

**Palm Beach County League of Cities  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Wednesday, November 26, 2014  
Benvenuto Caterestaurant – Boynton Beach**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order and Flag Salute**

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.. Commissioner Mack McCray of Boynton Beach gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes**

Je'Riise Hansen called the roll and a quorum was attained.

**Cities represented were:** Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Briny Breezes, Cloud Lake, Golf, Gulf Stream, Haverhill, Highland Beach, Hypoluxo, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Manalapan, North Palm Beach, Ocean Ridge, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, Royal Palm Beach, South Palm Beach, Tequesta, Wellington and West Palm Beach **Absent were:** Atlantis, Delray Beach, Glen Ridge, Greenacres, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Loxahatchee Groves, Mangonia Park, Riviera Beach and South Bay.

President Wilson recognized the dignitaries in attendance: Representative David Kerner.

President Wilson introduced Palm Beach County Mayor Shelley Vana, who wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and stated that she looks forward to work with everyone in the future.

President Wilson introduced Boynton Beach Mayor Jerry Taylor, who welcomed the membership to the Boynton Beach “the Gate Way to the Gulf Stream” and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Mayor Taylor thanked that owner and staff of Benvenuto’s for doing a wonderful job. He recognized members of the commission that were in attendance: Vice Mayor Joe Casello, Commissioner Mike Fitzpatrick, Commissioner Mack McCray and Commissioner David Merker. Mayor Taylor also recognized the city staff and CRA members in attendance.

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe introduced new associate member Tom Barlow, Barlow Consulting; Frank Toral, Toral Law and Brent Whitfield, A.D.A. Engineering . They were given an opportunity to introduce themselves to the membership.

**3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda**

None

**4. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of Minutes of October 22, 2014 General Membership meeting**

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

## 5. President's Report

President Wilson informed the membership of his experience at the FLC Legislative Conference in Orlando. He stated that he was able to sit in on the Florida League's Transportation Committee being that infrastructure is one of his initiatives during his presidency.

President Wilson also reminded the membership about the Tri-Cities BBQ and hope everyone would attend.

## 6. Presentations

### a. PBC Literacy Coalition: Read for the Record Results – Executive Director Kristin Calder

Executive Director Kristin Calder thanked the municipalities for their participation in the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Read for the Record. She stated that 25 mayors and representatives for all 38 municipalities were in attendance at the Mayor's Literacy Lunch in September. Ms. Calder informed the membership that 11,700 students were read to across the county. She explained that the municipalities are classed into two categories; one for population under 20,000 and one for over 20,000. Ms. Calder revealed that the winner for the municipalities under 20,000 was the Village of Palm Springs who read to 500 students, with honorable mention going to the Town of Lantana. She went on to say that the winner for the population of over 20,000 went again to the City of Boynton Beach who read to more than 2,000 students, with honorable mention going to Lake Worth, Jupiter and West Palm Beach. Lastly Ms. Calder recognized the other municipalities who participated: Atlantis, Haverhill, Lake Park, Gulf Stream, Loxahatchee Groves, North Palm Beach, Greenacres and Palm Beach Gardens.

### b. All Aboard Florida: Up to the Minute Update – Executive V.P. Jose Gonzales, FECI

Executive Vice President Jose Gonzales of FECI provided the membership with background information on the All Aboard Florida Project, which will connect South Florida to Central Florida. He stated that the passenger rail would provide relief to the congestions on the road and also provide an alternate method for to travel. Mr. Gonzales informed the membership that that the rail would have hourly train service and Wi-Fi so their passengers can stay connected. He stated that they will be making upgrades to rail corridors, making double tracks where needed and upgrading rail crossings for safety. Mr. Gonzales reported on the stations locations and concluded by providing a timeline for completion of the project.

## 7. Miscellaneous Business

### a. Ratification on the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Appointments

President Wilson reported that at its meeting that morning, the Board of Directors voted to appoint the following to the 2015 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Ratification is required by the General Membership.

Seat 4	Anne Gerwig	Councilwoman	Wellington
Seat 5	John Szerdi	Commissioner	Lake Worth
Seat 6	Karen Golonka	Mayor	Jupiter
Seat 7	Marcie Tinsley	Councilmember	Palm Beach Gardens
Seat 8	James DuBois	Mayor	Lake Park
Seat 4 Alt.	Jeff Hmara	Councilman	Royal Palm Beach
Seat 5 Alt.	<i>Vacant</i>		

Seat 6 Alt.	Bruce Guyton	Councilman	Riviera Beach
Seat 7 Alt.	<i>Vacant</i>		
Seat 8 Alt.	David Norris	President Pro Tem	North Palm Beach

**Motion and second to ratify the appointments to the 2015 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **8. Legal Report**

Attorney Trela White informed the membership of a case against the City of Brooksville, where a citizen's group who petitioned to have voters to decide whether to ban the city's red light camera, was struck down. The Judge stated that the proposition violated the Municipal Home Rule Powers Act and was in conflict with the state law which allowed municipalities to have red-light camera programs.

Ms. White informed the membership of the case in which the City of St. Pete Beach violated the Sunshine Law while conducting several shade meetings. She stated that when shade meetings are being held Section 286.011(8) instructs on the dos and don'ts of the meetings. Ms. White also informed the board that St. Pete Beach was found in violation of not providing the transcript of a shade meeting to persons related to the litigation of which they were discussing. The judge stated that once the shade meeting concluded the transcript became public record.

Ms. White updated the membership on the Inspector General Funding lawsuit both parties submitted their proposed orders to the judge on September 2<sup>nd</sup> however a ruling has not been made as yet.

## **9. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reminded the membership that the Tri-Cities BBQ will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>. He informed the board that the Children Services Council donated 500 books and that Florida Crystals has stepped up again to donate \$5000.00. Mr. Radcliffe also informed the membership of the other BBQ sponsors.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that on December 17<sup>th</sup> the League will be hosting the Legislative Roundtable at the Atlantis Country Club.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that 35 municipalities have passed or have it in their agenda to pass a resolution strongly opposing Palm Beach County's move from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) to the South Florida Regional Planning Council. He stated that Palm Beach Gardens did a letter of support to stay with the TCRPC, one municipality voted no opposition and another municipality tabled the agenda item. Mr. Radcliffe asked the membership to attend the BCC meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> where it will be on the agenda.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that starting January 1<sup>st</sup> the elected officials must do a mandatory 4 hours of ethics education at the Palm Beach State College. He stated that it will be on January 21<sup>st</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **10. Member Comments**

John Bartosek of the Children Service Council informed the membership that on November 4<sup>th</sup> the reauthorization of the Children's Service Council was approved and he thanked everyone for their support.

**11. Meetings Announcements**

- a. Tri-Cities Barbecue – Belle Glade Marina.....11:30 a.m., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>
- b. Legislative Delegation Roundtable – Atlantis Country Club.....10:00 a.m., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>
- c. Board of Directors Meeting, Abacoa Country Club, Jupiter.....10 a.m., Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>
- d. General Membership Meeting, Abacoa Country Club.....Noon, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>

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