



TREASURE COAST REGIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

**TREASURE COAST REGIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014 - 10:30 A.M.
MARCIANO'S RESTAURANT
1897 NE JENSEN BEACH BLVD.
JENSEN BEACH, FL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Mayor JoAnn Faiella, City of Port St. Lucie; Vice-President Councilman Richard Gillmor, City of Sebastian; Treasurer Councilman Dowling Watford, City of Okeechobee; Vice-Mayor Joel Tyson, City of Fellsmere; Alderman, Ingrid M. VanHekken, Town of St. Lucie Village; Council Vice-President Ann Kagdis, Town of Ocean Breeze; Mayor Linda Hudson, City of Fort Pierce; Commissioner James Christie, City of Stuart; Councilwoman Amelia Graves, City of Vero Beach;

MUNICIPAL STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Jeff Bremer, City of Port St. Lucie; Town Clerk Pam Orr, Town of Ocean Breeze; Assistant Staff Kim Stanton, Town of Ocean Breeze; Webmaster Dan Perlmutter, City of Port St. Lucie; Secretary Bonnie R. Cruz, City of Port St. Lucie

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Nick Blount, FPL; Amy Brunjes, FPL; Travis Walker, Law Offices; Patricia P. Christensen, Summit 21; AniYa A., Freedom Entertainment Group; Diane Towry, TC Advocates for Seniors; Mona Guinn-Huff, TC Advocates for Seniors; Joanne Stanley, Republic Services; Ashima Wild, Republic Services; Kelly Wilson, Area Agency on Aging;

ALSO PRESENT: Vice-Mayor Linda Bartz, City of Port St. Lucie; Councilwoman Earlene Cairns, Town of Ocean Breeze; Councilman Jerry Collins, Town of Ocean Breeze; Mayor David Myers, Town of Ocean Breeze; Council President Jim Walker, Town of Ocean Breeze; Councilman Ken DeAngeles, Town of Ocean Breeze; Steve Anderson, FPL; Eric, Marciano's Restaurant

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Faiella called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Treasurer Watford gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) November 20, 2013

Vice-President Gillmor motioned to approve the November 20, 2013 minutes. Mayor Hudson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

A) Report

Treasurer Watford presented the league with the Nov 2013/Jan 2014 Treasurer's Report (see attached), that states the balance of \$21,563.33 and the Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$20,989.83.

Alderman VanHekken motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Christie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B) FLC Stipend Letter

President Faiella reviewed the FLC letter regarding the league's stipend that has been reduced to \$10,448 with a difference of \$88 less annually.

Vice-President Gillmor inquired if the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) had health insurance included in the fund and President Faiella and Secretary Cruz affirmed that it did not.

C) Audit Committee

President Faiella inquired for volunteers to audit the books ½ hour prior to the March meeting. Alderman VanHekken and Vice-Mayor Tyson volunteered.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A) Executive Director Contract Review

Secretary Cruz said that at the last meeting some board members requested requirements to be placed in the contract that has been included and the contract was review the a Port St. Lucie city attorney.

Alderman VanHekken inquired if there was a term limit on the contact and Treasurer Watford said yes for one year beginning on January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Alderman VanHekken also inquired that at the last meeting Mayor Hudson suggested that the Executive Director provide an activity report and Secretary Cruz replied that there will be a place on future agendas for the report.

Alderman VanHekken motioned to approve the Executive Director Contract. Vice-President Gillmor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B) Resolution 2014-R01 – All Aboard Florida Project

Secretary Cruz said that at the last meeting Mayor Thiess of St. Lucie Village requested this resolution and after approval and President Faiella's signature, it will be forwarded to all of the noted entities.

Treasurer Watford motioned to approve Resolution 2014-R01. Vice-Mayor Tyson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C) Website Administer Renewal

President Faiella said that this is a renewal for the City of Port St. Lucie's graphic designer, Dan Perlmutter, and that the \$250 fee is for one year.

Mayor Hudson motioned to approve the renewal contract for the league's website administer. Vice-Mayor Tyson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A) Guest Speaker – Nick Blount of FPL – Smart Meter Update

President Faiella introduced Nick Blount of FPL which introduced the project manager, Steve Anderson for the update.

