

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
June 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Virtual Zoom Board Meeting
Minutes

Board Members attending: Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Mayor Joel Tyson, Mayor Ed Dodd, Councilwoman Susan Gibbs-Thomas. Mayor Mike Meier, Vice Mayor Vinny Barile, and. Vice Mayor Robert Gibbons

Absent: Mayor Tom Slater, Mayor Anthony Young, Councilman Bob Jarriel.

Others Present: Abbey Johnson, Terrisa Aronson, Linda Bartz

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

Mayor Tyson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

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

4. **Consent Agenda:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made Motion to approve made by Mayor Tyson, seconded by Alderman Van Hekken, motion passed unanimously.
5. **President's Report-** Vice Mayor Barile reported that our Gala for Jan. 2021 will be canceled due to COVID – 19 unless we can find a new location which is conducive to Social Distancing. The Executive Committee met to review the lease with the Hutchinson Spa and Hotel and felt that it would be costly to get out of the lease if we had to cancel the event due to the virus. We will look for an outdoor location in the coming months.
6. **Special Presentation:** Morgan Murphy and Christine Noll-Rhan from Carr, Riggs, Ingram, CPA. reported on CARES Funding.
7. **Resolutions** - None
8. **New Business**
 - a. **District 9, Nomination to Florida League of Cities Board of Directors – Mayor Hudson**
Mayor Hudson, Chair of the Nominating Committee explained the nominating committee made up of Mayor Dodd and Mayor Young, met via zoom and interviewed two candidates for the District 9 position. The two candidates were Councilwoman Susan Gibbs Thomas and Mayor Karen Ostrand. After interviews of both candidates the members had a lengthy discussion. Other members of the nominating committee are Mayor Dodd and Mayor Young. Mayor Hudson said it was a very difficult discussion, both candidates were strong and would represent the TCRLC and the Treasure Coast well, however Mayor Ostrand has also been nominated to the League of Mayors Board and the members felt that having two representatives on the two Boards gave the TCRLC stronger representation. The members thanked both participants. A motion to approve Councilwoman Thomas as the District 9 nominee was made by Councilwoman Caraballo and seconded by Mayor Tyson. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. **September/October Meeting – 15th Anniversary:** Due to COVID-19 still being and issue it was discussed that we would cancel the luncheon in September at the Vero Beach Yacht Club.

It was decided that our next luncheon would be at that location, it would just be after the Social Distancing guidelines are either increased or over. It was a consensus that there would be a September and October Board Meeting via Zoom.

10. Unfinished Business

- a. **Summer Meeting Schedule:** By consensus it was agreed that since TCRLC normally participates in the BBQ in Okeechobee in July and the FLC Breakfast in August, that are now cancelled due to COVID-19 that the Board would not have regular Board meetings. The Executive Committee will meet if there is any business that needs to be attended to, And later reported to the Board of Directors.
- b. **Update on Ethics Class:** The Virtual Ethics class was held and attended by over 72 attendees with most being virtual. It was held live at the City of PSL City Hall with Attorney John Fumero leading the class. The attendees in person were from the City and VM Vinny Barile. So far, all comments were good.
- c. **Update on CD 1:** Edward Jones – Vice Mayor Barile reported that he spoke to our representative at Edward Jones and he recommended that we roll the CD over for 1 year. The interest rate is 1%, but it will allow us to find a higher rate at the end of the one year, rather than be locked into a long-term low interest rate.

10. Old Business - None

11. **Executive Directors Report** – Christensen reminded everyone that FLC is beginning to take volunteers for the Policy Committees who will meet in September, October and November. As of now, it has not been determined if the meetings will be live or virtual. Additional information will be reported as we receive it. She also updated the Board on FLC items and US Census info from Robyn Cryer.
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** – Nothing to report.
14. **Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report** – Nothing to report. Meeting was cancelled.
15. **Indian River Lagoon Council** – Nothing to report.
16. **Associate Member Announcements** – Councilwoman Caraballo reported that it is her birthday on September 16. It is her 40th.
17. **Board Member Announcements:** Councilwoman Caraballo moved for adjournment, Alderman Van Hekken seconded, meeting was adjourned. at 11:30.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Mike Meier, Secretary - September 16, 2020