

**Palm Beach County League of Cities  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Wednesday, June 26, 2013, 12:00 p.m.  
Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center – Royal Palm Beach**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order and Flag Salute**

President Scott Maxwell called the meeting to order at 12:09. Vice Mayor Woodrow Hay gave the invocation and led the membership in 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, Cloud Lake, Delray Beach, Golf, Greenacres, Haverhill, Highland Beach, Hypoluxo, Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, North Palm Beach, Ocean Ridge, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach, Royal Palm Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach, Tequesta, Wellington and West Palm Beach. **Absent were:** Briny Breezes, Glen Ridge, Gulf Stream, Juno Beach, Manalapan, and Mangonia Park.

Mayor Matti Mattioli of Royal Palm Beach welcomed the membership to the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center. Mayor Mattioli introduced the village's councilmembers who were in attendance: Vice Mayor Jeff Hmara and Councilmember David Swift. Mayor Mattioli invited everyone to visit the village's new park.

Mayor Mattioli introduced Fred Angelo, the 1st Legislative Vice President at Professional Firefighters/Paramedics of Palm Beach County, Inc. Mr. Angelo congratulated Vice Mayor Maxwell, Mayor Wilson and Council Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo in being the new leadership for the League and stated he looks forward to working with the new board.

President Maxwell introduced Mayor Matthew Surrency, City of Hawthorne. He is running for the Florida League of Cities second vice president seat. Mr. Surrency thanked the membership for allowing him to join them today. He stated that he is touring the state visiting all Leagues to get familiar with the local issues to take back to Tallahassee. Mr. Surrency informed the membership of his background, being elected in 2009 as a commissioner and mayor for the past three years. He also provided his reasons for running for the seat and asked for everyone's support.

President Maxwell asked the past presidents to stand up, introduce themselves and reflect on their presidency. The past presidents in attendance were Mayor David Stewart, Lantana; Commissioner Isaac "Ike" Robinson, West Palm Beach; Former Commissioner Carl McKoy, Boynton Beach; Councilor Todd Wodraska, Jupiter; Former Councilman Carmine Priore, Wellington; Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie, Boca Raton; Former Councilmember Richard Radcliffe, Greenacres; Former Councilmember Dick Galeta, Lake Clarke Shores; Commissioner Lisa Tropepe, Palm Beach Shores; Mayor Ken Schultz, Hypoluxo; Mayor Bev Smith, Palm Springs; Former Councilman Tom McCarthy, Jupiter.

President Maxwell introduced new members Diana Demarest, Richard Pinsky and Jackie Griese. They were given an opportunity to speak with the membership about the nature of their businesses.

### **3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda**

None

### **4. Consent Agenda**

#### **a. Minutes of the April 24, 2013 General Membership meeting**

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

### **5. President's Report**

President Maxwell gave his first presidents report. He informed the membership that he, along with a small group will be traveling on Friday to Daytona Beach to meet with the Florida Association of Code Enforcement Board of Directors to discuss possible ways to improve the function of code enforcements in Florida. President Maxwell stated that some cities are suffering from deteriorating property values and he is looking for ways to identify tools to enhance and stabilize them. He informed the membership that on Monday there will be a meeting of the Code Enforcement Task Force and encouraged anyone who will like to participate to get in contact with Executive Director Richard Radcliffe.

President Maxwell urged the membership to get more involved on the state and national level. He was surprised that when he went to the National League of Cities Small Cities Sub Committee meeting in New York how many small cities were not represented. President Maxwell voiced his concern about the small cities being left behind in the policy making which can benefit them at the local level.

### **6. Presentations -**

#### **a. Port of Palm Beach Expansion - Julie Houston Trieste, PR Specialist**

Mrs. Trieste presented the Port of Palm Beach's dredging project. She explained the last time that a dredging took place was approximately 50 years ago and provided some insight to the current state of the port. Mrs. Trieste informed the membership of the importance of the project; stating it will allow bigger vessels including cruise ships to come to the port which in return will bring more people. The dredging will also increase efficiency, mover ability and safety for the current vessels. She estimate \$6 million in revenue will be received annually after the expansion. Mrs. Trieste stated the port is hoping for pay for the \$100 million project with 75% of the funds from the Federal Government and 25% from the port. She is asking for everyone's support and backing to receive the funding from Washington, DC.

### **7. Miscellaneous Business**

#### **a. Ratification of Nomination to the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors**

President Maxwell reported that at this morning's board meeting, the Board of Directors

nominated Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie of Boca Raton and Commissioner Lisa Tropepe, Palm Beach Shores along with himself to be this Leagues nomination to the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors.

**Motion and second to ratify the nomination of Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie of Boca Raton; Commissioner Lisa Tropepe, Palm Beach Shores and League President Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell, Lake Worth as the Palm Beach County League nominees to the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.**

**b. Ratification of Appointment to the Water Resource Task Force**

President Maxwell reported that at this morning's board meeting, the Board of Directors appointed Councilman Jonathan Pearce of Greenacres and Councilmember David Levy of Palm Beach Gardens as alternates on the Water Resource Task Force.

**Motion and second to ratify the appointment of Councilman Jonathan Pearce of Greenacres and Councilmember David Levy of Palm Beach Gardens to the Water Resource Task Force. Motion carried unanimously.**

**8. Legal Report**

In regards to Referendum/Initiatives On Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Map Amendments and Development Orders (CH. 2013-115, Law of Florida). The state legislator has enacted a law, amending Section 163.3167(8), stating that you cannot have an initiatives or referendum on development order. You cannot have an initiative or referendum on a comprehensive plan unless you previously had something in your charter prior to June 1, 2011 that specifically allowed you a referendum or initiative with regards to a comprehensive plan of more than five parcels of land.

In Regards to the Code Enforcement Liens, the Florida Supreme Court stated that since the State has already decided the priority of liens that an ordinance cannot attempt to supersede the State Law.

**9. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe reported on the success of the Gala and thanked everyone for coming. He informed the membership that the Water Taxi Task Force is still waiting on the ordinance, which is being prepared by the county attorney and hopes to have it by next month's meeting. Mr. Radcliffe informed the membership of two federal issues that he is currently working on. The first issue are the FEMA Flood Maps, which was provided to each city and one to the county. Upon inspection of the maps, some municipalities found a significant amount of errors. A Task Force was created to partner with FEMA to correct the maps. The group came to a consensus to bring the issue to the Issues Forum, who will be meeting on August 29th in Lantana. The second issue is the FEC All Aboard Florida Project. The League has been working with the MPO to obtain the cost of safety improvements and the requirements for receiving federal and/or state funding. He provided a Sober House update stating that a proviso was entered into budget for study. Mr. Radcliffe reminded everyone to register for the FLC Conference in Orlando and RSVP for the Gold Coast Annual Breakfast.

**10. Member Comments**

Kathy Sorenson of the Good Government Initiative congratulated the President and the Board on being installed. She informed the membership that tonight is the opening dinner for class 3 and hope that the elected officials will consider taking the class next year.

**11. Upcoming Meetings** – July 24th at the Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex

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