

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, September 26, 2018
Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex, Lake Worth**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Flag Salute

President Anne Gerwig called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Ken Metcalf, Town Manager, Town of Mangonia Park, gave the invocation.

Lake Worth Community High School JROTC Color Guard Honor Guards performed a drill to signify the start of the meeting. President Gerwig then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes

Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

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

Vice Mayor of the City of Lake Worth, Andy Amoroso, welcomed the membership to the City of Lake Worth. He thanked and praised the staff of the Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex as well as the City of Lake Worth staff and League staff showed a video that highlighted the amenities of the City of Lake Worth.

President Gerwig then recognized the dignitaries who were in attendance: Palm Beach County District Commissioner Dave Kerner; Florida Representative Matt Willhite, District 86

President Anne Gerwig welcomed new associate member PrimeStar Digital Network. Darrian Dority from PrimeStar introduced himself and briefly explained their services.

3. Additions, Deletions and Modifications to the Agenda

None

Motion and second to accept Agenda. Motion carried unanimously

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the August 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

5. Miscellaneous Business

None

6. Legal Report

Legal Counsel Jennifer Ashton updated the board on an Individual Sovereign Immunity case. *Key v. Almase* (Fla.3rdDCA2018) involved a high-speed pursuit that resulted in a fatal head-on collision with four casualties. Representatives of the four decedents sued not only the parties involved but the City of Opa Locka, two police chiefs and the City Manager individually. The trial court denied a motion to dismiss due to Sovereign Immunity but the case was appealed to higher courts, finally going before the Florida Supreme Court on the issue of the appropriateness of the dismissal. This case is currently unresolved but Counsel Ashton noted it is important to keep bringing these types of cases to the court.

7. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reminded the Membership of the importance of RSVPing to each event and meeting because as the League grows, it becomes more challenging to accommodate larger numbers at each venue. If you cannot make it to an event, please notify the League with as much notice as you can. He went on to mention the mandatory state Ethics training with the hour of credit for Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics retraining on October 9th at the Village of Palm Springs from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. that also can an education credit for attorneys and managers and noted that the state is beginning to investigate incidents where training has not been completed

He mentioned the DC Fly In in Orlando as well as the upcoming FLC Policy committee meeting on October 12th in Orlando to decide policies for the next Legislative session and he referred to the National League of Cities upcoming conference in Los Angeles. If you plan to attend the NLC event, please let the PBC League know so we can add you to a policy committee. The Tri-Cities Barbecue will be December 7th and please contact the League if you’d like to be a sponsor. He finished by reminding the next board and general meeting on October 24th at the Tequesta Country Club where there will be a presentation by Lyle Sumek about statesmanship and politics.

8. President’s Report

President Gerwig shared with the membership her invitation by Leadership Palm Beach County to speak on Home Rule along with Senator Bobby Powell, who gave a tremendous presentation. She then went on to convey how important it is to encourage residents to take an active role on advocating Home Rule for their community.

9. Special Presentations

None

10. Member Comments

Chris Garrison from the Palm Beach County School District mentioned that the elected officials would be receiving an email from the Superintendent about the district referendum on the November 6th ballot and an individual endorsement form to return to the School District.

John D’Agostino, detailed Representative Al Jacquet’s motion in committee in Tallahassee to raise the homestead exemption to \$150,000 from \$125,000 and that a video of the motion was available for viewing.

Connie Hoke of the Literacy Coalition, mentioned the Read for the Record books and the upcoming Best Municipality essay competition entries due on October 19th.

Chevelle Nubin, Village Clerk for the Village of Wellington, notified the membership about a Florida League of Cities seminar on October 25 about ADA compliance.

11. Meeting Announcements

- a. State Mandate Ethics Training (4-hour including PBC Ethics retraining, Village of Palm Springs8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., October 9th
- b. Board of Directors Meeting, Tequesta Country Club, Tequesta.....10:00 a.m., October 24th
- c. General Membership Meeting, Tequesta Country Club, Tequesta.....12:00 p.m., October 24th

(RSVP REQUIRED for all events)

12. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 pm.