

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 12:00 p.m.
St. Lucy Catholic Church Community Center – Highland Beach**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute

President Todd Wodraska called the meeting to order at 12:10. He asked for a moment of silence and personal reflections in the memory of William "Bill" Moss West Palm Beach Commissioner, who passed away last year.

President Wodraska led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes

Je'Riise Hansen called the roll and a quorum was attained.

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

Highland Beach Vice Mayor Ron Brown welcomed the membership to a "little piece of paradise" they call Highland Beach. Vice Mayor Brown informed the membership that the town will be making 64 this year and the person at each table who is closest to 64 will be able to take home the flower center piece.

Palm Beach County Mayor Steve Abrams, Highland Beach county representative, was there and spoke to the membership.

President Wodraska gave special mention to the Solid Waste Management and Recycling Associates for their contribution to the William A. Cruickshank Scholarship Fund which allowed the League to assist students and municipal employees with achieving a higher education in public services. President Wodraska then asked all associate members to stand to receive a round of applause for the continuous support of the League of Cities.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

Deletion of 7b. Ratification of Appointment to the ITE Committee

4. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of the February 20, 2013 General Membership meeting

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

5. President's Report

President Wodraska encourages everyone reads the Legislative brief reports and speak with Executive Director Richard Radcliffe if you have any questions.

He also reported on the proposed slate of officers and board members which 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.

6. Presentations -

a. Presentation of the 2013 William A. Cruickshank Scholarships

Scholarship Committee member William Thrasher presented the 2013 William A. Cruickshank Scholarship recipients with their awards. The Solid Waste Management and Recycling Associates scholarship contributors: Republic Service, Joanne Stanley; Waste Management, Dawn McCormick and Southern Waste Systems, Patti Hamilton assisted in presenting the awards. Carl Amritt, Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts; Amanda Bock , Glades Day School; Hugh Dunkley, Jr., Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts; Meaghan Hanley , Park Vista High School; Julia McBee, Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts; Luke Waldron, Cardinal Newman High School. Each student received \$1,000.00. Municipal employees Jennifer Diaz, City of Riviera Beach Police Department and Robert Hagerty, Town of Lantana Police Department received \$500.00 each.

b. No Cost Government Procurement Intelligence- Donna Council, CPPB, Smart Procure

Smart Procure is an online information service that caters to the need of government entities. The cost is free of charge to government. Smart Procure provides a large data base of Government purchase orders by state, local and county government. There are currently 30 million purchase orders listed in the data base and over 1200 agencies. The information is collected thru the clerk's office. The system allows you to search for any product or services the municipality is interested in, which will make it easier for the municipalities to shop around and get the best rate possibly.

7. Miscellaneous Business

a. Ratification of Appointment to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

President Wodraska reported that at the this morning' s board meeting, the Board of Directors appointed Wellington Councilmember Anne Gerwig and Juno Beach Vice Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Anandel to the two regular seats vacated by members who lost their election in March. Lake Worth Commissioner John Szerdi was appointed to one of the now vacant alternate seats, left open by the appointments of Anne Gerwig and Ellen Anandel to the regular seats.

Motion and second to ratify the appointment of Wellington Councilmember Anne Gerwig

and Juno Beach Vice Mayor Pro Tem as regulars and Lake Worth Commissioner John Szerdi as an alternate to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Motion carried unanimously.

8. 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.

9. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Radcliffe reported on the FLC DC Fly-In where he met 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. 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 a rate increase of more than 10% to contact his office and he will try to assist. Mr. Radcliffe also stated he met 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. To get more information you can visit www.myfloridalegal.com. At Legislative Action Day in Tallahassee the Sovereign Immunity Bill was voted 5-3 to be created. In the bill it will be \$1 million 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 Orlando 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.

10. Member Comments

Kathy Sorenson from the Good Government Initiative at the University of Miami informed about a program for state and local elected officials from Monroe to Palm Beach County. They are accepting application. Ms. Sorenson mentioned that Jeff Hmara of Royal Palm Beach and Wendy Harrison of Jupiter were a part of the last class given. Classes start at the end of August to Mid November and it will move around the reason.

Mayor David Stewart encouraged everyone to sign up and attend the League's Elected Officials Workshop and mentioned the great program that Smart Procure has.

New member Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach Trish Ernest thanked the board for approving the Agency's associate application and looked forward to working with the League.

11. Upcoming Meetings – April meetings will be at the G-Star School of the Arts in Palm Springs.

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