Mr. Anderson continued with the update and said that the Smart Meter is now considered the standard meter for FPL but they are providing an option to enroll in the non-standard meter that have costs associated with it. He said that the costs for maintaining two systems are an Enrollment Fee for \$95 along with a Monthly Surcharge Fee for \$13. He said that 24,000 customers out of 4 ½ million have signed up for postponement and now are being contacted regarding the enrollment process.

B) By-Laws Review Committee

Secretary Cruz said that Ms. Christensen requested for this discussion be placed on the agenda so she has the floor.

Director Christensen said that in reviewing the leagues by-laws Secretary Cruz provided different recommendations so she is requesting volunteers for a committee to develop an amended working set of by-laws for this organization.

Vice-Mayor Tyson motioned to recommend Vice-President Gillmor and Vice-President Gillmor motioned to recommend Vice-Mayor Tyson, and Vice-Mayor Bartz also volunteered. Alderman VanHekken seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Director Christensen also said that she will inquire with Travis Walker as an associate member to be on the committee.

C) City of Vero Beach Resolution No. 2013-44 Discussion

President Faiella introduced the representative for the City of Vero Beach regarding this discussion. Councilwoman Graves introduced herself and said that this resolution regarding legislating vacation rentals within residential communities be properly regulated at the local level.

President Faiella said that she will give an update on this concern because she is on the FLC board.

D) Approval of St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce Associate Membership Application

President Faiella said that the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce representative is not her today but recommends approval anyway.

Vice-Mayor Tyson motioned to approve the associate membership. Alderman VanHekken seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Faiella gave a FLC update on the Urban Administration Committee which prioritized their concerns:

1. Vacation Rentals that the FLC is supporting for each city to regulate their own rentals and to send the chair, Representative Debbie Mayfield, emails.
2. Sober Homes that a lot of cities are experiencing issues which two bills were just filed from the House and Senate to move forward with that. President Faiella said that she is traveling to Washington, D.C. to lobby the sober home and detox center issues at the federal level to have more local control of where they go and limit how many in the city.
3. Red Light Cameras is not being supported by the FLC.
4. Fireworks issue to remove state regulation and for each city to regulate them whether to ban or control the sales.
5. Outdoor Smoking is on the radar.

Treasure Watford mentioned the Vacation Rental bill SB 356 (Thrasher) and inquired to Councilwoman Graves if she wants a letter of support from the TCRLC. Councilwoman Graves said that any added support will help because it is not only affecting the City of Vero Beach.

Treasurer Watford motioned for President Faiella to send a letter of support regarding Vacation Rental bill SB 356 (Thrasher). Alderman VanHekken seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Secretary Cruz said that the City of Fort Pierce will be hosting the meeting in March.

8. ADJOURNMENT

President Faiella adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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Treasurer's Report
Nov, 2013/Jan, 2014

Balance: Nov 20 \$20,012.83

Deposits: FL League of Cities (Nov & Dec) \$1,756.00

Expenses: Lunch-Nov Meeting \$205.50

Balance: Jan 15 \$21,563.33

Memo: Certificate of Deposit (0.250 %, 02/22/14) \$20,989.83



You have a choice of meter.

Nothing is more important than keeping bills low and reliability high for our customers. That's why we've replaced more than 4.5 million electric meters with smart meters. They give you more information and control over your bills than ever before, help us prevent power outages—and get the lights back on faster when outages do occur. That's why they're now the standard meter FPL provides.

However, if you prefer not to have a smart meter, you may choose to enroll in the Non-Standard Meter Option. Enrollment is planned to begin in March 2014.

Before you decide, here's what you need to know about the costs and benefits of each choice.

BENEFITS AND FEATURES	SMART METER	NON-STANDARD METER
Access to the Energy Dashboard, to view your energy use by the hour, day and month	✓	✗
Convenience of remote meter reading—no estimated bills for hard-to-reach meters and no more waiting for someone to come to your home	✓	✗
Hourly usage data to resolve billing questions more efficiently	✓	✗
Faster connection and reconnection of electricity	✓	✗
Improved outage detection and faster restoration—often before you call. Ability to use this feature after major storms to restore power more efficiently.	✓	✗
Ability to detect whether an outage is caused by our system or something within your home	✓	✗
Enrollment fee for non-standard meter service	None	\$95
Monthly surcharge	None	\$13



Questions and Answers

Why must you charge a fee for a non-standard meter?

