

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
Atlantis Country Club – Atlantis

MINUTES

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

President Tom Lynch called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Secretary Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

Board members present were: Tom Lynch, Isaac Robinson, Jr., Lisa Tropepe, Mo Thornton, Todd Wodraska, Martha Webster, Bill Thrasher, David Harden, David Levy, Matt Willhite, Dawn Pardo, Bill Manuel, and James Newill. **Absent were:** Steve Wilson, and Mike Mullaugh.

Past presidents in attendance were David Stewart, Dr. Carmine Priore, Dr. Ken Schultz, and Richard Radcliffe.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Jamie Titcomb; League Counsel Trela White and Co-Counsel Brad Biggs; Council Chair Pro Tem Judy Davis, City of Riviera Beach; Councilman Jerry Beavers, Town of Haverhill; Councilman Scott Maxwell, City of Lake Worth; President Pro Tem Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Town of Lake Clarke Shores; County Impact Fees Manager Willie Swoope; Mike Busha, Executive Director, TCRPC; Geoff Sluggett; Murray Kalish and , Lake Worth Drainage District; Robert Hochberg; and League staff Kristen Puhalainen and Je'Riise Hansen.

President Lynch congratulated elections winners, and thanked Mo Thornton for organizing the meetings.

2. Additions, Deletions, and/or Modifications to the Agenda – None

Motion by Dawn Pardo, second by Jim Newill to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: February 24, 2010

Motion by Todd Wodraska, second by Mo Thornton to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of February 24, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Financial Reports/Finance Committee/Budget

Mr. Titcomb presented the monthly report. There was discussion.

Motion and second to accept the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Proposed 2010 – 2011 Dues Structure and**
- b. Proposed 2010 – 2011 Budget**

Items 4a and 4b were discussed together.

Ms. Thornton reported that the Finance Committee met and proposes a 5% reduction in municipal dues, with no change in Associate dues.

There was discussion.

Mr. Robinson proposed that the Policy & Procedures Committees work on how to incorporate Associate members more into the General Membership meetings.

Motion by Isaac Robinson Jr., second by David Levy to approve the proposed 2010-2011 dues structure. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Isaac Robinson Jr., second by David Levy to approve the proposed 2010-2011 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Scheduled Presentations

a. Impact Fees Update

Palm Beach County Impact Fees Manager Willie Swoope explained that impact fees are reviewed every two years, with recommendations brought to the County Commission. If the fees were to cover actual impact costs of new construction, they would double; however, the Impact Fee office, and the Impact Fee Review Committee are recommending no increase in fees.

There was discussion on the fees, and on the League appointments to the committee.

Motion by Mo Thornton, second by Martha Webster to support the recommendations to not increase impact fees, and that anyone appointed by the League to the Impact Fee Review Committee remain at the discretion of the League. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Federal Sustainable Communities Initiative

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Executive Director Michael Busha explained the initiative; that the southeast Florida region is seeking Federal funding. He requested the League pass a resolution in support, as well as sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

There was discussion.

Ms. White read Resolution 2010-03, adding a provision on coastal management.

Motion by Lisa Tropepe, second by Dawn Pardo to approve Resolution 2010-03, adding coastal management, and to authorize Mr. Titcomb to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the South Florida Regional Planning Council, after adding a provision on coastal management. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Miscellaneous Business

a. Appointment to Criminal Justice Commission

President Lynch reported that Charles Shaw has left office, creating a vacancy on the CJC. Lake Clarke Shores President Pro Tem Val Rodriguez, Jr. has applied for the appointment. Mr. Rodriguez addressed the Board.

Motion by Isaac Robinson, Jr., second by David Levy to appoint Valentin Rodriguez, Jr. to the Criminal Justice Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Appointment to Land Development Regulation Advisory Board

President Lynch reported that the new county ethics regulations have forced League appointee Joni Brinkman to resign from the Board, as her firm is a consultant to the county. The League has not received any applications.

c. Proclamation – Water Conservation Month

Ms. White read the proclamation naming April Water Conservation Month.

