

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, November 27, 2013
Benvenuto's - Boynton Beach**

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

Mayor Jerry Taylor welcomed the membership to the City of Boynton Beach. He recognized the members of his commission: Vice Mayor Woodrow Hay, Commissioner David Merker, Commissioner Michael Fitzpatrick and Commissioner Joe Castello. Mayor Taylor also recognized city staff Manager Lori LaVerriere, Assistant Manager Carisse LeJeune and Public Affairs Manager Eleanor Krusell and board members of the Boynton Beach CRA Buck Buchanan and Mark Karageorge. Mayor Taylor informed the membership about three projects that the city is supporting. He stated in February the city will be hosting a 5k walk/run at the barrier free park which is wheel chair accessible. The second program is "Dogs 4 Disabled Veterans", where professional trainers would go to the pounds and adopt abandoned dogs or those that would otherwise be put down and train them at the Martin Correctional Facility by inmates. Once trained and classified as service dogs they are provided to veterans free of charge. The third program, Mayor Taylor stated, came about when he held an open house during his candidacy for the Mayor seat. He stated it was brought to his attention that when a man with a record informed him of how hard it was to find a job. Mayor Taylor created the "Team of Hope" committee which consists of ten members. He stated that the committee partners with the Criminal Justice Commission, Lord's Place, Gulfstream Goodwill and the Riviera Beach Justice Service Center. Mayor Taylor explained that the committee reviews the records and does interviews of those who are serious of turning their life around, then assist in recommending them for an interview with a viable employer. He stated since the program started this summer, the committee has interviewed 7 people, have found employment for 3 and entered 4 into programs where they will obtain skills that would make them more employable. He concluded that he hopes everyone will take this idea back to their respective municipalities so that they can mimic the program and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

President Maxwell recognized School District Board Member Chuck Shaw, Palm Beach County Commissioner on Ethic Pat Archer, District 88 Representative Bobby Powell and Palm Beach County Commissioner Shelley Vana who were in attendance.

President Maxwell informed the membership that at the board meeting a new associate member Bradley Biggs' application was approved. Mr. Biggs was given an opportunity to introduce himself to the membership.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

Addition: 7e. Ratification of Petroleum Cleanup Ordinance

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

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of October 23, 2013 General Membership meeting

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

5. President's Report

President Maxwell wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays.

6. Presentations -

a. Tourism in Palm Beach County

Glenn Jergensen, Executive Director of the Tourist Development Council, informed the membership that he will be providing an overview of tourism this year, expectations for next year and the Tourist Development Council. Mr. Jergensen stated that the success of Palm Beach County's Tourism can be credited to the team effort of the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, The Palm Beach County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the PBC Sports Commission, PBC Film and Television Commission, PBC Department of Environmental Resources Management and the Palm Beach County Convention Center. He stated that they are all contracted by the Tourist Development Board, which is funded by bed taxes. Mr. Jergensen informed the membership that the bed tax is the amount Palm Beach County collects from visitors who stay at housing facility for less than six months. He continued by saying the bed tax rate is currently at \$.05 cents, which it has been since 2007. Mr. Jergensen informed the membership that in 2012 the county bed tax revenue was \$27.5 million, an amount they had not seen since the recession in 2008. He stated that currently the bed tax revenue is continuing to grow, grossing 11% ahead of the 2012 revenue, standing at \$30.5 million for 2013 and they expect 2014 to gross 4% more. He contributed the climb to the length of time people are staying, more people visiting friends and family, the enjoyment of leisure time (beaches and restaurants) and the summer sporting events. He stated a study showed that the demographics of the people visiting are considered young and free or affluent mature. Mr. Jergensen concluded by saying Palm Beach County has approximately five million plus visitors who generate approximately \$5 million dollars.

7. Miscellaneous Business

a. Ratification of County Wide Consumer Affairs Ordinance

President Maxwell reported that at this morning's meeting, the Board of Directors voted 'No Objections' to the proposed changes to the County Wide Consumer Affairs Ordinance. Ratification is required by the membership.

