

**MINUTES  
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES  
REGULAR MEETING (Hybrid)  
MARCH 10, 2022**

**Present:** President Jen Ahearn-Koch (Sarasota), Vice President Debbie McDowell (North Port) (Zoom), Treasurer Brian Williams (Palmetto) (arrived 10:07 a.m.), Commissioner Carol Carter (Anna Maria), Councilman Joe Neunder (Venice)(Zoom), Commissioner Terry Schaefer (Holmes Beach), Councilman Bill Sanders (Bradenton)

**Absent:** Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach), B.J. Bishop (Town of Longboat Key)

**Also Present:** Deputy Town Clerk Savannah Cobb

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

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**

Ms. Sally Shely, District Director to Congressman Vern Buchanan, commented on the following topics/issues:

- gas prices/energy efficiency
- affordable housing
- water quality/clean water
- red tide research
- Piney Point crisis/environmental impact
- ManaSota League of Cities legislative priorities
- flood insurance
- infrastructure
- cybersecurity
- Bobby Jones facility renovation project.

**3. Public to be Heard**

No items were presented.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of Regular Meetings on January 13, 2022.

**President Ahearn-Koch noted subsequent changes to the minutes. Member McDowell moved to accept the minutes as amended. The motion, seconded by member Carter, carried unanimously.**

**5. Reports and Communications**

**A. President Report**

President Ahearn-Koch noted her upcoming trip next week to Washington D.C. for the National League of Cities conference.

**B. Vice President's Report**

No items were presented.

C. Treasurer's Report

Item discussed later this meeting date.

D. Administrative Coordinator's Report

No items were presented.

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

No items were presented.

F. Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Committee Member Reports

Member Nuender commented on his trip to Tallahassee and the 2022 Legislative Session.

Member Sanders commented on his trip to Tallahassee.

Member McDowell commented on her trip to Tallahassee and concerns regarding legislators and the legislative season.

Member Carter noted topics discussed during the latest FLC Monday Morning Call-in.

President Ahearn-Koch commented on Home Rule and the 2022 Legislative Session.

G. Advocacy and Key Contact Reports

No items were presented.

## 6. New Business

A. Recommendation for Florida League of Cities (FLC) Nominating Committee member for 2022 Annual Conference

Member McDowell volunteered to serve on the FLC Nominating Committee that meets during the Florida League of Cities 2022 Annual Conference.

**There was consensus to recommend to appoint Member McDowell to the FLC nominating Committee.**

B. Annual review of By-Laws – President Ahearn-Koch

**Member Nuender moved to pass the By-Laws as they currently state. The motion, seconded by Member Carter, passed unanimously.**

## 7. Member Comments

Ms. Amy Moriarty, City of Anna Maria Legislative Liaison, provided an update on several legislative bills.

## 5. Reports and Communications – Continued

C. Treasurer's Report - Continued

Treasurer Williams noted the current Edward Jones account balance on the Treasurer's Report.

**Member Carter moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion, seconded by Member Saunders, carried unanimously.**

## 7. Member Comments – Continued

A. Affordable Housing

Member Nuender commented on City of Venice's relocation of their solid waste department and affordable housing. Individual comments followed on affordable housing.

B. City of Bradenton

Member Sanders commented on the extension of Riverwalk in Bradenton.

**There was consensus to add affordable housing as an agenda item at the MSLC May meeting, and request for a presenter to provide an update on the Bert Harris Private Property Rights Protection Act.**

**8. Meeting Schedule**

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

**9. Adjournment**

**President Ahearn-Koch adjourned the March 10, 2022, Regular Meeting at 10:13 a.m.**



Jen Ahearn-Koch, President

Submitted by: Savannah Cobb, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_