

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at 10:00 am
Spanish River Library
Boca Raton

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, Kimberly Glas-Castro, Andy Amoroso, Debbie Manzo, Patti Waller, Michael Brown, Shirley Johnson (*arrived 10:01*), Christina Lambert, Monica Mayotte, Maria Marino, Peter Noble, Lawrence Gordon

Absent were: Steven B. Grant, Ilan Kaufer, Robert Gottlieb

Past Presidents in attendance were: David Stewart, Steven B. Wilson

Absent were: Anne Gerwig, Keith James, Robert M.W. Shalhoub, Todd Wodraska, Tom Lynch, Bev Smith

Also in attendance were: Harry Raucher, Rosemary Rayman, Lake Worth Drainage District; Charity Lewis, Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office; Andrea McCue, Quintella Moorer, City of Greenacres; Vice Mayor Paul Shalhoub, Town of Lake Clarke Shores; Mayor Dr. Daniel J. Comerford, III, Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony; Rick Christmas, Professional Firefighters/Paramedics of Palm Beach County; Ed Chase, Director Intergovernmental Affairs of PBC; Michelle McGovern, Baptist Health of South Florida; Richard Radcliffe, Je'Riise Hansen, Aziza Isles, PBC League of Cities; League Attorney, Keith Davis.

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

None

3. President's Welcome

President Hmara welcomed everyone to the Spanish River Library in Boca Raton then goes onto recall the highlights of the Florida League of Cities' annual Conference in Orlando. One highlight was hearing Governor Ron DeSantis speak at the conference and showing support of Home Rule and mentions that the local governments should have more say within their communities. President Hmara mentioned the League's annual Gold Coast Breakfast and how the guest speaker, Drew Bartlett was impressive and was received well by the attendees. Finally, the Florida league of Cities' Conference concluded with the installation of their new president Isaac Salvar from the Town of Bay Harbor Islands.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the Board of Directors Meeting July 24, 2019 Minutes
- b. Approval of the July 2019 Financials
- c. Re-appointment of Mayor Scott Singer of the City of Boca Raton to the School District of PBC Advisory Boundary Committee

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

5. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Letter of Support for Village of Palm Springs CRA.....Discussion/Action

Motion and second to support the letter of support for the Village of Palm Springs CRA. Motion passes unanimously.

6. Special Presentation

None

7. Committee Reports

- a. Issues Forum Executive Committee Report.....Information

Vice Chair Kimberly Glas-Castro

Vice Chair Kimberly Glas-Castro’s committee met once and there was a reorganization of the committee. The committee has an upcoming meeting tomorrow (Thursday August 29th) and they would be discussing the following four issues: mobility fees, affordable housing, resilience planning, and hurricane preparedness. Vice Chair Glas-Castro asked membership if there were any issues in particular they would like her to bring to the committee and a discussion ensued.

- b. Sober Homes Task Force (State)Information

Vice Mayor, Andy Amoroso, Lake Worth Beach

Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso suggested to the board to add State Attorney Dave Aaronberg’s page for great links and information regarding the Sober Homes Task Force. Vice Mayor Amoroso highlighted that there is funding allocated but it is on the “trickle down” method. He goes onto mention that within Lake Worth Beach there has been many arrests in attempt to crack down on the opioid epidemic.

- c. FLC Policy Committee Report

1. Finance, Taxation & Personnel

Vice Mayor Paul Shalhoub, Lake Clarke Shores

Vice Mayor Paul Shalhoub provided the board with a recap and the committees focus; the use of online sales tax fairness. Vice Mayor Shalhoub also informed the board of other priorities that were discussed: the Firefighters Funding Mandate Support and the Digital Divide. The Firefighters funding mandate will help with prevention of firefighters getting cancer. The Digital Divide is about rural areas of Florida receiving internet access.

2. Land Use & Economic Development

Manager, Leondrae Camel, South Bay

Manager Leondrae Camel highlighted his committee's priority on the private property rights, Bert J. Harris, where one side changes to the pretention act. The committee's policy position was on municipal annexation. In addition, they created an Annexation Ad-Hoc committee years ago since annexation rarely became a priority of discussion but this year the committee will be making it a priority.

3. Municipal Administration

Vice Chair, Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro, Lake Park

Vice Chair Kimberly Glas-Castro mentioned her committee's priority that was short-term rentals. There was discussion amongst the committee to keep short-term rentals as their priority. There are cities having issues with the short-term rentals due to people renting them for parties or sex trafficking. Cities that have ordinances they want to amend them without losing their grandfathered status. Another priority the committee discussed was cyber security as a policy position as well as zoning for medical marijuana. In addition, establishing smoke bans in public spaces such as community parks was the committee's third policy position.

4. Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations

Mayor Pro Tem Patti Waller, Palm Springs

Mayor Pro Tem Patti Waller highlighted her committee's priority that is transportation funding; and their policy position was affordable housing. A conversation took place on affordable housing to make it either "Affordable Housing" or "Workforce Housing." The committee decided to leave it as "Affordable Housing." Mayor Pro Tem Waller concludes that the committee's policy position would be recommended by the policy committee then considered by the legislative committee.

5. Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works

Mayor Dr. Daniel J. Comerford, III, Jupiter Inlet Colony

Mayor Dr. Daniel J. Comerford, III highlighted for the board membership his committee's priority, which was water and their priority statement, was state resiliency. Water is an essential public asset that benefits Florida's economy. Florida spends one-tenth of 1% in water quality and improvements. Mayor Dr. Daniel J. Comerford, III goes onto to mention the quality of Florida's water is important and affects our residents and tourists. The Florida League of Cities supports legislation and dedicated funding to address the state's critical water resource and water quality deficiencies to meet current needs. The committee provides an assessment to the water's infrastructure and water needs from state & local levels. In conclusion, their priority statement is on state resiliency and sea level rise.

8. Legal Report

League Attorney Keith Davis, Esq.

League Attorney Keith Davis provided membership with two cases, one relating to plastic bags ban and another regarding ADA compliance. The two cases referred were Fla. Retail Fed'n, Inc. v. City of Coral Gables, 2019 Fla. & Johnson v. Ocaris Mgmt. Group, Inc.

9. Executive Director Report

Executive Director, Richard Radcliffe

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe provided membership with upcoming events & dates. Next month the League's general membership meeting will be in Lake Worth Beach at the Lake Worth Beach Ballroom on September 25th. Next, is the Social Media Training in Greenacres at their City Hall from 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m on October 24th. Parking is free and lunch will be provided between 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. Then the mandatory State Ethics Training on October 30th at the Lantana Recreation Center from 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Finally, the Legislative Delegation Workshop will be on December 3rd at Palm Beach State College at the Loxahatchee campus.

10. Member Comments

11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your Calendar)

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Lake Worth Beach Casino & Ballroom, Lake Worth Beach..... 10:00 a.m., September 25th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Lake Worth Beach Casino & Ballroom, Lake Worth Beach. Noon, September 25th

12. Adjournment-

The Board adjourned at 11:20 a.m.