

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, August 25, 2010, 12:00 p.m.
Juno Beach Town Hall – Juno Beach**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Invocation, Flag Salute, and Welcome

President Isaac Robinson Jr. called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Gale English gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Mort Levine welcomed everyone to Juno Beach. He introduced Councilmember Jim Lyons, Vice Mayor Bill Greene, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Andel, Manager Joseph LoBello, and Town Attorney Len Rubin. He recognized town staff, lunch sponsor FPL, and Classico's Restaurant for preparing lunch. Mayor Levine then read a town proclamation in support of the Palm Beach County League of Cities and presented President Robinson with a key to the city.

2. Roll Call Cities, VIP and New Member Introductions

Secretary Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

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

Mr. Titcomb introduced Michelle McGovern, aide to U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson; Vicki Nowlan and Christi Fearnley, aides to Sen. Dave Aronberg; Holly Demers, aide to Sen. Joe Negron; Josh Swarz, aide to Rep. Joseph Abruzzo; Audrey Piedra and Melissa Williams, aides to Rep. Pafford; Kathy Peck and Dana Ackerman-White, aides to County Commissioner Shelley Vana; Jim McGinn, Dave Murray and Clay Austin of the Florida League of Cities; Todd Bonlarron, Palm Beach County Legislative Affairs Director; Melissa McKinley, aide to the Legislative Delegation; Anna Yeskey, IPARC Coordinator; Alan Johnson, Executive Director of the Commission on Ethics; Ella Gilbert, Tax Collectors Office; and Laura Corry, SFWMD.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

Mr. Titcomb requested the addition of two items: a report on the Florida League of Cities' investment trust as Item 6a, and a report on Lake Worth's Haiti relief effort at Item 6b. The current 6a and 6b would become 6c and 6d.

Motion by Todd Wodraska, second by Lisa Tropepe to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes – General Membership, July 28, 2010

Motion by Todd Wodraska, second by Mo Thornton to approve the minutes of the General Membership meeting of July 28, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

5. President's Report

President Robinson opted to skip his report in the interest of time.

6. Presentations

a. Florida Investment Trust

Former Royal Palm Beach Mayor David Lodwick spoke in support of the Florida League of Cities' investment and insurance trusts, encouraging municipal participation.

b. Haiti Relief

Palm Beach Sheriff Captain Rolando Silva, Commanding Officer of District 14 in Lake Worth, gave a presentation on their Haiti relief efforts, requesting donations of unneeded equipment and other supplies.

c. State/Federal Rail Update

Scott Seeburger, Project Manager for the Florida Department of Transportation and Kim DeLaney, Growth Management Coordinator for the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, reported on South Florida rail projects and the South Florida East Coast Corridor Study.

d. Constitutional Amendments

Robert Levy of Robert M. Levy & Associates reported on the status of the proposed amendments, explaining the purpose and impact of each one.

7. Miscellaneous Business, and Board Updates & Action

a. County Boards/Commissions - None

8. Legal Report

Mr. Biggs reported that there is no order yet on SB 360 case.

The Fourth District Court of Appeal has upheld a lower court ruling on Delray Beach's 'First Night' case, confirming that the city is not responsible for a person being struck by a stray bullet shot into the air during a New Year's celebration.

9. Executive Director's Report

The Gold Coast League breakfast was held at the Florida League of Cities Conference. There was a good turnout, with over 100 people. The meeting schedule for the year was presented; the lunch meetings will be held in Broward County.

The annual golf tournament is October 8th at the Atlantis Golf Club.

The ethics ballot question is moving forward. Cities interested in opting in prior to the November vote can do so by ordinance. Mr. Moss requested that the League invite Inspector General Steckler to a meeting prior to the November election.

He introduced Patrick Bell, who is gathering information on municipal emergency management procedures for a study at Florida International University.

President Robinson announced that at the Florida League of Cities conference, Dr. Priore received the 2010 E. Harris Drew Municipal Official Lifetime Achievement Award.

10. Member Comments

Darlene Kostrub of the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County announced that the Mayors' Literacy Luncheon is September 15 and encouraged cities to R.S.V.P.

11. Upcoming Meetings - *Announced*

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.