

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, August 22, 2018, at 10:00 am
Sandhill Crane Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcomes, Introductions

President Anne Gerwig called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board Members present were: Anne Gerwig, Jeff Hmara, Kimberly Glas-Castro (10:10), Mo Thornton, Gail Coniglio, Patti Waller, Michael Brown, Shirley Johnson (10:18), Leondrae Camel, Andy Amoroso, Terence Davis (10:51), Steve Grant, Ilan Kaufer, Maria Marino, Peter Noble, Lawrence Gordon, Debbie Manzo, and Keith James. **None Absent.**

Past Presidents in attendance were: Todd Wodraska, David Stewart and Steven Wilson (10:20)
Absent were: Robert Shalhoub, Scott Maxwell, Tom Lynch, Bev Smith.

Also in attendance were: Bill Johnson, Director of Palm Beach County Emergency Management; Sally Waite, Palm Beach County Emergency Program Coordinator; Palm Beach County Tax Collector Anne Gannon; Dawn Wynn, Palm Beach County Senior Assistant Attorney; Nick Uhren, Executive Director of the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Authority; Chief Frank Kitzerow, School District of Palm Beach County; Chuck Shaw, Palm Beach County School Board; Chuck Stoddard; Glen Jorgenson, Palm Beach County Tourism Development Council; Robert Brown and Rosemary Rayman, Lake Worth Drainage District; League Attorney Jennifer Ashton; League staff Richard Radcliffe and JeRiise Hansen.

2. Additions, Deletions and/or Modifications to the Agenda

None

3. President's Welcome

President Gerwig thanked League Staff members Executive Director Richard Radcliffe and JeRiise Hansen for their help in assisting the Palm Beach County League of Cities to win the Most Spirited Award at the Florida League of Cities Conference Home Rule Rally. She also asked the board that if they have helped a resident by using Home Rule to send their stories in to the League so they could be used in a future document stressing the importance of home rule to residents.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting July 25, 2018 Minutes
- b. Approval of July 2018 Financials
- c. Appointment of Debbie Manzo to the Fire Service Committee
- d. Approval of New Associate Member Application for Leadership Palm Beach County
Sponsored by Mayor Maria Marino, City of Palm Beach Gardens

Motion and second to approve the consent agenda. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Miscellaneous Business

None

6. Special Presentations

- a. Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Services Ordinance Revision

Bill Johnson, Director of Palm Beach Emergency Management, detailed the proposed ordinance change before the board. The ordinance revision entailed the addition of language to allow applicants for a special secondary service provider seal (COPCN) whose staff meet requirements but the company lacks an ALS work history to be eligible for a probationary COPCN with the condition they present documentation that they have successfully provided ALS service within 6 months after they receive the seal. If approved, the Board of County Commissioners will preliminarily address this revision on October 2nd with the final reading on October 16th.

Motion and second of no objection to the addition of language to the Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Services Ordinance allowing for the availability of a probationary COPCN to qualified applicants. Motion passes unanimously.

- b. Palm Beach County Vacation Rentals Ordinance

Palm Beach County Tax Collector Anne Gannon and Senior Assistant Attorney Dawn Wynn addressed the proposal of a new Short Term Rentals Ordinance that will come before the Board of County Commissioners for a first reading on September 18th, with its final reading in October. The proposed ordinance seeks to incorporate online services for short-term rentals (less than 6 months or 180 days) requiring them to register online with the county and pay bed taxes through the tax collector’s office. If this procedure is not followed and a homeowner continues to rent, it may be possible for them to lose their Homestead Exemption but that is at the discretion of the Property Appraiser’s Office.

Motion and second to no objection to the proposed Palm Beach County Vacation Rentals Ordinance that will require online services for short term rentals to register with the County. Motion passes unanimously.

c. Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Authority Update

Nick Uhren, Executive Director of the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Authority, informed League board members of the decision of Transportation Authority Governing Board to transition the TPA from a Palm Beach County hosted agency to an independent one. However, since the Authority is federally funded by grants in arrears, in order to make this transition possible, the TPA will need to be funded temporarily by loans from four local cities, Jupiter, Palm Beach Gardens, Royal Palm Beach and Boca Raton, acting as lenders to the TPA upon execution of the order by the Governing Board on September 20th.

In addition to the aforementioned loans, the Authority will begin requiring that all cities that are members of the TPA Governing Board pay annual member dues of 10 cents per capita (with the county paying for an estimated at \$61,000 annually for unincorporated areas) that will allow the TPA to pursue grants at the Federal or State level that will allow municipalities to receive funding for transportation projects, including train quieting areas.

d. Palm Beach County School District Police Department Update

Chief Frank Kitzerow, School District of Palm Beach County, praised the quick installation of Resource Officers into 13 different schools that were without them and the hiring of 75 new officers. He briefly summarized the recent shooting event on Friday, August 17th and praised the rapid response to the shooting by the officers and school staff and discussed Active Shooter Training, school safety and security concerns.

7. Committee Report

None

8. Legal Report

Legal Counsel Jennifer Ashton updated the board concerning the case *Weeks v. Town of Palm Beach* (Fla.4thDCA2018), which involved Weeks, a former employee of the Town of Palm Beach Fire Rescue that was terminated after internal investigations. After his termination, Weeks decided to sue Town employees involved in the investigations individually for defamation. The trial court found that the Town employees were working within the scope of their duties and were immune from defamation claims.

9. Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe mentioned that the Palm Beach County Sheriffs Office will come to each city if requested to do Active Shooter Training. He then thanked Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Johnson for the first District 4 luncheon as well as praising attendance of 112 League members at the August FLC Conference and Gold Coast Breakfast, including the full councils of Juno Beach, Hypoluxo, Lake Park and Wellington.

He reminded the Board of the mandatory 4 hour of state Ethics training on October 9th at the Village of Palm Springs from 8-12 including a one hour credit for the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics retraining at the same time and managers and attorneys will get continuing education credit. He also mentioned the September 26th Lake Worth meeting and Candidates Forum and a training session from Lynn Tipton from the Florida League of Cities on addressing constitutional amendments and the homestead exemption as well as upcoming policy committees and the DC Fly In in Orlando that includes a reimbursement for first time attendees.

10. Member Comments

Executive Director Radcliffe mentioned possible blue hats for board members and excessive horn blowing.

Councilman Terence Davis apologized for his lateness.

President Gerwig mentioned that if anyone had questions Active Shooting drills or the President's Initiative to visit the FLC website.

11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your Calendar)

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex
..... 10:00 a.m., September 26th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex
..... 12:00 p.m., September 26th
- c. State Mandated Ethics Training (with 4 hour PBC Ethics Retraining), Village of Palm Springs
..... 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., October 9th

(RSVP Required for all events)

12. Adjournment-The Board adjourned at 11:15.