

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
September 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Virtual Zoom Board Meeting
Minutes

Board Members attending: Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo, Mayor Tom Slater, Councilman Bob Jarriel, Mayor Janet Hernandez Mayor Karen Ostrand, Mayor Tony Young, Mayor Joel Tyson, Mayor Mike Meier, Vice Mayor Vinny Barile, and Vice Mayor Robert Gibbons.

Absent: Mayor Ed Dodd

Others Present: Councilwoman Susan Gibbs Thomas, Abbey Johnson (St. Johns Water Mgmt. District), Ian Cotner (AT&T), Karla Roderick (Comcast), T J Leahy and Christine Thompson (Carr, Riggs).

The meeting was called to order by President, Vice Mayor Vinny Barile at 10:01 am.

Mayor Tyson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Self-introduction of members and guests. The Members and Guests introduced themselves. Members welcomed Mayor Hernandez to the Board.

4. **Consent Agenda:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made Motion to approve made by Alderman Van Hekken, seconded by Mayor Joel Tyson 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:** Robyn Cryer from the U S Census was to be our speaker, but did not join the meeting
7. **Resolutions - None**
8. **New Business**

a Report on Executive Committee Meeting of August 9: President Barile reported that there was an Executive Committee Meeting on August 9. Items discussed were the TCRLC Gala in January. It is recommended by the Committee that we do the event outdoors. We are looking for suggestions of an outdoor location. ED Christensen suggested that we consider a lunch in December and do our Installation is a location where social distancing is capable of being done. She will look for locations and come to the Board in October.

Another item discussed by the Exec. Committee was changing the Fiscal Year for TCRLC to January to December, to coincide with FLC and their budgeting and stipend payments. After some discussion by the Board of Directors, it was agreed by consensus to change the fiscal year. The Bylaws would need to be amended and will come back at a future meeting.

The final item discussed by the Exec. Committee was Changes to the Associate Member year to coincide with the new Fiscal year. It was decided by consensus, after some discussion, that the Associate members would be billed in October for dues, but that their next dues invoice would not be until January of 2021.

b Report on the September 2 Executive Committee Meeting: President Barile reported of an Ex. Committee Meeting on Sept. 2. Due to a change in membership by the Town of Indiantown, 2 VP of the TCRLC, Susan Gibbs Thomas was replaced by Mayor Janet Hernandez. Considering the short time before the TCRLC next election, it was recommended to the Board of Directors to name Mayor Linda Hudson as 2nd VP until Dec. 31. A new 2nd VP will be elected in December to begin the 2021 Board Year. A motion by Mayor Mike Meier was made to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee, seconded by Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Barile also mentioned that there would need to be a By-law review to address the position of the District 9 representative, and to ensure that in the future the District 9 representative must be a member or alternate member of the TCRLC Board. A By-law committee meeting will be held after the Nov. 3 election.

c. Executive Director's Consulting Agreement: The current agreement with the Exec. Director expires on Dec. 31. Per the existing contract, notice to either renew or terminate must be given 90 days prior to expiration. President Barile reported that in discussions with our Exec. Director that she would be willing to continue services as currently stated in the agreement with no changes for 2 years. After discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Joel Tyson and seconded by Councilwoman Joline Caraballo to extend the current agreement to December 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Proposed Budget: E.D. Christensen presented a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 20-21. With the decision to change the fiscal year to January to December, beginning in January of 21, she noted that this was truly a 3 month budget, and that there would be a new budget presented for approval in December for the new fiscal year. She noted that by then, FLC will have notified TCRLC of their monthly stipend, and give TCRLC a better chance to properly budget. A motion to accept the Proposed Budget was made by Mayor Mike Meier and seconded by Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Unfinished Business

- a. **Home Rule Heroes:** E.D. Christensen reported that FLC has created a video to recognize the TCRLC Home Rule Heroes for 2020. If the video arrives, she will share it with everyone.
- b. **Update on FLC Elections:** President Barile mentioned that the FLC elections took place in August and Councilwoman Caraballo was elected 2VP for FLC Board. Councilwoman Caraballo thanked everyone for their support. Also discussed was the new initiative "Building Stronger Cities"

10. Old Business - None

11. **Executive Directors Report:** E.D. Christensen mentioned some changes for the Advocacy efforts of the TCRLC and FLC were going to be made in the coming months.
12. **Florida League of Cities Report:** Councilwoman Susan Gibbs Thomas reported that she is excited to have attended her first Board Meeting. She congratulated Councilwoman Caraballo. There was not much to report, the meeting was very short, but there is another Board meeting on Sept. 25th and she will have more to report from that meeting.

13. **Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, (FMIT):** Mayor Hudson reported the first meeting will be September 25.
14. **Treasure Coast Advocacy Team:** Councilwoman Caraballo reported that Scott Dudley will now lead grassroots Advocacy efforts for the FLC.
15. **Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report:** Mayor Tyson reported that each town reported on their COVID-19 recovery.
16. **Indian River Lagoon Council:** Nothing to report.
17. **Associate Member Announcements:** Mayor Tyson reported that no one has filed to run against him yet.
Mayor Slater announced he is not seeking reelection this term.
Mayor Ostrand mentioned that the US Census for Ocean Breeze is very low because they are counted as part of Jensen Beach or Unincorporated Martin. She is working to get that changed.
Mayor Hernandez thanked everyone for welcoming her to the Board.
18. **Board Member Announcements:** Mayor Karen Ostrand moved for adjournment, Mayor Linda Hudson seconded, meeting was adjourned. at 11:42.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Mike Meier, Secretary - October 21, 2020