

**Palm Beach County League of Cities  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Wednesday, November 28, 2018  
Benvenuto's Boynton Beach**

**MINUTES**

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

President Anne Gerwig called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

Mayor Joe Kyle of the City of South Bay gave the invocation.

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

**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, Delray Beach, Glen Ridge, Golf, Greenacres, Gulf Stream, Haverhill, Hypoluxo, Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Manalapan, Mangonia Park, 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, West Palm Beach

**Absent were:** Highland Beach, Juno Beach, Lake Clarke Shores, Loxahatchee Groves, Westlake

Mayor Steven B. Grant of the City of Boynton Beach welcomed the membership to Boynton Beach. He mentioned upcoming events including the town center project in Boynton Beach.

President Gerwig then recognized the legislators and legislative staff in attendance: Senator Lori Berman, Representative Tina Polsky District 81, Representative Joe Casello District 90, Mike Caruso District 89. She went onto recognize the representatives from Lois Frankel's office & David Silvers office.

President Anne Gerwig welcomed new associate members Tommy Jordan from FLCLASS & Jacob Katz from Pirtle Construction who introduced themselves and briefly explained the services their companies offer.

**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 October 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes .....
- b. Ratification of the Appointment to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council ...

Seat 4	Anne Gerwig	Mayor	Wellington
Seat 5	Jeff Hmara	Councilman	Royal Palm Beach
Seat 6	Omari Hardy	Commissioner	Lake Worth
Seat 7	Abby Brennan	Mayor	Tequesta
Seat 8	David Norris	Councilman	North Palm Beach
Seat 4 Alt.	Paula Ryan	Commissioner	West Palm Beach
Seat 5 Alt.	Kristine de Haseth	Commissioner	Ocean Ridge
Seat 6 Alt.	Robert Gottlieb	Vice Mayor	South Palm Beach
Seat 7 Alt.	Maria Marino	Mayor	Palm Beach Gardens
Seat 8 Alt.	Vacant		

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

**5. Miscellaneous Business**

- a. Ratification of the Palm Beach County Home Caregiver Ordinance Revision

**Motion and second for no objection to the ratification of the Palm Beach County Home Caregiver revision. Motion carried unanimously.**

**6. Legal Report**

Legal Counsel Jennifer Ashton updated the membership about the use of text messages for governmental work and may become subject to search as a public records request. According to the current case with O’Boyle vs. Town of Gulfstream illustrating the difficulty for local governments in responding to public records requests when text messages are involved. The plaintiff alleged that the Town violated Article I, section 24 of the Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, Florida statutes (“Public Records Act”). The court concluded that an elected official’s use of a private cellphone to conduct public business via text messaging would create an electronic written record subject to disclosure. Legal Counsel Jennifer Ashton advised the board to avoid using text messages to complete business and that applies to personal & business cellphones.

**7. Executive Director’s Report**

Executive Director Richard Radcliffe acknowledges the city of Boynton Beach for hosting the meeting. He goes on to mention the upcoming Tri Cities BBQ and toy drive on December 7th at the Pahokee Marina. Jeff Clemens organized the farm tour for the Tri Cities BBQ and the pick-up location is at the Palm Beach Hilton Airport at 8am. The bus will take you to the farm tour, the BBQ then back to the Palm Beach Hilton Airport. He also mentioned the Fast Fly-In in Washington D.C. on February 12-13. Palm Beach County Day in Tallahassee will take place on March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. He highlighted Mo Thornton’s retirement.

**8. President’s Report**

President Gerwig stated that policy committee work is hard but necessary and the number one priority was the CRA. She went on to invite the membership to Wellington’s Winterfest featuring Vanilla Ice and games for the children taking place on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center. She provided highlights from the Fast Fly-In, where they were able to witness the senate passing the FEMA De-obligation Legislation that only allows FEMA 3 years to ask for funds for reimbursement. In conclusion, the membership was encouraged to join advocacy committees and to get to the Fast Fly-In February 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**9. Presentation**

a. Florida League of Cities Awards

The Florida League of Cities recognized three Palm Beach County Mayors for their years of service. The Mayors recognized were Mayor Patrick Slatery of the Town of Cloud Lake for 40 years of service, Mayor Bev Smith of the Village of Palm Springs for 25 years of service, and Mayor Babb of the City of Pahokee for 20 years of service.

b. Literacy Coalition of PBC Read for the Record Results

*Kristin Calder, CEO of the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County* thanked all the municipalities that participated in the Read for the Record event. A Certificate for Participation was provided to: Town of Haverhill, City of South Bay, Town of Lake Clarke Shores, City of Riviera Beach, Village of Royal Palm Beach, City of Lake Worth and gave honorable mentions in the large category to: Village of Palm Springs, City of West Palm Beach. Ms. Calder concluded by revealing the winners: Town of Lantana for the small city and City of Boynton Beach, and Village of Wellington for the large city category.

c. The Nature of Tourism: “How Tourism Effects Your City and Managing the Impact of Hurricanes, Red Tide and More on Your Tourist Trade.....

*Glen Jergensen, Executive Director of the Tourist Development Board*

Glen Jergensen the Executive Director of the Tourist Development board provided a brief overview of the Tourism Development board’s mission as well as the effects of tourism in your city. The board’s mission is to utilize tourism taxes to generate maximum return. He went on to highlight the pros and cons of bed taxes in the state of Florida. Also, the collaboration & partnership with other partners in regards to solving the issue of Red Tide, Green Algae, etc.

**10. Member Comments**

None

**11. Meeting Announcements**

a. Tri-Cities BBQ, Pahokee Marina

.....Noon, December 7th

b. Board of Directors Meeting, Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, Wellington

.....10:00 a.m., January 23rd

c. General Membership Meeting, Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, Wellington

..... 10:00 a.m. January 23rd

**(RSVP REQUIRED for all events)**

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