

**MINUTES
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING (Hybrid)
JANUARY 13, 2022**

Present: Vice President Jen Ahearn-Koch (Sarasota), Commissioner Carol Carter (Anna Maria), Commissioner Penny Gold (Longboat Key), Councilman Joe Neunder (Venice) (Zoom), Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach), Vice President Debbie McDowell (North Port) (Zoom)

Absent: Treasurer Brian Williams (Palmetto), Councilman Patrick Roff (Bradenton), Commissioner Terry Schaefer (Holmes Beach)

Also Present: Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler and Deputy Town Clerk Savannah Cobb

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Ahearn-Koch called the Regular Meeting of ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) to order at 9:30 a.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Special Presentations

Presented later in meeting.

3. Public to be Heard

No items were presented.

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Regular Meetings on July 8, 2021 and September 9, 2021.

Vice President Ahearn-Koch noted changes to the July 8, 2021 minutes. Member Gold moved to approve the July 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion, seconded by Member Carter, carried unanimously.

Member Chappie moved to approve the September 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes. The motion, seconded by Member Carter, carried unanimously.

5. Reports and Communications

A. President Report

No items were presented.

B. Vice President's Report

No items were presented.

C. Treasurer's Report

No items were presented.

D. Administrative Coordinator's Report

Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler noted her report was submitted with agenda materials, and commented on the desire of FLC to utilize Key Contacts for advocacy purposes and on the upcoming FLC Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee.

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

No items were presented.

F. Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Committee Member Reports
Vice President Ahearn-Koch commented on a tree removal bill being considered by the Legislature.

G. Advocacy and Key Contact Reports

Member Carter commented on a short-term vacation rental bill and Florida League of Cities' amendment to the bill.

6. New Business

A. Recommendation for FLC Nominating Committee member for 2022 Annual Conference
Member McDowell volunteered to serve on the FLC Nominating Committee that meets during 2022 Annual Conference.

There was consensus to recommend the appointment of Member McDowell to the FLC nominating Committee.

B. Appointment of members to serve as a "Key Contact" to local legislator(s)
Appointments were made of members to serve as a "Key Contact" to local legislators as follows:

- Member Carter – Senator Jim Boyd
- Member Nuender – Representatives Vern Buchanan, Tommy Gregory, and Fiona McFarland
- Member Gold – Representative Will Robinson.

C. Discussion Re: FLC FAST Fly-ins to Washington, D.C., and authorization of travel expenses to participate on behalf of MSLC when FAST Fly-in trips resume.

There was consensus to authorize travel expenses for Vice President Ahearn-Koch and Member Bishop to participate in the FLC FAST Fly-in on behalf of ManaSota League of Cities.

D. Election of officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer

Member Gold moved to elect Vice President Ahearn-Koch to serve as President. The motion, seconded by Member McDowell, passed unanimously.

President Ahearn-Koch moved to elect Member McDowell to serve as Vice President. The motion, seconded by Member Chappie, carried unanimously.

Member Chappie moved to elect Treasurer Williams to continue to serve as Treasurer. The motion, seconded by Member Carter, carried unanimously.

2. Special Presentation

Scott Dudley, FLC Director of Field Operations and Federal Affairs, provided an update on grassroots advocacy, Home Rule, and bills regarding tree removal and short-term rentals.

7. Member Comments

ManaSota League of Cities

Member Neunder offered his efforts whenever needed by ManaSota League of Cities.

Transportation

President Ahearn-Koch commented on the potential of utilizing joint transportation when traveling to Tallahassee for FLC Legislative Action Days.

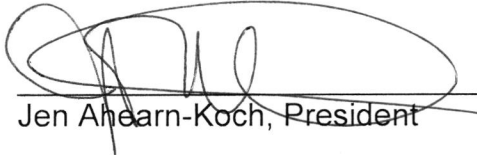
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8. Meeting Schedule

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

9. Adjournment

President Ahearn-Koch adjourned the January 13, 2022, Regular Meeting at 11:13 a.m.



Jen Ahearn-Koch, President

Submitted by: Savannah Cobb, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: _____