

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex

MINUTES

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

President Dawn Pardo called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Secretary Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Dawn Pardo, Robert Shalhoub, Keith James, Mo Thornton, Robert Gebbia, Robert Gottlieb, Bill Thrasher, Allie Biggs (*arrived 10:30*), Mike Mullaugh, Jerry Taylor, David Levy, Jeff Hmara, Matt Willhite, Andy Amoroso, Kimberly Glas-Castro, Gail Coniglio, and Steve Wilson **Absent were:** Jerry Beavers

Past Presidents in attendance were: Scott Maxwell, Todd Wodraska, David Stewart and Susan Haynie

Also in attendance were: David Fifer, Florida Sugar Cane League; Manager Leondrae Camel, South Bay; Attorney Helene Hvizd, Deputy Administrator Jon Van Arnam, Assistant Budget Director Sherry Brown, and Public Affairs Director Lisa DelaRionda, Palm Beach County; Chuck Stoddard; Anna Yeasky, IPARC; Councilmember Michael Jawdy, Glen Ridge; Harry Raucher, Lake Worth Drainage District; Chief Chuck Lupo, Chief Jim Collins, Tara Cardoso, Ed Morejon and A.J. O’Laughlin, Professional Firefighters Palm Beach County; League Counsel Trela White, and Jack Rice; Corbett White Davis & Ashton, P.A.; and League Staff Richard Radcliffe, JeRiise Hansen and Clarelle Prosper.

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

Addition: Miscellaneous Business 5c.

New Associate Member Application – Florida Sugar Cane league
Sponsored by Vice Mayor Pro Tem Andy Amoroso, Lake Worth

Deletion: Miscellaneous Business 5a.

Appointments to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Motion by Robert Shalhoub and second by Keith James to approve the modified agenda. Motion carries unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of Board Meeting, September 30, 2015**
- b. Financials September 2015**
- c. Appointment to the Education Committee**
Councilman Jeff Hmara, Royal Palm Beach
- d. New Associate Member Application**
Gary M. Bradenburg, Esq.
Sponsored by Commissioner Allie Biggs, Pahokee
- e. New Associate Member Application**
Jimmy Kellerher
Sponsored by Commissioner Allie Biggs, Pahokee

Motion by David Levy and second by Gail Coniglio to approve the consent agenda. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Special Presentations

a. Fire Rescue Surtax

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe informed the board that the presentation they are about to hear stems from a motion made at the Fire Service committee to hear from the Professional Fire Fighters of Palm Beach County regarding a possible Fire Rescue Surtax.

Mr. Ed Morejon, 2nd Executive Legislative Vice President of the Fire Fighters introduced himself and Chief Chuck Lupo, 1st Executive Legislative Vice President to the board stating that they both will be presenting. Mr. Morejon provided a brief history of the surtax. He stated that the surtax is a way for the fire fighters to gain alternative funding. He stated that the Fire Surtax is a “swap” since the amount that is collected from the sales tax is the amount in which the ad valorem will be decrease by. Mr. Chuck Lupo explained that they are trying to take the dependence off of the ad valorem by shifting the burden to the people who actually use their service the most; the tourist, those who work in Palm Beach but live in Broward and Martin County. Mr. Lupo concluded by saying that they will be seeking the approval of a full one cent, the maximum they can request and that their goal is to get it on the November 2016 ballot. He also reminded the board that the fire rescue surtax does not sunset and that they have done some polling and polled extremely high making them confident that it will get approved.

5. Miscellaneous Business

b. Civil Citation for Small Quantity Marijuana Possession Ordinance

Deputy County Administrator Jon Van Arnam informed the board of the Civil Citation for Small Quantity Marijuana Possession Ordinance. He stated that the ordinance provides Law Enforcement Officers with the option to give a citation to citizens who are caught with 20 grams or less of marijuana in their possession instead of an arrest and criminal prosecution. Mr. Van Arnam stated that the ordinance would only apply to persons 18 years or older, citing that juveniles have a 1st offender program. Mr. Van Arnam explained that Officers are not mandated to give a citation however if they do issue one it comes with a fine of \$100.00 or 10 hours of community service. Mr. Van Arnam concluded by saying that the ordinance is currently only for unincorporated Palm Beach County and he is inquiring if the municipalities would like to make it county wide with an opt-out option.

There was discussion.

There was a consensus from the board to leave the ordinance as is; only in unincorporated Palm Beach County with the option to opt in for the municipalities.

c. New Associate Member Application – Florida Sugar Cane League

President Pardo informed the board that the Florida Sugar Cane League has applied to be an associate member of the League.

Motion by Matt Willhite and second by Andy Amoroso to approve the Florida Sugar Cane League Associate Membership Application. Motion carries unanimously.

6. Committee Report

a. Ocean to Lake Trail Committee

President Pardo informed the board that the Ocean to Lake Trail Committee has chosen to pursue the opening up of the C-51 canal. She encouraged the municipalities to provide maps showing their parks and trails to the committee thru the League office. President Pardo concluded by informing the board that the next committee meeting will be in December.

b. Impact Fee Committee

Councilman Robert Gottlieb provided the board with a review that came from a consultant regarding the possibility of an impact fee increase. Mr. Gottlieb stated that the estimate is based on an average home between 1400 and 1999 square feet driving the fee up 140% from last year. He stated that last year's fee for a new home was approximately \$10,000 and it is now being proposed as \$24,000. Mr. Gottlieb stated that the biggest increase is the schools that jumped from \$1,700 per house to approximately \$15,000. He did note that the general office is up 111% and that there is a new fee for fire rescue, which is only on the general office and general retail, which is down. He concluded by stating that the county collected \$36 million and if the fee is increased by 140% they can expect to collect \$72 million.

7. President's Report

None

8. Legal Report

League Attorney Trela White informed the board about a case regarding Broward County Sheriff Office and the City of Fort Lauderdale in which sovereign immunity was claimed by the city over nonpayment of police dispatch and services rendered by Broward County Sheriff Office.

Ms. White provided an update on the Bert Harris Act case in which the Supreme Court ruled with the city stating that the act only regulates on one's own property.

Ms. White informed the board that there are no updates on the Red Light Camera case or the IG Funding Lawsuit.

9. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe provided the board with the possible sales tax timeline. He informed the board that he will email them a copy. Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that the county will be requesting an aggregate number of each municipalities projects and the cost to come up with an analysis of how the funding from the sales tax will be used.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the board that the BBQ will be Friday December 4th and the sponsorship opportunities are still available. He thanked Corbett, White Davis and Ashton for their contribution.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the board that we will hear the results from the Literacy Coalition's Read for the Record contest at next month's meeting in Boynton Beach. He also reminded the board to make sure that their respective municipalities have informed the Literacy Coalition of their numbers.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the board that this year's Legislative Roundtable will be held on December 16th at the FAU and RSVP's are required. He informed the board that he is seeking board members to be facilitators at each table.

10. Member Comments

None

11. Meeting Announcements: (Mark your calendar)

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Benvenuto Caterestaurant, Boynton Beach.....10 a.m., Nov. 25th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Benvenuto Caterestaurant, Boynton Beach.....Noon, Nov. 25th
- c. Tri-Cities BBQ, Belle Glade Marina (RSVP Required).....11:30am, Dec. 4th

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