

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, November 27, at 10:00 am
Benvenuto Restaurant
Boynton Beach

MINUTES

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

President Jeff Hmara called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Debbie Manzo called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board Members present were: Jeff Hmara, Andy Amoroso, Debbie Manzo, Gail Coniglio, Patti Waller, Leondrae Camel, Christina Lambert, Monica Mayotte, Steven B. Grant, Maria Marino, Peter Noble, Lawrence Gordon(*arrived 10:05*), Robert Gottlieb

Absent were: Kimberly Glas-Castro(*excused*), Michael Brown, Shirley Johnson, Ilan Kaufer

Past Presidents in attendance were: Anne Gerwig, David Stewart, Steve B. Wilson

Absent were: Keith A. James, Robert M.W. Shalhoub, Scott Maxwell, Todd Wodraska, Tom Lynch, Bev Smith

Also in attendance were: Chuck Stoddard; Laura Corry, South Florida Water Management District; Harry Raucher, Lake Worth Drainage District; Constance Scott, FAU; Anna Yeskey, PBC Intergovernmental; Richard Radcliffe, JeRiise Hansen, Aziza Isles, PBC League of Cities; Keith Davis, League Attorney

2. President's Welcome

President Jeff Hmara welcomes the board membership to Boynton Beach and thanks Mayor Grant for having us. He goes onto to remind board members of the upcoming legislative session as well as the upcoming legislative delegation meeting on December 3rd.

3. Additions, Deletions and Modifications to Agenda

Addition 4f. New Associate Member Application Verizon, Inc.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the Board of Directors Meeting October 23, 2019 Minutes
 - b. Approval of the October 2019 Financials
 - c. Approval of the Appointment of Vice Mayor Jan Rodusky of Royal Palm Beach It's the Economy (ITE) Committee
 - d. Approval of the Appointment of Lisa Tropepe to the It's the Economy (ITE) Committee
 - e. New Associate Member Application Sugar Industry Labor Management Committee
- Sponsored by Mayor Steve Wilson, City of Belle Glade*

- Addition f. New Associate Member Application Verizon, Inc.....
Sponsored by Tom Butler, Network Administrator, City of West Palm Beach

Motion and second to approve the consent agenda. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Miscellaneous Business

- a. PBC Legislative Delegation Joint Workshop.....Discussion
Executive Director, Richard Radcliffe

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe provided the board a reminder of the upcoming December 3rd Legislative Delegation Workshop at the Palm Beach State College Loxahatchee Campus. He mentioned that RSVPs are required for this event due to limited seating. JeRiise took a tally of board attendees by requesting that they raise their hands. The board attendees who raised their hand were: Mayor Steven B. Grant, Vice Mayor Robert Gottlieb, Commission President Christina Lambert, President Jeff Hmara, Debbie Manzo, Vice Mayor Lawrence Gordon, Councilmember Maria Marino, Scott Maxwell, and Mayor Anne Gerwig (as an alternate). A member of the board would have 3-4 minutes to speak on select issues. Next, he asked the board who would like to volunteer to speak at the Palm Beach County Joint Workshop.

The following volunteered to speak:

Mayor Steven B. Grant - Water Quality & Resources
Commission President Christina Lambert - Affordable Housing
Councilmember Maria Marino - Transportation
Mayor Anne Gerwig (alternate) – Bert Harris Act

- b. Palm Beach County Joint Workshop.....Information/Discussion
President Jeff Hmara

President Jeff Hmara informed the board of the meeting he had with the PBC League’s Executive Director Richard Radcliffe & the PBC County Administrator Verdenia Baker regarding a proposed joint workshop (with the two entities). He provided his perspective on the previous joint workshop, its format and the possibility of utilizing the Issues Forum as a centerpiece. President Hmara stated that the workshop would be setup like a panel with the seven county commissioners and the PBC League executive board members and three additional board members (Mayor David Stewart, Mayor Todd Wodraska, Mayor Anne Gerwig).

Motion and second of approval of the representation of the PBC League of Cities at the joint workshop with the County Commissioners to be the League Executive Committee and along with Mayor David Stewart, Mayor Todd Wodraska and Mayor Anne Gerwig. Motion passes unanimously.

Finally, President Hmara mentioned that during the meeting Ms. Baker brought up a Transportation Summit being proposed for early March. The invitees would include the League, the Transportation Planning Agency and others. She described the approach as having

the guest speaker/ moderator with experience in mobility, alternatives to current modes of transportation, and the resources for solutions, etc..

6. Special Presentation(s).....None

7. Committee Reports

a. Fire Service Committee.....Discussion/Action

Debbie Manzo, Chair

PBC Fire Rescue held the Fire Service Committee’s October meeting at the Trauma Hawk Aero Medical Hanger on Southern Blvd. The Trauma Hawk center was green lit 20 years ago. They assist in the trauma departments of health facilities. The medical team members were PBC Fire personnel. The meeting was very informative & Ms. Manzo suggested to the board that the PBC Fire Rescue should be able to present to the PBC League board at an upcoming meeting.

b. ITE Committee

Mayor David Stewart, Chair

Mayor David Stewart provided the board with a recap of the last ITE Committee meeting which included three presenters: Florida Public Utilities, Kimley-Horn, and Infrasite Solutions. The presenters covered topics regarding development, new cellphone tower technologies, and underground wiring for electrical power.

