

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at 10:00 am
Benvenuto's Restaurant
Boynton Beach

MINUTES

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

President Anne Gerwig called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board Members present were Anne Gerwig, Jeff Hmara, Kimberly Glas-Castro, Mo Thornton, Gail Coniglio, Patti Waller, Leondrae Camel, Andy Amoroso, Terence Davis, Debbie Manzo, Keith James (*arrived at 10:10*), Michael Brown, Shirley Johnson (*arrived at 10:06*), Steve Grant, Ilan Kaufer, Maria Marino, Peter Noble (*arrived at 11:09*), Lawrence Gordon.

Past Presidents in attendance were: Scott Maxwell, Steve Wilson, David Stewart **Absent were:** Robert Shalhoub, Todd Wodraska, Tom Lynch.

Also in attendance were : Rob Shelt, Palm Beach County Consumer Affairs; Denise Coffman, Palm Beach County Attorney; President Pro Tem Paul Shalhoub, Town of Lake Clarke Shores; Chuck Stoddard; Rosemary Rayman and Harry Raucher, Lake Worth Drainage District; Manager Andrea McCue, City of Greenacres; Council Member Gary M. Ready, Village of Palm Springs; Charity Lewis, Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office; Drew Reyburn and Rick Christmas, Professional Firefighters/Paramedics of Palm Beach County, Inc., League Attorney Jennifer Ashton; League staff Richard Radcliffe, JeRiise Hansen and Aziza Isles.

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

None

3. President's Welcome

President Gerwig welcomed the Board to Benvenuto's Restaurant and highlighted the recent elections and that only Amendment 1 did not pass by 60%.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting October 24, 2018 Minutes
- b. Approval of October 2018 Financials
- c. Appointment of the Appointment of Vice-Mayor Lawrence Gordon of Haverhill as chair to the League Scholarship Committee

- d. Approval of the Appointments to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.....

Seat 4	Anne Gerwig	Mayor	Wellington
Seat 5	Jeff Hmara	Councilman	Royal Palm Beach
Seat 6	Omari Hardy	Commissioner	Lake Worth
Seat 7	Abby Brennan	Mayor	Tequesta
Seat 8	David Norris	Councilman	North Palm Beach
Seat 4 Alt.	Paula Ryan	Commissioner	West Palm Beach
Seat 5 Alt.	Kristine de Haseth	Commissioner	Ocean Ridge
Seat 6 Alt.	Robert Gottlieb	Vice Mayor	South Palm Beach
Seat 7 Alt.	Maria Marino	Mayor	Palm Beach Gardens
Seat 8 Alt.	Vacant		

- e. Approval of New Associate Member Application – Pirtle Construction Company
Sponsored by: Councilman John McGovern, Village of Wellington
- f. Approval of New Associate Member Application – Florida Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (FLCLASS).....
Sponsored by: Manager Leondrae Camel, City of South Bay

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

5. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Palm Beach County Home Caregiver Ordinance

Rob Shelt, Palm Beach County Consumer Affairs Director presented the details of the revisions to the Palm Beach County Home caregiver ordinance to board members. The ordinance revision would provide protection for vulnerable adults in Palm Beach County. The focus of the revision includes independent Caregiver ID badging, partnerships with HOAs and Security Companies, self-service application and renewal portal, agency affiliation report, and consumer education.

(There was discussion)

Motion and second of no objection to the Emergency Management Services Ordinance Revision. Motion passes with two dissenting.

6. Special Presentations

None

7. Committee Reports

- a. **Florida League of Cities Policy Committees:**

1. Environmental Committee
 Executive Director Richard Radcliffe updated board on the committee’s top priority, which is water quality.

