

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, February 26, at 12:00 pm
Atlantis Country Club
Atlantis**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Flag Salute

President Jeff Hmara called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

Mayor Bonnie Fischer of the Town of South Palm Beach gave the invocation.

President Hmara led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes

Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Manzo called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Cities represented were: Atlantis, Boynton, Cloud Lake, Delray Beach, Glen Ridge, Golf, Greenacres, Gulfstream, Highland Beach, Hypoluxo, Juno Beach, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Lake Worth Beach, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, Manalapan, Ocean Ridge, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, Royal Palm Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach, Tequesta, and Westlake

Absent were: Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Briny Breezes, Haverhill, Jupiter, Mangonia Park, North Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Riviera Beach, Wellington, West Palm Beach

a. Introduce Hosts for welcome:

Vice Mayor Michael LaCoursiere of Atlantis welcomes membership to the City of Atlantis and introduces their council and staff. Also, he acknowledges the other small cities that were hosting.

b. President Jeff Hmara recognized the Legislative Offices in attendance:

Office of Congresswoman Lois Frankel

Office of Senator Lori Berman

Office of Representative Mike Caruso

Office of Representative Tina Polsky

c. President Jeff Hmara recognized the Palm Beach County Commissioners expected to be attendance:

Commissioner Robert Weinroth

Commissioner Mack Bernard

Commissioner Greg Weiss

d. President Jeff Hmara recognized the Palm Beach County School Board Members in Attendance:

Chuck Shaw, Vice Chair

- e. New Associate Member Florida Public Economic Council of PBC elevator speech
Mr. Ben Durgan
- f. New Associate Member KEITH elevator speech
Mr. Ted Leshinski
- g. New Associate Member Living Hungry elevator speech
Ms. Maura Plaute

3. Additions, Deletions and Modifications to the Agenda

- a. Modification item #9 A & B.

Motion and second to approve the modification of item #9 A & B. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consent Agenda.....Action

- a. Approval of the General Membership Meeting January 22, 2020 Minutes

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

5. Miscellaneous Business and Actions

- a. Ratification of the Appointment of Debbie Manzo of Lantana to the PBC Citizens Airport Noise.....Action
- b. Ratification of the Appointment of Councilmember Gary Ready of Palm Springs to the PBC Community Land Trust.....Action
- c. Ratification of the Appointment of Council Member Gary Sullivan of Glen Ridge to the PBC Water Resources Task Force Regular Seat.....Action
- d. Ratification of the Appointment of Vice Mayor Gottlieb of South Palm Beach to the Water Resources Task Force Alternate Seat.....Action

Motion and second to approve Line item #5 Miscellaneous Business and actions. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Legal Report

League Attorney Keith Davis, Esq.

League Attorney Keith Davis provided the general membership with two cases. The first case, Quintero v. Diaz focuses on termination and absolute immunity. The next case, Quasha v. City of Palm Beach Gardens focuses on ADA compliance and reasonable accommodations.

7. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reminds the general membership of the upcoming elected official’s workshop at Palm Beach State College in Loxahatchee Groves on April 22nd after our general membership meeting. Next, he mentioned donating campaign funds to the PBC League’s William A. Cruickshank scholarship. Then, he reminds membership of the next general membership meeting in Greenacres at the Community Center and the speaker will be Ray Liggins, Village Manager of Royal Palm Beach.

8. President’s Report

a. President Jeff Hmara

President Hmara thanks those named below for volunteering for the Nominating Committee. The following are the committee members who have agreed to be on the committee:

- Mayor Bev Smith, Palm Springs
- Mayor David Stewart, Lantana
- Mayor Todd Wodraska, Jupiter
- Vice Mayor Pro Tem Scott Maxwell, Lake Worth Beach
- Mayor Steve Wilson, Belle Glade
- Council Member Robert Shalhoub, Lake Clarke Shores
- Mayor Keith James, West Palm Beach
- Mayor Anne Gerwig, Wellington

9. Presentation.....Information

a.) Proposed Environmental General Obligation Bond Referendum

*Deborah Drum, Department Director
PBC Environmental Resources Management
Patrick Rutter, Assistant County Administrator*

Ms. Drum started her presentation by providing general membership with an introduction and background about steps the County is taking in protecting the environment, land, and water resources. She went on to highlight the proposed projects in the county such as: Restore Lake Worth Lagoon, Loxahatchee River, Lake Okeechobee and the Intracoastal Waterway. Also, she mentioned that some of the proposed projects include the acquisition and restoration of environmentally sensitive lands and/or mitigation rights. Then, Ms. Drum provided membership with the financial summary of the \$150 million bond, ballot referendum, and ballot referendum draft language. In conclusion, education & outreach opportunities regarding this proposed environmental bond are done through advocacy groups.

b.) PBC Housing Trust Bond

PBC Commissioner Mack Bernard

Commissioner Bernard spoke about the housing disparities in Palm Beach County. Next, he mentioned the issues of assisting the elderly citizens. Then, the temporary fix of relocating the homeless from John Prince Park to the South Florida Fairgrounds. He goes onto to speak about the Housing Bond that will address the affordable & workforce housing challenges in Palm Beach County. In conclusion, Commissioner Bernard notifies membership that the County is working along with the PBC League of Cities in regards to this bond.

10. Member Comments

None

11. Meeting Announcements

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Greenacres Community Center, Greenacres..... 10:00 a.m., March 25th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Greenacres Community Center, Greenacres..... Noon, March 25th

SAVE THE DATE Elected Officials Workshop..... 1:00p.m., April 22nd (RSVP REQUIRED for all events)

12. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm.