

**Palm Beach County League of Cities  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Wednesday, January 23, 2013, 12:00 p.m.  
Atlantis Country Club – City of Atlantis**

**MINUTES**

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

President Todd Wodraska called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. the City of Atlantis color Guard led the pledge of allegiance and Woodrow Hay gave the invocation.

President Wodraska introduced Atlantis Mayor Michael Dahlgren, Haverhill Mayor Jay Foy.

Mayor Dahlgren introduced sponsor rep. Patti Hamilton from Southern Waste Systems.

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

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

**3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda - None**

**4. Consent Agenda**

**a. Minutes of the October 24, 2012 General Membership meeting**

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

**5. President's Report**

President Wodraska reflected on his Leadership Florida class, which he attended in Jacksonville. One topic that was discussed was healthcare and he was able to hear from people within the industry; Doctors, Hospital Heads and the State of Florida Surgeon General. What he brought back was not just about the health of people but also the health of an organization. He explained that healthy decisions aren't always the easy option for the day but may prove its worth long term. He stressed building healthy relationships with neighboring communities and municipalities as well as within one's own organization with staff, for ex. The President made a toast to 2013 for a more healthy and prosperous New Year.

**6. Presentations - Kathy Till of the Florida League of Cities gave a legislative update. She provided a spreadsheet of bills filed that will impact local government and also a letter from lead lobbyist Kraig Conn on the proposed pension referendum bill, which FLC opposes in its current form. Other bills that were mentioned were: HB307 Vendor Preferences, making it mandatory for local government who receive state funds to give businesses within the state preferential consideration; HB321 Growth Management, prohibiting local government from applying transportation, school concurrency or levying impact feed on new developments before July 1, 2016; Internet Cafés, has two bills, HB488**

wants Internet Cafés prohibited and HB257 is requesting stricter regulations. FLC supporting Home Rule supports allowing Internet Cafés with regulations; HB23 & SB50 Public Meetings, the state wants to dictate how the public is allowed to speak at a public meeting; Concealed Weapons & Firearms at specified publicly sanctioned venues; HB4011 Red Light Cameras, proposes to repeal the use of Red Light Cameras; HB303 Communication Service Tax, repeals local government authority to levy the Communication Services Tax. The goal is to set one unified tax rate; Enterprise Zones, a bill has been filed for the City of Delray Beach (HB255) and the City of Lake Worth (HB101 & SB270) to apply a DEO for designation of an enterprise zone; Synthetic Drugs, Senator Bradley filed bill SB 294. FLC supports the Attorney General's effort to ban the sale, distribution and manufacturing of synthetic drugs. FLC encourages cities to pass ordinances to ban them.

## **7. Miscellaneous Business**

### **a. Ratification of Appointments to the Advisory Boundary Committee**

President Wodraska reported that at its meeting that morning, the Board of Directors appointed Pahokee Commissioner Allie Biggs and Stephen Waldman to the Advisory Boundary Committee. Ratification by the General Membership is required.

**Motion and second to ratify the appointments of Commissioner Allie Biggs and Stephen Waldman to the School District's Advisory Boundary Committee. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **b. Ratification of Appointment to the Water Resource Task Force**

President Wodraska reported that at its meeting that morning, the Board of Directors appointed Jupiter Inlet Colony Commissioner Milton Block to the Water Resource Task Force. Ratification by the General Membership is required.

**Motion and second to ratify the appointment of Commissioner Milton Block to the Water Resource Task Force. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **c. Ratification of Appointment to the Homeless Advisory Board**

President Wodraska reported that at its meeting that morning, the Board of Directors appointed West Palm Beach Commissioner Sylvia Moffett to the County's Homeless Advisory Board. Ratification by the General Membership is required.

**Motion and second to ratify the appointment of Commissioner Sylvia Moffett to the Homeless Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **8. Legal Report**

Trela White reported on the South Florida Management District new heightened evidentiary burden to enforce regulatory programs through monetary penalties. The Florida Supreme Court has not taken action on this case as yet.

An update has been provided for the City of Orlando Red Light Cameras lawsuit, which was originally reported on in July 2012. The city has filed a brief and on January 10, 2013 the Florida League of Cities filed a motion for permission to file an amicus brief. No further action has been taken at this time.

No updates for the City of Palm Bay lawsuit regarding the superiority of code enforcement liens.

**9. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed everyone that all 38 municipalities passed the Countywide System \$12.50 and the funds are available for disbursement upon request. Two cities have already received their money. He thanked retired Greenacres clerk Sondi Hill and the City of Atlantis clerk Jude Goudreau for their assistance putting on the meeting since the League is currently short staffed. A survey has been provided to the membership to for their input on which topics they found interesting. Mr. Radcliffe mentioned that session begins on March 5 and that he will be available to provide a legislative update to the municipalities by request. He reminded everyone that next month's meeting will be on the third Wednesday instead of the fourth due to the FLC Fly-In being on the 26th-27th.

**10. Member Comments**

None.

**11. Upcoming Meetings** – *February General Membership meeting will be held at the International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington*

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