

**Palm Beach County League of Cities  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at 10:00 am  
Spanish River Library  
Boca Raton**

**MINUTES**

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

President Jeff Hmara called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

Council Member Monica Mayotte of the City of Boca Raton gave the invocation.

President Hmara led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance flag salute.

**2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes**

Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Manzo called the roll and a quorum was attained.

**Cities represented were:** Atlantis, Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Briny Breezes, Delray Beach, Glen Ridge, Greenacres, Gulfstream, Haverhill, Highland Beach, Hypoluxo, Juno Beach, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Park, Lake Worth Beach, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, Ocean Ridge, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Springs, Royal Palm Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach, West Palm Beach

**Absent were:** Cloud Lake, Golf, Jupiter, Lake Clarke Shores, Manalapan, Mangonia Park, North Palm Beach, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Shores, Riviera Beach, Tequesta, Wellington, Westlake

a. Introduce Hosts for welcome:

Deputy Mayor Jeremy Rodgers of Boca Raton welcomes membership to the City of Boca Raton. He introduces their council and staff. He provided membership with a bit of fun facts about Boca Raton and thanked everyone for attending.

b. President Jeff Hmara recognized the Legislative Offices in attendance:

Congresswoman Lois Frankel  
Office of Representative Lois Frankel  
Office of Representative Tina Polsky  
Office of Representative David Silvers

c. President Jeff Hmara recognized the Palm Beach County Commissioners in Attendance:

Commissioner Robert Weinroth

d. President Jeff Hmara recognized the Palm Beach County School District in Attendance:

Vice Chair Chuck Shaw

- e. New Associate Member Baptist Health of South Florida elevator speech  
*Ms. Michelle McGovern, Director, Government & Community Relations*  
Michelle McGovern introduced her organization and provided membership with a bit of background about Baptist Health of South Florida.

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

None

**4. Consent Agenda**.....Action

- a. Approval of the General Membership Meeting July 24, 2019 Minutes

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

**5. Miscellaneous Business**

None

**6. Legal Report**

*League Attorney Keith Davis, Esq.*

League Attorney Keith Davis provided membership with two cases, one relating to plastic bags ban and another regarding ADA compliance. The two cases referred were Fla. Retail Fed'n, Inc. v. City of Coral Gables, 2019 Fla. & Johnson v. Ocaris Mgmt. Group, Inc.

**7. Executive Director's Report**

*Executive Director Richard Radcliffe*

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe thanks the City of Boca Raton for the food & the venue then provided membership with a recap of FLC Annual Conference and upcoming events. The Annual Florida League of Cities Conference took place August 15-17<sup>th</sup> in Orlando and Mr. Radcliffe acknowledged the four municipalities that attended with their entire councils: Highland Beach, Boca Raton, Lake Park, and Hypoluxo. On September 12<sup>th</sup> the Literacy Coalition is hosting their annual Mayor's Literacy luncheon. Next month the League's general membership meeting will be in Lake Worth Beach at the Lake Worth Beach Ballroom on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Next, is the Social Media Training in Greenacres at their City Hall from 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Parking is free and lunch provided between 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. Then the mandatory State Ethics Training on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Lantana Recreation Center from 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m. November 14-16<sup>th</sup> is the Florida Legislative Conference in Orlando. December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Legislative Delegation Workshop at Palm Beach State College at the Loxahatchee campus. Finally, on December 6<sup>th</sup> the League of Cities will be having our 50<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Networking Event (a.k.a BBQ) in Belle Glade at the Loma Harrelle Pavilion.

**8. President's Report**

*President Jeff Hmara*

President Jeff Hmara provided the membership a received a recap of the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference. He mentions the different seminars that were held, such as cyber security that affects everyone. One highlight that stood out was hearing Governor Ron DeSantis speak at the conference. The Governor reviewed some of the efforts that his administration has undertaken so far and he received a standing ovation when Home Rule became the topic of discussion. Finally, the Florida league of Cities' Conference concluded with the installation of their new president Isaac Salvar from the Town of Bay Harbor Islands.

## **9. Presentation**

### **a. Federal Legislative Update**

*Congresswoman Lois Frankel*

Congresswoman Lois Frankel provided membership a federal legislative update regarding cybersecurity, 2020 census, ethics issues, affordable housing, healthcare, and school safety. In addition, Congresswoman Frankel enlightened municipal members with tips she learned over her eight years as former mayor of West Palm Beach. She met with the county police & fire chiefs and asked them what was their main issue and the chiefs responded cyber security. Next, she mentioned every summer she has high school seniors & college interns and they would hold a discussion regarding what issues affects them the most and one of the primary issues was the fear of being shot at school. Congresswoman Frankel met with Palm Beach County Mayors & Managers and the topics discussed were FEMA and the upcoming Hurricane Dorian, Lake Okeechobee water levels, handling school & city safety. In conclusion, Congresswoman Frankel highlighted the most recent bills passed and thanked membership for their service as public officials.

## **10. Member Comments**

Mayor Pro Tem Patti Waller informed membership that on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm there will be a meeting regarding the Village of Palm Springs' CRA.

Ms. Mary Lou Bedford informed membership that on September 19<sup>th</sup> will be the Progress PBC Economic Summit at the WPB Marriott.

Commission President Christina Lambert recommends membership to read a book called "Happy City" by Charles Montgomery.

## **11. Meeting Announcements**

- a. Board of Directors Meeting, Lake Worth Beach Casino & Ballroom, Lake Worth Beach..... 10:00 a.m., September 25th
- b. General Membership Meeting, Lake Worth Beach Casino & Ballroom, Lake Worth Beach. Noon, September 25th
- c. Social Media Training, Greenacres City Hall, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m., October 24<sup>th</sup>
- d. Ethics Training, Lantana Recreation Center, 8:00a.m. – 12:00p.m., October 30th

**(RSVP REQUIRED for all events)**

## **12. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.**