

**Palm Beach County League of Cities
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, November 23, 2016
Benvenuto Boynton Beach**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Flag Salute

President Robert Shalhoub called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm. Manager Bill Thrasher gave the invocation and led us in the pledge of allegiance.

2. Roll Call Cities, Introductions and Welcomes

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

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

President Robert Shalhoub introduced Mayor of Boynton Beach, Mayor Steve Grant.

Mayor Grant welcomed the membership to Boynton Beach. He recognized his fellow commissioners: Vice Mayor McCray and Commissioners Casello, Romelus, and Katz along with the city staff and the CRA staff. Mayor Grant shared a video with the membership of all the fun things there is to do in Boynton and informed them of projects that will be done in the near future.

President Shalhoub introduced Palm Beach County's new District 3 representative, Commissioner Dave Kerner.

President Shalhoub also recognized Senator Bobby Powell and Representative Al Jaquet and congratulated County Commissioners Paulette Burdick and Melissa McKinlay on being appointed Mayor and Vice Mayor of Palm Beach County, respectively.

President Shalhoub introduced new associate member Randal Krejcarek of Spatial Focus who provides GIS Services.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Modifications to the Agenda

None

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of a October 26, 2016 General Membership meeting.

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

5. Miscellaneous Business

a. Ratification of the Appointment to the Water Resource Task Force

President Shalhoub asked for a ratification for the appointment of Mayor Myra Koutzen to the Water Resource Task Force regular seat.

Motion and second to ratify the appointment of Mayor Myra Koutzen to the Water Resource Task Force regular seat. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Ratification of the Appointments to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

President Shalhoub asked for ratification for the appointments made to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

Motion and second to ratify the appointments made to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Legal Report

Attorney Keith Davis informed the membership that the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Justice issued a joint statement on State and Local Government use Laws. He stated that the joint statement makes no changes to the law and that it gives insight on how the two agencies look at the Fair Housing Act.

Mr. Davis also reported to the membership Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics opinion that dealt with the Cone of Silence. He stated that a city wanted to competitively sell some real estate and under the city's code, the sale of real estate does not have to comply with City's procurement code. The City asked the Commission on Ethics if whether the cone of silence in the County's Lobbyist Registration Ordinance applied to the sale of real estate. He concluded that the Commission on Ethics stated that the cone of silence applies to all "competitive solicitations including the City's proposed sale of the piece of real estate.

Attorney Keith Davis informed the membership about a case regarding Bay County and the City of Panama City Beach. Both had adopted an ordinance that required anyone renting a motor scooter had to wear a safety vest the word "RENTAL" on the back of the vest. He stated Chapter 316, Florida statues states that local ordinances regulating equipment on motorcycles and motor vehicles are preempted unless those statutes expressly say otherwise. The county and the city argued that Florida Statute 316.008 allows local governments to adopt an ordinance that covers special conditions but the court noted that unruly tourist do not meet the definition of a special condition

7. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe started by thanking the City for hosting the League meeting. He reminded the membership of the Tri-Cities BBQ at the Pahokee Marina and gave thanks to the signature sponsor Florida Crystals. He also reminded the membership to bring an unwrapped toy for the children of the Glades. Mr. Radcliffe recognized the Legislative Delegation Chair, Senator Bobby Powell and reminded the membership of the upcoming Legislative Roundtable at the Atlantis Country Club. Mr. Radcliffe explained that with the passing of the Infrastructure Surtax referendum passing on November 8th; that municipalities will have to either create their own oversight committee or join the League's. He gave praises to the League board and president (current and past) for their due diligence on the subject. Mr. Radcliffe, lastly thanked staff JeRiise Hansen and Clarelle Prosper for all their hard work.

8. President's Report

President Shalhoub informed the membership that he had the privilege of presenting Vice Mayor Jim Lyons of Juno Beach an FLC award for his more than 20 years of service. President Shalhoub also informed the membership of the PB County's PACE Ordinance that he is working to get back before the County Commission because it is beneficial to many residents. He lastly informed the membership that the League is currently working on establishing a Citizens Infrastructure Oversight committee for them to utilize if their municipality chooses not to create their own.

9. Presentations

a. Literacy Coalition – Read for the Record

Executive Director Kristen Calder of the Literacy Coalition started by thanking everyone who attended the Mayor's Literacy lunch and provided a report on how many elected officials participated in the read for the record. Ms. Calder informed the membership of the winners for the read for the record: small cities winner was Lantana and large cities winner was Boynton Beach with honorable mentions going to Palm Springs Lake Worth Cloud Lake, Boca Raton, Haverhill, North Palm Beach, Royal Palm Beach, Wellington, West Palm Beach, Jupiter and Riviera Beach.

b. American Red Cross: "What the Red Cross Has to Offer Your City"

Disaster Program Manager Robbie Sofaly provided the membership with an overview of the services that the Red Cross provides from their 5 chapters of preparedness (disaster, preparedness, health and safety, services to the armed forces and international services) to their pillow case project for grades 3rd to 5th teaching them about disaster preparedness. He also informed the membership of the digital application programs which allows you to download disaster specific apps. He concluded by encouraging municipalities to partner with the Red Cross with health and safety services first aid CPR , water safety, some of the other services they provide.

c. Cultural Council: "How the Cultural Council Can Enhance Your City"

Rena Blades, President of the Cultural Council, provided background information on the Council. She informed the membership events and programs that the Council does and of ways the Council can partner with municipalities. Ms. Blades explained that using the arts and cultural sector can elevate the quality of life within a municipality. Ms. Blades concluded by informing the membership that they can use the Cultural Council as a resource.

10. Member Comments

11. Meetings Announcements

- a. Tri-Cities BBQ, Pahokee Marina.....11 am, December 2nd
- b. Board of Directors meeting, Jupiter Community Center.....10 a.m., January 24th
- c. General Membership Meeting, Jupiter Community Center 12 p.m., January 24th

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m..