

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.**  
**May 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting**  
**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, Mayor Mike Meier, Mayor Tom Slater, Vice Mayor Robert Gibbons and Vice Mayor Vinny Barile.

**Absent:**

The meeting was called to order by President, Vice Mayor Vinny Barile at 10:05 am.

Mayor Tyson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Watford, (guest) led an innovation.

**Self-introduction of members and guests.** The Members, Associate Members and Guests introduced themselves.

4. **Consent Agenda:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made Motion to approve made by Alderman Van Hekken, seconded by Mayor Tyson, motion passed unanimously.
5. **President's Report-** Vice Mayor Barile reported on the Executive Committee meeting held on May 5, virtually.
6. **Special Presentation:** Robyn Cryer from the US Census Bureau reported on the latest numbers being reported and tips on how to get residents to fill out the Census.
7. **Resolutions - None**
8. **New Business**
  - a. **Amendments to the By-Laws/Emergency Declaration:** Vice Mayor Barile explained the changes need in the by -laws to address Emergency Declarations. Exec. Director went through each section in the by-laws describing the added or changed language to allow of an emergency declaration for future emergencies and how it would allow the Executive Director to operate during the time period of and emergency. There was brief discussion and a few questions. A motion to approve to amend the by-laws by Mayor Ostrand and seconded by Councilwoman Caraballo. Motion passed unanimously
  - b. **Amendments to the Policies and Procedures/Emergency Declaration:** As with the Bylaws, the Policies and Procedures required amendments and additional language to address how the Emergency Declaration would work and address the responsibilities of the Executive Director operating under an emergency declaration. There was no discussion. A motion to approve the amendments by Mayor Dodd, seconded by Mayor Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously
  - c. **District 9. Nomination to the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors:** Executive Director Christensen explained that a nomination is due by June 28. She sent a request to the members asking for interested parties, Councilwoman Gibbs-Thomas was the only respondent. Mayor Ostrand mentioned she was also interested. The Nominating Committee would have to

meet and determine a nomination from the two members. Exec. Dir. Christensen will schedule a meeting and a decision will be finalized at the June meeting.

d. **Discussion: Summer Meeting Schedule** – Normally there are no regular meetings in July and August. With COVID-19 there is probably not going to be a July BBQ in Okeechobee or a FLC Conference, where the TCRLC holds a breakfast meeting. The question is, Does TCRLC still hold meetings if the two events are cancelled? The consensus of the Board was that there would be no meetings in July and August and if there was business to be attended to, the Executive Committee could handle it.

e. **Discussion: Letter of Support for Councilwoman Caraballo**- Mayor Hudson introduced this item. Councilwoman Caraballo is being considered for nomination to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President to the FLC Board of Directors. It is the recommendation that a letter be sent to the FLC Nominating Committee in support for Councilwoman Caraballo. Mayor Hudson presented a draft letter which she wrote in support. A motion was made by Mayor Hudson to send the letter of support, seconded by Mayor Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously.

f. **Discussion: Letter of Support to Extend Virtual Meetings for Cities-Town of Orchid:** Vice Mayor Gibbons presented this item, explaining that with COVID-19 that it will be safer if the order by the Governor were extended to allow virtual meetings and allowing residents to participate also virtually, and to extend to the end of 2020. His request was to send a letter to the Governor. There was discussion by the members. Councilwoman Caraballo mentioned this being a Home Rule issue. Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Gibbons, seconded by Councilwoman Caraballo. Motion failed by a 5-6 vote in favor. The final vote to approve: Gibbons, Caraballo, Hudson, Ostrand, Van Hekken, against, Dodd, Slater, Barile, Tyson, Jarriel, and Meier. Councilwoman Thomas had to leave early and was not available for the vote.

## 10. Unfinished Business

- a. **Update on Ethics Class:** Executive Director Christensen reminded everyone of the virtual Ethics Class on June 4<sup>th</sup>. 67 people have registered to take the class to date. The class will be more interactive.
- b. **Scholarship Recipients:** Mayor Meier address the recommendation by the Scholarship and Executive Committee to name the two scholarship recipients for 2020 IRSC Foundation named Emily Rhodes as the recipient for the Voc/Ag/Tech Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee recommended Alexis Beiger as the recipient for the TCRLC Municipal Services Scholarship. Mayor Meier made a motion to approve the scholarship recipients, seconded by Mayor Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously.

## 10. Old Business - None

11. **Executive Directors Report** – Christensen reminded everyone of the new version of “The Cities That Talks” being released and doing a project for the next school year for the students using the book.
12. **Florida League of Cities Report** – Mayor Hudson briefly spoke about the upcoming Board of Directors meeting. More information to be discussed on the annual conference.
13. **Treasure Coast Advocacy Team** – Councilwoman Caraballo reported there was going to be a future meeting for how the Advocacy Team would work in the upcoming year.
14. **Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report** – Mayor Tyson reported that the TCCLG was cancelled for the past few months and not decision to have the BBQ had been finalized.

15. **Indian River Lagoon Council** – Exec. Director Christensen reported that Mr. Campenni wanted everyone to be aware of mini grants being available and to contact the Council or go to the website for additional information.
16. **Associate Member Announcements** - none
17. **Board Member Announcements:** Mayor Linda Hudson moved for adjournment, Councilwoman Caraballo seconded, meeting was adjourned. at 11:45.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

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**Mike Meier, Secretary - June 17, 2020**