

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities
Minutes
February 19, 2025 - The Catch, Sewalls Point, FL

Board Members attending: Councilman Ed Dodd, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Councilman David McCauley, Mayor Carmine DiPaulo, (Alternate for Phyllis Waters Brown), Mayor Campbell Rich, Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo, Councilman John Carroll, Councilman William Dane, Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken. Commissioner Kaija Mayfield and Councilwoman and Shayla Macias.

Board Members Absent: Mayor Linda Hudson, Mayor Penny Townsend and Mayor Robert Gibbons.

Others Present: See attendance roster.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by First Vice President Campbell Rich Hudson at 11:15 a.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Rich led the pledge.

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

Additions and deletions to the agenda: New Business, 8a. VM Caraballo to discuss Housing Accelerator Program. 8b. Letter of Support for OB President Kevin Docherty.

Approval of the Agenda: Councilman Carroll made the motion to approve the agenda with additions 8a and 8b., seconded by Mayor Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the Minutes for January 2025
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for January 2025

Motion to approve the consent made by Mayor DiPaulo, seconded by Councilman Dane. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: Mayor Rich spoke briefly about the League's focus on the Legislature. There are many bills to discuss that our preemption to Home Rule.

Presentations: Dr. James Miller, Assistant Dean at NSU, Florida, made a presentation on the new academic degree programs for MBA and MPA degrees, now available to people in the public fields of government.

Welcome: Mr. Daniels, City Manager of Sewalls Point, welcomed everyone to the town.

City Reports

Members shared information about events taking place in their communities.

New Business

Home Accelerator Program: Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo introduced a concept for the TCRLC to spearhead a task force for home options and affordability. She spoke of the program promoted by National League of Cities and said NLC would work with the TCRLC to put our task force together, if the board approved going forward. A task force made up of representatives for government, building industry and public would meet and the final outcome would be a Playbook/handbook of grass roots strategies for affordable housing. The handbook would be distributed throughout the region. The project would take approximately a year to complete. A motion was made to go forward with the concept by Councilman Ed Dodd, seconded by Councilman John Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

- a. Letter of Support for Ocean Breeze President— Executive Director Christensen advised the Board of President Kevin Docherty from Ocean Breeze's request for a letter of support from TCRLC for his appointment to the FMIT Board. Alderwoman Van Hekken made a motion to send a letter of support, Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. Motion passed
- b. Advocacy Team Update- Mayor Ostrand announced an Advocacy Team Meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon via Zoom. A discussion on the trip to Tallahassee will take place and who will attend. There are several new members.

There was a discussion of the bills that TCRLC will be working on. Executive Christensen will be updating everyone regularly, as information becomes available and FLC requests assistance and requests contacts be made with legislators.

Executive Director Report — Executive Director Christensen reminded everyone about Legislative Action Days are March 24-26, watch for registration announcement. She also reminded the Advocacy Team to watch their emails for the information on the Zoom meeting for those going to Tallahassee April 1.

Ex. Director Christensen mentioned IEMO II registrations will be out soon.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:15 pm.
Submitted by

Commissioner Kaija Mayfield
Secretary