

**Palm Beach County League of Cities  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
Wellington Community Center**

**MINUTES**

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

President Robert Shalhoub called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm. Rev Mark Caldwell from St. Peter's United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

**2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes**

Secretary 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, Greenacres, Gulf Stream, Hypoluxo, Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Lantana, North Palm Beach, Ocean Ridge, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach, Royal Palm Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach, Wellington, and West Palm Beach **Absent were:** Glen Ridge Golf, Haverhill, Highland Beach, Juno Beach, Lake Worth, Loxahatchee Groves, Manalapan, Mangonia Park, Palm Beach Gardens, Tequesta and Westlake.

President Robert Shalhoub introduced Mayor of Wellington.

Mayor Anne Gerwig started off by thanking the membership for coming to Wellingtons new Community Center. Mayor Gerwig introduced her Councilmembers and Staff.

President Robert Shalhoub introduced new associate members Ernie Cox of Family Lands Remembered and Neil Schiller of Arnstein & Lehr. Both introduced themselves to the membership.

**3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda**

None

**4. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of Minutes of a September 28, 2016 General Membership meeting.**

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

**5. Miscellaneous Business**

**a. FLC President Susan Haynie Initiative "Safe Cities, Safe Florida"**

President Susan Haynie informed the membership that for her year as the President of the FLC her initiative would be Safe Cities, Safe Florida due to the events that had taken place in Orlando in the past year. She explained it was based on the vision that as an organization, the Florida League should strengthen each city's ability to prevent, neutralize and respond to a threat. She went on to say that,

there are three parts to the initiative: Education, Partnerships and Resources. President Haynie went on to describe the different educational symposiums, conferences, workshops, trainings and a summit that will take place during the year. Ms. Haynie went on to list the different partnerships that are important to know which included Federal and State Agencies, Social Services Groups and various Local Governmental Entities. Susan Haynie discussed the different resources that will be available including an online resource portal for best practices, a tool kit and to look for some articles about safety in Quality Cities Magazine. She also stated that FLC will keep everyone up to date with the weekly email blast and videos posted on the website. President Haynie concluded by thanking the League for passing the resolution supporting her initiative.

## **6. Legal Report**

League Substitute Attorney Keith Davis reported to the membership about a case called *Gibson v. Kesterson* that had to do with municipal recall. He stated that under state law in order for an elected official to be recalled there has to be specific allegations for certain types of misconduct that could be considered a misfeasance. He explained that an elected official was proposing an ordinance that had to do with prohibiting manufactured homes within their city affecting property rights so a resident filed a recall petition. The trial court concluded that the petition was legally insufficient under Florida recall statute and on appeal the First DCA agreed because the recall petition does not allege that the elected official's actions were unauthorized or illegal but that the actions of the elected official if successful may affect or have consequences on existing legal rights.

Attorney Keith Davis also reported on another case called *Bair v. City of Clearwater* regarding a Bert J. Harris claim. A suite cannot be filed based on the local government's application of an ordinance that was adopted on or before May 11, 1995 except when that ordinance may have been amended or modified after that date.

Attorney Keith Davis reported on a Florida Attorney General Opinion regarding Fireworks. Local governments are precluded from allowing a new permanent facility to be opened for the sale of fireworks after March 8, 2007, and each local government may only issue as many permits allowing temporary facilities such as tents to engage in such sales as it had issued in calendar year 2006. For example the City of Altamonte Springs didn't issue any permits for the sale of fireworks for temporary facilities in calendar year 2006 so it is not allowed to issue any permits for the sale of fireworks in the next calendar year.

Attorney Keith Davis reported on an Informal Florida Attorney General Opinion regarding public records and Twitter. An elected official had a list of names that was blocked from seeing their personal Twitter account and the whether the list of blocked accounts would be considered public record. He stated that if the officials "tweets" are public record then the list of blocked accounts could be determined as public records as well.

