

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities**  
**Minutes – October 15, 2025**  
**American Icon Brewery, Vero Beach**  
**Board and Lunch Meeting**

**Board Members attending:** Mayor Linda Hudson, Mayor Karen Ostrand, Councilman David McAuley, Commissioner Kaija Mayfield, Mayor Ed Dodd, Councilman David Pickett, (alternate for Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo), Council Bob Auwaerter, (alternate for Councilman William Dane), Councilman Bob McPartlan, (alternate for Councilman Ed Dodd), Councilwoman Shayla Macias, Councilman John Carroll, Mayor Campbell Rich and Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken

**Absent:** Mayor Penny Townsend and Mayor Robert Gibbons.

**Others Present:** See attendance list of other attendees and guests.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President, Mayor Linda Hudson at 11:10 a.m.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** President Hudson led the pledge.

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

**Approval of the Agenda:** Councilman Bob Auwaerter made a motion to approve the agenda, and Councilman John Carroll seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of the Minutes for March 2025
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report for March and April 2025

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilman John Carroll, seconded by Councilman Bob Auwaerter. Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

**President's Report:** Mayor Hudson spoke about the pending Bills the House proposed for Tax Amendments to go on the ballot. There was a brief discussion on a few of the proposals.

**Old Business**

- a. **Housing Accelerator Task Force Update** – in the absence of Vice Mayor Caraballo, Executive Director Christensen reported to the Board on the decision by the committee to delay further action by the committee until legislative session is over since everyone will be dealing with the bills and tax proposals that will be top of mind for the next few months.

A motion was made to accept the recommendation to put a hold on the committee until after session was made by Councilman John Carroll, seconded by Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken. Motion passed unanimously.

**Policy Committee Reports**

- a. **Development, Code Compliance and Redevelopment** – Councilman John Carroll and Mayor Karen Ostrand
- b. **Finance and Taxation** – Councilwoman Shayla Macias, Councilman Bob Auwaerter and President Kevin Dockerty, Mayor Linda Hudson
- c. **Intergovernmental Relations, Mobility and Emergency Management** - Councilman David Pickett

- d. **Municipal Operations** – Bob Daniels, City Manager
- e. **Utilities, Natural Resources and Public Works**- Councilman David McAuley

There were committee reports given by members of the committees who were present at the meeting. The committees will be meeting again at the end of October for another Policy meeting and recommended policies will be proposed to the Florida League of Cities Board in December. Further information to come once the policies are approved.

There was robust discussion on SB 180. Mayor Rich presented information from the City of Stuart regarding the Class Action Suit.

### **New Business**

- a. **Nominating Committee Report** – In the absence of Committee Chair Ed Dodd, Councilman John Carroll presented the report and announced the Slate of Officers for the Executive Committee for 2026.

They are:

- Fort Pierce Mayor, Linda Hudson for President
- Okeechobee Councilman David McAuley for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Sewalls Point Commissioner Stuart Mayor Campbell Rich for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Kaija Mayfield for Secretary
- St. Lucie Village Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken for Treasurer
- Sebastian Councilman Ed Dodd will remain as Immediate Past President

According to the By-laws, further nominations can be accepted from the floor during the November Board Meeting, and the election will then be held.

### **City/Town/Village Reports**

- Stuart Mayor Campbell Rich reported on the award of \$2.4 million on a lawsuit against 3M.
- Ocean Breeze President Kevin Dockerty reported elections are coming and he is one of 6 up for reelection where 3 will be elected.
- Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken reported her city will be getting sweet soon.
- Port St. Lucie Councilman David Pickett announced that Port St. Lucie was named one of the All-American Cities

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Florida League of Cities**- Mayor Rich, District 9 Representative

Mayor Rich attended his first Board Meeting. He was very impressed at how the organization is running and the different aspects of the League that make it a very strong organization.

#### **Florida Municipal Insurance Trust**- Mayor Hudson

No report.

#### **Florida League of Mayors** – Mayor Ostrand

New Officers were elected, and Mayor Peggy Brown is the new Chair.

#### **Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments**- Mayor Rich

There was a great presentation made by Career Source. He recommends we have the presentation at TCRLC in the future.

**Indian River Lagoon Council – Mayor Rich**

Mayor Rich reported that there is no available money for grant funding for at least one year due to the Federal and State cuts.

**Executive Director Report** – Exec. Director Christensen presented a number of upcoming events for members to participate in: Monday Morning Callins, FLC Legislative Action Days, and Legislative Conference registration is available online which is in December in Orlando. She mentioned that she is looking for host cities for the lunches in 2026 during March, May and October.

**Associate Member Reports**

**CareerSource** - Mitch Kloofain reported that there are no numbers available due to the Government Shutdown.

**Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council** – Terri Ann Paulo mentioned that there was an upcoming Field Trip to Adams Ranch and that Carters Grocery will sponsor lunch.

**Greg Langowski** reported that National League of Cities Conference is in November in Salt Lake City.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12.15 pm.

Submitted by,

Kaija Mayfield

Secretary