

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
Board Meeting
June 15, 2022, 10:00 AM
Indian River State College – Fort Pierce Campus
Minutes

Board Members attending: Commissioner Kaija Mayfield, Mayor Linda Hudson, Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken, Councilman Ed Dodd, Mayor Joel Tyson, Councilwoman Janet Hernandez, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Commissioner Campbell Rich, Councilman Bob Jarriel, and Councilman Bob Jarriel.

Alternates Sitting in for Board Members: Port St. Lucie Councilman David Picket and Orchid Councilwoman Mary Jane Bennett

Board Members Absent: Mayor Robert Gibbons, Mayor Brian Foley, Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo, Councilman Rey Neville

Others Present: Nicole Fogarty, SL County; Jeff Sabin, Waste Management; Mitch Kloorfain, CareerSource; Heather Belmont, VP, IRSC; William Solomon, IRSC.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by 2nd VP, Councilman Ed Dodd at 10:05 am.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Ed Dodd led the pledge and Mayor Joel Tyson led the invocation.

Self-Introduction of Board Members, Alternate Members and Guests 2nd VP Dodd asked for a self-introduction of members and guests.

Additions and deletions to the agenda: None

Approval of the Agenda: Mayor Hudson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mayor Tyson seconded by Mayor Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation was moved up by 2nd VP Dodd.

Presentation: 2nd VP Dodd introduced Dr. Timothy Moore, President of the IRSC, who gave a full presentation of the changes at the college, the partnerships with the area hospitals to

increase the nursing program and discussions with FAU to work more closely together on educational programs.

President's Report: 2nd VP Dodd reported on the more relaxed relationships the advocacy team will have with the legislators going into this next legislative session. He also spoke about FLC President Caraballo's initiative, "Common Grounds" and how we would attempt to find common issues to work together on. There is a Tool Kit on the FLC website that can be printed and used. It gives a lot of good information. There was a brief discussion on the FLC Legislative Conference. Everyone enjoyed themselves. There were good programs and seminars this year. Finally, our President, Jolien Caraballo was elected President.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Advocacy Took Kit to Assist Legislators – 2nd VP Dodd explained that this year the TCRLC would create a guide to assist legislators in getting information from the cities, directly from the departments who are affected. Executive Director Christensen has disseminated a request for department contact information from each city/town/village on the Treasure Coast and it will be put into a format that the legislators and their staff can have to assist them in acquiring pertinent and timely information directly from the city staff's.

October Mobile Workshop Luncheon – Ex Director Christensen reported the next meeting/workshop will be in the Town of Ocean Breeze. Watch your email for information. Mayor Ostrand invited former Ocean Breeze Councilmember, Ann Kagdis to speak about the town and its history and growth.

Nominations Committee -2nd VP Dodd explained that the Nominating Committee will be holding a meeting to determine a slate of officers for the 2023 Year. If you do not want to be considered, please let Executive Director Christensen know. Commissioner Mayfield and Councilman Jarriel volunteered for the Nominating Committee along with Mayor Tyson and Hudson.

Executive Directors Contract – Per the Policies and Procedures, Executive Director Christensen notified the Board that her contract was due to expire on December 31, 2022. It is her wish to continue her working relationship with TCRLC. President Caraballo, Past President Hudson and 2nd VP, will meet with Executive Director Christensen to do the required evaluation and discuss renewal of her contract. They will bring back their recommendations at the October or November meeting.

Orientation of Newly Elected Officials – Executive Director Christensen presented a plan to hold a workshop for Newly elected officials to aide and assist them into their roles There was some discussion about the topics and who could take advantage of the workshop. ED Christensen asked for the expenditure of up to \$5000 and to have Solutions Partnership and Jeannette Weiss assist in putting the program and workshop program together to be able to

conduct it in late November or early December. Mayor Hudson made a motion for approval of up to \$5000 in TCRLC funds, seconded by Alderwoman Van Hekken. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions: None

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee Reports: There were no formal reports by the individual committee members, however, 2nd VP Dodd did explain that the first Policy Committee meeting had just taken place. They were overviews of the past legislative session and possible legislation that could come up this coming session.

Executive Directors Report: Executive Director Christensen that City Government Week is October 17-23. Go to FLC website for ideas about how to promote your city. She also spoke about the new certification program that FLC rolled out for elected municipal officials to get credit for attending seminars, webinars, conferences and working on advocacy. She mentioned the Local Voices United video that President Caraballo recently did and reminded everyone about the FLC Legislative Conference November 29-December 2.

Florida League of Cities Report: - 2nd VP Dodd will be attending his first FLC Board meeting representing District 9.

Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, (FMIT): Mayor Hudson reported that the next FMIT meeting is next week in Clearwater. She will have a report at the next meeting.

Florida League of Mayors: Mayor Ostrand reported The FLM held a Cyber Security seminar. Everyone should try to take advantage of these seminars. They are virtual and give a lot of good information.

Treasure Coast Advocacy Team: There is an upcoming Roundtable meeting with Rep. Kaley Tuck in Okeechobee on October 21 for team members.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report: Mayor Tyson reported that Senate Elect Erin Grall was the guest speaker. She spoke about Homeowners Insurance and Affordable Housing.

Indian River Lagoon Council: No report.

Board Member Announcements: Commissioner Mayfield announced that the town has a new Town Manager, Robert Daniels. Mayor Hudson announced that on October 12 there would be a debate between Governor DeSantis and Charlie Christ at the Sunrise Theater.

Associate Member Announcements: Mitch Kloorfain, CareerSource reported about the Paycheck for Patriots Program. It is to assist veterans who are looking for jobs. Unemployment down from 6% last month to 3 % this month.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Ostrand, Secretary