

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Hilton Palm Beach Airport

MINUTES

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

President Dawn Pardo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Secretary Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Dawn Pardo, Robert Shalhoub, Keith James, Mo Thornton, Robert Gebbia, Robert Gottlieb, Bill Thrasher, Mike Mullaugh, Jerry Taylor, David Levy, Jeff Hmara, Matt Willhite, Kimberly Glas-Castro, and Gail Coniglio **Absent were:** Allie Biggs, Andy Amoroso and Steve Wilson

Past Presidents in attendance were: Scott Maxwell, Todd Wodraska, Lisa Tropepe, David Stewart and Ken Schultz.

Also in attendance were: Councilmember Patti Waller and Manager Rich Reade, Village of Palm Springs; Rosemary Rayman and Harry Raucher, Lake Worth Drainage District; Woodrow Hay, Greater Chamber of Commerce Boynton Beach; Vice Mayor Lawrence Gordon, Town of Haverhill; Manager Leondrae Camel, City of South Bay, Michael Jawdy, Vice Mayor Richard Valuntas, Village of Royal Palm Beach; League Counsel Jennifer Ashton; Corbett White Davis & Ashton, P.A.; and League Staff Richard Radcliffe, JeRiise Hansen and Clarelle Prosper.

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

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **Minutes of Board Meeting, November 25, 2015**
- b. **Financials November and December 2015**
- c. **Scholarship Committee Appointment – Councilwoman Judith Dugo, Greenacres**
- d. **PBC Criminal Justice Commission Appointment – Councilman Richard Valuntas, Royal Palm Beach**
- e. **PBC Impact Fee Committee Appointment (Regular Seat) – Andrew Mack P.E., Boynton Beach**
- f. **PBC Impact Fee Committee Appointment (Alternate Seat) – Commissioner Paula Ryan, West Palm Beach**
- g. **New Associate Member Application - Cultural Council of Palm Beach County**
Sponsored by Vice Mayor Pro Tem Andy Amoroso, Lake Worth
- h. **New Member Application – ARI**
Sponsored by Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell, Lake Worth

Motion by Mo Thornton and second by Robert Shalhoub to approve the consent agenda. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Special Presentations

a. Chain of Lakes Blueway Trail Project – Town Administrator Dan Clark, Town of Lake Clarke Shores

Mr. Clark informed the board of the Chain of Lakes Blueway Trail Project, which is the connecting of the chain of lakes to the inter-costal waterway. He stated that the project will create jobs and add an ecotourism opportunity that would increase the quality of life and increase property value. Mr. Clark informed the board that the cost of the engineering and permitting, which has to be approved by the SFWMD and the Core, is \$287,000. He stated that the Core process takes between 24-30 months. In regards to funding for the project, Mr. Clark explained that once it is “shovel ready” he expects Congresswoman Frankel to assist with Economic Development Opportunity federal grant money and anticipates funding from the public private partnership.

Mayor Shalhoub interjected and thanked the municipalities who either have already passed a resolution or plan on passing a resolution in support of the project. He has asked for all of the municipalities bordering the chain of lakes to pass a supporting resolution also.

Mr. Clark asked the board to pass a resolution supporting the municipalities along the chain of lakes efforts to obtain funding for the project.

Motion by Robert Shalhoub and second by David Levy to approve a resolution to support encouraging the development of the Chain of Lakes Blueway Trail Project also known as the C-51 boat lift. Motion carries unanimously.

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Board of Directors District 2 Vacancy

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reminded the board that in the wake of the passing of Board Member District 2 Representative, Councilmember Jerry Beavers of Haverhill, and the board now has a vacancy to fill. He informed the board that Councilmember Patti Waller of Palm Springs and Vice Mayor Lawrence Gordon of Haverhill has expressed interest of filling the vacancy.

Both parties were given an opportunity to address the board.

There was discussion.

Motion by Mo Thornton and second by David Levy to appoint Councilmember Patti Waller to the Board of Directors District 2 representative seat. Motion carries with Keith James dissenting.

