

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, November 27, at 10:00 am
Benvenuto Restaurant
Boynton Beach**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Flag Salute

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

Council President Susan Thaler gave the invocation.

President Hmara led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance flag salute.

2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes

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

Cities represented were: Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Briny Breezes, Cloud Lake, Delray Beach, Golf, Greenacres, Gulf Stream, Haverhill, Hypoluxo, Lake Park, Lake Worth Beach, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, Manalapan, Ocean Ridge, 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: Atlantis, Glen Ridge, Highland Beach, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Mangonia Park, North Palm Beach, Pahokee, Tequesta, and Westlake

a. Introduce Hosts for welcome:

Mayor Steven B. Grant of Boynton Beach welcomes membership to the City of Boynton Beach and introduces their council and staff.

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

Office of Senator Lori Berman

Office of Mike Caruso

Office of Representative Tina Polsky

Office of Representative David Silvers

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

Mayor Dave Kerner

Vice Mayor Robert Weinroth

Commissioner Gregg Weiss

Commissioner Mack Bernard

- d. President Jeff Hmara recognized the Palm Beach County School Board Members in Attendance:
Chuck Shaw
- e. New Associate Member Sugar Industry Labor Management Committee elevator speech
Mr. Joaquin Alamazan
- f. New Associate Member Verizon elevator speech
Ms. Karen Holmes

3. Additions, Deletions and Modifications to the Agenda

None

4. Consent Agenda.....Action

- a. Approval of the General Membership Meeting October 23, 2019 Minutes

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

5. Miscellaneous Business

None

6. Legal Report

League Attorney Keith Davis, Esq.

League Attorney Keith Davis provided the general membership with two cases. The first case was Classy Cycles, Inc. v. Panama City Beach regarding motorized scooter regulation & preemption. The next case Quasha v. City of Palm Beach Gardens regarding ADA compliance & reasonable accommodations.

7. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe thanks the City of Boynton Beach for having us. Next, he mentions the December 6th Holiday Networking Event in Belle Glade along with the Farm Tour. Then, the Legislative Delegation Workshop at the Palm Beach State College Loxahatchee Campus on December 3rd. Finally, he announced that the U.S. Census Bureau is currently hiring 2,000 people and to let others know.

8. President’s Report

President Jeff Hmara

President Jeff Hmara reminded membership that the upcoming State Legislative Session begins in 6 weeks and preparation is key. He went on to highlight his experience with the Florida League of Cities’ Policy Committees and how they provide an opportunity to become better informed. President Hmara concluded with the following event dates: PBC Days January 12th-13th in Tallahassee; FLC Legislative Action Days February 11th-12th, and the Monday Morning call-ins starting January 13th-March 9th.

9. Presentation

- a. Read for the Record Results.....Information
Executive Director Kristin Calder, PBC Literacy Coalition
Executive Director Kristin Calder thanked all the municipalities that participated in the Read for the Record event this year. She awarded a certificate to the participating cities and the winning results are as follows: Boynton Beach won the large city category, and Lantana for the small city category.

- b. “Boynton Beach Now and in the Future”
*Director of Economic Development and Strategy,
David Scott, City of Boynton Beach
Assistant Executive Director of the Boynton Beach CRA,
Thuy Shutt, City of Boynton Beach*
David Scott & Thuy Shutt introduced themselves and presented the general membership an interactive PowerPoint showing Boynton Beach as it is now and how it will look in the future. They provided a brief history of Boynton Beach along with fun facts such as Boynton Beach being the third largest city in Palm Beach County; four miles of Intracoastal Waterway; and has a population of 78,050. Mr. Scott & Ms. Shutt went on to provide membership a brief background on the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) that began as the Special Dependent District in 1982. The CRA area is broken up into six districts and covers 1,650 acres. Then Mr. Scott & Ms. Shutt took membership on a virtual tour of the upcoming projects for the “Heart of Boynton” which included: Sara Sims Park, Cottage District, MLK Corridor, and Ocean Breeze East. Next, they mentioned upgrades of the Boynton Beach Mall, Medical District, and new residential developments. Then, they highlighted what works for Boynton Beach which included expedited permitting; outreach communication; regional networks; transportation mobility walkability, and partnerships. In conclusion, Mr. Scott & Ms. Shutt provided membership an overview of development projects that are on the horizon for Boynton Beach.

10. Member Comments

None

11. Meeting Announcements

- a. Legislative Delegation Joint Workshop, Palm Beach State College, Loxahatchee Groves Campus 11:00 am, December 3rd
- b. Holiday Networking (BBQ) Event, Lomax Harrelle Pavilion, Belle Glade 11:00am, December 6th
- c. Board of Directors Meeting, Sandhill Crane Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens 10:00 a.m., January 22nd
- d. General Membership Meeting, Sandhill Crane Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens . Noon, January 22nd

(RSVP REQUIRED for all events)

12. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.