

**MINUTES
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2017**

Present: President Linda Yates (North Port), Vice President Brian Williams (Palmetto), Treasurer Kit McKeon (Venice), Commissioner Carol Carter (Anna Maria), Vice Mayor Patrick Roff (Bradenton), Commissioner John Chappie (Bradenton Beach), Commissioner Jean Peelen (Holmes Beach), Commissioner Irwin Pastor (Longboat Key), Mayor Willie Charles Shaw (Sarasota)

Also Present: Administrative Coordinator Trish Granger and Assistant Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Yates called the January 12, 2017, Regular Meeting of the ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Town of Longboat Key Commission Chamber, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the audience were recognized and Board members introduced themselves. President Yates noted that Commissioner John Chappie was the new representative for the City of Bradenton Beach.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Opportunity for Public to Address Board:

Administrative Coordinator Trish Granger read a statement drafted by four island mayors concerning preservation of "Old Florida" and Home Rule and in support of local control of short-term rentals as well as a need for resources to meet infrastructure needs.

Mayor Shearon advised that the statement was presented to local legislators in a meeting.

President Yates thanked Mayor Shearon for his service to the ManaSota League.

President Yates welcomed Member Chappie who commented on the importance of municipalities working together and presenting a strong and united front on the short-term rental issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2016

Vice President Williams moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2016. The motion, seconded by Member Roff, carried unanimously on a voice vote.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

3. Reports

A. Associate Members or Ex-Officio Members:

Ms. Rae Dowling, representing Associate Member Florida Power & Light (FPL), commented that on February 20, 2017, FPL will be commissioning the new solar site in Parrish, and members were invited to attend the opening ceremony.

Minutes in draft form and are not official until approved by the ManaSota League of Cities.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - Continued

3. Reports - Continued

B. President's Report

President Yates recognized North Port Vice Mayor Vanessa Carusone, Alternate to the MSLC, who was present in the audience.

President Yates commented on the following issues/matters:

- letters were sent to newly elected officials providing a list of educational opportunities
- letters were sent to support an appointment of Florida League of Cities' (FLC) President Mayor Susan Haynie to the Florida Constitutional Review Commission (CRC)
- President Yates, Member Shaw, and Treasurer McKeon, were approved to attend the FLC FAST Fly-In to Washington, D.C., on February 7-8, 2017
- MSLC 2017 Legislative Priorities were presented to the Manatee County Legislative Delegation in December and discussion touched on short-term rentals
- Florida legislative session would begin March 7, 2017, and FLC Monday call-ins would begin on March 6, 2017
- FLC requested individuals sign up to participate as a Legislative Key Contact
- North Port recently passed a resolution in opposition to fracking and it would be shared with members
- recently forwarded an informative article about short-term rentals to members.

C. Vice President's Report: No items were presented.

D. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer McKeon referred to a MSLC financial statement and reported the Edward Jones account balance as of December 31, 2016, was \$36,453.76.

Treasurer McKeon commented his term on the Venice City Council would end in November and there would be a need for another member to serve as MSLC Treasurer.

E. Administrative Coordinator's Report

Administrative Coordinator Granger reported on the following issues/topics:

- Florida Annual Corporate Report renewal notice was received and would be filed
- legislation filed by Senator Greg Steube, SB-0330, relative to Business Tax Receipt programs that would potentially reduce local government revenues
- a report would be presented at the March 9, 2017, meeting detailing administrative costs associated with coordinating MSLC.

F. Florida League of Cities' (FLC) Board of Directors

District Director Yates discussed the following topics/issues:

- attended FLC Board of Directors meeting and regional league meeting and reviewed issues discussed
- FLC website contained information on seminars and other valuable resources
- requested regional leagues adopt resolutions supporting FLC initiatives and requested a resolution be placed on the next MSLC agenda

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - Continued

3. Reports -Continued

F. Florida League of Cities' (FLC) Board of Directors - Continued

- reviewed Constitutional Revision Committee (CRC), legislative priorities, policy committees and legislative action report
- FLC University updated available classes
- FLC Ambassador program, a customer service initiative with Ms. Carole Westmoreland serving as ambassador to the MSLC
- building relationships with legislators and participation in FLC Key Contact program
- National League of Cities conference March 11-16, 2017
- FLC Legislative Action Days scheduled for March 21-22, 2017, including a FLC Board of Directors meeting.

