

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
Benvenuto's, Boynton Beach

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, Mo Thornton, Robert Gottlieb, Bill Thrasher, Mike Mullaugh, Jerry Taylor, Jeff Hmara, Andy Amoroso, Kimberly Glas-Castro, Gail Coniglio and Steve Wilson **Absent were:** Keith James, Robert Gebbia, Allie Biggs, David Levy and Matt Willhite

Past Presidents in attendance were: Scott Maxwell, David Stewart, Susan Haynie and Bev Smith

Also in attendance were: Wayne Washington, Palm Beach Post; Verdenia Baker, Palm Beach County Administrator; A.J. O'Laughlin, Professional Firefighter Legislative V.P.; Todd Bonlarron, PBC Legislative Affairs Director; Carlos Penin, CAP Government; Ed Morejon, Professional Firefighters Legislative V.P.; Lisa DeLaRionda, PBC Public Affairs Director; Rena Blades and Rick Ansani, Cultural Council of PBC; Chuck Stoddard; Sherry Brown PBC; Laura Corry SFWMD; League Counsel 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

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of Board Meeting, October 28, 2015

b. Financials October 2015

c. New Associate Member Application

C.A.P. Government, Inc.

Sponsored by Andrew Mack, Boynton Beach City Engineer

Motion by Mo Thornton and second by Robert Shalhoub to approve the consent agenda. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Special Presentations

a. Half Penny Sales Tax Update – County Administrator Verdenia Baker

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reminded the board that the he was given direction to monitor the possible Half Penny Sales tax. He informed the board that at yesterday's Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting that the BCC directed the County Administrator to looking into moving forward with the sales tax endeavor, which they will hear about from County Administrator Verdenia Baker. Mr. Radcliffe stated that he is now seeking further direction from the League board.

Ms. Baker thanked the board for allowing her to meet with them today. She informed them that the BCC did give her directions to move forward working with the Cities, School Board and Cultural Council regarding the surtax. Ms. Baker stated she was also given direction to create a comprehensive oversight committee, whose purpose will be to ensure the funds are being spent appropriately based on their projects list. She also stated that a list of projects from the cities will be crucial. Ms. Baker stated that she was directed to consider hiring someone to oversee the projects and be a liaison to the oversight committee, which may help alleviate the demands on staff time to provide reports and other needs of the committee. Ms. Baker informed the board she was instructed to meet with the business communities, community groups and partners and will be providing the consulting projects reports back to the BCC along with the ordinance and inter-local agreements in the coming months. Ms. Baker concluded by saying that she will need to establish a detailed list of parties to establish what projects and funding will be needed. She informed the board to keep all options open until the BCC has made their decision, stating that the BCC can decide on a possible mileage increase or even bonds; general obligations bonds or non ad valorem revenue bonds.

Mr. Rick Ansani of Cornerstone Solutions informed the board that he has been working with a citizens group to perform a survey regarding the possibility of a sales tax. He informed the board of his findings saying that the citizens of Palm Beach County may be willing to approve a sales tax if specific plans and dedicated funding is provided along with an expiration date for the sales tax. Mr. Ansani also stated the school board and county have a greater chance of passing a sales tax together and for a longer time period.

Motion by Robert Shalhoub and second by Mo Thornton to support the sales surtax. Motion carries with Gail Coniglio dissenting.

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Appointments to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Executive Director informed the board that we have to do yearly appointments to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Mr. Radcliffe informed the board of a vacancy left by Mayor Karen Golonka.

Motion by Robert Shalhoub and second by Mo Thornton to approve the appointment of regulars: Anne Gerwig, Jeff Hmara, Bruce Guyton, Marcie Tinsley, James DuBois; alternates: Paula Ryan, Allie Biggs, Mitch Katz, Abby Brennan and David Norris to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Motion carries unanimously.

6. Committee Report

a. NLC Community & Economic Development

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Andy Amoroso informed the board that the Community & Economic Development Committee priority will be low income housing. He stated that they also discussed sober homes and halfway houses. He stressed that when the cities receive survey's from the State or Nation Leagues regarding "what is important to/in your city" to please fill them out; that is where the topics of interest and priorities come from.

b. NLC Human Development

Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell informed the board of some of the resolutions that the committee passed and will be taken to Washington. They were endorsement to end homelessness, federal action to address the nation's job crisis, support outcome to improve education and equal pay for women, just to name a few. Mr. Maxwell stated that his committee will be taking up the Sober Homes issue in March and hopefully a resolution will come out of it.

c. NLC Transportation & Infrastructure Services

Mayor Steve Wilson informed the board that Pam Beach County municipalities are not the only ones dealing with the issues of infrastructure needs. He suggested "thinking outside the box" to obtain funding since as the years go on the cost to maintain and do major improvements will be grossly higher than what they are now.

7. President's Report

President Pardo reminded the board of some upcoming events: Palm Beach County Days January 12-13; FLC Legislative Action Day February 2-5; and on December 7th from 2pm-4pm the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue is having an experience, "What it is like to be a firefighter" at their Pike Road facility.

8. Legal Report

League Attorney Jennifer Ashton informed the board that Representative Caldwell has proposed legislation to move and force all cities municipal elections to a "Super Tuesday" in November. The Florida League of Cities has taken a strong position objecting to the legislation citing that it is a Home Rule issue.

Ms. Ashton informed the board that the Office of Inspector General's has issued a "tips and trends" report on request for proposal. It describe what a fair RFP process looks like.

Ms. Ashton updated the board on the Inspector General Funding Lawsuit. She stated that the County's brief is scheduled for December 9th.

9. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reminded the board of the Legislative Delegation Roundtable on Wednesday December 16th at the FAU Stadium.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the board of Tri-Cities BBQ, which is being held on December 4th at the Belle Glade Marina. He stated that we are still taking donations and will be providing bus transportation. He asked anyone interested in taking the bus to please sign up.

Mr. Radcliffe remembered Board Member Councilmember Jerry Beavers who passed away and informed the board that Peggy (his wife) will be hosting a celebration of life on December 9th at Haverhill's Town Hall and they are all invited.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the board that the League will be holding the final ethics training class of the year on December 7th and 8th between 3pm-5pm at the Palm Beach State College Palm Beach Gardens Campus.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that the date of the Gala will be on May 18th.

10. Member Comments

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Andy Amoroso invited everyone to Lake Worth’s holiday parade.

11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your calendar)

- a. Tri-Cities BBQ, Belle Glade Marina (RSVP Required).....11:30am, Dec. 4th
- b. Legislative Delegation Roundtable, FAU Stadium, Boca Raton (RSVP Required)
.....10 a.m., Dec. 16th
- c. Board of Directors Meeting, Hilton Palm Beach Hilton.....10 a.m., Jan. 27th
- d. General Membership Meeting, Hilton Palm Beach HiltonNoon, Jan. 27th

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