

Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
Mary V. MacDonald-Wilson Center, Gaines Park – West Palm Beach

MINUTES

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

President Isaac Robinson Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

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

Past presidents in attendance were David Stewart, Bill Moss, Dr. Ken Schultz, and Richard Radcliffe.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Jamie Titcomb; League Counsel Trela White and Co-Counsel Brad Biggs; Councilmember Jerry Beavers, Town of Haverhill; Councilmember Joni Brinkman, Village of Palm Springs; Beatrice Coleman, Aide to Florida Sen. Chris Smith; Alan Johnson, Executive Director, County Ethics Commission; Rosemary Rayman and Joe Walsh, Lake Worth Drainage District; and League staff Kristen Puhalainen and Je'Riise Hansen.

Mr. Titcomb introduced League intern Angelica Vasquez.

League Counsel Trela White administered the oath of office to Steve Wilson and David Harden.

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

Motion and second to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: June 23, 2010

Motion by Todd Wodraska, second by Lisa Tropepe to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of June 23, 2010.

Mr. Willhite stated that he discussed with Mr. Titcomb his concern with June Agenda Item 5a, Board Orientation, with regard to the Fire Rescue Surtax. The wording in question will be reviewed and is not reflected in the minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Financial Reports/Finance Committee/Budget

Mr. Titcomb presented the monthly report.

Motion by Matt Willhite, second by Todd Wodraska to accept the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

Alan Johnson had not yet arrived for Item 5a; President Robinson moved on to Item 6a.

6. Miscellaneous Business

a. Nominations to the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors

Mr. Titcomb explained that per League by-laws, President Robinson will be one of the three nominees forwarded to the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors' nominating committee. Four people have submitted their names for consideration of the remaining two spots: Lake Park Mayor Desca DuBois, West Palm Beach Commissioner Bill Moss, Greenacres Vice Mayor Richard Radcliffe and Pahokee Mayor J.P. Sasser.

The Board heard from the three candidates present: Mr. Moss, Mr. Radcliffe and Mr. Sasser.

There was discussion, followed by balloted voting.

Bill Moss and Richard Radcliffe received the most votes, becoming the other two nominees for the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors.

5. Scheduled Presentations

a. Ethics Charter Amendment Update

Palm Beach County Ethics Commission Executive Director reported on the Ethics Commission, covering topics such as lobbyist registration, funding and public record issues. He took questions from the Board.

6. Miscellaneous Business

b. Executive Director Contract Addendum

Ms. White explained that the proposed addendum contains a two-year extension, no salary or benefits increase, and permits paid outside consulting that would not conflict with his Executive Director duties.

There was discussion.

Motion and second to approve the proposed Executive Director contract addendum. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Appointments to County Boards/Commissions

Mr. Titcomb stated that there are League appointments available on the Advisory Board Committee, the Land Development Regulation Advisory Board, the Water Resources Task Force and the Independent Sales Surtax Overview Committee.

There was discussion on the ethics ordinance's effect on appointments.

d. Associate Membership Application

Mr. Titcomb reported that Emerald Towing Service has submitted an application for Associate membership. They are sponsored by Boca Raton Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie.

Motion by Lisa Tropepe, second by Mo Thornton to approve the Associate Membership application of Emerald Towing Service. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Committee Reports

a. Environmental Committee

Committee Chair David Levy reported that the committee met to discuss proposed changes to the NPDES stormwater permits. They requested the League send a letter under the President's signature to DEP with its recommendations. Recommendations include slowing down the inspection process and to ask for visual inspection in place of submerged inspection.

Motion by Mo Thornton, second by David Levy to send a letter from the President to Florida DEP with recommendations on the proposed NPDES stormwater permits. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Moss asked the committee to review backflow issues.

b. ITE Task Force

Task Force Chair Lisa Tropepe reported on the results of a survey sent to Mayors and Managers, asking for cities' challenges and successes.

There was discussion.

8. Legal Report

Ms. White reported that she has been working with the team on the ethics ordinance language, and there is no order yet on SB 360 case.

9. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Titcomb reported that this League is hosting the Gold Coast breakfast at this year's Florida League of Cities conference. RSVP to the League office.

He read a letter from the City of Lake Worth requesting a one-time dues reduction of 20% for FY 2010-2011. He discussed this with the Finance Committee, which recommends a compromise of a 10% reduction, and a full review of the entire dues structure. One-time dues reductions have been given to other cities experiencing similar fiscal challenges.

Finance Committee Chair Mo Thornton concurred on the recommendations. Mr. Maxwell thanked the committee and the board for their consideration.

Motion by David Levy, second by Woodrow Hay to reduce by 10% the City of Lake Worth's dues for FY 2010-2011.

There was discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. District Reports – None

11. Member Comments – None

12. Meetings Announcement

13. Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 11:39 a.m.