

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, October 28, 2015
Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute

President Dawn Pardo called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.. Bill Thrasher gave the invocation. The Lake Worth High School JROTC Honor Guard presented the flags and President Pardo led us in 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, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, Glen Ridge, Gulf Stream, Haverhill, Highland Beach, Hypoluxo, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, North Palm Beach, Ocean Ridge, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach, Royal Palm Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach, Tequesta, Wellington and West Palm Beach **Absent were:** Briny Breezes, Cloud Lake, Golf, Greenacres, Loxahatchee Groves, Manalapan, Mangonia Park and Palm Beach Shores

President Pardo recognized Palm Beach County Mayor Shelley Vana and Commissioner on Ethics Judy Pierman who was in attendance.

President Pardo introduced new associate member Florida Sugar Cane League representative David Fifer who was given an opportunity to introduce himself to the membership.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

Deletion: Miscellaneous Business 6a.

Ratification of the Appointments to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of September 30, 2015 General Membership meeting

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

5. Presentation

a. What You Need to Know About Telecommunications in 2015-2016

President Pardo informed the membership that they will be hearing from Gary Resnick an attorney with Gray Robinson and the Mayor of Wilton Manor.

Mr. Resnick thanked President Pardo and Mr. Radcliffe for inviting him to speak to the membership on the Telecommunications. He informed the membership that he has been telecomm lawyer for the past 20 years. Mr. Resnick stated that he was contacted by Senator Nelson to testify in front of the US Senate Commerce & Science Transportation Committee representing local government regarding removing barriers for the deployment of wireless infrastructure. He explained that the theme of his testimony was “no one wants broadband

deployment more than local government”, stating that local government not only regulate the services but are also consumers of the services for the economic development needed for their communities. He went on to say that local government should have the authority over the local land use. Mr. Resnick informed the membership that the FCC passed regulations pursuant to a federal statute that mandates local governments approve co-locations (locating antennas on existing towers or structures) on certain structures. He explained that the statute stipulates that local government have to approve obligations of co-locations of antennas on existing towers. Mr. Resnick concluded with the bottom line being that people want the service, the market wants to provide the service and the industry needs more capacity and is trying to locate new antenna. He stated that there is a separate industry of the infrastructure industry who only constructs and maintains towers in the hopes of building more towers and antennas which caused a controversy. He stated that the controversy stemmed from rights a ways, where in one instance, the FEC was interested in building towers solely to lease the towers to third party carriers. Mr. Resnick suggested that the membership review their municipal codes which may not address wireless facilities in the rights a way.

6. Miscellaneous Business

None

7. Legal Report

League Attorney Trela White informed the membership about a case regarding the Broward County Sheriff and the City of Fort Lauderdale in which sovereign immunity was claimed by the city over nonpayment of police dispatch and services rendered by Broward County Sheriff Office.

Ms. White provided an update on the Bert Harris Act case in which the Supreme Court ruled with the city, stating that the act only regulates on one's own property.

Ms. White informed the membership that there are no updates on the Red Light Camera case or the IG Funding Lawsuit.

8. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe extended thanks to the City of Lake Worth's Commissioners in attendance: Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell and Commissioner Andy Amoroso and staff Manager Mike Bornstein, Silvina Donaldson and Shilah James for putting on the meeting.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership that this year's BBQ will be held on December 4th. He informed the membership that this year new associate member Florida Sugar Cane League will be providing transportation to and from the BBQ from several locations. Lastly, Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership about bring an unwrapped gifts for the children for the Glades.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership to RSVP for the Legislative Roundtable which will be held at FAU on December 16th.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership that the NLC Conference will be held next week and for anyone who will be in attendance to let him know.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that next month the League will be Boynton Beach at Benvenuto's for the November meeting.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership to make sure that each municipality has provided their "Read

for the Records” results to the Literacy Coalition, which will be revealed at the November meeting.

9. President’s Report

President Pardo informed the membership of the 2nd Annual Lagoon Fest being held on Saturday November 14th at the West Palm Beach waterfront. President Pardo informed the membership of her trip DC for the FLC Fly-In where she, along with Mayor Susan Haynie of Boca Raton and Executive Director Richard Radcliffe spoke with the Delegation about municipal bonds; FEMA regarding the De-Obligation; and US Representative Lois Frankel regarding a bill to amend the Fair Housing Act which would allow the zoning of Sober Homes. President Pardo also informed the membership of her meeting at the Department of Justice where she it was suggested that neighboring cities put in a joint application for funds for body camera which there has been a big push for in Palm Beach County.

10. Member Comments

President Pardo informed the membership that the Lake Worth Playhouse will sing a few songs.

11. Meetings Announcements

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Benvenuto Caterestaurant, Boynton Beach.....10 a.m., Nov. 25th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Benvenuto Caterestaurant, Boynton BeachNoon, Nov. 25th
- c. Tri-Cities BBQ, Belle Glade Marina (RSVP Required).....11:30 a.m., Dec. 4th

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m..