Motion and second to ratify the vote of 'no objections' to the proposed changes to the County Wide Consumer Affairs Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Ratification of County Wide Fuel Price Signs Ordinance

President Maxwell reported that at this morning’s meeting, the Board of Directors voted ‘No Objections’ to the proposed changes to the County Wide Fuel Price Signs Ordinance. Ratification is required by the membership.

Motion and second to ratify the vote of ‘no objections’ to the proposed changes to the County Wide Fuel Price Signs Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Ratification of Appointment to the Criminal Justice Commission

President Maxwell reported that at their meeting this morning, the Board of Directors reappointed Lake Clarke Shores Mayor Valentin Rodriguez to the commission. Ratification is required by the general membership.

Motion and second to ratify the reappointment of Lake Clarke Shores Mayor Valentin Rodriguez to the Criminal Justice Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Ratification of Appointments to the 2014 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

President Maxwell reported that at its meeting that morning, the Board of Directors voted to appoint the following to the 2014 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Ratification is required by the General Membership.

Seat 4	Anne Gerwig	Councilwoman	Wellington
Seat 5	Sam Ferreri	Mayor	Greenacres
Seat 6	Karen Golonka	Mayor	Jupiter
Seat 7	Joni Brinkman	Councilmember	Palm Springs
Seat 8	James DuBois	Mayor	Lake Park
Seat 4 Alt.	John Szerdi	Commissioner	Lake Worth
Seat 5 Alt.	David Norris	Councilman	North Palm Beach
Seat 6 Alt.	Bruce Guyton	Councilman	Riviera Beach
Seat 7 Alt.	Marcie Tinsley	Councilmember	Palm Beach Gardens
Seat 8 Alt.	Jeff Hmara	Vice Mayor	Royal Palm Beach

Motion and second to ratify the appointments to the 2014 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Ratification of County Wide Petroleum Contamination Ordinance

President Maxwell reported that at this morning’s meeting, the Board of Directors voted ‘No Objections’ to the proposed changes to the County Wide Petroleum Contamination Ordinance. Ratification is required by the membership.

Motion and second to ratify the vote of ‘no objections’ to the proposed changes to the County Wide Petroleum Cleanup Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Legal Report

Attorney Trela White reported that there have been no updates on the City of Boca Raton Yankee Town case, the Town of Jupiter's Code Enforcement case or the Right Light Cameras case.

Mrs. White reported that at Monday's summary judgment hearing on the Inspector General funding

lawsuit, it was regarding whether or not the cities have waived sovereign immunity allowing the county to send them a bill for payment to the I.G.. No decision has been made.

9. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe started by thanking the City of Boynton Beach for hosting the League meeting and commended the city staff and the restaurant staff for their professionalism during the meeting.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership of the Tri-Cities Barbecue, which is being held at the Pahokee Marina on Friday December 6th. He stated if anyone would like to contribute to please contact the League office and asked that if you are attending to please bring an unwrapped toy for the "Children of the Glades" Toy Drive.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that at the National League of Cities Conference in Seattle, the FEMA Flood Maps became a priority for the League.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded everyone that the FLC Fly-In will be taking place on February 11-12th in Washington, DC and would like for anyone who will be attending to inform this League's office.

Mr. Radcliffe thanked everyone who attended the Legislative Roundtable and made it a success.

Mr. Radcliffe reported that at the Florida League of Cities Legislative Conference, in Orlando, Sober Homes and Regulations of Rentals became priorities to the Florida League.

Lastly Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that Congresswoman Lois Frankel will be the presenter at the January 22nd General Membership meeting.

10. Member Comments

Glen Torcivia informed the membership of the Palm Beach County Mayor's Ball, which will be taken place on Saturday March 8, 2014 at 6 o'clock p.m. at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. He stated that the event is being hosted by the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County.

Marjorie Sullivan of the Palm Healthcare Foundation informed the membership of the "Let's Move Commit to Change" challenge. She stated it is a county wide physical activity challenge for which Palm Beach County, Palm Beach Gardens and Boynton Beach, Who Participated last year, will be participating in

11. Upcoming Meetings - *Announced*

- a. Glades Barbecue, Pahokee Marina.....Noon, December 6th
- b. Board of Directors Meeting, Boca Raton..... 10 a.m., January 22nd
- c. General Membership Meeting, Boca Raton.....Noon, January 22nd

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.