

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, May 14, 2014 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 10:01 a.m. Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Scott Maxwell, Steve Wilson, Mo Thornton, Bill Manuel, Jerry Beavers, Robert Gottlieb, Bill Thrasher, Allie Biggs (*arrived at 10:05 a.m.*), Mike Mullaugh, David Levy, Keith James and Robert Shalhoub **Absent were:** Dawn Pardo, Matt Willhite, Gail Coniglio and Todd Wodraska

Past Presidents in attendance were: David Stewart (*arrived at 10:06 a.m.*) and Ken Schultz

Also in attendance were Executive Director Richard Radcliffe; League Counsel Trela White, Esq., Corbett White & Davis, P.A.; Executive Director Mark Hammond, Chief Administrative Office Marc Bruner and Director of Customer Service John Archambo, Solid Waste Authority of PBC; David Ottey, PBC Assistant Attorney; Director Pamela Guerrier ,Office of Equal Opportunity Joanne Stanley, Republic Services; Peter Sachs, Sachs, Sax, Caplan, P.L.; Ellen Smith, Marie Horenburger Waste Management; Neil Schiller, Becker & Poliakoff; Mary McNicholas, Geoff Sluggett & Associates; Patti Hamilton, Southern Waste Systems; Alan Ciklin, Ciklin, Lubitz Law Firm and League Staff Je'Riise Hansen

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

None

3. Miscellaneous Business

a. Countywide Fair Housing Ordinance

Director Pamela Guerrier of the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) informed the board that they, OEO, enforce the county's ordinance regarding fair housing. She stated that OEO receives funds from the United States Housing Urban Development (HUD) and their ordinance was deemed to be not substantially equivalent with the fair housing act. Ms. Guerrier said due to this, changes were made so that their ordinance can be in compliance with the standards of HUD. Ms. Guerrier stated that Palm Beach County Assistant Attorney David Ottey will be informing the board of the proposed changes.

Mr. Ottey informed the board that the last time the ordinance was updated was in 2007. He stated that most of the proposed changes are cosmetics. Mr. Ottey informed the board that the significant changes are those regarding the requirements of an advisory board, which was updated to be in compliance with the county resolution 2013-0193; and the enforcement provision which was not in compliance with the fair housing act. He stated that the new provision states a person can elect to go thru a civil action oppose to going thru the administrative proceeding and the county must provide representation for that person.

There was discussion.

Motion by Davis Levy and second by Mo Thornton to have “No Objection” to the propose changes to the Countywide Fair Housing Ordinance with the provision that Mr. Ottey confirms there is no conflict with Florida Statute 95.11. Motion passes unanimously.

b. Solid Waste Authority Excess Capacity: Renewable Energy Facility # 2

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reminded the board that at the April 23rd Board of Directors meeting, the board requested a draft resolution be crafted to object to the release of an RFP until further information is provided. Mr. Radcliffe also informed the board that included in their backup packet is the information that was provided by SWA to the SWA Board. He stated that there are three associates; Southern Waste Systems, Waste Management and Republic Services; who will be given a couple minutes to provide information to the board regarding the Facility #2 proposal. Joanne Stanley of Republic Services informed the board that they do not have a position on the issue. Alan Ciklin of Southern Waste Systems informed the board that they support SWA and the proposal to bring in out of county waste. Mr. Ciklin stated that bringing out of county waste into the county is not something new and that is had been done before. Ellen Smith of Waste Management informed the board that the questions they have are on the proposed price, stating that the price for out of county waste will be less than that of which Palm Beach County citizens are paying and the impact to the regional disposal market. Ms. Smith elaborated on the fact that outside trash was previously brought into the county. She stated that it was a completely different service. She continued by saying that it was a pound for pound exchange stating that the logic behind it was that it was easier to transport north county waste to the Martin County landfill. Executive Director Mark Hammond of the Solid Waste Authority informed the board that he is available to answer any questions. He stated that they do have excess capacity at Facility #2. He informed the board that SWA is planning for the future and wants to make sure that they will be able to handle the increase in waste that will come with the increase in population. Mr. Hammond stated that the taking in of waste will not impact the budget and will only reduce the rate their customers (residents, commercial businesses, and governmental agencies) pay. He stated that the money will be used to either to reduce the assessment fee, reduce the tip fee or a combination of both. Mr. Hammond stated that rate of \$25 was to develop a discussion. He stated that a RFP will be provided to the SWA board for approval at their June meeting which will allow them to release it and will be able to establish what companies will be willing to pay for the service.

There was discussion.

Motion by Mike Mullaugh and second by Robert Shalhoub to approve Resolution 2014-01. Motion passes with Bill Manuel opposing.

c. Gubernatorial Support of Line Items in the State Budget

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board that the Mayor David Stewart reached out to him regarding the League sending a letter of support to Governor Scott for the Palm Beach County line items in the State budget. He informed the board that he has create a letter which is included in their backup that he will send to the Governor with the board’s approval.

President Maxwell suggested rewording the third sentence to read “We would like to thank you in advance for your support...”. The change was made. David Levy stated that he would also like the letter sent to Scott Dudley of the Florida League of Cities.

Motion by Davis Levy and second by Allie Biggs to approve the letter thanking Governor Scott for budgetary funding for projects in Palm Beach County. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board that they are welcome to stay for District 2 & 3 Lunch on their own dime.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that the BCC will be creating a selection committee for the hiring of a new County Administrator. He stated that the League will have a seat on the committee and anyone who would like to serve to contact him.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that the next board meeting will be in Royal Palm Beach.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the board that the Sober House legislation died and he will be working with the Criminal Justice Commission and Representative David Kerner on ways to penalize the Sober House operators that are misusing the business.

5. Member Comments

Bill Thrasher inquired why the Legal Report was at the end of the agenda.

David Levy congratulated Steve Wilson on becoming the next League of Cities President.

6. Meetings Announcements

- a. Installation Gala, Kravis Center11:30 p.m., May 21st
- b. Board of Directors Meeting, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center.....10 a.m., June 25th
- c. General Membership Meeting, Royal Palm Beach Cultural CenterNoon, June 25th

7. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:46 a.m.