

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities
Minutes – September 18, 2024
IRSC, Brown Center**

Board Members attending: Mayor Linda Hudson, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Councilman David McAuley, Mayor Robert Gibbons, Commissioner Kaija Mayfield, Mayor Joel Tyson, Councilman John Carroll, Mayor Ed Dodd and Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken.

Absent: Mayor Brian Foley, Commissioner Campbell Rich, Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo, Mayor Penny Townsend.

Others Present: Gemma Torcivia, Kevin Dockerty and Bob Daniels.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Ed Dodd at 10:15 a.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Dodd led the pledge, and the invocation was led by Mayor Tyson.

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 Tyson the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approval of the Minutes for May 2024**
- b. **Approval of Treasurer's Report for May, June, July and August 2024.**
- c. **Approval of Membership – Area Agency on Aging, Renewal. Jenoptik Smart Mobility Solutions and Nova Southeastern University – Palm Beach**

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mayor Tyson. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: Mayor Dodd spoke about policy committees beginning and that we need to begin to watch for legislation after the elections.

Presentations: Ken Krasnow, Colliers gave a report on the Commercial Real Estate Market on the Treasure Coast.

Legislative Matters – There was a discussion of the upcoming Legislative Session and the Policy Committees. Meeting of the Policy Committee's begin on October 5 in Orlando. The committees have been reorganized and a few have new names. Members will begin giving reports at the meetings beginning in October. The committees are:

- a. Development, Code Compliance and Redevelopment
- b. Finance and Taxation
- c. Intergovernmental Relations, Mobility and Emergency Management
- d. Municipal Operations
- e. Utilities, Natural Resources and Public Works.

Members are asked to let Executive Director Christensen know what committees they have been appointed to.

New Business

a. Committee Reports

Florida League of Cities – Mayor Dodd said they met in Naples. Not much to report. Some new staff was introduced and there was discussion about the future goals.

FMIT – Mayor Hudson – no report

Florida League of Mayors- Mayor Ostrand – Jeff Branch is the new staff representative.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Government 0 Mayor Tyson – reported about the new Homeless Shelter that St. Lucie County is opening for veterans.

Indian River Lagoon Council – Mayor Rich – no report

- b. Orientation of Newly Elected Officials** – After a brief discussion it was decided to move forward with the planning of an orientation. The Board approved hiring J. Weiss PR to put the program together. The consensus of the Board was to allow up to \$2500 to be spent for the orientation. Gemma Torcivia volunteered to sponsor lunch and do the segment on Public Records and Sunshine.

- c. Nominating Committee-** Executive Director Christensen reported it was time for the Nominating Committee to meet to come up with a slate for the 2025 year. She will schedule a virtual meeting for the committee to meet prior to the next meeting in October.

Because Mayor Hudon is an officer of the Board, she can't be on the committee, so there needs to be an appointee. Mayor Ostrand volunteered.

- d. Location of October and December Lunch Meetings:** There was a brief discussion about the two upcoming lunch meetings. October's meeting will be in Okeechobee. With the help of Councilman McAuley, the meeting will be at IRSC in Okeechobee. A caterer will provide lunch.

We need a location for December. Please make recommendations.

Executive Director Report – Councilwoman Janet Hernandez lost her reelection. A new member from the Indiantown Council will be appointed in the coming months to fill the seat for Indiantown.

Other Announcements

Mayor Ostrand announced that Ocean Breeze was in need of a special magistrate and was looking for recommendations.

Career Source - Mitch Kloorfain announced that unemployment rates were up slightly. He also mentioned that the Career Source Resource Center was relocating to Fort Pierce and Martin and Indian Rivers were closing.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Submitted by,

Commissioner Campbell Rich

Secretary

