

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
Atlantis Country Club

MINUTES

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

President Scott Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Scott Maxwell, Steve Wilson, Dawn Pardo, Mo Thornton, Bill Manuel, Jerry Beavers, Bill Thrasher, Allie Biggs (*arrived at 10:11*), Mike Mullaugh, Woodrow Hay, Angeleta Gray, Keith James (*arrived at 10:10*), Gail Coniglio (*arrived at 10:07*) and Todd Wodraska
Absent were: Dawn Pardo, Robert Gottlieb, David Levy, Matt Willhite, Robert Shalhoub

Past Presidents in attendance: Lisa Tropepe, David Stewart and Susan Haynie.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Richard Radcliffe; League Counsel Trela White, Esq.; Jennifer Ashton, Esq., Corbett, White & Davis, P.A.; Mayor Dan Comerford, Jupiter Inlet Colony; Harry Raucher and Rosemary Rayman, Lake Worth Drainage District; Dr. Carmine Priore; Laura Corry, South Florida Water Management District; Palm Beach County Vice Mayor on Ethics Pat Archer; Commissioner Sylvia Moffett, West Palm Beach; and League staff Je'Riise Hansen and Katherine Willingham.

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

President Maxwell noted the amended agenda to include the additions of
5c. New Member Application- Bergeron Emergency Services
6d. Environmental Committee
6f. Finance, Taxation & Personnel
6g. Energy, Environmental & Natural Resources
6h. Growth Management & Economic Development

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of Board Meeting, August 28, 2013**
- b. Financial Reports for August 2013**

Motion by Angeleta Gray and second by Mo Thornton to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Special Presentations

None

5. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Fire Rescue Committee**

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reported that attempts made by Richard Galeta, who serves on the Fire Rescue Advisory board, to get city representation on the advisory board were unsuccessful. Mr. Radcliffe stated that due to the lack of cooperation for the advisory board he is seeking direction from this board as to the next step. He informed the board that he met with Bob Weisman in regards to the advisory board's decision to not have a municipal representative. Mr. Weisman suggested that the league create its own fire rescue committee and that he would provide a Palm Beach County representative for the committee.

There was discussion.

It was the consensus of the board that Mr. Radcliffe reaches out to the managers and asks for them to designate one person to sit on the Fire Rescue committee to determine the structure and mission of the committee.

b. Executive Director Contract & Performance Evaluation

President Maxwell informed the board that the executive committee met and discussed the future of the executive director's performance evaluation. The committee decided they will entrust the Policy & Procedure committee to create a system as to by who and how the evaluations will be done. He also informed that board that the Executive Director's contract includes a \$5,000.00 salary increase which will also require the board to re-approve the budget, amended to cover the cost of the increase.

There was discussion.

Motion by Woodrow Hay and second by Steve Wilson to approve the executive directors contract and amended budget. Motion carried unanimously

c. New Member Application - Bergeron Emergency Service

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board of another new member application from Bergeron Emergency Services. He stated they were sponsored by Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara of Royal Palm Beach.

Motion by Bill Manuel, second by Angeleta Gray approving the new member application of Bergeron Emergency Services. Motion carries unanimously.

5. Committee Reports

a. FEC Task Force

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe announced that at the last MPO meeting All Aboard Florida informed the attendees they will be paying for the basic double tracking and passenger rail system. Mr. Radcliffe stated that the cities will still be responsible for the Quiet Zone systems. He informed that board that he requested boiler plate language from All Aboard Florida and the FEC to provide to the cities. Mr. Radcliffe stated the language will be passed on to the city attorney's for review and feedback. He went on to say the goal is to have one agreement for all the cities to sign and this agreement will amend the current easement agreement.

b. Code Enforcement Task Force

President Maxwell reported that the task force met to identify the best practices for Code Enforcement. He stated that currently a spreadsheet identifying what each city charges related to code enforcement is being compiled. It will be distributed with the hopes that the information given will allow cities to reevaluate their fees. He stated that him, along with Kimberly Mitchell of West Palm Beach, Dawn Pardo of Riviera Beach and staff members will be visiting Milwaukie to educate themselves on how Milwaukie revitalized the community through code enforcement. Mr. Maxwell also plans on becoming familiar with the programs that have been devised for landlords and will be attending an all day class about educating and partnering with the landlord.

c. Homeless Advisory Board

Commissioner Sylvia Moffett informed the board that the Homeless Advisory Board is currently working on a "Who Knew" campaign to put a face on the homeless. She stated that the average homeless age in this country is nine years old. Ms. Moffett stated that Senator Jack Latvala and Representative Kathleen Peters are working on a bill to create a dedicated funding source for the state of Florida. Senator Latvala stated two possible funding sources may be the doc stamp and proceeds from the slot machine. Ms. Moffett emphasized the need of a dedicated funding stream for the homeless problem in not only the county but the entire state of Florida. She went on to say that Miami Dade County has a 1% sales tax on food and alcohol dedicated to homelessness. Commission President Keith James added to the discussion by explaining that Denver has a unique way of collecting funds for the homeless throughout airport terminals and that perhaps the city of Denver should be contacted in order to learn more about their ways of addressing funding issues for the homeless.

d. Environmental Committee

Councilmember Michael Mullaugh informed the board that the county is currently reviewing their committees. In regards to the Water Resource Task Force, Mr. Mullaugh stated that the league currently has 4 regular seats and 4 alternate seats and if the board wishes to make any changes to those appointments now is the time to do so.

