

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
Lantana Recreation Center

MINUTES

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

President Dawn Pardo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Secretary Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Dawn Pardo, Robert Shalhoub, Keith James, Mo Thornton, Robert Gebbia, Jerry Beavers, Bill Thrasher, Jerry Taylor, David Levy, Matt Willhite (*arrives at 10:05*), Andy Amoroso, Kimberly Glas-Castro, Gail Coniglio, Steve Wilson **absent:** Robert Gottlieb, Allie Biggs, Mike Mullaugh and Jeff Hmara

Past Presidents in attendance were: Todd Wodraska, Lisa Tropepe, David Stewart, Bev Smith and Ken Schultz

Also in attendance were; School Board Chair Chuck Shaw; Vern Crawford; Superintendent Dr. Robert Avossa; Rand Hoch and Raz Franks PBCHRC; Pamela Guerrier, Director of Equal Opportunity; Harry Raucher and Rosemary Raymond, Lake Worth Drainage District; AJ Laughlin, PBC Firefighter; Trela White, 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, June 24, 2015**
- b. **Financials June 2015**
- c. **New Member Application - AMR**
- d. **Appointment to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
Commissioner Paula Ryan, West Palm Beach**

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

4. Special Presentations

- a. **PBC School District Superintendent Dr. Robert Avossa**

Superintendent Dr. Avossa started out by acknowledging School Board Chair Chuck Shaw. Dr. Avossa provided the board a brief background synopsis regarding his past experiences as a Deputy Superintendent in Charlotte, North Carolina and as a Superintendent in Fulton County in Atlanta for four years. Dr. Avossa informed the board of his plans for continued growth for the school district such as focusing on career and technical education and the partnership with the municipalities.

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. PBC Housing and Places of Public Accommodation Ordinance

Pamela Guerrier, Director of Equal Opportunity informed the board of the proposed changes to the ordinance, stating that the changes are only to expand the definition of what is called places of accommodation. She stated that they are proposing to add bars, auditorium, convention center and lecture halls, for example.

Motion by Robert Shalhoub and second David Levy to vote “no objection” to the proposed changes to the PBC Housing and Places of Public Accommodation Ordinance. Motion carries unanimously.

6. Committee Report

a. FLC Energy & Environmental Quality

Carisse LeJeune, Assistant City Manager of Boynton Beach, informed the board that no major bills passed for this area for the 2015 legislative session. Ms. LeJeune stated that bills that did not pass but the committee will continue to monitor are fracking regulations; and water bills, which includes septic tanks and storm water fees (priorities covered under water quality and quantity). She stated that another priority for the committee is climate change and sea level rise.

b. FLC Finance & Taxation

Robert Gebbia, Mayor of North Palm Beach, informed the board of the nine potential legislative issues: Value Appraiser Boards, Property Appraiser Methodology, Property Tax Recapture Rule, Civil Traffic Citation Distribution, Municipal Police and Firefighter Pensions, Sales Tax on Commercial Leases, Local Government Infrastructure Surtax, Municipal Property Tax Exemption and Communication Services Tax & Local Business Tax; with the last three being deemed more important.

c. FLC Growth Management

Keith James, Commissioner of West Palm Beach, informed the board of the two priorities of Growth Management committee: Supporting legislation to fix Florida Public Private Partnership statute and to oppose legislation that pre-empts home rule authority and impose and collect impact fees and transportation concurrency.

d. FLC Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations

Ken Schultz, Mayor of Hypoluxo, informed the board of the priorities of the committee. He stated that the committee started out with six issues and cut it down to two by eliminating one (affordable housing) and combining four by adding three (highway beautification, port connections and transportation network) to transportation funding. Mayor Schultz stated that the second priority was having the utilities to pay for the moving of lines.

e. FLC Urban Administration

Kimberly Glas-Castro, Vice Mayor of Lake Park, informed the board that the committee started with six issues and selected the following to be their top three: public records request, backyard gun ranges and short term vacation rentals.

7. Past President's Report/Recommendation

Immediate Past President Mayor Steve Wilson provided the board with a report of the executive director performance evaluation. Mayor Wilson stated that he meet with the executive director and the executive committee to go over the evaluations and discuss his contract. Attorney Jennifer Ashton explained that the only change to the contract would be the salary increase, which was already budgeted for.

Motion by Robert Shalhoub and second Gail Coniglio to approve the addendum to the executive director's fourth contract which expires September 30, 2017. Motion carries unanimously.

8. President's Report

President Pardo informed the board that the Ocean to Trail committee meeting will begin in September. President Pardo informed the board of a Sea Level Rise Symposium that the Marshall Foundation will be hosting on August 1st. She ended by thanking everyone who participates in the Florida League of Cities conferences and committees.

9. Legal Report

Attorney Jennifer Ashton reported on a advisory opinion of the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics regarding voting conflicts, reminding the board that if you have a voting conflict that you are not only allowed to vote but also you cannot participate in any discussion regarding the issue.

Ms. Ashton updated the board on the IG Funding Lawsuit stating that "the Florida League of Cities has considered the merits of the municipalities and has decided to petition the appellate court for amicus brief status." She stated that FLC didn't think it was right that the judge stated the citizens would be allowed to enter into a agreement/contract with the Inspector General.

10. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe updated the board on the Vehicle for Hire Uber regulations, stating that the county is seeking for Uber to do level 2 background checks and that if the municipalities would like to use the county's ordinance that they will have to opt in.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that due to the recent problems with at home caregivers, that it is being proposed that they be licensed.

Mr. Radcliffe encourages the board members to attend the FLC Conference in Orlando in August. He stated that an interesting issue of the constitutional amendment being revised regarding solar energy will be discussed.

Mr. Radcliffe updated the board on the possible ½ penny sales tax stating that he spoke with people in the business community who informed him that they would support a sales tax if they knew exactly how the money will be spent. He stated that the county plans on doing a poll and survey regarding the increase and will report the findings once it has been completed.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that in the process to regulate Sober Homes, an administrative change to the joint agreement between HUD and the Department of Justice will be looked at.

11. Member Comments

Mayor Steve Wilson voiced his concern regarding the executive director performance evaluation process, seeking a guideline in which the same process will be followed from year to year and eliminate any issues or misunderstandings.

12. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your calendar)

- a. Gold Coast Breakfast, FLC Annual Conference, Orlando, FL8:00am, Aug. 15th
- b. Board of Directors, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center.....10 a.m., Aug. 26th
- c. General Membership Meeting, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center.....Noon, Aug. 26th

13. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:35a.m.