

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
St. Lucy's Catholic Church – Highland Beach

MINUTES

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

President Todd Wodraska called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. JeRiise Hansen called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Todd Wodraska, Scott Maxwell, Bill Manuel, Jerry Beavers, Robert Gottlieb, Bill Thrasher, Steve Wilson, Dawn Pardo, Mike Mullaugh, Gail Coniglio (*arrived at 10:14*) and Robert Shalhoub (*arrived at 10:19*) **Absent were:** Mo Thornton, Matt Willhite, Woodrow Hay and Keith James

Past presidents in attendance: Isaac Robinson, Jr., David Stewart and Susan Haynie

Mayor Featherman of Highland Beach expressed his regret for not being able to stay for the meeting but welcomed everyone to the town and wished for a successful meeting.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Richard Radcliffe; League Counsel Trela White, Esq.; Councilmember Anne Gerwig, Wellington; Richard Hart, Trish Ernst and Kelly Wilson, Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach; Mayor James Dubois, Lake Park; Vice mayor Ellen Anel, Juno Beach; Palm Beach County Commissioner on Ethics Pat Archer; Chuck Stoddard; Rosemary Rayman, Harry Raucher and Joe Walsh, Lake Worth Drainage District; Councilman Robert Gebbia, North Palm Beach; Commissioner John Szerdi, Lake Worth; Vice Mayor Ron Brown, Highland Beach; Brad Biggs, Esq. of Corbett & White; League staff Je'Riise Hansen.

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

Addition 5 b New Member Application - Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach

Addition 5 c New Member Application - Jordano Group, Inc.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of Board Meeting, February 20, 2013
- b. Financial Reports - February 2013
- c. Appointment to the ITE Committee - Jeff Hmara
- d. New Member Application - Jeff Rubenstein

Motion by Mike Mullaugh, second by Angeleta Gray to approve the consent agenda with additions to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Scheduled Presentations - None

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Appointment to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

President Wodraska reported that there are two vacancies on the Council left by Martha Webster and Shelby Lowe, who are no longer elected officials. The current alternates were contacted to inquire of their interest to move to the vacant regular seats. Four of the five alternates expressed an interest in moving up. They were Lake Park Mayor James DuBois, Wellington

Councilmember Anne Gerwig, Juno Beach Vice Mayor Ellen Andel and Palm Beach Gardens Vice Mayor Pro Tem Marcie Tinsley, who was unable to make the meeting due to a prior engagement. Each candidate present was able to give a brief speech expressing their wishes to move up to the regular seat.

There was discussion.

A ballot vote was done appointing Wellington Councilmember Anne Gerwig and Juno Beach Vice Mayor Ellen Andel to the vacant regular seats on the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board that Lake Worth Commissioner John Szerdi has requested to be considered for a now vacant alternate seat due to the recent move of two alternates to the two vacant regular seats.

There was discussion.

Motion by Gail Coniglio, second by Robert Gottlieb to appoint Lake Worth Commissioner John Szerdi as an alternate to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Motion carries unanimously.

b. New Member Application of Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach

President Wodraska introduced the Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach, sponsored by Mayor Jeri Muoio of West Palm Beach. Company's representative, Trish Ernst, gave background information about the company and its mission.

Motion by Mike Mullaugh and second to approve the Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach's associate membership application. Motion carries unanimously.

c. New Member Application of Jordano Group, Inc.

President Wodraska reported that the Jordano Group, Inc. sponsored by Sam Ferreri, Mayor of Greenacres has submitted an application to become an associate member of the League.

Motion and a second by to approve the Jordano Group, Inc. associate member application. Motion carries unanimously.

6. Committee Reports

a. Nominating Committee

President Wodraska informed the board that the nominating committee which included, himself, David Stewart, Susan Haynie and Ike Robinson meet and came up with the following slate of officers for consideration and approval at the April 24th meeting in Palm Springs.

The slate is as follows: **President:** Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell, Lake Worth; **1st V.P.:** Mayor Steve Wilson, Belle Glade; **2nd V.P.:** Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo, Riviera Beach; **Secretary/Treasurer:** Manager Mo Thornton, Atlantis; **District 1:** Mayor Bill Manuel, North Palm Beach; **District 2:** Councilmember Jerry Beavers, Haverhill; **District 3:** Councilor Robert Gottlieb, South Palm Beach; **District 4:** Manager Bill Thrasher, Gulf Stream; **District 5:** Commissioner Allie Biggs, Pahokee; **Large City:** Deputy Vice

