

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.**  
**February 21, 2018 at 9:30 AM**  
**St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Office**

**Minutes**

**Board Members attending:** Mayor Linda Hudson, President Ann Kagdis, Councilman Anthony Young, Mayor Joel Tyson, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Councilman Robert Auwaerter, Commissioner Vinny Barile, Councilman Gary Ritter, Commissioner Thomas Campenni, Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken and Councilman Robert Gibbons.

**Board Members absent, excused:** Councilman Bob McPartlan

The meeting was called to order by President, Mayor Linda Hudson at 9:32 am. Mayor Hudson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Tyson gave the invocation.

**Self-introduction of members and guests.**

**Consent Agenda:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mayor Tyson, seconded by Alderman Van Hekken and approved unanimously.

**President's Report:** Mayor Hudson reported that former Mayor Bill Dannahower passed away. Spoke briefly about him.

**Special Presentation:** Lynn Tipton, from Florida League of Cities University, gave a detailed presentation on Home Rule. Holly McPhail, who accompanied Lynn video taped and photographed the presentation for future airing.

**Resolutions:** none

**New Business**

**8a.** Councilman Auwaerter asked how other cities and towns spent their P&Z funds. Commissioner Campenni stated that they could be used as rebates and to hold classes.

**Unfinished Business:**

Prior to giving the Audit Report Alderman Van Hekken thanked Commissioner Campenni and Exec. Dir Christensen for attending the Town of St. Lucie Village Council Meeting to give a report and discussion on Home Rule.

**9a. Audit Report by Audit Committee** – Alderman Van Hekken, Chair of the Audit Committee reported that an audit of the 2016-17 books was completed and everything was in order and in balance. Mayor Tyson made a motion to accept the Audit Report, Commissioner Campenni seconded, Motion passed unanimously.

**9b. Home Rule Report** - Exec. Dir. Christensen gave a brief report on the Home Rule Campaign. It will continue next year.

**9c. Legislative Action Days Report:** Commission Campenni reported on the trip to Tallahassee. There was a discussion about inviting Scott Dudley to our May meeting to have a discussion on what changes should be made going forward.

**9d. Update on CRC:** Mayor Hudson reported on the CRC meeting which she and Exec. Director Christensen attended in Melbourne. P-95 could come back in another form before the full committee. Be on the lookout for further information.

**Executive Directors Report:** Reminder on Ethics Class. Upcoming IEMO and Social Media class.

Next month Kate Wesner from Ygrene will be our speaker

**Florida League of Cities:** Vice President Kagdis asked everyone to just make one phone call to a legislator to fight the bills remaining.

**Treasure Coast Advocacy Team:** No report

**Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report:** Board Member Tyson reported that Home rule was discussed at this meeting also and everything is bad news coming out of Tallahassee.

**Associate Member Announcements:** Mike Bernard from SBDC reported on a seminar on Cyber Security for Small Business and Bridge Loans.

Abby Johnson from St. Johns Water Management District spoke about available grants.

**Member Announcements:** Councilman Ritter reminded everyone of the Battle of Okeechobee reenactment in Okeechobee on Sat. and Sunday beginning at 2 PM.

Mayor Tyson thanks Lynn Tipton for all she does and mentioned he attended her first IEMO class.

Commissioner Campenni mentioned the Indian River Lagoon Council and the grant money that is available for water projects.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

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**Jolien Caraballo, Secretary - March 21, 2018**