## **7. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe thanked Wellington for hosting the meeting.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership of the date for the Tri-Cities BBQ which will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Pahokee Marina. He also stated that there will be farm tours and a golf tournament and to bring an un-wrapped toy.

Mr. Radcliffe introduced Sherry Brown to the membership and how instrumental she was with the one penny sales tax. Also that she had goodie bags and signs to give out regarding the one cent sales tax.

Mr. Radcliffe also informed the membership of FLC Policy Committees meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> and the NLC City Summit in Pittsburgh on November 16-17<sup>th</sup>.

## **8. President's Report**

President Shalhoub informed the membership that he met with the school board Superintendent Dr. Robert Avossa to discuss a partnership with the school board to make assist in making sure the schools and city leaders work together to improve attendance , discipline and opportunities within the public sector. He was joined by Mayor Susan Haynie, Mayor Muoio and Mayor Gerwig. He stated he will keep the membership up-to-date on this partnership.

President Shalhoub reminded the membership that last month a letter regarding appointing Mayor Susan Haynie to the Governors Constitutional Revision Committee has been sent out.

President Shalhoub informed the membership that the Policy and Procedures Committee met to discuss By-Law changes. He informed the membership that the board approved the changes and thanked the chair Mayor Gail Coniglio and the committee for doing a great job.

President Shalhoub reminded the membership that when the budget passed the league allotted \$10,000 to assist municipal leaders be more involved and that the board finalized the proposal and that we will be sending it out to the clerks.

President Shalhoub reminded the membership that his initiative as president was to create partnerships with schools and universities in Palm Beach County. Under the leadership of Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara who reached out to all the Universities in Palm Beach County to help set up a criteria to help elected officials and managers provide insight to different students on the county. He thanked Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara for his leadership.

President Shalhoub informed the membership to look out for a survey to help the Leagues Strategic Planning retreat. He stated that in his term as president he wants to make sure the League knows where it's headed and that the league will have a focus and established criteria.

**9. Presentations**

**a. Congresswoman Lois Frankel- Sober Homes**

President Shalhoub informed the membership that due to a schedule change that Congresswoman Lois Frankel was unable to attend the meeting put provided a written report for the President to read which included updates on Sober Homes, FEM and Water Resources and Development Act.

**b. Discover the Palm Beaches**

Discover the Palm the Beaches CEO Jorge Pesquera provided the membership with an overview of the organizations, providing their mission and a brief synopsis of last year’s end of year report. He informed the membership that they gave the website an overhaul and introduced the new website which will be more user friendly. He went over all that the county has to offer visitors as well as residents. He spoke about working with municipalities to promote what’s happening in their community. He requested each municipality to review their specific/ Personal page on Discovers website and assign a liaison to assist with its accuracy and to add things on the future. He encouraged municipalities to add a budget line item for tourism marketing including tourist projects in the Economic/ Zoning plans. He concluded by inviting the membership to their annual tourism event on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 at the Convention Center.

**10. Member Comments**

Patrice Schroeder from 211 HelpLine thanked the membership for coming to tour the facility. She also asked the membership to work together with 211 in getting out a message to the residents in times of an emergency. She also asked the membership to consider implanting mental health first aid training in the cities.

John Levinson from REL Enterprises, Inc. asked the membership to continue to contribute to the marketing efforts for the tax referendum.

Rita Thrasher from Boca Raton’s Promise thanked Mayor Susan Haynie for giving out 6 Voice awards for promoting and advocating for mental health in their communities.

Kim Ardila-Morgan informed the membership of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ethics Conference November 4<sup>th</sup> in Boca Raton.

**11. Meetings Announcements**

- a. Board of Directors meeting, Benvenuto’s, Boynton Beach.....10 a.m., November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- b. General Membership Meeting, Benvenuto’s, Boynton Beach .....12 p.m., November 23<sup>rd</sup>

**12. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m..