

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
BOARD MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 12:00 pm
Lake Worth Beach Casino Ballroom, Lake Worth Beach**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

President Kim Glas-Castro called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Manzo called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present in-person were: Kimberly Glas-Castro, Andy Amoroso, Lawrence Gordon, Debbie Manzo, Patti Waller, Leondrae Camel, Michael Brown, and Maria Marino

Board members present via phone were: Gail Coniglio, Michael Brown, Monica Mayotte, Ilan Kaufer, Michael Napoleone, Peter Noble, Robert Gottlieb, and Shirley Johnson

Absent were: Christina Lambert (*excused*), Julia Botel (*excused*)

Past Presidents Present: Jeff Hmara, David Stewart, Anne Gerwig (via phone)

Absent Were: Keith A. James, Robert M.W. Shalhoub, Scott Maxwell, Todd Wodraska, Tom Lynch, Steve Wilson, and Bev Smith

Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso was recognized in welcoming the board membership to the City of Lake Worth Beach. He mentioned that the new restaurant downstairs, Viva La Playa, is owned by the same owners of Benny's on the Beach & that today's lunch is sponsored by the CRA and catered by White Apron. Next, he goes into the latest news with the CRA & highlights the goodie bags they have provided to membership included items promoting the City of Lake Worth Beach. Then, he reminds membership the benefits of having a CRA & how they provide cities a way to do more in regards to development (Ex: small business programs).

2. Additions, Deletions and Modifications to Agenda

Addition: 5) Miscellaneous Business
c. local Option Gas Tax Distribution

A motion and a second was made to approve this addition. The addition was approved unanimously.

3. President's Welcome

League President, Kim Glas-Castro

League President Kim Glas-Castro reminds membership that the FLC Policy Committee's sign-up is still available. She mentioned their first meeting is this Friday and that there are only 3 meetings in total. Also, the FLC urges committee members to meet with their senate/congressional representative so that representative may become more familiar with the issues impacting municipalities in Palm Beach County.

4. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting August 19, 2020 Minutes
- b. Approval of the August 2020 Financial Report
- c. Re-appointment of Anna Yeskey to the PBC Land Development Regulation Advisory Board

A motion and a second was made to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.

5. **Miscellaneous Business**

- a. PBC Equal Employment and Housing and Places of Public Accommodation Ordinances.....Information

Pamela Guerrier Director of PBC Office of Equal Opportunity
David Ottey, PBC Chief Assistant County Attorney (on the phone)

Ms. Guerrier provided membership with an overview of the PBC Equal Employment and Housing and Places of Public Accommodation Ordinance. On October 20, 2020 PBC staff will present this ordinance for its first reading and PBC staff will advertise for public hearing & make a motion to approve on preliminary reading at the BCC meeting on December 8th, 2020. In the currently proposed ordinance it would adjust the definition of employer to include the amended definition of employer with the number of employees from 15 to 5 or more.

Q & A session took place.

A motion and a second was made to have no objection to the proposed ordinance. The motion for the proposed ordinance carried with one dissenting.

- b. The Benefits of Eminent Domain Ordinances.....Information

Victor Ramos, Florida Department of Transportation, Valuation Deputy Right of Way Manager

Mr. Ramos thanks the League for having him present at this meeting. Eminent domain ordinances pertains to the government appropriating private property for public use. He highlighted the benefit of eminent domain ordinances and that they eliminate uncertainty. Some cities have adopted these ordinances and he encourages all cities to consider adopting something similar.

Q & A session took place.

- c. Local Option Gas Tax Distribution.....Information/Action

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe referred to the gas tax maps provided a few months ago to the participating municipalities. He was made aware that the City of Westlake has been collecting money that were not statutorily supposed to receive. Westlake has been removed due to them not having a population of 5,000 people minimum.

6. **Special Presentation(s)**

None

7. **Committee Report(s)**

- a. Environmental Committee

Vice Mayor Patti Waller

Vice Mayor Patti Waller provides membership with a recap of their recent meeting on Tuesday September 2nd and discussed Water Conserving Landscape Irrigation ordinances. A presentation was

done by Robert Wevanstraut of the South Florida Water Management District in regards to methods for municipalities to work on pertaining to these ordinances. For example, different methods of water conservation and enforcement such as the amount of water being used, the use of water shut-off valves and creating a sprinkler system schedule. The ordinances would leave the responsibility of the water conservation up to the municipalities. Approximately 16 districts have already adopted these ordinances. Also, Mr. Wevanstraut said if someone comes in for a permit the municipality has the authority to refuse it if they do not adopt these ordinances. The following cities that are working to adopt this ordinance are: Cloud Lake, Palm Beach, Manalapan, Tequesta, Palm Beach, Palm Springs, and West Palm Beach.

8. Legal Report

League Attorney Amity Barnard, Esq.

League Attorney Amity Barnard provided membership with a brief report regarding the City of Miami Beach v. Matheson case involving the soccer stadium proposal.

9. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe announced to membership that the PBC Literacy Coalition’s virtual luncheon will take place on Monday September 21, 2020. Next, on October 29th is the annual “Read for the Record.” Then the FLC virtual ethics training will take place on October 14th and sign-up is open. Finally, the FLC Legislative Conference will take place in Orlando on November 12th & 13th.

10. Member Comments.....Information

1st Vice President Andy Amoroso: He mentions issues in Lake Worth Beach such as vacation rentals & sober task force. Also, Air B&Bs are not supposed to operate but they still are so what are elected officials able to do?

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe responds by highlighting that there’s a Covid non-compliance line available that residents who may have a complaint may refer to which is 561-24-COVID (561-242-6843).

Mayor David Stewart congrats Vice Mayor Maria Marino on her election to the Board of County Commission.

Vice Mayor Maria Marino announced that today’s meeting is her last and she thanks the PBC League of Cities for their time.

Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara asked for a consensus of cities that are following phase #2 with the county and what activities they’re doing. A brief discussion ensued regarding events/activities being held in different cities.

11. Meetings Announcement: (Mark your calendars)

- a. General Membership Meeting, Conference Call.....Noon, September 23rd
- b. Board of Directors Meeting, North Palm Beach.....Noon, October 21st

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.