Mr. Mullaugh reported on the C-51 reservoir in Palm Beach County and mentioned that those who are in need of the water are in Broward County. The C-51 project has been approved and currently the task force is getting ready to start phase 1, which is a \$150 million project. The workgroup is comprised of 4 elected officials and one county official from both Palm Beach County and Broward County. Mr. Mullaugh went on to say that currently Palm Beach County only has 3 elected officials: Councilmember David Levy, Councilman David Swift, and himself. In addition to one more representative, Mr. Mullaugh asked the board to consider having alternates assigned in the event a regular workgroup member is unable to attend a meeting. Richard Radcliffe stated he will be reaching out to the alternates of the Water Resource Task Force to inquire if they will serve as an alternate to the C-51 Governance & Finance Workgroup.

e. Finance, Taxation & Personnel

South Palm Beach Town Manager Rex Taylor listed the top five issues on the Finance, Taxation & Personnel committee as being: the communications service tax and local business tax, municipal police and fire pension, internet sales tax, special assessments for law enforcement, and a uniform chart of accounts. Mr. Taylor pointed out that these issues have still not been resolved. Mr. Taylor believes that we need to keep our local business tax as it is an important source of revenue. He also expressed that the internet sales tax issue is unfair to our existing local business and needs to be resolved. Mr. Taylor went on to mention that there are concerns regarding

creating a uniform chart of account for all units of government throughout the state of Florida. It will most likely be expensive as it will be required to report monthly expenditures each month.

f. Energy, Environmental & Natural Resources

Mayor Comerford reported on the Energy, Environmental & Natural Resources committee. He mentioned that the committee is comprised of seven members in the county and thirty-five members total. Mayor Comerford stated that the committee has 5 priority issues which are mostly about water. He also pointed out that FPL, which services most of Florida, is the largest and cheapest utility company in the state of Florida and one of the five cheapest utility companies in the entire nation.

g. Growth Management & Economic Resources

Vice Mayor Al Jacquet announced that at the most recent Growth Management & Economic Resources committee meeting, seven issues were discussed. These issues include municipal charter schools, economic development and small business, small business and community development block grants, affordable housing and funding, enterprise zones, and campus development agreements. Mr. Jacquet commented that 28 members voted to bring back the economic development for small businesses issue, 21 members voted for affordable housing, 24 members voted to bring back the small city CDBG grants, 22 members voted for the enterprise zone issue. He stated that the U.S. Small Business Administration came up with a study that showed that 89% businesses have 12 or less employees. Mr. Jacquet is in support of more studies like this and that rebuilding the economy starts with small businesses. Mr. Jacquet said these issues will be further discussed at the October 18th meeting.

6. Legal Report

Attorney Trela White reminded the municipalities that their tentative budget must be posted on their website at least two days before the budget hearing.

Mrs. White reported that the Laws of Florida amended section 106.08 of the Florida Statute, increasing the amount a person or political committee can make a contribution, in any election, for a candidate for municipal office from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. The law becomes effective November 1, 2013.

Mrs. White let the board know that the court has not yet ruled on the Jupiter case. When they do rule, they will tell us how many days everyone will have to file.

Mrs. White updated the board on the Red Light Camera. The Court has set an oral argument for October 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

7. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reminded the group that the Legislative Delegation Round Table will be in Atlantis from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. He asked that everyone please invite their legislators. He also stated there will be a lunch directly after that they are welcome to stay for at a cost of \$25.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that all 38 cities attended the Mayors Luncheon for the Literacy Coalition. He said that the reading of Otis will be held on October 3rd, 2013.

He stated that the Sober House committee has begun working closely with Delray Beach and will

be looking into sending a letter to the governor. He pointed out that a major issue with sober houses is they are becoming a main source of insurance fraud.

Mr. Radcliffe reported that at the Florida League of Cities Dc Fly-In, he was able to meet with the National League of Cities Legislative Director, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and with FEMA.

8. Member Comments -

None

9 Meetings Announcements

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, North Palm Beach.....10 a.m. October 23rd
- b. General Membership Meeting, North Palm Beach.....Noon October 23rd

10 Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:32 a.m.