

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, September 26th, 2018, at 10:00 am
Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex
Lake Worth

MINUTES

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

President Anne Gerwig called the meeting to order at 10 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, Patti Waller, Michael Brown, Shirley Johnson (10:08), Andy Amoroso, Terence Davis Steve Grant (10:11), Ilan Kaufer, Maria Marino, Peter Noble, Lawrence Gordon, Debbie Manzo, and Keith James (10:08). **Absent were:** Gail Coniglio, Leondrae Camel

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

Also in attendance were: David Ricks, Palm Beach County Engineering Director; Steve Carrier, Omelio Fernandez, and Motasem Al Turk, Palm Beach County Engineers; Chuck Stoddard; Charity Lewis, Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Office; Robert Brown and Rosemary Rayman, Lake Worth Drainage District; League Attorney Jennifer Ashton; League staff Richard Radcliffe and JeRiise Hansen.

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

None

3. President's Welcome

President Gerwig welcomed the Board to the Lake Worth Casino Building and Beach Complex and thanked the City of Lake Worth. She then gave an overview of her Home Rule presentation to Leadership Palm Beach County on 9/25/2018 then stressed the importance of explaining Home Rule to residents as that would increase resident participation with getting their community involved in support for Home Rule.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Board of Directors Meeting August 22, 2018 Minutes
- b. Approval of August 2018 Financials
- c. Appointment of Leondrae Camel to the Technology Committee
- d. Approval of the Town of South Palm Beach to use the Palm Beach County League of Cities Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee
- e. Approval of New Associate Member Application for PrimeStar Digital Network
Sponsored by Chandler Williamson, City Manager, City of Pahokee
- f. Approval of Councilmember Edward Shropshire to the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative Committee Alternate seat

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

5. Miscellaneous Business

None

6. Special Presentations

- a. New Palm Beach County Engineer, David L. Ricks

David L. Ricks from the Palm Beach County Engineering and Public Works Department discussed an overview of the programs and services being undertaken by the Palm Beach County Engineering and Public Works department. These services include: road and bridge maintenance, traffic technology that connects over 85% of fiber optic light signals and ITS maintenance, street scape median landscaping, land development of unincorporated areas and roadway production design and acquisition. A 5 year program will raise costs strategically in 2019 through the engineering sales tax from 2018 while addressing key areas.

7. Committee Reports

- a. **Technology Committee Report**

Committee Chair Keith James informed to the Board of the inaugural meeting of the technology committee. It was mainly an organizational meeting to determine practices including meeting quarterly and discuss topics to address as well as arranging presentations by outside speakers.

b. Florida League of Cities Policy Committee Reports:

- 1) **Utilities, Natural Resources and Public Works** -- Mayor Dan Comerford mentioned that the Palm Beach County League of Cities has the highest number of representatives on all 5 of the committees with an average of 13 representatives. Concerns of this committee include Coastal resitancy, water management funding, water (septic, sewer and waste) infrastructure, fracking, & plastic debris.
- 2) **Financial, Taxation and Personnel** --Vice Mayor Chip Block apprised the Board that the committee's September meeting (also to be discussed at the October meeting) addressed priorities such as sales tax on e commerce, employment discrimination, communication services tax, local government transparency, commercial sales tax, local business tax employment, communication services tax and property tax. Also, the possibility of sales tax free days was mentioned as well as the importance of remaining revenue neutral.
- 3) **Land Use and Economic Development** -- Councilman Terence Davis reported that the Land Use committee determined that along with an emphasis on Home Rule, presentations were needed on Impact fees, flood plain extensions on permits, transparency, the difference between a state of emergency v. a public health concern and how stacking works for developers.
- 4) **Transportation** -- Councilman Jeff Hmara, discussed that the five most prevalent concerns of the Transportation committee encompassed transportation funding, Electric Scooters, Gas Tax, the support of multi-modal transportation solutions (i.e. -- government grants, etc.) and affordable transportation along with affordable housing. Tutorial opportunities were also mentioned.
- 5) **Municipal Administration** -- Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Johnson, discussed eight potential Legislative issues: 1) short term rentals/zoning authority; 2) School Resource Officers -- Senate Bill 7026 (Public Safety for schools) provisions include -- enhancing school safety policies and improving mental health services; revising and empowering law enforcement to limit firearms; 3) municipal elections, 4) medical marijuana;5) smoke free zones, 6) towing, 7) Public records -- SB 750 8) Public Notice -- HB897 and SB1444. President Gerwig added that discussion of a standardization of disclosure forms for both municipalities and the state should be addressed.

c. Palm Beach County League Transportation Committee Report:

Chair, Mayor Maria Marino informed the Board that the committee met to discuss the transition of the Transportation Planning Authority to a financially independent agency that accepts dues from members and is separate from the county. The committee also discussed the topic of smaller cities that do not pay dues on the TPA board expressing concern about a lack of representation by the TPA. Chair Marino cited that there are three small cities, Tequesta, Lake Park and North Palm, that have proposals currently in front of the board and that all it takes for Board recognition is to attend TPA meetings.

8. Legal Report

Legal Counsel Jennifer Ashton update the board about a current case that deals with the issue of Individual Sovereign Immunity, Sovereign Immunity being the immunity from prosecution for duties performed in the course of a person's employment. In *Key v. Almase* (Fla.3rdDCA2018), a high-speed chase by law enforcement officers that led to the deaths of four individuals. Attorneys for the representatives of the deceased decided to not only to sue the City of Opa Locka but city employees individually as well. The trial court denied the motion to dismiss under Sovereign Immunity but the case went to the appeal court then finally to the Florida Supreme Court to determine if the denial was appropriate. The issue is currently unresolved. Legal Counsel's advice was to keep continuing for fight for individual immunity.

9. Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe thanked members again for the participation at the FLC Conference that merited the Most Spirited Award. He reminded the Board of the mandatory 4 hour of state Ethics training on October 9th at the Village of Palm Springs from 8-12 including a one hour credit for the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics retraining at the same time and managers and attorneys or with FCCMA will get continuing education credit. He also mentioned the upcoming and the DC Fly In October 1st-4th that includes a reimbursement for first time attendees and the FLC policy committee meeting on October 12th in Orlando. He brought up the National League of Cities conference in Los Angeles November 6th-12th and that the Tri-Cities Barbecue date is now set for December 7th

10. Member Comments

Vice Mayor Andy Amoroso mentioned to be sure to post on social media and be sure to stress Home Rule.

11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your Calendar)

- a. State Mandated Ethics Training (with 4 hour PBC Ethics Retraining), Village of Palm Springs 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., October 9th
 - b. Board of Directors Meeting, Tequesta Country Club, Tequesta 10:00 a.m., October 24th
 - c. General Membership Meeting, Tequesta Country Club, Tequesta 12:00 p.m., October 24th
- (RSVP Required for all events)**

12. Adjournment-The Board adjourned at 11:20.