Mayor Angeleta Gray, Delray Beach; **Large City:** Mayor David Levy, Palm Beach Gardens; **Large City:** Councilmember Mike Mullaugh, Boca Raton; **Large City:** Mayor Woodrow Hay, Boynton Beach; **Large City:** Commission President Keith James, West Palm Beach; **Large City:** Councilmember Matt Willhite, Wellington; **At Large:** Councilmember Robert Shalhoub, Lake Clarke Shores; **At Large:** Mayor Gail Coniglio, Palm Beach.

b. NLC Public Safety & Crime Prevention Committee

Commissioner Ike Robinson gave a report on the Public Safety & Crime Prevention Steering Committee on which he serves on for the National League of Cities. The President of the National League of Cities appoints to the Steering Committee, whose mission is assisting the Public Safety Commission on all issues, including; Cop Programs, Safer Grounds, Second Chance Programs, FEMA and Homeland Security to name a few. The steering committee makes the decisions as to what issues will be brought forth and sent to Congress. Commissioner Robinson encouraged interested parties to get involved so that Palm Beach County will be represented on the committee.

c. NLC Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations

Report will placed on a future agenda due to the absence of Keith James.

7. Legal Report

City of North Lauderdale passed an Ordinance regarding Utility Services, which states the city will only do business with the owner of the property and not the tenant. The ordinance does not conflict with Section 180.135 of the Florida Statutes, which provides the laws for utility billing. The cities can pass an ordinance stating they will only do business with the owners instead of the tenants, who may move out without paying their bill. It will then fall on the owner to do so.

In regards to the I.G. Funding Lawsuit, there was oral argument on March 19th on the issue of whether the I.G. can intervene in the lawsuit. The trial judge stated that the I.G. can not intervene since it is a county department head. County departments can not intervene against the county.

No other updates on the Red Light Cameras or the Superiority of Code Enforcement.

8. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reported that the BCC had its first reading of the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance, which included the items/suggestions the League brought forward. The second ordinance reading will be on April 16th. The BCC also approved Dennis Lip to serve on the Commission on Ethics Drafting Committee along with David Baker, Lenny Berger, Esq., Mo Thornton, Bill Thrasher, Jennifer Ashton Esq. and the new Commission on Ethics Executive Director.

Mr. Radcliffe reported on the FLC DC Fly-In where he meet with Senator Nelson and congressional staff. Several federal issues that were discussed were municipal bonds which they want to cap; online sales tax which is moving on federally and lastly requesting the federal government to fix the immigration system. He also reported on Palm Beach County Day where a few local elected officials attended. Two things that came out with a meeting with CFO Atwater were his understanding of the Fire Flow and Citizens Insurance issues, to which he stated that anyone who is having an rate increase of more than 10% to contact his office and he will try to assist. Mr. Radcliffe also stated he meet with Attorney Pam Bondi, who reported that the State of Florida negotiated with the five banks regarding foreclosures and \$8.4 billion will be available for people with foreclosures and financial issues. At Legislative Action Day in Tallahassee the Sovereign Immunity Bill was voted 5-3 to be created. In

the bill it will be \$1million per person and a \$1.5 million maximum per incident.

Mr. Radcliffe mentioned the "Mayors Mean Business" event. An economic forum hosted by FLC that will be taken place at the Marriott on April 18-19th. He also informed the board of the League's Annual Elected Officials workshop, which will be taken place on April 24 after the General Membership meeting in Palm Springs.

9. Member Comments

Ike Robinson made a donation to the Youth Delegation program to assist with the travel expenses so that they may attend the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in August.

Susan Haynie reported that the MPO was informed that the FEC will not be putting in the improvements so the municipalities can apply for the Quiet Zones when they come to lay the double track. The MPO is looking into the possibility of receiving FRA money that is available for safety improvements, which may be parlayed into the request for Quiet Zones. In regards to the MPO Director, five applicants have been selected to be interviewed on April 15th.

Jerry Beavers stated the District 2 & 3 Lunch topics were the Timing of Traffic Lights, Communication Service Tax and Code Enforcement which was brought up by Scott Maxwell. Scott Maxwell asked if any municipalities have any interest in examining Florida Statute 162. The Florida statute does not mandate that individuals comply with the local ordinance. Bill Thrasher encouraged Vice Mayor Maxwell to solicit input from a group of attorneys that would head the evaluation of the statute.

David Stewart thanked Delray's attorney, who is assisting Lantana with their Sober House issue. He also recognized that it was last year March also in Highland Beach when Commissioner Robinson received word that fellow West Palm Beach Commissioner Bill Moss had passed away.

10. Meetings Announcements

Next meeting will be on April 24th in Palm Springs at the G-Star School of the Arts

11. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:23 a.m.