

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, April 27, 2016
Riviera Beach Marina Event Hall**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute

President Dawn Pardo called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.. Mayor Thomas Masters gave the invocation and the Riviera Beach Honor Guard and the Palm Beach County Pipes & Drums presented the colors and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes

Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Cities represented were: Atlantis, Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Briny Breezes, Cloud Lake, Greenacres, Gulf Stream, Haverhill, Highland Beach, Hypoluxo, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, Mangonia Park, North Palm Beach, Ocean Ridge, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach, Royal Palm Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach, Wellington and West Palm Beach **Absent were:** Delray Beach, Glen Ridge, Golf, Manalapan and Tequesta.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

None

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2016 General Membership meeting.

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

5. Presentation

a. William A. Cruickshank Scholarship Awards

President Pardo welcomed Scholarship Committee Chair Mo Thornton to present the awards to the recipients. The awards were presented to Rachael Borman a senior at Atlantic University and Melanie Winchester, a senior at Dreyfoos School of the Arts. President Pardo concluded by thanking the scholarship contributors: Advance Disposal, Republic Services and Waste Management.

b. FLC Awards

FLC Legislative Advocate Ms. Megan Sirjane-Samples presented Mayor Susan Haynie of Boca Raton; Vice Mayor Bob Ganger of Gulf Stream; Manager Bill Thrasher of Gulf Stream; and Council Chair Dawn Pardo of Riviera Beach with the FLC 2016 Home Rule Award. Ms. Sirjane-Samples presented Senator Joe Abruzzo with the FLC 2016 Legislative Appreciation Award.

c. F.I.N.D. “What It Does and How It Affects You”

President Pardo introduced FIND Executive Director Mike Crosley to inform the membership how they assist municipalities with public access projects.

Executive Director Mike Crosley informed the membership that FIND, the Florida Inland Navigation District, is an independent taxing district. Mr. Crosley stated that the district covers the east coast of Florida from Miami Dade County to Nassau County. He stated that the FIND board members are appointed by the governor, one from each of the 12 counties, and they meet in a different county each month. Mr. Crosley informed the membership that the primary mission was to provide lands to the federal government but that mission has expanded to providing funding to build the infrastructure, dredging and a grants program. Mr. Crosley concluded by saying that the grant programs include funding for boat ramps and docks. He also stated that the District also provides enhancement assistance like waterway clean-up.

6. Miscellaneous Business

a. Ratification of the 2016 – 2017 Board of Directors Slate

President Pardo informed the membership of the proposed 2016-2017 Board of Directors and Officers. It is as follows: President: Mayor Robert Shalhoub, Lake Clarke Shores; 1st Vice President: Commissioner Keith James, West Palm Beach 2nd Vice President: Mayor Gail Coniglio; Secretary/Treasurer: Manager Mo Thornton, Atlantis; District 1: Councilmember Bob Gebbia, North Palm Beach; District 2: Councilmember Patti Waller, Palm Springs; District 3: Councilor Robert Gottlieb, South Palm Beach; District 4: Manager Bill Thrasher, Gulf Stream; District 5: Manager Leondrae Camel, South Bay; Large City Rep.: Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara, Royal Palm Beach; Large City Rep.: Councilmember David Levy, Palm Beach Gardens; Large City Rep.: Deputy Mayor Mike Mullaugh, Boca Raton; Large City Rep.: Mayor Jerry Taylor, Boynton Beach; Large City Rep.: Vice Mayor Pro Tem Andy Amoroso, Lake Worth; Large City Rep.: Mayor Anne Gerwig, Wellington; At Large Rep.: Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro, Lake Park; At Large Rep.: Councilor Ilan Kaufer, Jupiter; Immediate Past President: Council Chair Dawn Pardo, Riviera Beach.

Motion and second to ratify the 2016 2017 Board of Directors and Officers. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Ratification of the Appointment to the Criminal Justice Commission

President Pardo informed the membership that the board appointed Commissioner Keith James of West Palm Beach to the Criminal Justice Commission and that ratification was needed by the general membership.

Motion and second to ratify the appointment of Commissioner Keith James to the Criminal Justice Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Ratification of the Appointment to the Water Resource Task Force

President Pardo informed the membership that the board appointed Commissioner Chip Block of Jupiter Inlet Colony to fill the regular seat on the Water Resource Task Force and that ratification was needed by the general membership.

Motion and second to ratify the appointment of Commissioner Chip Block of Jupiter Inlet Colony as a regular on the Water Resource Task Force. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Ratification of the Appointment to the Homeless Advisory Board

President Pardo informed the membership that the board appointed Manager Bill Thrasher of Gulf Stream to the Homeless Advisory Board and that ratification was needed by the general membership.

Motion and second to ratify the appointment of Manager Bill Thrasher to the Homeless Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Legal Report

Attorney Jennifer Ashton updated the membership on changes made to the public records law as it pertains to contractors and vendors. She stated that the changes would now require public records request to go thru the public entity the contractors/vendors are contracted with. Ms. Ashton also informed the membership that a 8 day safe harbor has been enacted requiring the requestor to provide a written letter to both the public entity and contractor that they have will be filing a lawsuit if the request is not fulfilled within the 8 day time frame.

8. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe thanked the City of Rivera Beach for hosting the League in its brand new event hall.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership of the Gala on May 18th at the Kravis Center. He stated that sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that \$9 million in state funding which can be used for storm water, alternative water projects and conservation is set to expire. He stated that the application deadline is May 20th.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership of the League's annual Elected Officials Workshop being held immediately after the General Membership concludes and invited the municipal staff to stay.

9. President's Report

President Pardo informed the membership that this will be her last meeting as President. She thanked the executive board and League staff and stated that she appreciated the support she received. President Pardo reflected on her year as president and her initiative, stating that one of the priorities from the Ocean to Lake Trail committee was the opening up of the C-51 Canal and thanked the members of the committee for their hard work which accounted for the success of receiving state funding for the engineering of the project. President Pardo concluded by informing the membership of the committee's second priority, a horse trail that would crossover Southern Blvd.

10. Member Comments

Kate Wesley informed the membership that the 211 Helpline will be providing free lunch during the summer for children who depended on the school meals during the school year. She also informed the membership that May is mental health month.

Kim Ardila Morgan informed the membership that Palm Beach State College will be hosting an Ethics Connection Program series.

Mark Crosley informed the membership that the Marine Industries will be sponsoring Paddle Fest at Currie Park on May 14th.

President Pardo informed the membership of a public meeting to discuss taking sand off the sand bar at Peanut Island to open up the channel on Thursday April 28th at Phil foster Park at 5pm.

11. Meetings Announcements

- a. Gala Installation, Kravis Center.....11:30 a.m., May 18th
(RSVP Required)
- b. Board of Directors Meeting, Bear Lake Country Club.....10 a.m., June 22nd
- c. General Membership Meeting, Bear Lakes Country Club..... Noon, June 22nd

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m..