

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, April 23, 2014
Atlantis Country Club – Atlantis**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute

President Scott Maxwell called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.. Woodrow Hay, Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce gave the invocation and led the membership into the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes

Mo Thornton called the roll and a quorum was attained.

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

President Maxwell introduced County Commissioner Shelley Vana, whose district we were in today.

President Maxwell invited candidates to stand and introduce themselves to the membership and state what they are running for.

President Maxwell introduced the City of Atlantis' Mayor, Mayor David Kintz who welcomed the membership to the Atlantis Country Club and thanked partnering town, Haverhill, and Southern Waste Systems for joining with the city to host the League meetings. Mayor Kintz also gave a special thank you to Chris and Marty at the Country Club for their assistance.

President Maxwell asked the elected officials from the City of Atlantis and the Town of Haverhill to stand along with Southern Waste Systems so that they can be recognized for being the hosts of today's meetings.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

None

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2014 General Membership meeting

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

5. President's Report

President Maxwell stated as the League will be installing a new president at the Gala in May, he would like to thank the membership for allowing his to serve as League President this past year. He stated that he enjoyed his presidency and was proud of the progress the League has made working collectively for the betterment of all the municipalities.

6. Presentations -

a. Kathy Till- Legislative Update

Kathy Till thanked the membership for having her and that she always looks forward to coming to Palm Beach County. She stated that she will be providing the most up to date information and that with 8 days left in session changes can still be made.

Ms. Till informed the membership of the Sober Homes bill which was scheduled to be heard in appropriations. She stated that Senator Negron wants to amend the bill to create a task force, who will look at the issues the municipalities have been having. The task force would include three local elected officials from the affected areas; however Senator Clemens does not want to amend the bill. Ms. Till explained that the house bill and senate bill is not the same with the House being voluntary certification and the Senate being mandatory certification. She suggested that people contact Senator Clemens regarding the bill. Ms. Till went on to recognized the municipalities that have passed a resolution or written a letter supporting the certification/over site of Sober Homes: Lake Park, Delray Beach, Riviera Beach, Pahokee, Belle Glade, Hypoluxo, Boynton Beach, Lake Clarke Shores, Golf, North Palm Beach, Ocean Ridge, Royal Palm Beach, Wellington and West Palm Beach. Ms. Till updated the membership on the Vacation Rental bill, which is an issue spreading thru out the state. She stated that senate bill passed, which allows local government to control rentals thru zoning and that the house bill, which allows a regulatory authority to adopt a specific ordinance relating to vacation rentals, is on the special order calendar. She informed the membership that the Florida League has sample letters, which can be sent via e-mail, to legislators supporting various issues. Next Ms. Till informed the membership about the pension reform bill. She stated that alternative language was placed in SB246, which would allow cities and unions to negotiate benefits; use of the insurance premium tax; and a defined contribution plan, which the municipalities do not have to fund, at the local level. She stated that in the event both parties cannot come an agreement that a complex formula can be used for the premium tax. Ms. Till stated that currently the house is working on making pension bill 175 & 185 into one bill. Ms. Till informed the membership that she has great news regarding the PBC Leagues Transportation priority. She stated that the senate appropriation has amended the bill to include \$10 million for that specific purpose thru a competitive grant program. She stated that there has been no activity on the Beach Management bill and on the Energy Conservation Bonds. She stated that CBCG SB1634, which provides funding to low and middle income areas, has passed appropriation. Ms. Till informed the membership of Public Records Bill SB1648. The bill states that if an association accepts funds from the local government that the association would have to post it and it will become public record. The bill also states that all employees will have to be trained to handle public records request. Ms. Till informed the membership that now municipalities will be required to take a 4 hour ethics training under the Ethics Reform Bill. Lastly, Ms. Till informed the membership about the E-Cigarette Bill stating that Senator Hager removed the pre-emption for the e-cigarettes and the bill passed. Ms. Till ended by thanking everyone for their efforts and informed them to remain diligent until the end of session.

7. Miscellaneous Business

a. Ratification of the 2014-2015 Board of Directors Slate.

