

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at 10:00 am
Manatee Lagoon Center– Riviera Beach

MINUTES

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

President Anne Gerwig called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board Members present were: Anne Gerwig, Jeff Hmara, Kimberly Glas-Castro, Mo Thornton, Gail Coniglio, Patti Waller (10:05), Michael Brown, Shirley Johnson, Leondrae Camel, Andy Amoroso, Terence Davis, Maria Marino, Peter Noble, Lawrence Gordon, Debbie Manzo, Keith James, Robert Shalhoub. **Absent were:** Steven Grant, Ilan Kaufer,

Past Presidents in attendance were: David Stewart and Bev Smith (10:05) **Absent were:** Robert Shalhoub, Scott Maxwell, Todd Wodraska, Tom Lynch, Steve Wilson

Also in attendance were: Andrea McCue of Greenacres; Quazi Bari, Palm Beach County -Traffic Division; Candice Ericks, Chuck Stoddard, League Attorney Jennifer Ashton, League staff Richard Radcliffe and JeRiise Hansen

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

None

3. President’s Welcome

President Gerwig welcomed the Board to Manatee Lagoon and praised its amenities. She also reminded the Board of the importance of discussing Home Rule with residents and community members.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting June 27, 2018 Minutes
 - b. Approval of June 2018 Financials
 - c. Appointment of Mayor Bev Smith to the Technology Committee
 - d. Appointment of Vice Mayor Lawrence Gordon to the ITE Task Force
 - e. Appointment of Vice Mayor Mark Mullinix to the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative Grant Selection Committee
 - f. Appointments of Lori LaVerriere and Michelle De Potter to the Scholarship Committee
 - g. Approval of New Associate Member Application – Candice Ericks
- Sponsored by Mayor Scott Singer, City of Boca Raton*

Motion and second to approve the consent agenda. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Miscellaneous Business

League Attorney Jennifer Ashton outlined three key responsibilities of Board Members: 1) Board attendance policy of only 3 unexcused absences per year; 2) Board member representation “hat”-- i.e. Board members represent not just their home municipality but all of them; and 3) giving feedback and recommendation on county-wide ordinances. She also explained the difference between Opt Out, Opt In and Referendum Vote Ordinances and reminded the Board that lobbying for your city is not allowed on a League Agenda.

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board that the after 3 unexcused absences a board member’s seat is in jeopardy and stressed the importance of meeting attendance. He also referred them to the attendance record that will now be included in the monthly agenda packet.

6. Special Presentations

a. PBC Land Development Regulatory Advisory Board Traffic Ordinance

Senior Engineer for Palm Beach County, Quazi Bari, informed the board of an amendment to traffic ordinance Article 12, Chapter Q. This amendment would widen approved roads in front of businesses from 4 lanes to 6 to increase capacity by amending the County Prop Share Agreement, or cost of the expansion that the business owner will incur, to 20% of the total cost. Traffic review cannot proceed a review letter has been approved by the County.

**Motion and second to no objection to the amendment to the County Prop Share Agreement on roadway expansion.
Motion passes with two members dissenting.**

b. PBC Fair Housing and Places of Public Accommodation Ordinance

David Ottey, Esq., Palm Beach County Attorney’s office, proposed four changes to the Ordinance: Two definitions added to Section 1537-- 1) Aggrieved Person: any person who a) believes they have been injured by a discriminatory housing practice or b) believes that a person will be injured by one that is about to occur. 2) Marital Status: includes any person who is married, not married or separated. Changes were also made to Page 17, section 55, subsection C to request an administrative proceeding and Page 19-20, section 55 on 30 days to file a civil action.

Motion and second to accept changes to the Palm Beach County Fair Housing and Places of Public Accommodation Ordinance. Motion passes with two members dissenting.

10. Committee Report

a. ITE Task Force

Committee Chair David Stewart updated the Board on presentations given at the July 12 ITE Meeting by Gardens Health, the Area Agency on Aging and by StarGroup International and then stressed the importance of continued attendance by committee members.

b. Environmental Committee

Committee Chair Patti Waller gave the groundwater meeting update on Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project from the July 16th meeting. The ERM representative Deborah Drum as well as Megan Houston of the Office of Resilience. The group arrived to the consensus that the existing Martin County plan for watershed restoration was acceptable.

7. Past President's Report

Past President Keith James was concerned that of the 25 Executive Director Evaluation forms handed out to Board members, only 10 forms were given back to the League. Of the forms received, an overall score was totalled to reflect a 4.5 out of 5 positive rating for Executive Director Radcliffe as well as approval given for his \$5,000 pay raise.

Motion and second approve the addition to the budget a raise to Executive Director Richard Radcliffe. Motion passes unanimously.

8. Legal Report

Legal Counsel Jennifer Ashton updated the board concerning *City of Fort Lauderdale v. Nichols* (Fla4dDCA2018), which involved a contractor hired by the city for a Federal "Paint and Plant" program. The contractor damaged a house that was part of this program and the owner sued the city. It was decided that there was no contract with the city by the program participant so sovereign immunity was upheld. She then went on to discuss *City of Clearwater v. Bay Esplanade.com, LLC* (Fla.2dDCA2018), a submerged lands case where city ownership was upheld.

9. Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe mentioned that the first time there would be a District 4 luncheon at Delray Beach Golf Club and thanked Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Johnson for setting it up. He then went on to discuss the upcoming FLC conference from August 16-18 and Gold Coast Breakfast at 7:30 am on the 18th that will include speakers State Representative Matt Willhite, Vice Chair of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation and Mat Forrest with Ballard Partners along with the Home Rule 50 year celebration.

He also counseled the Board about tightening attendance standards as well as reminding them that there will be no campaigning at any League meeting. Lastly, he mentioned September 26th FLC meeting and course about educating your city on the Constitution.

10. Member Comments

Mayor David Stewart stressed the importance of local officials in state positions which will garner more state officials that are informed of local municipal procedures.

Commissioner Keith James asked about the proper procedure for a member to sign up for the Policy Committee. Executive Director Radcliffe mentioned that there are no two people on the same committee and applicants will be notified at the next board meeting.

League staff JeRiise Hansen requested a list of the municipalities with upcoming 50-year anniversaries.

Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso reminded Board Members to book early for the Lake Worth Casino meeting on September 26th.

11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your Calendar)

- a. Florida League of Cities Conference, Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood August 16th-August 18th
- b. Gold Coast Breakfast, Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood7:30 a.m., August 18th
- c. Board of Directors Meeting, Sandhill Crane Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens
.....10:00 a.m., August, 22nd
- d. General Membership Meeting, Sandhill Crane Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens
12:00 p.m., August, 22nd

(RSVP Required for all events)

12. Adjournment-The Board adjourned at 11:13 am.