

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, September 30, 2015
Tequesta Country Club**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute

President Dawn Pardo called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.. Pastor Paul gave the invocation. President Pardo led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes

Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Cities represented were: Atlantis, Belle Glade, Boca Boynton Beach, Briny Breezes, Cloud Lake, Glen Ridge, Golf, Gulf Stream, Haverhill, Highland Beach, Hypoluxo, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Mangonia Park, North Palm Beach, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach, Royal Palm Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach, Tequesta and West Palm Beach **Absent were:** Delray Beach, Greenacres, Loxahatchee Groves, Manalapan, Ocean Ridges, Pahokee and Wellington

Mayor Abby Brennan of Tequesta welcomed the membership to Tequesta. Mayor Brennan recognized the Villages Vice Mayor, Vince Arena, who was in attendance. She also recognized former Tequesta Mayor Pat Watkins; Pastor Paul, the Police & Fire Chaplin; Chief of Police Christopher Elk; Fire Chief James Weinand; and staff. Mayor Brennan introduced Mayor Comerford who also thanked the membership for being there. He recognized Town Administrator and Chief of Police John Pruitt; Town Clerk Jude Goudreau; Vice Mayor Thomas DiSarno; Commissioner Chip Block; IT Director Gasper Taormina and Town Attorney Bill Doney. Mayor Comerford concluded by saying that he was very grateful for the great partnership that the town has with the Village of Tequesta.

President Pardo recognized dignitaries and legislative aides in attendance: State Senator Joe Negron; State Representative Mary Lynn Magar; State Attorney Dave Aronberg; PBC District Commissioner Hal Valeche; Michelle McGovern, Legislative Aide to Senator Bill Nelson; Michael Kenny, Legislative Aide to Senator Patrick Murphy; County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay; County Administrator Verdenia Baker; Former County Commissioner Karen Marcus and School Board Member Erica Whitfield.

President Pardo welcomed new associate member Jeff Isaac of Gulf Stream Council of Boy Scouts of America. He was given opportunity to introduce himself to the membership.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

None

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2015 General Membership meeting

Motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Presentation

a. Tourism Update – Executive Director Glenn Jergensen, Tourist Development Board

Executive Director Glenn Jergensen provided the membership with a brief flashback to the last time he presented to the membership. He reminded them that he approached the League approximately 9 months ago to ask for support for a penny tourism tax increase which would make it 6 cents. Mr. Jergensen also reminded the membership that the increase supports; Discover

the Palm Beaches, the Cultural Council, the Film & TV Commission, the Sports Commission, PBC Convention & Visitors Bureau & beach restoration. He stated that 2 cents were dedicated to brick and mortar and 4 cents to marketing/advertising; for which the advertising is already showing to be a success with an increase of tourist from advertised areas such as Boston, Atlanta and Washington DC. Mr. Jergensen concluded by saying the state tourism record for 2015 is at a record high, stating that Palm Beach County alone had 3.7 million visitors in the 1st half of 2015 and predict that the number of visitors to be 6.6 million for the entire year of 2015, generating 46 million in bed taxes.

b. Discover the Palm Beaches at the South Florida Fair

Vicki Chouris, CEO of the South Florida Fair, informed the group of a collaboration that the Fair is doing with the Tourist Development Council to showcase things to do within the municipalities and county at the Fair. She stated that the theme for the fair will be “Discover the Palm Beaches” and there will be an exhibit/ showcase their municipality a free 5x10 display. Ms. Chouris encouraged all the Mayor’s to participate in the annual Mayor’ parade on January 17th at 1pm. She also stated that the Fair will be doing a raffle on the last day for a basket filled with 366 things for them to do in Palm Beach County and is looking for donations. Ms. Chouris informed the membership that the historic yesteryear village will become accessible to the public on Friday thru Sunday starting in March instead of just on special occasions. She stated that they will have a four minute long video showcasing the county that will be shown at the fair four times every hour.

6. Miscellaneous Business

a. Ratification of the Appointment to the Reentry Task Force

President Pardo informed the membership that the board approved Commission President Sylvia Moffett of West Palm Beach to be the League representative on the Reentry Task Force and that a ratification is needed by the general membership.

Motion and second to approve the appointment of West Palm Beach Commission President Sylvia Moffett to the Reentry Task Force. The motion carries unanimously.

b. Ratification of the Re-appointment to the Homeless Advisory Committee

President Pardo informed the membership that at the board meeting, West Palm Beach Commission President Sylvia Moffett was reappointed at the League representative on the Homeless Advisory Board and ratification is needed from the general membership.

Motion and second to approve the re-appointment of Sylvia Moffett to the Homeless Advisory Board. Motion carries unanimously.

c. Ratification of the Appointments to the Water Resource Task Force

President Pardo informed the membership that the board approved the appointments of Vice Mayor Myra Koutzen of Palm Beach Shores and Councilmember Michael Jawdy of Glen Ridge to be League representatives on the Water Resource Task Force and that ratification is needed from the general membership.

Motion and second to approve the appointments of Myra Koutzen and Michael Jawdy to the Water Resource Task Force. Motion carries unanimously.

7. Legal Report

League Attorney Jennifer Ashton informed the membership that the Inspector General Office has provided a report on statistical practices citing that only 34 out of the 38 municipalities have

procurement policies and that they will be coming out with a best practices for municipalities to use to update their procurement policies.

Ms. Ashton informed the membership about a case where the question was asked, “if a settlement demand sent by the plaintiff’s lawyer is subject to public record disclosure?” The Florida Attorney General deemed that it is subject to public records and remain “confidential” in any terms clarifying that such provisions do not trump the requirements of the public records law.

8. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe thanked the village of Tequesta and the Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony for hosting this month’s meetings.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership to “Save the Date” for the Legislative Roundtable which will be held at FAU on December 16th.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership of the FLC DC Fly-In.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that registration for the National League of Cities Policy Committee is now open until October 14th. He also stated that the NLC Policy Committees will be meeting in Nashville at the upcoming NLC Conference.

Mr. Radcliffe provided an update regarding the crossing agreements.

9. President’s Report

President Pardo started off by congratulating the 38 cities for completing their budget process. She stated some were able to lower their mileage rate and some were able to give their employees a well deserved raise. President Pardo informed the membership that at the board meeting the board along with the County Administrator, Verdenia Baker, discussed the possibility of a half cent sales tax; which would amount to a 60/40 split between the county and the municipalities, respectively. She explained to the membership that they will be hearing more about this possibility in the near future and that polling may take place to see if it can get on the 2016 ballot. President Pardo updated the membership on her Ocean to Lake Trail committee, stating that the committee had its first meeting and would like for the cities to provide maps of their waterways, parks and trails. She explained that the goal is to get one map showing all of the waterways, parks and trails in the county and one by one start to connect them. President Pardo concluded by informing the membership that the Florida

League of Cities Board of Directors approved the allocation of funds to put together a crisis management package.

10. Member Comments

Patrice Schroeder from the 211 (Palm Beach/Treasure Coast) Helpline informed the membership that October will be Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention. She stated that an opening ceremony will be held on Monday at 2pm at the West Palm Beach Marriott.

11. Meetings Announcements

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex...10 a.m., Oct. 28th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex...Noon, Oct. 28th

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m..