Councilmember Patti Waller was sworn in.

b. Recommendation to the FLC Nominating Committee

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board that the Florida League of Cities is seeking a recommendation for their nominating committee. He reminded the board that Commissioner Keith James was the League recommendation last year.

Motion by Mo Thornton and second by Robert Shalhoub to recommend Commissioner Keith James as a PBC League representative on the FLC Nominating Committee. Motion carries unanimously.

6. Committee Report

a. Ocean to Lake Trail Committee

President Pardo informed the board that at the last Ocean to Lake Trail Committee meeting, the committee created a strategy for the C-51 while in Tallahassee for Palm Beach County Days. She stated that the committee is still seeking maps and are continuing to try and connect all of the cities in Palm Beach County. President Pardo informed the board that the next committee meeting will be on February 25th.

7. President's Report

President Pardo reported to the board about her trip to Tallahassee for Palm Beach County Days, where she lobbied on behalf of the C-51 project and on the PBC League's as well as Palm Beach County's initiatives. She stated that she was the designated person that lobbied for beach funding and was able to speak with DEP representatives. President Pardo informed the board that Senator Albritton is currently working on bill language for beach renourishment funding and is willing to amend the language if need be. She stated that the Florida League of Cities is looking into it and that she has a copy of the language if anyone is interested. President Pardo stated that she was also to discuss Sober Homes and Appropriations, adding that last year was disappointing since majority of the cities did not receive funding from the budget, hoping that this will be different this year.

8. Legal Report

Legal Counsel Jennifer Ashton informed the board that South Florida Legal Guide named Trela White top governmental lawyer.

Ms. Ashton updated the board on the Jeffery Marcus Gray, stating that 1st District affirmed the trial court ruling without an opinion.

Ms. Ashton informed the board of Hb461/SB416, the relocation of utilities within easements, which would require local governments to bear the cost of relocating utility equipment and not the utilities.

There was discussion.

Staff was directed to work with 2nd VP, Keith James, to come up with public relations/outreach strategy.

Motion was made by Mo Thornton and second by Robert Shalhoub to direct the League attorney to create a model resolution to be considered by the cities.

Ms. Ashton informed the board on current legislation regarding public records and vacation rentals.

9. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board that due to weather Mike Sittig will not be able to attend and present at the General Membership meeting. He stated that Katy Till will be providing the group with a legislative update.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that Legislative Action Day will be on February 2nd and 3rd in Tallahassee.

Mr. Radcliffe provided the board with an update on the sales tax. He stated that the county is still considering it and will be receiving a presentation at their February 9th meeting from the Firefighters and a possibly from county staff if their 3rd party reports are available before that time. He explained to the board that that would be the best time for the cities to make their position known. Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that he is still waiting for some of the municipalities list.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership of the FLC Legislative update call in phone number.

10. Member Comments

Mayor Stewart expressed his concern for the rise on crime in the western community of Belle Glade since the start of the New Year. President Pardo stated that there are programs that might be able to help and sharing that information would be the best way to start.

Councilman Matt Willhite informed that board that this will be his last meeting since due to prior engagements; he will not be able to attend the February meeting and will be out of office in March.

Bill Thrasher stated that he thinks that Palm Beach County dismissed their cross appeal option. He requested that Richard email the FLC legislative contact information. Mr. Thrasher states that he would support a governor's platform suggesting an option of having a centralized capital.

Mo Thornton informed the board members about a change within state law that has the definition of a building official as an employee and she is seeking to have it changed to qualified persons since many small cities contract out for that service.

Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell and Mayor Robert Shalhoub extended thanks and well wishes to Matt Willhite.

Mayor Robert Shalhoub informed the board that the "may" change in the Public Records may not be getting the embrace as anticipated.

11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your calendar)

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Small Cities Host at Atlantis Country Club.....10 a.m., Feb. 24th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Small Cities Host at Atlantis Country Club.....Noon, Feb. 24th

12. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:35a.m.