

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, August 24, 2016
Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Flag Salute

President Robert Shalhoub called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Pastor Dale Faircloth of the First Baptist Church of Royal Palm Beach gave the invocation. President Shalhoub led the membership 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, Greenacres, Gulf Stream, Haverhill, Highland Beach, Hypoluxo, Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, North Palm Beach, Pahokee, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, Royal Palm Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach, Wellington, Westlake and West Palm Beach **Absent were:** Belle Glade, Briny Breezes, Cloud Lake, Delray Beach, Glen Ridge, Golf, Juno Beach, Manalapan, Mangonia Park, Ocean Ridge, Riviera Beach and Tequesta.

President Shalhoub recognized Representative Bobby Powell and new Mayor Roger Manning of the newly formed municipality City of Westlake.

President Shalhoub welcomed Mayor Fred Pinto of Royal Palm Beach who welcomed the membership to the village. He stated that the village has hosted the League meetings for approximately 21 years and they appreciate the opportunity. Mayor Pinto recognized his council and staff in attendance: Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara, Councilman David Swift, Councilwoman Selena Smith; Councilwoman Jan Rodusky; and Village Manager Ray Liggins. He informed the membership of the bulletin that provides an overview and update on things going on in the village.

President Shalhoub welcomed County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay who welcomed the League and its members to her district.

President Shalhoub introduced new associate member David Lin of the Palm Beach Habilitation Center, who was given an opportunity to introduce himself to the membership.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

None

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of a July 27, 2016 General Membership meeting.

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

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Ratification of the PBC Animal Care and Control Ordinance Amendment

President Shalhoub informed the membership that the board voted to support the amendments to the PBC Animal Care and Control ordinance and a ratification by the membership was needed.

Motion and second to support the amendments made to the PBC Animal Care and Control Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Ratification of the PBC Vehicle for Hire Ordinance Amendment

President Shalhoub informed the membership that the board voted to support the amendments to the PBC Vehicle for Hire ordinance and a ratification by the membership was needed.

Motion and second to support the amendments made to the PBC Vehicle for Hire Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Legal Report

League Counsel Jennifer Ashton updated the membership of the red light camera case informing them that the Florida Attorney General appealed the county court's decision to dismiss the traffic citation citing that it is the police officer and not the vendor that makes the actual decision if a violation was made.

Ms. Ashton informed the membership of a case where the City of Tampa passed an ordinance banning solicitations in the downtown area and Ybor City but it was declared unconstitutional since they did not have a compelling government interest to enforce it.

Ms. Ashton informed the membership of a negligence case with the City of Miami, where a pedestrian sued the city because she tripped on a raised brick paver on the sidewalk. The DCA sided with the city stating that Navarro had not proven that the city had actual or constructive knowledge of the defect.

7. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the membership of the success of the annual FLC Conference stating that they had approximately 700 attendees of which 100 were from Palm Beach County. He stated that this year this League hosted the breakfast and the chair was President Shalhoub.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership of the ethics training class the League will be hosting on September 7th at the Palm Beach State College Lake Worth Campus which will cover the mandatory ethics training requirements.

He reminded the membership of the Mayor's Literacy lunch that will be taken place on September 22nd.

Mr. Radcliffe updated the membership on the educational component of the sales tax referendum stating that the website onecountyonepenny.com is where the project list will be located. He stated that only the municipalities that have the total project cost in line with the projected revenue amount will be listed.

Mr. Radcliffe concluded by providing the contact information to a Palm Beach County library professional researcher who may be a great resource for the municipalities free of charge.

8. President’s Report

President Shalhoub congratulated Mayor Susan Haynie on becoming the President of the Florida League of Cities. Mayor Shalhoub reminded the membership of the funds that were allocated for an outreach program, stating that it is on its way to being vetted by the Policy and Procedure Committee. President Shalhoub stated that he has worked as an adjunct faculty member of the Palm Beach State College for the last 38 years and had the opportunity to sit down with the President of the college Dr. Ava Parker. He explained that he would like to build a partnership with secondary education providers and the municipalities. President Shalhoub reported on the success of the Gold Coast Breakfast stating that out of the 100 attendees half was from Palm Beach County. He informed the membership that he has instructed Richard to reach out to the other directors and Presidents of the Gold Coast League to set up a meeting to further the initiative of partnering with the secondary schools. President Shalhoub stated that his goal is to make the Palm Beach County League of Cities more relevant in our interactions and partnership within the communities itself.

9. Presentations

a. What Is New at Palm Beach State College

Dr. Ava Parker thanked the League for the opportunity to provide some information about Palm Beach State College. She started by providing a brief background information on the college, stating that it was founded in 1933 and is the first public college to be established in Florida. Dr. Parker informed the membership with an overview of the type of degrees that they provide along with the types of programs. She stated that they currently have four campuses with a fifth one being built in Loxahatchee Groves. Dr. Parker concluded by informing the membership of her vision to partnering together to maximize student engagement thru internships, continue education, applied research and grant directing to name a few.

10. Member Comments

Patrice Schroder of 211 informed the membership of first aid classes that they are providing.

11. Meetings Announcements

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Gaines Park Community Center, West Palm Beach
.....10 a.m., September 28th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Gaines Park Community Center, West Palm Beach
.....Noon, September 28th
(RSVP Required)

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m..