

## **Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities**

**May 18, 2016, 10:00 AM**

**Fort Pierce Yacht Club, Fort Pierce, FL**

**Board Members Present:** Councilman Richard Gillmor, Mayor Joel Tyson, Councilman Gibbons, President Ann Kagdis, Councilman Robert Gibbons, Commissioner Vinny Barile, Vice Mayor Linda Bartz, (alternate for Mayor Greg Oravec), Council Dowling Watford, Commissioner Tom Campenni, Mayor Linda Hudson.

**Board Members Excused:** Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken, Councilman Slater, Mayor Kramer

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by President Richard Gillmor. The invocation by Board Member Watford and the Pledge was led by President Gillmor.

### **Self - Introduction of members, guest and Associate Members**

#### **Special Presentations**

Rebecca O'Hara from Florida League of Cities attended our meeting. She presented the Hometown Hero Award to Board member Tom Campenni and Board Member Ann Kagdis. In addition, Jim Chrulski, PIO from the City of Stuart was also presented the Home Town Hero Award.

#### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Board Member Campenni and seconded by Board Member Kagdis to approve the consent agenda. There was no discussion. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Consideration of changing the name of the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities to Treasure Coast League of Cities**

President Gillmor began the discussion, explaining that it would be easier if the organization's name was shortened and the word Regional be taken out.

There was a group discussion and a final consensus to leave the name as is, since there will be an expense to redesign the logo and get all of the Cities and Towns to pass a Resolution to change the name.

##### **Consideration of reimbursement of expenses for President Gillmor to attend FAST in Washington, D.C.**

President Gillmor explained that he would be attending FAST in Washington D.C. with Florida League of Cities and requested that his travel and hotel be reimbursed. There was a discussion by the members with questions regarding the amount budgeted for transportation, a cap of \$1200.00, whether other members were reimbursed, or asked for reimbursement.

A motion was made by Board member Tyson to approve up to \$1200.00 for expenses related to this trip, seconded by Board Member Gibbons. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 2, with Board member Campenni and Vice President Hudson dissenting.

It was agreed that the policy for reimbursement will be reviewed by the Bylaw committee, with a definitive policy approved for future expenses for travel. It was also suggested that there be separate line items for travel to Tallahassee, Washington, and other travel needs.

**Old Business:**

**Update on the Indian River Lagoon Compact:**

President Gillmor gave a report on the signing of the Compact. Mayor Oravec, President Kagdis and Mayor Tyson were in attendance. Volusia League of Cities signed on, with close to 40 cities in total. Each town or city can send their approved Resolution to Patricia and she will forward them to FLC.

**Review of Strategic Plan** – In preparation to complete the Strategic Plan, Executive Director Christensen will send out surveys to the members and the Associate Members and compile the results. These will be discussed at a future meeting.

**President Report:**

President Gillmor reported on what he hoped to accomplish in Washington during FAST.

**Executive Directors Report:**

Executive Director Christensen gave a brief report on the Ethics Class.

She also brought to the Boards attention that an evaluation for her services is needed as part of the consideration of her contract renewal. Board member Kagdis and Vice President Hudson agreed to work on the evaluation process and report back in September with a recommendation for a contract for services.

Finally, she requested everyone begin to block the third Wednesday on their calendar for the future monthly meetings that will begin in the future, to make it easier to schedule meetings in the future.

**Committee Reports:**

**By law Committee Report**

Board Member Campenni gave a report with the recommended changes to the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures regarding the changes to the Treasurer’s duties and responsibilities being transferred to the Executive Director beginning on October 1.

A motion was made by Board Member Campenni and seconded by Vice President Linda Hudson to amend the Bylaws as recommended by the committee. Motion passed unanimously

**Florida League of Cities Report**

Rebecca O’Hara gave a report on several bills that passed and other bills which will be coming back next session. Representative Gayle Harrell, who was also present at the meeting, gave a report on Legacy Florida and Sober Homes.

**TC Advocacy Team**

No report

**Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments**

Vice President Hudson reminded everyone of the joint meeting in July to take place in Okeechobee. Information will be forth coming.

Adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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Patricia Christensen, for Secretary Ingrid Van Hekken 5.22.16