

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
January 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM
St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce

Minutes

Board Members attending: Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Mayor Joel Tyson, Mayor Anthony Young, Mayor Ed Dodd, Councilwoman Susan Gibbs-Thomas. Councilman Bob Jarriel, Commissioner Mike Meier, Cherry Stowe for VM Robert Gibbons, Councilman Bob Auwaerter for Mayor Tom Slater and Vice Mayor Vinny Barile.

Board Members absent, excused: Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken

The meeting was called to order by President, Vice Mayor Vinny Barile at 10:06 am.

Vice Mayor Barile led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Tyson led an innovation.

Self-introduction of members and guests. The Members welcomed Mayor Ed Dodd, newly elected Mayor of Sebastian.

4. **Consent Agenda:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made Motion to approve made by Mayor Tyson, seconded by Mayor Hudson, motion passed unanimously.

5. **President's Report-** Vice Mayor Barile spoke about the advocacy trip to Tallahassee in December.

6. **Special Presentation:** None

7. **Resolutions**
 - a. Resolution 2020 - R001 - Home Rule
Motion to support made by Councilwoman Caraballo, seconded by Joel Tyson, motion passed unanimously
 - b. Resolution 2020 - R002 - Town of Ocean Breeze
No information was provided to be able to take action.

8. **New Business**
 - a. Appointment to Boards and Committees – Vice Mayor Barile
Nominating Committee: Sebastian Mayor Ed Dodd
Vero Beach Mayor Tony Young and Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson

By-Law Committee: Port St. Lucie Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Stuart Mayor Mike Meier, Orchid Vice Mayor Robert Gibbons

Scholarship Committee: Port St. Lucie Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Sewall's Point Vice Mayor Vinny Barile and Stuart Mayor Mike Meier

Budget Committee: Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson, Indian River Shores Mayor Tom Slater and Indiantown Councilwoman Susan Gibbs-Thomas

A motion was made by Mayor Hudson to accept the appointments to the committees, seconded by Councilwoman Gibbs-Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Budget Amendment:** Executive Director Christensen explained that there was a reduction in the Florida League of Cities Stipend by \$462.00 per month. She anticipated the reduction in the 2019-20 Budget by \$300.00 per month. This means that the budget is only impacted by \$162.pp per month or \$1458/ for the remainder of the fiscal year. This amount can be made up from the contingency fund.
- c. **Recommendation for FLC 2020 Nominating Committee** – President Barile mentioned that FLC is looking for a recommendation of a member to sit on the FLC Nominating Committee. Last year was Councilwoman Gibbs-Thomas. A motion to reappoint Gibbs-Thomas was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Councilwoman Caraballo, motion passed unanimously.
- d. **High Speed Passenger Rail Safety:** Vice Mayor Auwaerter opened a discussion on Senator Mayfield’s High-speed Rail Bill, SB 676. He went over the main reasons the TCRLC should support the bill. After a lengthy discussion, a motion by Councilwoman Caraballo to send a letter of support to Sen. Mayfield, seconded by Vice Mayor Auwaerter. There was some additional discussion. A vote was called, and the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 4 in favor of sending the letter. In favor, Hudson, Caraballo, Tyson, Auwaerter and Barile. Against: Meier Thomas, Dodd and Young. ***Mayor Meier stated that he wanted the record to reflect that he was not opposed to the letter of support being sent, rather he felt more time for city staff to vet the Bill was needed. (amendment made during the 2.19/20 meeting from to original minutes of 1/20/20)***

9. Unfinished Business

- a. **Discussion on Home Rule Campaign** – Exec. Director Christensen introduced Jeannette Weiss from Solutions Partnership. The discussion took place regarding the home rule campaign for 2020. A final campaign will be complete by next meeting. The campaign will center around “Local Voices Making Local Choices, the new slogan for FLC.

10. Old Business

- a. **Gala** – Update – Exec. Director Christensen reminded everyone about the Gala on January 24. 91 people attending and Rep. Overdorf will do the installation.

- 11. **Executive Directors Report** – Discussed the aging report with Associate Members past due. Councilwoman Caraballo requested that the item be placed on the next agenda and to provide an aging report.

- 12. **Florida League of Cities Report** – Mayor Hudson briefly spoke about the upcoming board meeting with more details to follow in February.

- 13. **Treasure Coast Advocacy Team** – Councilwoman Caraballo spoke about Legislative Action Days coming in February.

- 14. **Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report** – Mayor Tyson mentioned that Robyn Cryer from the Census Bureau was the guest. It was Commissioner Peter O’Bryan’s first meeting as chair.

15. Indian River Lagoon Council – Mr. Campenni through ED Christensen reminded the members that mini grants are available. More info on the website for IR Lagoon Council

16. Associate Member Announcements - none

17. Board Member Announcements – Mayor Tyson reported that the Frog Leg Festival was coming. Mayor Meier reported about the Stuart Boat Show. Mayor Young report on Jan 18th at the Navy Seal Museum there would be a Purple Hear Event.

18. Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Mike Meier, Secretary - February 19, 2020

****Minutes were approved unanimously with an addition to the proposed minutes being reflected in Item 8d., in bolded italics.**