

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, January 25, 2017
Jupiter Community Center**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Flag Salute

President Robert Shalhoub called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes

Secretary Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained. 1st Vice President Keith James did the invocation and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Shalhoub introduced Jupiter's Mayor, Todd Wodraska, who welcomed the membership to his town and to the community center. Mayor Wodraska provided the membership with an overview of what the town has to offer; from the Jupiter Lighthouse, to the public water front access and not forgetting the exciting parks and eco-tourism adventures such as kayaking and paddle boarding. Mayor Wodraska concluded by recognizing Jupiter's council and staff in attendance: Vice Mayor Ilan Kaufer, Town Manager Andy Lukasik and Town Attorney Tom Baird.

President Shalhoub welcomed new associate members Karen Marcus of Sustainable PBC, Sharon Merchant of the Merchant Strategy and Elliot Cohen of My PR Guru. Both 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 the November 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes

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

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Approval of the Proposed Changes to the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws

League Attorney Jennifer Ashton informed the board that the proposed changes being made to the Articles of Incorporation and By- Laws are minor housekeeping changes like adding our newest municipality, Westlake. Ms. Ashton stated that the Articles and By-Laws with the

proposed changes were mailed out 30 days prior to the meeting in accordance to the article eight of the Articles of Incorporation.

Motion and second to approve the proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Ratification of the PBC Equal Employment Ordinance Amendments

League Attorney Jennifer Ashton informed the membership that at the Board meeting the board heard a presentation regarding the proposed amendments and provided an overview of what changes are being made. Ms. Ashton informed the membership that the board voted to support the amendments being made to the PBC Equal Employment Ordinance and that ratification was needed.

Motion and second to ratify the proposed amendments of the PBC Equal Employment Ordinance. Motion carried with one dissenting.

6. Legal Report

League Counsel Ms. Ashton provided an update on the Inspector General Funding lawsuit. She stated that the Fourth District Court of Appeal ruled that the municipalities have sovereign immunity over their budget meaning the county cannot sue the municipalities for not budgeting certain dollars towards the OIG Program. Ms. Ashton went on to say that the County has until January 20, 2017 to file an appeal and has chosen not to do so.

7. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe started by thanking Jupiter for hosting this month's meetings.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that with the passing of medical marijuana, the Florida League of Cities will be creating a portal that will allow municipalities to search for information with what other municipalities are doing. He stated that on February 3rd FLC will be hosting a Q & A regarding medical marijuana.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that the board of directors approved the resolution for the League's oversight committee. He stated that the Board is seeking nominations to be on the League's oversight committee and that if any municipality wishes to use the League's oversight committee to inform the League office.

8. President's Report

President Shalhoub provided the membership with report on the strategic planning retreat and the survey. He stated that the top topics discussed were: shared best practice/ lesson learned, education training, optimizing the League's presence and education training and communications and use of technology and social media. President Shalhoub thanked the coordinators and the board members who were able to attend.

9. Presentations

a. “What Municipal Policy Makers Should Know about Lake Okeechobee.”

President Shalhoub introduced Mike Busha and provided a synopsis of his back ground.

Executive Director Mike Busha of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council thanked the President for the invitation to speak and stated that the Council has enjoyed its 41-year partnership with the municipalities and appreciate their support. Mr. Busha provided the membership history of the Lake and the plumbing system. He informed the membership of the regional context and scale of the Lake Okeechobee issue and the entire water management system between Orlando and the Keys. Mr. Busha explained how policy makers are affected regardless of where they are located in relation to the lake. Mr. Busha concluded by saying that the South Florida Water Management District and the Army Core of Engineers have been working more closely together and are working on 8 or 9 more projects. He encourages everyone to not deviate from the schedule to restore the dike.

President Shalhoub introduced Ernie Marks and provided a brief background on him.

Ernie Marks, South FL Water Management District Director of Everglades Policy and Coordination started off by thanking Mike Busha for his presentation and stated that he will be more direct in his presentation whereas Mike Busha was broad. Mr. Marks informed the membership of the challenges the core and district faces. He stated that flood protection and water supply are their main concerns and weather plays a major role in moving the water south. Mr. Marks stated that the Dike’s rehab efforts are expected to run until 2022. Mr. Marks conclude by informing the membership of projects that the district is currently working on.

10. Member Comments

League staff informed the membership that the League is currently accepting consent to serve forms from elected officials and managers who wish to be considered for the 2017-2018 board of directors.

Geoff Sluggett informed the membership that the Florida Association of Counties will be bosting marijuana summit in Orlando on February 4th.

Patricia Schroeder of 211 informed the membership that February is 211 Awareness Month.

11. Meetings Announcements

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Palm Beach International Equestrian Center .. 10 a.m., February 22nd
- b. General Membership Meeting, Palm Beach International Equestrian Center 12 p.m., February 22nd
(RSVP Required)

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m..