c. Technology Committee

Leondrae Camel, Chair

Mr. Camel presented the board with highlights of the last Technology Committee meeting which involved one presenter from North County on their Smart City Technical Grant. Congresswoman Lois Frankel suggested to the PBC League of Cities to do something regarding cyber security. Therefore, the Technology Committee created a Cyber Security Ad-HOC Committee with the Palm Beach County I.T. Department and some of the larger cities. The next Technology Committee meeting is February 18, 2020 at the League’s office at 9:00am. Mr. Camel notified the board that The National League of Cities in San Antonio, Texas held a 4-hour Cyber Security presentation focusing on making sure cities are properly equipped to avoid an attack. In conclusion, Mr. Camel suggested that if a city is going to purchase cyber security insurance then purchase the full package for full coverage.

d. NLC City Summit

1. Community Economic Development

Andy Amoroso, Vice Mayor, City of Lake Worth Beach

Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso presented the board with a brief recap of the last Community Economic Development meeting which included 3 resolution recommendations for adoption supporting the following: Resolution #23 Supporting Ending Homelessness Act 2019; Fighting Homeless through Services & Housing Act 2019; Resolution #24 urging Congress the U.S. Mexican, Canadian Agreement; Resolution #25 endorsing the recommendation of the NLC Housing Task Force. He

concluded that he will put his name in for the National League of Cities' Transportation Committee.

2. Finance Administration and Intergovernmental Relations

Leondrae Camel, Vice Chair, City of South Bay

Mr. Camel listed for the board the 6 resolutions approved for renewal that the committee proposed during their last meeting and they were:

Resolution #1- Calling to Resolve the Conflict Between State and Federal Marijuana Laws

Resolution #2- Enabling Adoption of Pension Benefit Alternatives that Reduce Costs to Public Sector Employees

Resolution #3- Preserving the Tax-Exempt Status of Municipal Bonds

Resolution #4- Defending City Priorities in the Federal Tax Code

Resolution #5- In Support of Critical U.S. Census Bureau Surveys and the 2020 Decennial Census

Resolution #6- Opposition to a "Balanced Budget Amendment" to the U.S. Constitution

In addition, there were two proposed resolutions that were approved by the committee. The first was calling for the restoration of tax exemption reforming bonds & the second was in support of the modernization of the bank qualified debt for smaller users. Mr. Camel concluded that the proposed resolutions were brought up during the committee's annual business meeting.

3. Human Development

Anne Gerwig, Mayor, Village of Wellington

Mayor Gerwig provided a brief recap of their meeting held for the Human Development Committee regarding advocacy for infrastructure bills. Also, continuing resolutions signed with the National Flood Insurance program. The mental health & homeless connection was discussed. The opioid funds seemed to not make it to the cities and was a concern and topic of discussion. Mayor Gerwig mentioned if your city is having issues receiving funding for the opioid crisis to let her know so she may pass the information along to her committee at the National League of Cities which is a current issue they are working on. Also, the Refugee Resettlement Executive order is problematic to cities. One of the resolutions approved was for a National Holiday in support of the 13th amendment and was presented.

8. Legal Report

League Attorney Keith Davis, Esq.

League Attorney Keith Davis provided the board with two cases. The first case was Classy Cycles, Inc. v. Panama City Beach regarding motorized scooter regulation & preemption. The next case Quasha v. City of Palm Beach Gardens regarding ADA compliance & reasonable accommodations.

9. Executive Director Report

Executive Director, Richard Radcliffe

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe thanks the City of Boynton Beach for having us. Next, he mentions the December 6th Holiday Networking Event in Belle Glade along with the Farm Tour.

Then, the Legislative Delegation Workshop at the Palm Beach State College Loxahatchee Campus on December 3rd. Finally, he announced that the U.S. Census Bureau is currently hiring 2,000 people and to let others know.

10. Member Comments

2nd Vice President Andy Amoroso announced that Commissioner Scott Maxwell has been appointed as Chair to the National League of Cities Small Cities Council. Also, he mentioned that the City of Lake Worth Beach will be hosting the Small Cities Committee from July 15th -18th, 2020. He encouraged all cities to participate to make the event a success and if interested to reach out to him.

Mayor Pro Tem Patti Waller thanked the Town of Lantana for holding the Ethics Training.

Council Member Monica Mayotte asked for a digital copy of the flyer for the U.S. Census 2020.

Commission President Christina Lambert brought up the resolution for the ban on smoking in public parks and asked if any of the cities were taking any action or just the county?

Mayor Grant mentioned a recent article regarding the School District of Palm Beach County who is suing Juul Labs,Inc. due to the epidemic of youth vaping within Palm Beach County schools.

11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your Calendar)

- a. Best Practices Mini Seminar: Up to the Minute ADA Website Compliance, Benvenutos, Boynton Beach..... 1:00 pm, November 27th
- b. League Joint Workshop with the Legislative Delegation, PBSC Loxahatchee Groves Campus 11:00am, December 3rd
- c. League Holiday Networking Event..... Noon, December 6th
- d. Board of Directors Meeting, Sandhill Crane Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens 10:00am, January 22nd
- e. General Membership Meeting, Sandhill Crane Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens . Noon, January 22nd

12. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:14 a.m.