

**MINUTES
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES
REGULAR MEETING
March 12, 2020**

Present: Vice President Jim Kihm (Holmes Beach), Councilman Patrick Roff (Bradenton), Vice Mayor Mike Haycock (Longboat Key), Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach), Vice Mayor Joe Neunder (Venice), Commissioner Carol Carter (Anna Maria)

Absent: President Vanessa Carusone (North Port), Treasurer Brian Williams (Palmetto), Commissioner Willie Shaw (Sarasota)

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

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

In the absence of President Carusone, Vice President Kihm called the March 12, 2020, Regular Meeting of the ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Town of Longboat Key Commission Chamber, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public to be Heard

1. Public Input

No items were presented.

Approval of Minutes,

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 9, 2020.

Member Chappie moved to approve the Minutes of the January 9, 2020, Regular Meeting. The motion, seconded by Member Haycock, carried unanimously.

Reports and Communications

3. Reports

A. Associate Members and Ex-Officio Members

No items were presented.

B. President's Report

No items were presented.

C. Vice President's Report

Vice President Kihm commented on legislative bills and recognized Governor Ron DeSantis and Florida Senate President Bill Galvano for their work on specific bills. Individual comments followed.

D. Treasurer's Report

Member Carter moved to approve a supporting resolution for allowing MSLC to utilize direct debit deposit payments for reimbursement of MSLC administrative services costs to the Town of Longboat Key. The motion, seconded by Member Haycock, carried unanimously.

E. Administrative Coordinator's Report

Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler commented on the upcoming legislative session and presenters, and noted changes made to the January 9, 2020 minutes.

E. Administrative Coordinator's Report - Continued

Vice President Kihm recognized Administrator Coordinator Loeffler for her efforts with the legislative session, and introduced Member Joe Neunder as the new representative for Venice. Introductions followed.

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

No items were presented.

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

No items were presented.

H. Advocacy and Key Contact Reports

Member Roff commented on actions made by Governor in regard to protecting Home Rule, issues regarding vacation rentals, and funding for affordable housing.

Unfinished Business

4. Recommendation of a member to serve on FLC Board of Directors for District 10

Vice President Kihm noted a recommendation had been made in the January 9, 2020, meeting that Treasurer Brian Williams was nominated.

5. Travel authorization to participate in FLC FAST Fly-in to Washington, D.C., May 20-21, 2020

Member Roff commented on travel issues and restrictions due to COVID-19 and the importance of holding discussions with congressional members during the FLC FAST Fly-In. Members Roff and Shaw indicated an interest in participating, if possible.

6. Member Comments

Transportation

Member Haycock commented on traffic issues on the barrier islands and transportation construction planning.

Public Works

Member Chappie commented on construction issues during the Bradenton Beach water main project.

Communication

Member Kihm commented on communication issues during construction projects.

Transportation

Member Roff commented on FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) regarding traffic issues in routes between Bradenton and Palmetto.

Planning, Zoning, and Building

Member Carter provided an update on the Anna Maria Island Pier, and commented on the community celebration set for the opening in May. She commented on City of Anna Maria's 60-day moratorium on building permits.

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Member Neunder commented on Downtown Venice's beautification project, finished pier project, and traffic issues.

Meeting Schedule

8. Meeting Schedule

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment

The March 12, 2020, meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Jim Kihm, Vice President

Submitted by: Savannah Schield, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: _____