G. Advocacy Report:

President Yates commented that the focus of the FLC in the 2017 Legislative Session would be short-term rental legislation. Discussion was held regarding the following topics/issues:

- legislative bill SB-188 was filed by Senator Greg Steube concerning short-term rentals
- legislative bill SB-330 was filed by Senator Steube concerning Local Business Tax restrictions and a need to compile data on financial impact to local governments.

Discussion ensued regarding short-term rentals and Local Business Tax legislation.

Member Peelen read into the record a letter from the City of Holmes Beach to Senator Steube stating the City's position on short-term rental regulation.

Subsequent to discussion, Treasurer McKeon moved to develop two letters independently for each of the issues, and recommend each member municipality also develop letters, to send to Senator Steube and all members of the Manatee and Sarasota Local Legislative Delegations, Governor Scott, and the Senate President. The motion, seconded by Member Shaw, carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Member Peelen commented on the importance of municipalities reaching out to the press in their areas about issues.

Subsequent to discussion, Member Peelen moved to send a letter to Representative David Richardson expressing appreciation and support for filing HB-6003 authorizing local government regulation of short-term rentals. The motion, seconded by Member Carter, carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Vice President Williams commented that the FLC Water Quality & Quantity Commission eliminated Sea Level Rise as a single item priority for 2017 and information would be available to members.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Florida League of Cities' Nominating Committee appointment recommendation

Subsequent to comments, there was consensus to consider agenda Item 4 following agenda Item 5.

5. Election of Officers

A. President

Member Peelen nominated Linda Yates for President. President Yates commented that she would be termed-out as Commissioner next year, and declined the nomination.

Member Shaw nominated Vice President Williams for President. Member Chappie moved to close nominations. Vice President Williams was elected to serve as President.

B. Vice President

Member Roff nominated Member Shaw as Vice President. Hearing no other nominations, Member Shaw was elected to serve as Vice President.

C. Treasurer

Treasurer McKeon commented that he would be termed out of the Venice City Council in November 2017, and nominated Member Roff for Treasurer. Vice President Shaw moved to close the nominations.

Following discussion, there was consensus for Treasurer McKeon to continue to serve as Treasurer and Member Roff to be seated upon Treasurer McKeon departure on the Venice City Council.

There was consensus to authorize Treasurer McKeon or Treasurer-Elect Roff to sign the Annual Corporate Report to the State.

4. Florida League of Cities' Nominating Committee appointment recommendation

Member Yates moved to recommend Vice President Shaw to serve on the FLC Nominating Committee. The motion, seconded by Member Roff, carried unanimously on a voice vote.

MEMBER COMMENTS

6. Member Comments

A. MSLC Board

Treasurer McKeon clarified that his last meeting with the MSLC would be September 14, 2017, and that would be when Treasurer-Elect Roff would assume the duties of Treasurer.

B. Organizations/MSLC Board Meeting

Member Yates commented that the Council of Governments (COG) meeting would be held in North Port on March 9, 2017, which conflicted with the MSLC meeting, and suggested consideration be given to changing the start time to 9:30 a.m. Member Yates expressed appreciation to the Board for their support during her term as President.

Vice President Shaw moved to change the start time of the March 9, 2017, meeting of the MSLC to 9:30 a.m. The motion, seconded by Member Carter, carried unanimously on a voice vote.

MEMBER COMMENTS - Continued

6. Member Comments - Continued

C. MSLC Board

President Williams expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as President and to Member Yates for the work she has done in the MSLC.

Vice President Shaw expressed appreciation for his nomination and the opportunity to serve as Vice President.

Treasurer-Elect Roff expressed appreciation to Member Yates for her work with the MSLC and commented that he attended the 18th Annual Meeting of the Manatee Economic Development Corporation and reviewed issues discussed.

Member Pastor expressed appreciation to Linda Yates and the Board for their work and focus shown on legislative activities.

D. Legislation

Member Chappie commented on discussions this date, reduction in Home Rule rights, and the need to monitor legislation in Tallahassee.

E. Legislation

Treasurer McKeon noted that Representative Richardson was a Democrat from the Miami area, served on several committees, was elected in 2012 and re-elected in 2014. (See Item 3G earlier this meeting.)

F. Organizations

President Williams noted the Manatee County Fair begins on January 12, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. and ends on January 22, 2017.

7. MEETING SCHEDULE

Next meeting date March 9, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Williams adjourned the January 12, 2017, meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Brian T. Williams, President

Submitted by: Gail Loeffler, Assistant Administrative Coordinator

Minutes Approved: _____