

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 19:00 a.m.
Atlantis Country Club

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcomes, Introductions

President Dawn Pardo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. First Vice President Robert Shalhoub called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Dawn Pardo, Robert Shalhoub, Keith James (arrived at), Mo Thornton (arrived at), Robert Gebbia, Patti Waller, Robert Gottlieb, Bill Thrasher (arrived at), Allie Biggs (arrived at), Mike Mullaugh, Jerry Taylor (arrived at), Jeff Hmara, Kimberly Glas- Castro, Gail Coniglio and Steve Wilson **Absent were:** David Levy and Matt Willhite

Past Presidents in attendance were: David Stewart, Susan Haynie and Ken Schultz.

Also in attendance were: Verdenia Baker, County Administrator of PBC; Superintendent Robert Avossa and Kris Garrison, PBC School District; Harry Raucher and Rosemary Rayman, Lake Worth District Drainage; Andrew Marra, Palm Beach Post; Rick Asnani; A.J. O’Laughlin, Professional Firefighters of PBC; Sherry Brown PBC Assistant Budget Director; Lisa DeLaRionda, PBC Public Affairs; Kate Wesner, Y Grene Fund; Vice Mayor Joe Casello and Manager Lori LaVerriere, Boynton Beach; Manager Leondrae Camel, South Bay; League Counsel Jennifer Ashton and Jack Rice; Corbett White Davis & Ashton, P.A.; and League Staff Richard Radcliffe, JeRiise Hansen and Clarelle Prosper.

2. Additions, Deletions, and/or Modifications to the Agenda

None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of Board Meeting, January 27, 2016**
- b. Financials January 2016**
- c. New Associate Member Application – DeLisi, Inc.**
Sponsored by Manager Jamie Titcomb, Town of Ocean Ridge
- d. New Associate Member Application – SCS Engineers**
Sponsored by Ferdinand Rivera, West Palm Beach Public Works Sanitation Supervisor
- e. New Associate Member Application – Sustainable Sprinkler, Inc.**
Sponsored by Commissioner Keith James, City of West Palm Beach
- f. New Associate Member Application - Y Grene Fund**
Sponsored by Mayor Susan Haynie, City of Boca Raton
- g. New Associate Member Application - Siemens**
Sponsored by Manager Mike Bornstein, City of Lake Worth

Motion by Robert Shalhoub and second by Robert Gottlieb to approve the consent agenda. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Special Presentations

**a. Infrastructure Surtax Update-
County Administrator Verdenia Baker, PBC
Superintendent Robert Avossa and Kristin Garrison, PBC School District
Rena Blades, President and CEO, Cultural Council of PBC**

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe provided the board with a recap/ overview of the Infrastructure Surtax.

County Administrator Verdenia Baker provided the board with an update stating that she was given direction to move forward with the sales taxes and negotiate a partnership with the school board, the cultural council and the municipalities to go for a full penny and not a half penny. Ms. Baker stated that the goal is to get each partner's breakdown percentage to be as close to what they were suppose to receive. She stated that the staff level proposal is one penny for 10 years with partners and an oversight committee and will hire one person to oversee the surtax venture. Ms. Baker stated at this time the split is as follows: School Board 46.5%, County 28.5%, Municipalities 18.5 and Cultural Council 6.5%.

Superintendent Robert Avossa addressed the board informing them the that the school board discussed going for a half penny sales tax on their own or join with the county. Superintendent Avossa stated that his board has not taken any official action at this time.

CEO Rena Blades informed the board that the Cultural Council is like an extension of the school board thru informal education settings such as the science museum, the zoo and the theatres which are visit by 700,000 children a year. She stated that the council is also important for economic development and explained that there is a one to one match of new private dollars that would be used in addition to the funding from the surtax to be spent only on infrastructure. Ms. Blades stated that the funds are needed to expand cultural institutions which took a hit in the last decade due to tourism growth, population growth and the recession.

There was discussion.

Motion by Robert Shalhoub and second by Keith James to have no opposition with the county moving forward with the surtax including the school board and cultural council. A substitute motion was made by Gail Coniglio and second by Jerry Taylor for the board to not to take a position until the municipalities had a chance to discuss the issue with their council/commission and bring back a recommendation to the board.

The substitute motion failed seven to eight. The original motion passed eight to seven.

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Adoption of Ethics Awareness Month Proclamation

President Pardo informed the board that March is Ethics Awareness month and is seeking a motion for the League to pass a proclamation on support of it.

Motion and second to adopt the proclamation proclaiming March as Ethics Awareness month. Motion carries unanimously.

6. Committee Report

a. Nominating Committee

President Pardo informed the board that this year’s nominating committee members are as followed: Mayor David Stewart, Mayor Susan Haynie, Councilor Todd Wodraska, Commissioner Lisa Tropepe, and Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell.

7. President’s Report

None

8. Legal Report

Attorney Jennifer Ashton informed the board of a public records case between Lake Shore Hospital Authority and a patient in which the court ruled that the Hospital Authority placed unreasonable restrictions on access to public records. She explained that the Hospital informed the patient to obtain requested hard copy records via their website and also instructed that the patient could only inspect and copy public records one hour a day Monday thru Friday with a 24 hour notice.

Ms. Ashton informed the board of a developer’s suit against a city claiming writ of mandamus to force them into the approval of a site plan. The court dismissed the case.

Ms. Ashton provided an update to the board regarding the Caribbean Condominium’s Bert J. Harris Property Rights Protection Act lawsuit against the City of Flagler. She stated that the city was successful to defending the claims they files a motion to recoup attorney fees and costs, which was granted to them in the Court of Appeal.

9. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board that the FEMA Contractors, AECOM, meeting with governmental entities to show the changes that have been made to the maps. He stated that the meeting will be April 5th at 1:30 at the Vista Center.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the board that NLC conference in coming up, March 5-9 in Washington DC.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that the Gas Tax Maps are out.

Mr. Radcliffe recognized and thanked Commissioner Keith James for his support and efforts in informing the public of HB461/SB416 Relocating of Utility Lines in his Post Editorial Board interview.

10. Member Comments

Mayor David Stewart informed the board that the Town of Lantana will be hosting a “Dinner & Dancing on the Water” event on March 18th at 7pm. He stated that it is a black tie event with live jazz.

11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your calendar)

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Greenacres Community Center.....10 a.m., Mar. 23rd
- b. General Membership Meeting, Greenacres Community CenterNoon, Mar. 23rd

12. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:10a.m.