There are extra costs involved in offering the Non-Standard Meter Option. A cost-based fee is the fairest way to allow FPL to offer this non-standard service to our customers who do not want the new technology. It would be unfair to ask the vast majority of our customers – 99.5 percent – who have a standard smart meter to pay for the very small number who have asked for an exception to FPL's standard meter.

What do the fees cover?

These fees cover the costs to:

- » Set up and administer the Non-Standard Meter Option for each customer
- » Make changes to our outage management and restoration systems to address issues that need to be resolved manually
- » Install a non-standard meter, if necessary
- » Modify the billing system and maintain the systems and processes needed to read the meter manually every month

What type of alternative meter will you offer?

Customers who choose the Non-Standard Meter Option will be allowed to keep their existing non-standard meter. If a replacement non-standard meter is necessary, it will be a digital meter that does not communicate.

Can I get an analog meter?

The industry phased out the manufacture of analog meters more than five years ago as more advanced technology became available. As a result, analog meters are becoming scarce. Digital meters have been FPL's standard of service since 2006. They do not contain any communication equipment and will be used if an analog meter needs to be replaced.

Are there any other terms and conditions?

Please refer to "Non-Standard Meter Option Terms and Conditions" for complete information.

Non-Standard Meter Option Terms & Conditions

Most FPL customers are provided with a communicating smart meter as the standard meter service. These meters communicate the same type of information that FPL previously collected through manual meter readings, but at more frequent intervals and over a wireless network. This enables FPL to offer a number of additional benefits to customers.

A non-communicating meter is available to eligible customers through FPL's Non-Standard Meter Rider Option. It is the older technology meter and is no longer in standard use by FPL.

Eligibility

To be eligible, customers must not have tampered with the electric meter service or used service in a fraudulent or unauthorized manner.

Fees

Customers who choose the Non-Standard Meter Option and those who are enrolled into this option because FPL has been prevented from installing the standard meter must pay fees to cover the additional costs of providing non-standard service. An enrollment fee of \$95 must be paid at the time of enrollment, and a fee of \$13 will be billed every month.

Non-Standard Meter Type

Customers who choose the Non-Standard

Meter Option and those who are enrolled into this option because FPL has been prevented from installing the standard meter will be allowed to keep their existing non-standard meter. If a replacement non-standard meter is necessary, it will be a non-communicating meter of the Company's choice.

Minimum Term

If customers choose to enroll in the Non-Standard Meter Option, or if they are enrolled into this option because FPL has been prevented from installing the standard meter, they must do so for at least one (1) billing period (about 30 days).

Cancellation

If customers cancel their enrollment in the Non-Standard Meter Option within 45 days after the initial charges have been billed, they will receive a full refund provided that (1) they did not previously have a smart meter installed and (2) they agree to the installation of a smart meter. The refund will be processed after the smart meter has been installed.

Automatic Enrollment

Even if they don't actively enroll in the Non-Standard Meter Option, customers who have a non-standard meter will be automatically enrolled in and billed for the Non-Standard Meter Option if they prevent FPL from

installing a smart meter or fail to respond to requests to select a meter option. Eligibility rules apply.

Meter Maintenance

Because so few customers have non-standard meters, the non-standard meters may not be readily available on service trucks. If maintenance to the meter is required, we may need to install a smart meter temporarily to maintain electric service to the premise. If this occurs, we will come back out and replace the smart meter with a non-standard meter as soon as practical. We expect this to take less than a month, and if it takes longer we will not bill the monthly fee until the non-standard meter is replaced.

Relocation

Customers must re-enroll in the Non-Standard Meter Option and pay the enrollment fee if they wish to initiate the non-standard meter service after relocating to a new premise. Customers who cancel Non-Standard Meter Option service and then later re-enroll for this service at any location would also be required to pay another enrollment fee.

All other terms and conditions of FPL service apply.