

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, February 22, 2017
Wellington (Palm Beach International Equestrian Center)**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Flag Salute

President Robert Shalhoub called the meeting to order at 12:13 pm.

2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes

Secretary Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

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

Pastor David Downey of Saint Therese De Lisieux in Wellington. President Shalhoub introduced singer Monique McCall who sang the National Anthem. President Shalhoub led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Shalhoub recognized dignitaries in attendance: State Attorney Dave Aronberg and Al Johnson and PBC Property Appraiser Dorothy Jacks.

President Shalhoub introduced Mayor Anne Gerwig of Wellington. Mayor Gerwig welcomed the membership to the Village and provided a background information on the facility. Mayor Gerwig thanked Dean Turney for his assistance in setting up the meeting. Mayor Gerwig welcomed the President of the Equestrian Productions to inform the membership of the activities of the center. Mayor Gerwig recognized the Wellington Councilmembers and staff in attendance: Councilwoman Siskind, Councilman Napoleone, Vice Mayor McGovern, Councilman Drahos and Manager Paul Schofield.

Mayor Anne Gerwig introduced County Commissioner for district 6, Vice Mayor Melissa McKinlay who welcomed the membership to her district. She encouraged the members to write a letter to Governor Scott requesting that he declare a state of emergency for the opioid epidemic and thanked Vice Mayor Kaufer for bringing it the board meeting. Vice Mayor McKinlay also encouraged the membership to attend the Town Hall meeting that she was holding regarding the epidemic to hear from the families affected.

President Shalhoub welcomed new associate Alexander Lewy of the Alzheimer's Associate, who introduced himself to the membership.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

None

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the January 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Ratification of the PBC PACE Ordinance

President Shalhoub informed the membership of the that the board voted to support the PBC PACE Ordinance and that a ratification was needed.

Motion and second to approve the ratification of the PBC PACE Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Legal Report

League Counsel Jennifer Ashton provided updates on two cases: Herbits vs The City of Miami and Village of Key Biscayne vs Department of Environmental Protection. She stated that with the first case the court found the citizens group to have no standing and ruled in favor of the City of Miami. Ms. Ashton stated in regards to the second case the court dismissed the case on the basis that the Village of Key Biscayne did not provide evidence that there was an environmental threat.

7. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe thanked the Village of Wellington for hosting the meetings. He informed the membership that the Gas Tax Maps are ready and to make sure each municipality gets their maps. Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership of upcoming important events: PBC Days on March 7-8, NLC Conference in DC on March 11-15, FLC Legislative Action Days on March 21-22 and the League annual Gala on May 17th.

8. President's Report

President Shalhoub thanked the coordinators of the strategic planning retreat for their hard work and informed the membership that a copy of the report will be emailed out to them. Lastly, President Shalhoub spoke about increasing the League's presents by using social media.

9. Presentations

a. Senator Jack Latvala provides a Legislative Update

President Shalhoub provided a brief background on Senator Latvala.

Senator Latvala thanked the League for having him. He started by informed the membership of proposed legislation that would dismantle the economic development of the state, explaining that it doesn't only affect the recruitment of new business but also tourism and the 1.2 million people that work in that industry and we need to do everything we can do keep that industry strong. He stated that Senate President Joe Negron plans to keep economic development going and expects it to be a very contentious battle over the next week. Senator Latvala stated that the senate will be creating a plan for the everglades reservoir, south of lake Okeechobee. He stated that they are looking into finding a solution to either eliminate or alleviate the discharge problem without causing people their jobs. Senator

Latval concluded by informing the membership that as the Appropriation's President he will try hard to be accessible and have an open door policy. He asked that you bring one item at a time when coming to see him.

10. Member Comments

President Shalhoub reminded the membership that the League is now accepting consent to serve forms for consideration for the 2017-2018 Board of Directors.

Geoff Sluggett informed the membership of the Homeless Coalition Mayor's Ball being held on April 1st at the Palm Beach Convention Center.

Michelle McGovern informed the membership of the upcoming Forum Club meeting with House Speaker and Senate Appropriations Chair, Senator Latvala.

Patrice Schroeder of 211 informed the membership of a family event at Pioneer's Park in the Glades that will be doing health screenings. She also informed the membership that 211 will be providing free tax preparations for low income families.

11. Meetings Announcements

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Greenacres Community Center 10 a.m., March 29th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Greenacres Community Center 12 p.m., March 29th
(RSVP Required)

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m..