

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
G-Star School of the Arts – Palm Springs

MINUTES

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

President Todd Wodraska called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Todd Wodraska, Scott Maxwell, Mo Thornton, Bill Manuel, Jerry Beavers, Robert Gottlieb, Bill Thrasher, Steve Wilson, Angeleta Gray, Dawn Pardo, Mike Mullaugh, Matt Willhite (*arrived at 10:14*), Woodrow Hay (*arrived at 10:11*), Keith James, Robert Shalhoub, Gail Coniglio and Lisa Tropepe (*arrived at 10:08*).

Past presidents in attendance: Isaac Robinson, Jr., David Stewart, Susan Haynie and Bev Smith.

President Wodraska introduced the new Commission on Ethics Executive Director Steven Cullen.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Richard Radcliffe; League Counsel Trela White, Esq.; Palm Beach County Commissioner on Ethics Pat Archer; Chuck Stoddard; Rosemary Rayman, Harry Raucher and Joe Walsh, Lake Worth Drainage District; Commissioner Allie Biggs, Pahokee; Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara, Royal Palm Beach; Anna Yesky; Brad Biggs, Esq. and Jennifer Ashton of Corbett, White & Davis; League staff Je'Riise Hansen.

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

Ms. Coniglio asked to pull Item 3b, the Financials, from the consent agenda.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. **Minutes of Board Meeting, March 27, 2013**
- c. **New Member Application - Pannone, Lopes, Devereaux & West LLC**
- d. **New Member Application - Jenna Austin**
- e. **New Member Application - Diana Demarest**

Motion by Angeleta Gray, second by Robert Gottlieb to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Scheduled Presentations

a. Inspector General Budget - Sheryl Steckler & Joe Doucett

Joe Doucette, Chief of Operations of the Inspector General's Office, explained the proposed FY 2014 budget.

Bill Thrasher, Chair of the League's IG Budget Delegation Committee, provided a committee report. Mr. Thrasher recognized the members of the committee: Mayor Michael Dahlgren, Atlantis; Manager Joe LoBello, Juno Beach; Vice Mayor Burt Premuroso, Palm Beach Gardens; Councilor Stella Jordan, South Palm Beach and Manager Michael Couzzo, Tequesta. He also

recognized Manager Ray Liggins of Royal Palm Beach, who was an invited guest.

Mr. Doucett and I.G. Steckler took questions.

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Approval of FY 2014 Budget & Dues (Municipal & Associate)

There was discussion.

Motion by Robert Shalhoub and second by Robert Gottlieb to approve the 2014 budget and dues. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Appointment to Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Councilmember Jeff Hmara of Royal Palm Beach has expressed interest in serving on the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. There is currently one alternate seat vacant.

Motion by Lisa Tropepe and second by Robert Shalhoub to appoint Jeff Hmara to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Motion carries unanimously.

c. Financial Report March 2013

There was discussion.

Motion by Bill Manuel, second by Mike Mullaugh to approve the March financials. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Committee Reports

a. Commission on Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee

Mo Thornton Chair of the Drafting Committee reported that the committee voted 6:1 not to increase the number of Ethics Commissioners and 5:2 opposing term limits.

b. NLC Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Mr. James provided a brief synopsis of the committee's meeting in March. Two priorities which affect local municipalities that were discussed are working on principles for the communication tax listed on your phone bill to be up to where technology is and preserving the interest deduction of municipal bonds. The next meeting will be in July in Washington, DC and Mr. James plans on attending.

c. Criminal Justice Commission

Mr. Valentin Rodriguez provided background information on the Criminal Justice Commission. He informed the board of the two issues the Commission is facing this year. The first issue is the

option of expanding who will be eligible to attend Drug Court. Drug Court is a program funded by grants, which provides assistance in rehabilitation to persons who are caught with drugs. Currently people who sell drugs are not eligible for the program, however the Commission found that most people who use drugs, sells drugs to support their habit.

The second issue is finding a way to make all sex offender registration uniformed throughout Palm Beach County. The problem is different areas have different rules that sex offenders have to abide by. For example, in one area the sex offender must stay 1000ft away from schools, bus stop, gymnasium, etc. and other locations have a 2500ft distance requirement.

7. Legal Report

In regards to the I.G. Funding Lawsuit, on March 28th the Fourth District issued a "Per Curiam Affirmed" ruling the I.G. can not intervene in the lawsuit, since it is a county department head. County departments can not intervene against the county. On April 17th the Fourth DCA denied the IG's Petition on the merits. This was to force the cities to pay even though there is an ongoing lawsuit with regards to the funding mechanism.

No other updates on the Red Light Cameras or the Superiority of Code Enforcement.

The League was allowed to file an amicus brief on behalf of Boca Raton in regards to the Yankee Town issue. It was granted on April 3rd and filed on April 11th.

8. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reported on the Water Taxi Task Force, which the MPO asked the League to put together. The Task Force recommends a County-wide registration which will allow the Water Taxi Vehicles to travel throughout the county but they will have to obtain a Business Tax Receipt from the municipality where the vehicle will reside.

Mr. Radcliffe gave a legislative update. He informed the board that the Sober House Bill died on the House side. Everyone should be aware of the FDOT Bill SB1137 and HB 7127, allows FEC expand and put cell towers. Yankee Town HB357 passed 116:0 SB 528 is currently waiting for the full senate vote. Public Private Partnership, HB85 and SB84, will restrict the ability to have any private and/or public partnership. Fire Flow legislation died however the administrative code was changed to the actual code. It only affects the in filling of one or two story residential houses.

Gala will be on May 22 at the Kravis Center. The speaker will be Greg Rice.

9. Member Comments - None

10. Meetings Announcements

Gala Installation May 22nd at the Kravis Center.

Next meeting will be on June 26th at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center.

11. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:33 a.m.