Motion by David Levy, second by Lisa Tropepe to approve the Proclamation for Water Conservation Month. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Proclamation – Water Reuse Week

Ms. White read the proclamation naming May 16 – 22 as Water Reuse Week.

Motion by David Levy, second by Martha Webster to approve the Proclamation for Water Reuse Week. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Committee Reports

a. Nominating Committee

President Lynch reported that the Nominating Committee met to choose the proposed 2010 – 2011 slate of officers. The members of the committee are Lantana Mayor David Stewart; Boca Raton Mayor Susan Whelchel; Greenacres Mayor Sam Ferreri; Tequesta Mayor Pat Watkins; Riviera Beach Councilman Shelby Lowe; and Boynton Beach Manager Kurt Bressner. He announced the proposed slate:

President: Commissioner Isaac Robinson Jr., West Palm Beach ; **1st Vice President:** Commissioner Lisa Tropepe, Palm Beach Shores; **2nd Vice President:** Councilor Todd Wodraska, Jupiter; **Secretary/Treasurer:** Mo Thornton, Manager, Atlantis; **District 1:** Mayor Bill Manuel, North Palm Beach; **District 2:** Vice Mayor Martha Webster, Royal Palm Beach; **District 3:** Commissioner Scott Maxwell, Lake Worth; **District 4:** Bill Thrasher, Manager, Gulf Stream; **District 5:** Commissioner Steve Wilson, Belle Glade; **Large City Representatives:** David Harden, Manager, Delray Beach; Mayor David Levy, Palm Beach Gardens; Council Chair Dawn Pardo, Riviera Beach; Councilman Mike Mullaugh, Boca Raton; Councilman Matt Willhite, Wellington; Vice Mayor Woodrow Hay, Boynton Beach; **At Large Representatives::** Mayor James Newill, Highland Beach; Councilman Calvin Turnquest, Tequesta.

b. Scholarship Committee

Committee Chair Mo Thornton reported that the scholarship recipients have been chosen and notified. The scholarships will be awarded at the April General Membership meeting.

c. Transportation Committee

Committee Chair David Harden reported that the county's engineering department asked the committee to consider changes to the Traffic Performance Standards.

There was discussion.

Mr. Harden requested that the amendments be distributed to all cities for review, and the item will be revisited at the April meeting.

8. Legal Report

Ms. White reported that she is working with the County's attorneys on the charter ethics ordinance.

Regarding the Aventura red light camera ordinance, which was struck down as unconstitutional: the Final Judgment was entered March 25th, the city's Motion for Reconsideration was denied, and the city will appeal. There is a stay pending appeal.

9. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Titcomb reported that there are several competing red light camera bills in the legislature. The Schenck bill is winning over the Reagan bill, which is not good for cities.

Next month the Board will have to decide when to hold May's Board meeting, as the installation lunch takes the place of the General Membership meeting.

The Lobbyist Registration Committee will be meeting soon to iron out differences regarding the county requiring hard copy signatures.

10. District Reports – None

11. Member Comments

Mr. Manuel asked how well attended Legislative Action Day was. Mr. Titcomb reported it was under attended. However, cities and counties are working together on issues. There was discussion on attendance.

Dr. Priore spoke on the open government bill, saying that the Florida League of Cities opposes it because it's an unfunded mandate, not because they're opposed to open government. He recommends respond in the media explaining the stance.

Mr. Manuel asked about SB 1298. Mr. Titcomb recommended keeping track of specific bills through the county's and the FLC's legislative updates.

President Lynch reported on an article in Baron's magazine warning to watch which municipal bonds to buy.

Ms. Tropepe reported that President Lynch was named one of Palm Beach County's top 10 CEOs by the South Florida Business Journal.

12. Meetings Announcement

13. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.