

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, September 25, 2013
Atlantis Country Club - 190 Country Club Blvd, Atlantis**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute

President Scott Maxwell called the meeting to order at noon. Vice Mayor Woodrow Hay gave the invocation and led the membership into 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, Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, Golf, Greenacres, Gulf Stream, Haverhill, Highland Beach, Hypoluxo, Juno Beach, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, Manalapan, Mangonia Park, North Palm Beach, Ocean Ridge, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, South Bay, South Palm Beach, Wellington and West Palm Beach. **Absent were:** Briny Breezes, Cloud Lake, Glen Ridge, Jupiter, Palm Beach Gardens, Riviera Beach, Royal Palm Beach and Tequesta.

Mayor Michael C. Dahlgren of Atlantis welcomed the membership to the City of Atlantis and to the Atlantis Country Club. He thanked the seven local sister cities that helped sponsor the event: Lake Clarke Shores, Gulf Stream, South Palm Beach, Golf, Manalapan, Hypoluxo, and Ocean Ridge.

President Maxwell invited each associate member to introduce themselves: Glen Jergensen, Palm Beach County Tourist Development; Rick Reikenis, Clavin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.; Gary Hines, Business Development Board; Kim Ardila Morgan, Palm Beach State College; Joanne Stanley, Republic Services; Michelle Blackstock, Grau & Associates; Andre Raymond, Engenuity Group; Heather Kurstin, Florida Atlantic University; Mary Lou Bedford, Central PBC Chamber of Commerce; Keith Jordano, Jordano Insurance Group; Jon Levinson, REL Enterprises; Marie Horenburger, Morganti Group; Ivan Grady, Gulfstream Goodwill Industries; Susan Trevarthen, Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza, Cole & Boniske; Patrick Jennings, Emerald Towing; Ella Smith, Waste Management; Brian Thompson, Bergeron Emergency Services; Ron Bennett, Nowlen, Holt & Miner; George Dungee, Nova Southeastern University and Jeanne Heavilin, Literacy Coalition of PBC.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

None

4. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of the August 28, 2013 General Membership meeting

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

5. President's Report

President Scott Maxwell discussed the recent increase in attendance of elected officials at the state and national levels and thanked those who were responsible for the change.

President Maxwell touched on code enforcement issues and let the audience know that the League is currently in the process of compiling a list on code enforcement practices/fees. The research is being done in order to help find best practices and possible alternate revenue sources to offset the cost for code enforcement. President Maxwell and others will be traveling to Milwaukee to study the best practices in code enforcement in October. They will be visiting challenged neighborhoods and attending a formal class to learn how to work with the landlords to improve our neighborhoods.

6. Presentations -

a. Gary Hines - Update on Economic Development Board in Palm Beach County

President Maxwell provided a brief introduction of Gary Hines to the membership. He informed the membership that Mr. Hines is the Senior Vice President at the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County. Gary Hines thanked President Maxwell and the Board of Directors for allowing him to deliver his speech to membership. Mr. Hines went on to give a summary of who exactly the BDB is what they do. The Business Development Board (BDB) is a single entity that specializes in economic development for Palm Beach County. They are not the largest but they have matched or succeeded others on job creation. Mr. Hines gave an introduction on Kelly Smallridge, who has been President and CEO of the Business Development Board for over nine years. Mr. Hines also thanked the thirteen municipalities who have supported the BDB: Belle Glade, Boynton Beach, Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Royal Palm Beach, Wellington, and City of West Palm Beach.

Mr. Hines spoke about the devastating recession but also the increasing number of companies wanting to expand in the Palm Beach County area. He touched on relocation versus expansion and let the audience know that high wage jobs are beginning to be created in Palm Beach County. He described BDB's mission to be aimed towards getting business to the county line and then letting the company decide what they want to do from there. The Business Development Board conducts county wide searches to find areas that are good for the development of the company. They have been working on the Aldi project to find a distribution center and thanked Royal Palm Beach for their help in being such a great partner. The project is projected to open in 2015. The Aldi distribution center will also be the Aldi regional headquarters for Southeast Florida. Mr. Hines also commented that Aldi will be the largest taxpayer In the Village of Royal Palm Beach.

Mr. Hines let the membership know that the BDB has been helping companies relocate from areas like New York City, which include top performers that earn a couple million dollars a year, to Palm Beach County. Companies like these will be looking at communities such as Manalapan and Palm Beach because most of them want to have their business and home on the waterfront.

Mr. Hines closed by reminding the elected officials that it is important to nurture the companies in your community so that they do not relocate somewhere else since places like Georgia and Tennessee are coming to our businesses in Palm Beach County and trying to recruit them to their own area. Industries that BDB recruits include but are not limited to: agribusiness, which has a very high dollar value, aviation, green energy, life sciences, marine industries, equestrian, healthcare, and IT.

7. Miscellaneous Business

None

8. Legal Report

Attorney Trela White reminded the municipalities that their final budget must be posted on their website within 30 days of approval. If you do not have a website it can be posted on the county's website.

Mrs. White reported that the Laws of Florida amended section 106.08 of the Florida Statute, increasing the amount a person or political committee can make a contribution, in any election, for a candidate for municipal office from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. The law becomes effective November 1, 2013.

Municipalities cannot charge a public records fee when using email; this is according to the Attorney General. The law reads that only the actual cost of duplication can be charged. Electronic mail should be free as long as it does not take excessive administrative time. A fee may be charged if extensive time is involved in gathering the documents that have been requested.

In regards to the I.G. lawsuit the calendar call has been set for December 20th for a non jury trial docket starting in January.

Mrs. White made the membership aware that the red light camera case has now gone to the Supreme Court. This case includes the conflict of jurisdiction between the city of Aventura and Orlando. Mrs. White stated that their oral argument has been set for October 8th, 2013.

9. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reminded the membership about the November 20th roundtable event from 10am to 12pm at the Atlantis Country Club. He asked that everyone please reach out to their legislators and confirm their attendance.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the municipalities of the October 3rd Literacy Coalition event which is a day of reading to preschool children. Boynton Beach and Haverhill have won the last couple of years.

He informed the membership that the FEC has agreed to pay for the basic double tracking of the railway project.

Mr. Radcliffe updated the membership on the fly-in into Washington, D.C. and how well it went. He informed the membership that he was able to meet with U.S. Congressman Alcee Hastings and Congressman Daniel Webster, as well as some others. Mr. Radcliffe announced that during a meeting in Washington, he learned that FEMA is moving ahead but the good news is that the country is now aware of it. The flood maps are not going out until the Spring of 2014. Mr. Radcliffe praised Palm Beach County for being the most involved in the FEMA issue out of all 67 counties.

Mr. Radcliffe also let the membership be aware that research is being done in order to start a fire rescue committee. He urged the municipal representatives to reach out to every city manager to get a representation from each city. He expressed the importance of having a sustainable fire system across Palm Beach County.

10. Member Comments

Kim Ardila-Morgan reminded the membership and municipalities of the upcoming Ethics and New World Order event at the Public Safety Training Center at Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth

campus on October 15, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Keith Darcy, Executive Director of the Ethics and Compliance Officer Association and Chairman of the Better Business Bureau Foundation Board. This is a free event; however, advance registration is required.

11. Upcoming Meetings – Wednesday, October 23rd, North Palm Beach

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