

Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.
Board Meeting
November 16, 2022, 10:00 AM
IRSC – Brown Center
Minutes

Board Members attending: Commissioner Kaija Mayfield, Mayor Linda Hudson, Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken, Mayor Joel Tyson, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Commissioner Campbell Rich.

Alternates Sitting in for Board Members: Port St. Lucie Councilman David Picket

Board Members Absent: Councilman Bob Jarriel, Councilwoman Angelina Perez and Vice Mayor Rey Neville.

Others Present: Ella Gilbert, Frank Moehrle, Mitch Kloorfain, Robert Daniels, Derek Cooper and Rachel Bonlarron.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice President, Ed Dodd at 10:10am.

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

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

Additions and deletions to the agenda: Item 6e was removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

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

President's Report: Councilman Dodd reported that Vice Mayor Caraballo was doing her duty for FLC and could not be present. He reported on the 2nd Policy Committee meeting for FLC.

Presentation: Councilman Dodd introduced Derek Cooper, Vice President of External Affairs for the Florida Region of comcast/Xfinity. Mr. Cooper who was accompanied by Rachel Bonlarron, the new Director of Government and Community Investment, gave a presentation on the services that they provide and how they are working to expand high speed internet/Broadband to lower income residents.

Unfinished Business:

Nominating Committee Report – Mayor Tyson gave a report on the Nominating Committee meeting. The slate is as follows:

President: Councilman Ed Dodd, Sebastian

1st V.P.: Mayor Karen Ostrand, Ocean Breeze

2nd V.P.: Mayor Linda Hudson, Fort Pierce

Secretary: Commissioner Kaija Mayfield, Sewalls Point

Treasurer: Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken, St. Lucie Village

Mayor Tyson asked if there were any other interested parties that wanted to be considered for a position on the Board. No one responded.

Election of Officers - Councilman Dodd asked if there was a motion to approve the Slate of Officers for 2023. Mayor Brian Foley made a motion to accept the slate, Mayor Hudson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Orientation of Newly elected Officials Update – Jeannette Weiss from Solutions Partnership gave a report on the Workshop to be held on December 7. There were nine attending as of the date of the meeting. All the speakers were confirmed. Exec. Director Christensen invited any Board member who wanted to attend to stop by.

Holiday Lunch Meeting/ Installation of Officers – Executive Dir. Christensen reported that the Lunch Meeting and Installation was on December 14 at Capt. Hiram's. It's a free event and all elected officials and City Managers, Clerks and Attorneys were invited. FLC President Jolien Caraballo will swear the new officers in. This is a social, networking event. No business will be conducted.

Report on Fund Investment – Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken reported that the current rate for Florida Prime is 3.15%. She has the paperwork that needs to be completed and signed. There was a question however as to whether the TCRLC actually qualified. Further research will be conducted and Alderwoman Van Hekken, Councilman Dodd and Exec. Dir. Christensen will finalize the investment, to ensure the TCRLC qualifies for the investment fund.

A motion was made by Mayor Brian Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Van Hekken to close the IThink account and move \$77000.00 from the current money market to the Florida Prime Account, providing the TCRLC qualifies for Florida Prime.

A second motion to approve the Resolution accompanying the Florida Prime application was made by Mayor Robert Gibbons and seconded by Mayor Linda Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.

Common Grounds – Executive Director Christensen reported that there was a Common Grounds tool kit on the FLC website. Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo requested that everyone take

some time to visit the site and review the toolkit and begin using it during this legislative session.

a. **New Business:**

Endorsement for President Jolien Caraballo for the National League of Cities Board of

Directors – Executive Director Christensen explained that Vice Mayor Caraballo is up for election as a Board member for the National League of Cities. She requested a letter of endorsement. A motion to send the letter of support was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mayor Foley. Motion passed unanimously.

2023 TCRLC Annual Budget - Exec. Dir. Christensen presented her proposed annual budget for the TCRLC. She went over several line items, including income, explaining she reduced the stipend from Florida League, expecting a decrease due to the recent weather disasters, (Ian and Nicole), affecting payouts. She also expected several prior Associate Members to cancel membership. She answered several other questions, regarding travel expenditures for Advocacy and Councilman Dodd answered a question regarding ED Christensen's contract increase.

A motion to approved the 2023 Budget was made by Mayor Brian Foley, seconded by Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken. Motion passed unanimously.

2023 TCRLC Calendar – Exec. Dir. Christensen presented a tentative meeting and class schedule to the Board. She explained that a date still needs to be secured for the Ethics Class in April, and that travel to Tallahassee may require some minor meeting changes. The calendar was approved by consensus.

Orientation of Newly Elected Officials – Executive Director Christensen introduced Jeannette Weiss from Solutions Partnership who is working on the program that will be presented to the Newly Elected Officials. Ms. Weiss went through the agenda briefly. There will be more to report next month.

Resolutions: None

Committee Reports:

Policy Committee Reports: Councilman Dodd reported that the Policy Committees had met twice, once in person, once virtually. The final meeting for final approval of the Policies is December 2, in Orlando.

Reports given:

Land Use - Mayor Hudson reported that Sovereign Immunity was the big issue in her committee.

Municipal Administration – Ella Gilbert reported Procurement Issues and Public Records were being recommended from her committee.

Utilities, Natural Resources – Frank Moehrle reported that water Resource Planning was important in that committee.

Executive Directors Report: No additional information.

Florida League of Cities Report: Legislative Conference in Orlando on November 30 to December 2. Other discussion took place regarding the new legislatures being sworn in and the Special Session on December 12.

Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, (FMIT): No report, next meeting December 8-9.

Florida League of Mayors: Mayor Ostrand nothing to report until after Legislative Conference.

Treasure Coast Advocacy Team: No report

Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report: Mayor Tyson reported that the speaker Dr. Tim Moore from IRSC, who gave the same information he gave to TCRLC in October.

Indian River Lagoon Council: No report.

Board Member Announcements: Mayor Hudson announced that the debate between Governor DeSantis and Charlie Christ at the Sunrise Theater is rescheduled but will still occur On October 24th. Sunrise Theater will be celebrating its 100th Year.

Associate Member Announcements: Mitch Kloorfain from Career Source spoke about unemployment rates remaining at 3%. Also mentioned if there were staffing issues at any city, to contact Career Source.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Ostrand, Secretary