

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, January 27, 2016
Hilton Palm Beach Airport**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute

President Dawn Pardo called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.. Former Boynton Beach Mayor Woodrow Hay gave the invocation and 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, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Briny Breezes, Cloud Lake, Glen Ridge, Gulf Stream, Haverhill, Hypoluxo, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, North Palm Beach, Ocean Ridge, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach, Royal Palm Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach, Tequesta, Wellington and West Palm Beach **Absent were:** Belle Glade, Delray Beach, Golf, Greenacres, Highland Beach, Manalapan, Mangonia Park ad Pahokee

Mayor Alice McLane of Glen Ridge welcomed the membership to the Hilton and thanked the “twin sister town” Cloud Lake for partnering with them along with Waste Management and the Professional Firefighters/Paramedics of Palm Beach County for co-sponsoring. She called upon Ellen Smith of Waste Management to recognize other Waste Management’s reps in attendance: Jeff Sabin and Dawn McCormick. Mayor McLane recognized her fellow councilmembers and staff in attendance: Councilmember Gary Eckerson, Councilmember Gary Sullivan, Councilmember Michael Jawdy, Attorney Doug MacGibbison and Town Manager Michelle Suiter. She also Mayor McLane then welcomed Mayor Patrick Slatery of Cloud Lake who also welcomed the membership. Mayor Slatery recognized fellow councilmember Craig Lamb and Town Manager Dorothy Gravelin.

President Pardo welcomed new associate member Melissa Nash of ARI, Inc, who was given an opportunity to introduce herself to the membership.

President Pardo informed the membership that Councilmember Patti Waller of Palm Springs was sworn in to fill the vacant District 2 Representative seat.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

None

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of November 25, 2015 General Membership meeting

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

5. Presentation

a. Legislative Update – Kathy Till, FLC Advocacy Program Coordinator

Kathy Till informed the membership that Mike Sittig sent his regrets about not being able to make it to present at the meeting due to bad weather conditions.

Ms. Till informed the membership of the ways they can stay up to date this legislative session: FLC Monday morning Legislative update (9:00-9:30; call in); and Scott Dudley's blog "On Top of the Cap", which can be found on the FLC website.

Ms. Till provided up to date information on the following bills: Public Records bill has passed its 1st committee unanimously. She reminded the membership that the bill does not negate the public records law, but adds that a written request must be sent 5 days prior to a lawsuit being filed; Tax cuts bill reduces state CST and Satellite Radio rate by approximately 2%, however she states the bill does not include "hold harmless" provision like it did last year; Comprehensive Water Policy passed and was signed by the governor; Fracking bill has been amended and can't be banned by local government; Relocation of Utility Lines bill has been favorably amended to remove language requiring local government to pay for the relocation of utility lines in the public right-of-ways but is still responsible for relocations in public utility easements; Vacation Rental bill seeking a certification program for short term rentals; Uber bill pre-empt local government regulations and delegate it to the state. Also the amendment to require a level 2 background check failed. She also wanted to make the membership aware of a proposed constitutional amendment to property taxes. The bill would delegate the authority to the legislator to limit the growth of the assessed value of homestead properties to the lesser of 3%, inflation rate or a percentage of change in the homestead property just market value, if the change is greater than or equal to zero.

Ms. Till concluded by reminding everyone of FLC Legislative Action Days February 2-3 in Tallahassee.

6. Miscellaneous Business

a. Ratification of Appointment to the PBC Criminal Justice Commission

President Pardo informed the membership that the board approved Vice Mayor Richard Valuntas of Royal Palm Beach to be the League representative on the PBC Criminal Justice Commission and ratification is required by the membership.

Motion and second to approve the appointment of Vice Mayor Richard Valuntas of Royal Palm Beach to the PBC Criminal Justice Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Ratification of Appointments to the PBC Impact Fee Committee

President Pardo informed the membership that the board approved Andrew Mack of Boynton Beach as a regular and Commissioner Paula Ryan of West Palm Beach as an alternate League representative on the PBC Impact Fee Committee and ratification is required by the membership.

Motion and second to approve the appointments of Andrew Mack of Boynton Beach as a regular and Commissioner Paula Ryan as an alternate on the PBC Impact Fee Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Legal Report

Ms. Ashton updated the membership on the Jeffery Marcus Gray case, stating that any chance of the case being appealed in higher court.

Ms. Ashton informed the membership of an Informal Attorney General Opinion in regards to when it is “appropriate for an elected official to attend a meeting electronically (via phone, video conference)”. Ms. Ashton explained that the opinion stated that you can attend electronically if no formal action will be taken.

8. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe thanked the Town of Cloud Lake and Glen Ridge and the sponsors for hosting this month’s meeting.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership that Legislative Action Day will be on February 2nd and 3rd in Tallahassee.

Mr. Radcliffe provided the membership with an update on the sales tax. He stated that the board has tasked him with assembling the information so that they can make the best decision. He informed the membership that he is seeking project list so that it is known how much money is needed for infrastructure. Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that the county will be discussing the surtax at their February 9th meeting and encouraged them to attend.

9. President’s Report

President Pardo informed the membership of the success of Palm Beach County Days in Tallahassee in advocating for local issues. President Pardo recognized Councilman Matt Willhite of Wellington, as this is his last meeting, and thanked him for his service. She also informed the membership that the League has passed a resolution supporting the C-51 project and asked for the municipalities to also consider passing a resolution in support of it also.

10. Member Comments

Mayor Alice McLane informed the membership of the give-away at each table.

11. Meetings Announcements

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Small Cities host at Atlantis Country Club.....10 a.m., Feb. 24th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Small Cities host at Atlantis Country ClubNoon, Feb. 24th

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m..