

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities**  
**January 21, 2025**  
**IRSC Brown Center**  
**Board Minutes**

**Board Members attending:** Mayor Linda Hudson, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Mayor Robert Gibbons, Mayor Campbell Rich, Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo, Councilman John Carroll, Councilman William Dane, Mayor Penny Townsend and Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken. Commissioner Kaija Mayfield, (arrived at 10:15 am) and Councilwoman and Shayla Macias, (arrived at 10:20 am).

**Board Members Absent:** Councilman Ed Dodd, Councilman David McAuley and Councilwoman Phyllis Waters Brown.

**Others Present:** Councilman Kevin Docherty.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Hudson at 10:04 a.m.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Hudson led the pledge, and the invocation was led by Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo.

**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:** None

**Approval of the Agenda:** Councilman Carroll made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Ostrand. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of the Minutes for November 2024
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for November and December 2024
- c. Approval of Committee Reports – No committee reports.

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

**President's Report:** Mayor Hudson spoke about the upcoming Legislative session and how our advocacy efforts need to improve. With several new members, maybe there will be some new involvement.

**Presentations:** None

**City Reports**

- Fort Pierce – Mayor Hudson said the city had a number of issues they are wrestling with, including a City Manager search.
- Ocean Breeze – Mayor Ostrand reported a resolution between the town and Sn Communities was approved.
- Sewalls Point – Commissioner Mayfield asked about other cities approving revenue to pay for projects that aren't necessarily the city's responsibility. There was a discussion with other cities.
- Stuart -Mayor Rich announced Costco was opening in April.

- Port St. Lucie - Vice Mayor Caraballo reported the first Police Department class graduated from the Police Academy the city started to help fill the vacancies in the department. The City is also constructing a PD Training facility onsite.
- Fellsmere- Councilwoman Macias reported the Annual Frog Leg Festival was coming next weekend.

## Old Business

- a. **New Elected Officials Workshop – Mayor** Hudson reported that the second workshop, held in November, was a success. There were ten City elects and three County Commissioner elects. There will be some discussion for future classes and a decision on whether County elects will be part of the class.
- b. **Delegation Meeting Updates** – Presentations were made in St. Lucie, Indian River and Martin Counties for the delegation meetings. No one was available for Okeechobee.
- c. **Advocacy Team Update**- Mayor Ostrand announced an Advocacy Team Meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon via Zoom. A discussion on the trip to Tallahassee will take place and who will attend. There are several new members.

## New Business:

- a. **Committee Appointments:** Mayor Hudson explained that the President make committee appointments. There are several openings. After a discussion and members volunteering, the committees were recommended as follows:

### Scholarship Committee

- Mayor Linda Hudson – Ex Officio
- Councilman David McAuley
- Mayor Karen Ostrand
- Mayor Campbell Rich
- Councilwoman Shayla Macias

### By-Law Committee

- Mayor Linda Hudson – Ex Officio
- Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo
- Councilman John Carroll
- Mayor Robert Gibbons

### Budget/Audit Committee

- Mayor Linda Hudson – Ex Officio
- Mayor Ed Dodd
- Commissioner Kaja Mayfield
- Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken
- Councilwoman Shayla Macias

### Nominations Committee

- Mayor Robert Gibbons
- Councilman John Carroll
- Councilman Ed Dodd, Chair, as Immediate Past President
- Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo

- b. **Florida League of Cities Nominating Committee** – There was a review of the process and after discussion a motion was made by Vice Mayor Caraballo and seconded by Mayor Ostrand to recommend Mayor Rich for a second term.
- c. **Florida League of Cities Stipend** – Executive Director Christensen reported the stipend increased by \$502 per month for 2025.
- d. **Meeting Locations for Lunch Meetings** – It was decided by consensus Sewalls Point will be the location for February, Stuart in May and Port St. Lucie in October.

There was also a request for a change in the calendar for September and October due to a conflict with Ex. Dir. Christensen calendar. By consensus the Board agreed to move the September lunch meeting to October.

**Policy Committee Reports** – There was final discussion on the Legislative Platform for Florida League of Cities, 2025.

**Executive Director Report** – Executive Director Christensen the FLC City Stats is ongoing and if your city hasn't responded to the FLC request, please remember your CM.

TCRLC Audit Committee was going to need to convene for Audit. Date will be scheduled.

Fast Fly-in is February 15

Legislative Action Days is March 24-26, watch for registration announcement.

Ex. Director Christensen mentioned IEMO for the new members. There was discussion on the TCRLC Policy for reimbursement for IEMO by TCRLC. It was the consensus that this will be a discussion at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

Submitted by,  
Commissioner Kaija Mayfield  
Secretary