

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities
Minutes
IRSC, St. Lucie County Chamber Office
March 19, 2025**

Board Members attending: Mayor Linda Hudson, Councilman Ed Dodd, Councilman David McCauley, Mayor Campbell Rich, Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo, President Kevin Docherty, alternate for Mayor Karen Ostrand, Councilman Daniel McEvoy, alternate for Mayor Robert Gibbons, Councilman John Carroll, Mayor Penny Townsend, Councilman William Dane, Commissioner Kaija Mayfield and Councilwoman Shayla Macias, Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken, (arrived at 10:15).

Board Members Absent: Councilwoman Phyllis Waters Brown.

Others Present: Greg Langowski, Dana Little from TCRPC and Ken Krasnow.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Linda Hudson at 10:04 AM. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo led the invocation, and Mayor Hudson led the pledge.

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

Additions and deletions to the agenda: Prior to New Business, Mayor Hudson will swear Councilman McAuley in as 2nd Vice President. Greg Langowski will make a presentation during the Presentation item. Mr. Langowski is a candidate for 2nd VP of Florida League of Cities.

Approval of the Agenda: Ocean Breeze President Kevin Docherty made the motion to approve the agenda with additions and modifications, seconded by Councilman Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the Minutes for January 2025
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for January 2025

Motion to approve the consent made by Vice Mayor Caraballo, seconded by Mayor Townsend. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: Mayor Hudson began to speak about the Legislative session and the bills being considered. Further discussion will take place later in the agenda.

Presentations: Mr. Greg Langowski spoke about his platform for candidacy the 2nd Vice President position. He requested the TCRLC make a recommendation. The consensus was that the members would consider it later in the meeting.

Old Business

- a. Housing Accelerator Task Force — Vice Mayor Caraballo updated everyone on the plan to form the Task Force to address housing issues in the region.

She will be setting up regular meetings with the National League of Cities, Exec. Director Christensen and herself to begin establishing the goals for the Task Force. National League has already agreed to assist with the program.

The first step is to establish a working group who will pick the Steering Committee, establish the topics and assist with the planning of the meetings. The Steering Committee will be 20 members and be made up of elected officials, planners, housing and financial professionals.

The final outcome is to provide strategies for local governments to resolve housing issues.

Anyone interested in participating can let Exec. Director Christensen know of their interest.

b. Report on TCRLC Audit

Alderwoman Van Hekken reported that the TCRLC audit for 2024 was complete, and all revenue was accounted for and reported accurately.

She raised the issue of the cost for the dinners. After discussion, it was recommended that the TCRLC follow its written policy to pay for food only and all alcohol would be paid individually by the consumer.

New Business

a. Discussion of IEMO Reimbursement Program

Exec. Director Christensen reported on the current policy for reimbursement for anyone taking the Institute for Municipal Elected Officials through Florida League of Cities.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to rewrite the Policy to extend the program to include Board members and alternate Board Members to be eligible for reimbursement for IEMO and IEMO 2 and Leadership, but only for the amount of the class registration and the person will be reimbursed after completion of the class and proof of attendance is provided. The primary purpose is to make these classes available to cities and towns who otherwise don't have the financial resources in their own budget to cover the expenses.

The current policy requires a request form be completed by the person requesting reimbursement with a receipt of the class registration attached. The new policy will include IEMO 1, IEMO 2, and Leadership.

A motion to approve the new policy was made by Vice Mayor Caraballo, seconded by Alderwoman Van Hekken. Motion passed 12 to 1.

Exec. Director Christensen will bring back the Reimbursement Form for review at the next meeting.

City Reports

Councilman Carroll reported on Phase 1 of the Vero Beach Marina Project. It will ripple the size of the storage and add new mooring field.

Councilman Dane reported Indian River Shores had completed their beach renourishment.

Councilman McCauley reported Okeechobee's Highway 70 resurfacing is complete.

Councilwoman Macias reported Fellsmere held a Grants Workshop, and 97 streets received CDBG Funda. They are also doing a search for a permanent City Manager.

Old Business

- a. Advocacy Team Update — There was a lengthy discussion on the bills in Tallahassee and the two trips to Tallahassee which are upcoming.

Executive Director Report — Ms. Christensen reminded everyone of the upcoming Ethics Class on April 24. Registration needed. No meeting will be held in April.

She reminded everyone of Mr. Langowski's request for an endorsement. It was the consensus to discuss at the next meeting.

Other Member Announcements - Ocean Breeze President Kevin Docherty tanked the TCRLC for a letter of recommendation for his appointment to the FMIT Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11 pm.

Submitted by

Commissioner Kaija Mayfield
Secretary