

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.**  
**November 20, 2019 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, Vice Mayor Robert Gibbons, Councilman Anthony Young, Councilwoman Susan Gibbs-Thomas. Councilman Bob Jarriel, Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken and Commissioner Mike Meier, Mayor Tom Slater and Mayor Vinny Barile.

**Board Members absent, excused:** City of Sebastian Representative

**Associate Members and Attendees and Staff:** Jeannette Weiss, Robin Cryer, Jennifer Durrant, Jim Ostrand, Kia Mayfield.

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

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

**Self-introduction of members and guests.**

**4. Consent Agenda:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made Alderman Van Hekken, seconded by Mayor Tyson and approved unanimously.

**5. President's Report:** Mayor Barile reported on the Legislative Priorities with FLC and Short Term Rentals. He also spoke about the FLC Legislative Conference.

**6. Special Presentation:** Jennifer Durrant from the he Red Cross made a brief presentation as a New Member. Robin Cryer from the US Census Bureau gave a presentation on the 2020 Census.

**7. New Business**

- a. **Report on New Appointed Board Members-** Exec. Dir. Christensen reported on the election results. No appointments have been made by the City of Sebastian, as of yet. Vero reappointed A. Young, K. Ostrand will sit for Ocean Breeze.
- b. **Nomination Committee** – Mayor Hudson gave the final report, listing the nominees to the Ex. Board for 2020. They are Vinny Barile, President, Jolien Caraballo, First Vice Pres. Susan Gibbs Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Ingrid Van Hekken, Treasurer and Mike Meier, Secretary.
- c. **Election of Officers:** Mayor Hudson asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Seeing none, nominations were closed. Mayor Tyson made a motion to elect the slate as presented, seconded by Mayor Slater. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Report on /FLC Priorities:** Pulled
- e. **Report on Vo-Tech/Ag Scholarship:** Exec. Director spoke about the new scholarship. After brief discussion. A motion was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Vice Mayor Gibbons

to authorize 2<sup>nd</sup> scholarship up to \$1500.00 based on the new format presented by IRSC. Motion passed unanimously.

- f. **Holiday Gala:** After discussion about low attendance due to many conflicts, by consensus the Gala will be moved to January. More information will be sent by Exec. Director Christensen. In light of the Gala not taking place in December, it does not allow for the toy drive to help Castle. It was recommended that a check for \$500 be donated to CASTLE. Mayor Hudson made the motion for \$500 to be donated to CASTLE, seconded by Councilwoman Caraballo. Motion passed unanimously.
- g. **December Advocacy Trip:** Pulled
- h. **Location for February Lunch Meeting:** VM Barile volunteered to organize the meeting and lunch in Sewalls Point at the Prawn Broker. More info to come.

- 8. **Executive Directors Report:** Christensen spoke about the upcoming Advocacy Trip to Tallahassee.
- 9. **Florida League of Cities:** Mayor Hudson reported on the FLC Board Meeting. There is a new logo and a new slogan. "Local Voices Making Local Choices". She also reported on President Salva's initiative, "Readers to Leaders".
- 10. **Treasure Coast Advocacy Team:** Already reported on this.
- 11. **Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report:** Mayor Tyson he was not present.
- 12. **Indian River Lagoon Council:** Grants will be opening within a day or so of this meeting.
- 13. **Associate Member Announcements:** C. Scott from FAU spoke about the 20 year FAU Anniversary.
- 14. **Board Member Announcements:**
  - Commissioner Meier reported that he was appointed to the Indian River Lagoon Council by Martin Commissioner Heatherington.
  - Mayor Tyson mentioned a new Tractor Supply coming to Fellsmere.
  - Mayor Slater mentioned the Short Term Rental Legislation and it being a safety issue. Indian River passed an ordinance limiting rentals to 3 times per year.
  - V Mayor Gibbons reported on beach renourishment in Orchid, loss of beach due to King Tide. They are seeking help from the state.
  - Mayor Young reported attending IEMO 4

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:49.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

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**Mike Meier, Secretary - January 15, 2020**