dollars per home to run the lines. With the grant it will help. FPUA will be the provider.

Commissioner Mayfield reported that they have a request for \$8.4 million for septic to sewer for the grinder system for Sewalls Point. Martin County will be the provider.

Commissioner Rich announced his City Manager accepted a job as City Manager in Juno Beach and the commission appointed City Attorney Michael Mortell as the new City Manager. Paul Nicoletti, former city manager and attorney, was hired as interim City Attorney.

Commissioner Rich, Mayor Ostrand and Commissioner Mayfield will host a Town Hall meeting to educate residents on Home Rule and how the bills in Tallahassee are impacting the cities and towns, on April 19 at the Flagler Center in Stuart.

**Legislative Matters** – There was a discussion on the legislation pending in the legislature. Executive Director Christensen ran down a list of bills being watched by the league. An update was provided on the trip to Tallahassee by the Advocacy Team, and further discussion on the Legislative Action Day Trip in early April.

**New Business:**

- a. **Approval of the Revised Mission Statement** – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ostrand read the new revised Mission Statement. There was no discussion. A motion to approve was made by Mayor Foley, seconded by Mayor Tyson. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Revised 2023 Meeting Calendar:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ostrand asked if everyone had a chance to review the updated calendar for the remainder of the year. There being no discussion. Mayor Tyson made a motion to approve the updated calendar, Mayor Hudson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Continued Discussion from Strategic Planning Session Regarding Associate Members** – Executive Director Christensen explained that no final decision was made during the Strategic Planning session on how the Associate Members could be made to feel a bigger part of the TCRLC.

**Resolutions:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. **Report on Audit for 2022 -Update on Certificate of Deposit** – Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken reported that the Audit Committee met in February to review the books for 2022. After a very thorough review by Mayor Hudson, Councilman Dodd, Mayor Tyson and herself, everything was in order and all accounts balanced. Nothing was found to be in error.

A motion to accept the Audit Report was made by Alderwoman Van Hekken and seconded by Mayor Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 for networking and to take food orders.

### **Lunch Meeting Minutes**

Lunch meeting was called to order by Councilman Dodd at 11:40.

1. **Welcome** - Councilman Dodd apologized for missing the Business meeting and thanked 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for stepping in at the last minute.
2. **Invocation** – Councilman Dodd asked Mayor Watford for an invocation.

3. **Introduction** – Guests who arrived after the Board meeting introductions introduced themselves.
4. **Welcome by the City of Fellsmere** – City Manager Mark Mathes welcomed everyone and spoke briefly on Fellsmere history and the North Broadway Redevelopment Project and the Social Service Center.
5. **Presentation** – Tyler Denaham, Lindsey Larsen and Rodney Walton gave a presentation on the Florida League of Cities, Florida Municipal Insurance Trust and what services are provided by FMIT.

Councilman Dodd thanked our speakers and presented them each with a gift.

6. **Lunch** - served at 12:20

Councilman Dodd thanked everyone for attending. He also thanked Maria Suarez-Sanchez for the wonderful desserts.

7. **Adjourn** - Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

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Kaija Mayfield, Secretary