2. Urban Administration
Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Johnson – The number one state issue is “short term rentals”. The committee felt that everyone was affected by it.
3. Transportation Committee
Councilman Jeff Hmara – One of the priorities the committee discussed was the becoming more creative and innovative when it comes mass transit. The priority statement involves providing additional opportunities for additional revenue & to support innovative infrastructure and transit projects.
4. Land Use & Economic Development Committee
Mayor Anne Gerwig – The number one priority was CRAs and number two was the annexation rule. Annexation has become a real problem causing service issues in pockets.
5. Finance, Taxation & Personnel Committee
Vice Chair Paul Shalhoub – The number one priority was the sales tax on E-commerce and sales tax reform communication. E-commerce does not provide clarity as to where the money will go and may cause more confusion for municipalities

b. National League of Cities Policy Committees:

1. Transportation & Infrastructure Services Committee.....
Mayor Steve Wilson – Self-driving vehicles on the rise and their impact. The challenge for the committee. How would local government keep control of this rise ?
2. Finance Administration & Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR)
Commissioner Keith James – The committee celebrated a few successes at the last meeting in Charlotte, N.C. such as the supreme court Wayfair decision involving tax reform. The committee would continue to work with the various state & municipalities in regards to the E-fairness or Wayfair decision and their implementation. The committee wants to make sure the cities are prepared for the 2020 census. A presentation relating to green bonds which are municipal bonds relating to sustainability. Since 2017 \$450 billion dollars of green bonds were issued. Green bonds are an emerging trend and municipal members should look into this.

c. League Legislative Committee

Councilman Jeff Hmara – Legislative Committee Chair 1st Vice President Jeff Hmara presented the Board with the League’s priorities for the upcoming legislative session and explained to the board the process the committee took in selecting the priorities (i.e. reviewing prior priorities updating language). Councilman Hmara stated that the committee was charged with selecting five or six priorities that will be used as discussion items at the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation workshop scheduled for January 17, 2019. The five priorities are Home Rule, Opioid/Substance Abuse, Sober Homes, Vacation Rentals, Water Quality & Supply and Community Redevelopment Agencies. Councilman Hmara concluded that the committee needs approval for the entire set of priorities and approval for the top five priorities.

Motion and a second to approve the Legislative Committee’s priorities. Motion passes unanimously.

1st Vice President Jeff Hmara informed the board that the League will have 7 representative at the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation Workshop January 17 from 4:00 pm - 5:15pm at FAU in Jupiter, FL. He stated the representatives will be: the executive committee (President Anne Gerwig, 1st Vice President Jeff Hmara, 2nd Vice President Kimberly Glas-Castro, Treasurer Deborah Manzo) along with members from the legislative committee (Councilmember Patti Waller, Mayor Gail Coniglio, Vice Mayo Pro Tem Scott Maxwell).

8. Legal Report

Legal Counsel Jennifer Ashton updated the board about text messaging and using it for governmental work and that it may be subject to a search as a public records request. According to the current case with O’Boyle vs. Town of Gulfstream, it illustrated the difficulty for local governments in responding to public records requests when text messages are involved. The plaintiff alleged that the Town violated Article I, section 24 of the Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, Florida statutes (“Public Records Act”). The court concluded that an elected official’s use of a private cellphone to conduct public business via text messaging would create an electronic written record subject to disclosure. Legal Counsel Jennifer Ashton advised the board to avoid using text messages to complete business and that applies to personal & business cellphones.

9. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe updated the membership about the upcoming Tri Cities BBQ and toy drive on December 7 at the Pahokee Marina. Jeff Clemens organized the farm tour for the Tri Cities BBQ and the pick-up location is at the Palm Beach Hilton Airport at 8am. The bus will take you to the farm tour, the BBQ, then back to the Palm Beach Hilton Airport. He also mentioned the Fast Fly-In in Washington D.C. on February 12-13. Palm Beach County Day in Tallahassee will take place on March 5th & 6th. He informed Board Members of Mo Thornton’s retirement. Therefore, he proposed to move Debbie Manzo to the Secretary/Treasurer position and have Vice-Mayor Robert Gottlieb fill Debbie Manzo’s position as an At Large Representative.

Motion and a second to approve the Debbie Manzo to the Secretary/Treasurer position and have Vice-Mayor Robert Gottlieb fill Debbie Manzo’s position as an At Large Representative. Motion passes unanimously.

10. Member Comments

None

11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your Calendar)

- a. Tri-Cities BBQ, Pahokee Marina..... Noon, December 7
- b. Board of Directors Meeting, Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, Wellington....
..... 10:00 a.m., January 23

- c. General Membership Meeting, Palm Beach International Equestrian Center,
Wellington..... Noon, January 23
- d. Fast Fly-In, Washington D.C. February 12-13

(RSVP Required for all events)

12. Adjournment-
The Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m.