

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, July 25, 2018
Manatee Lagoon, Riviera Beach**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Flag Salute

President Anne Gerwig called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Pastor Tony Drayton gave the invocation. President Gerwig 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, Briny Breezes, Cloud Lake, Delray Beach, Glen Ridge, Golf, Greenacres, Haverhill, Hypoluxo, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, North Palm Beach, Ocean Ridge, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach, Royal Palm Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach, Wellington, Westlake, West Palm Beach **Absent were:** Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Gulf Stream, Highland Beach, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Lake Clarke Shores, Manalapan, Mangonia Park, Palm Beach Shores, Tequesta

Councilman Terence Davis welcomed the membership to Riviera Beach, thanked Manatee Lagoon and acknowledged Mayor Thomas Masters..

President Gerwig then recognized the dignitaries who were in attendance: Senator Bobby Powell, CRA Director Scott Evans, Commissioner Mack Bernard

President Anne Gerwig welcomed new associate member Candice Ericks, who introduced herself to the membership.

3. Additions, Deletions and Modifications to the Agenda

None

Motion and second to accept Agenda. Motion carried unanimously

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the June 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

5. Miscellaneous Business

None

6. Legal Report

Legal Counsel Jennifer Ashton updated the board concerning *City of Fort Lauderdale v. Nichols* (Fla4dDCA2018), which involved a contractor hired by the city for a Federal “Paint and Plant” program. The contractor damaged a house that was part of this program and the owner sued the city. It was decided that there was no contract with the city by the program participant so sovereign immunity was upheld. She then went on to discuss *City of Clearwater v. Bay Esplanade.com, LLC* (Fla.2dDCA2018), a submerged lands ownership case where city ownership was upheld and that title research will need to be done.

7. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe called on County Commissioner Mack Bernard, District 7, who reminded the membership to prepare for hurricane season. Commissioner Bernard also reminded of the upcoming election season and the Home Rule Initiative in Legislative session.

Executive Director Radcliffe thanked the staff at Manatee Lagoon and mentioned that for the first time there would be a District 4 luncheon, organized by Shirley Johnson on August 15th. He went on to inform the membership about the FLC Conference on August 16th-18th as well as the Gold Coast Breakfast on the 18th at 7:30 a.m. and the 50-year Home Rule celebration. He reminded the membership to sign up for policy committees and mentioned upcoming meetings: Technology Committee on Thursday, 26th, the Board & General Membership at Palm Beach Gardens Golf Club as well as Lake Worth Casino

8. President’s Report

President Gerwig informed the membership about the Homestead Exemption Amendment and the resources on the Florida League of Cities website and stressing to residents that it is a tax shift. She also reminded the membership to define Home Rule’s role in the community to the residents.

9. Special Presentations

a. Understanding the Media

Lisa DeLaRionda, Public Affairs Director for Palm Beach County, discussed best practices for live interviews with the media. She informed the membership the importance of being prepared and knowing your answers to interview points ahead of time, controlling the information given to the media, following up with reporters who report incorrect information, and managing interview information in writing and the information’s impact.

10. Member Comments

Bill Lynch of Jones Edmunds Associates mentioned Leadership Palm Beach County’s Initiative to find jobs for Ex-Offenders, whose goal was to secure job commitments for 100 ex offenders by September 27th.

Patrice Schroder from the 211 Helpline, mentioned their program to provide safe after school activities and school supplies for students in need in Palm Beach County.

11. Meeting Announcements

- a. Florida League of Cities Convention, HollywoodAugust 16th-18th
 - b. Gold Coast Breakfast, Hollywood7:30 a.m., August 18th
 - c. Board of Directors Meeting, Sandhill Crane Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens
.....10:00 a.m., August 22nd
 - d. General Membership Meeting, Sandhill Crane Golf Club, Palm Beach
Gardens..... 12:00 p.m., August 22nd
- (RSVP REQUIRED for all events)**

12. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 12:58pm.