

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, Inc.**  
**Board Meeting**  
**November 2023, 10:30 AM**  
**IRSC, Brown Center**  
**Minutes**

**Board Members attending:** Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilwoman Janet Hernandez, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Councilman David McAuley, Mayor Robert Gibbons, Commissioner Kaija Mayfield, Commissioner Campbell Rich, Councilman John Carroll, Councilman David Pickett, (alternate for Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo), Councilman Ed Dodd, Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken, Mayor Penny Townsend.

**Board Members Absent:** Mayor Joel Tyson and Mayor Brian Foley.

**Others Present:** Councilman Kevin Docherty, Frank Morehle and Kelly Layman.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Ed Dodd at 10:01 a.m.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilman Dodd led the pledge and the invocation.

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

**Additions and deletions to the agenda:** None

**Approval of the Agenda:** Mayor Linda Hudson made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman David McAuley. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Approval of the Minutes for October 2023**
- b. **Approval of Treasurer's Report for October 2023.**
- c. **Approval of Committee Reports**

Motion to approve the consent made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mayor Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report:** President Dodd discussed HB 57 – Term Limits for County Commissioners and mentioned how there may be an amendment to add municipal elected officials to the bill. HB 57 is not retroactive to the last election, however the bill sponsored by Sen. Ingoglia is retroactive.

**Presentations:** None

**City Reports**

- Alderwoman Van Hekken spoke about the North Hutchinson Island Bridge and the naming for the Summerlin Family. Consensus to write a letter of support. Ex. Director will write a letter.
- Commissioner Rich spoke about Martin County joining with the City to put a Brightline Station in Stuart behind the Court House. Bids are due December 22. A decision is due in February.
- Mayor Hudson said the City of Fort Pierce was also submitting a proposal for the Brightline Station.

## **Legislative Matters –**

- Councilman Carroll reported on the implementation of FDOT Suntrail with SB 106. Funding will be implemented. It will be for non-motorized bikes and a walking trail. It's planned to go from Maine to Key West
- Commissioner Rich shared that Rep. Overdorf will not sponsor the Stormwater Bill this year. Last year the bill passed for Nutrient reduction. Sen Harrell has agreed to sponsor on the Senate Side, but the House bill still needs a sponsor.

## **New Business:**

### **a. Nominating Committee – Mayor Gibbons, Member of the Nominating Committee, reported the Slate of Officers for 2024. They are as follows:**

President – Mayor Ed Dodd, Sebastian

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mayor Linda Hudson, Fort Pierce

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Councilwoman Janet Hernandez, Indiantown

Secretary – Commissioner Campbell Rich, Stuart

Treasurer – Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken, St. Lucie Village

In the absence of Vice Mayor Caraballo, Mayor Gibbons reported that it was a unanimous decision to recommend the Slate by the Nominating Committee, made up of Vice Mayor Jolen Caraballo, Councilman David McAuley, Councilman John Carroll and himself.

The members of the committee also recommended Mayor Karen Ostrand for the Chair Position of Advocacy Team.

There being no further discussion Councilman Carroll made a motion to accept the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee, seconded by Mayor Gibbons. The motion passed unanimously.

### **b. 2024 TCRLC Proposed Budget – Alderwoman Van Hekken deferred the budget discussion to Ex. Director Christensen, who presented the proposed budget which was based on last year's budget. The budget balanced and the only things that could cause the budget to need amending is if the FLC stiphen were less than this year and we had fewer Associate Members renew.**

A motion to approve the 2024 Proposed Budget was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mayor Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously.

### **c. 2024 Proposed Meeting Calendar – For information only, the meeting calendar was presented by Ex. Director Christensen. She asked that every make note of the meetings in their calendars.**

### **d. Holiday Lunch Meeting/Installation of Officers – Ex. Director Christensen reported on the plans for the December Lunch meeting. FLC President Greg Ross would be the guest speaker.**

### **e. Executive Directors Position- President Dodd reported that the role of Advocacy Consultant which Ex. Christensen held was changing and that she no longer would be providing that service to the TCRLC based on her new job description with FLC. She offered to provide the same services to TCRLC with an amendment to her services contract. There was discussion on the contract modification and what it would cost. Mayor Hudson made a motion to approve the contract**

amendment with the increase in payment to the Ex. Director and for the President to sign the amended contract, motion was seconded by Commissioner Rich and passed unanimously.

**Unfinished Business: None**

**Executive Director Report** – Reminder of Legislative Action Days beginning Jan. 29. We will have a speaker of Form 6 for January.

**Associate Member Announcements:**

No reports

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Submitted by,

Kaija Mayfield  
Secretary