President: Mayor Steve Wilson, Belle Glade; **1st Vice President:** Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo, Riviera Beach; **2nd Vice President:** Vice Mayor Robert Shalhoub, Lake Clarke Shores; **Secretary/Treasurer:** Manager Mo Thornton, Atlantis; **District 1:** Councilman Bill Manuel, North Palm Beach; **District 2:** Councilmember Jerry Beavers, Haverhill; **District 3:** Councilmember Robert Gottlieb, South Palm Beach; **District 4:** Manager Bill Thrasher, Gulf Stream; **District 5:** Commissioner Allie Biggs, Pahokee; **Large City Rep.:** Councilman Jeff Hmara, Royal Palm Beach; **Large City Rep.:** Councilmember David Levy, Palm Beach Gardens;

Large City Rep.: Councilmember Mike Mullaugh, Boca Raton; **Large City Rep.:** Mayor Jerry Taylor, Boynton Beach; **Large City Rep.:** Commission President Keith James, West Palm Beach; **Large City Rep.:** Councilman Matt Willhite, Wellington; **At Large Rep.:** Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro, Lake Park; **At Large Rep.:** Mayor Gail Coniglio, Palm Beach and **Immediate Past President** Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell.

Motion and second to ratify the amendments to the League By-Laws. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Ratification of the Appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services

President Maxwell reported that at this morning's meeting, the Board of Directors appointed Councilwoman Anne Gerwig of Wellington to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services. Ratification is required by the membership.

Motion and second to ratify the appointment of Councilwoman Anne Gerwig of Wellington to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee on Health and Human Services. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Ratification of the Amendments to the Countywide Department of Health Ordinance

President Maxwell reported that at this morning's meeting, the Board of Directors voted 'No Objection' to the amendments made to the Countywide Department of Health Ordinance. Ratification is required by the membership.

Motion and second to ratify the 'No Objection' vote to the amendments to the Countywide Department of Health Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Legal Report

Attorney Trela White informed the board of a Commission on Ethics Advisory Opinion, in which the question was asked if a municipal elected official was prohibited from participating and voting on an ordinance that affected the development where the elected official lives. The commission advised that if the elected official's interest is less than 1%, they can vote.

Ms. White informed the board that IG Funding Lawsuit was postponed and a trial date will be assigned on July 25, 2014.

Ms. White informed the board that there have been no updates on either the Red Light Camera case or the South Florida Water Management District case.

9. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe asked anyone in Senator Negron's district to contact him regarding Sober Homes.

Mr. Radcliffe updated the membership on the Water Taxi Ordinance, stating that it passed on the first reading and will be returning before the BCC for the second reading on May 20th.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership of the upcoming Gala on May 21st and informed them that Clarence Anthony will be the guest speaker and FLC President P.C. Wu will be doing the installation.

Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership that the FEMA maps are scheduled to be presented in the

early part of July. He also stated that it is not a surety that the information provided to FEMA will be used in the maps.

Mr. Radcliffe reminded the membership of the Elected Officials Workshop which will be taking place following the General Membership meeting and hope that everyone can stay. He informed the membership of the presenters and the topics that will be discussed.

10. Member Comments

School Board Planning Director Kris Garrison informed the membership of the “summer slide” also known as the learning slide, which is the lost of learning for a child whose mind does not stay engaged over the summer months. She encouraged the municipalities to incorporate reading at the summer camps and at the library. Ms. Garrison also asks any municipality that already has a reading program in place to inform her so that she can create a list of best practices.

Kathy Sorenson from the Good Government Initiative informed the membership that they are now accepting applications for their Leaders of Excellence Program.

Councilman Matt Willhite introduced Michelle McGovern who sits on Wellington’s Education Committee and she informed the membership of the reading program Wellington will be doing for the summer.

Mayor Abby Brennan of Tequesta informed the membership of a resolution the Village of Tequesta passed regarding their safety concerns with the All Aboard Florida Project. She asked that any municipality who has passed a resolution citing their concern with the All Aboard Florida Project to please contact her.

11. Upcoming Meetings - *Announced*

- a. Installation Gala, Kravis Center11:30 p.m., May 21st
- b. Board of Directors Meeting, Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center.....10 a.m., June 25th
- c. General Membership Meeting, Royal Palm Beach Cultural CenterNoon, June 25th

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.