

**MINUTES
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 2019**

Present: President Carol Carter (Anna Maria), Vice President Jim Kihm (Holmes Beach), Treasurer Brian Williams (Palmetto), Vice Mayor Debbie McDowell (North Port), Councilman Patrick Roff (Bradenton) (arrived at 9:39 a.m.), Commissioner Irwin Pastor (Longboat Key), Vice Mayor Richard Cautero (Venice)

Absent: Commissioner Willie Shaw (Sarasota) and Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach)

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Carter called the March 14, 2019, Regular Meeting of the ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) to order at 9:35 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 of ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) on January 10, 2019

Member Pastor moved to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2019, Regular Meeting. The motion, seconded by Vice President Kihm, carried unanimously.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

3. Reports

A. Associate Members and Ex-Officio Members – No items were presented.

H. Advocacy and Key Contact Reports

(Note: The Board advanced item for consideration)

Members Pastor and Roff commented on their experiences and issues discussed with congressional members during the recent FLC (Florida League of Cities) Fast Fly-in to Washington, D.C.

President Carter commented on meeting with Senator Joe Gruters in Tallahassee and pending appointments with other local legislators.

There was a consensus for recommending Member Shaw to be the MSLC (ManaSota League of Cities) representative appointed to House Representative Margaret Good.

B. President's Report

President Carter commented on legislative bills regarding Home Rule and health and safety issues regarding vacation rentals.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - Continued

3. Reports – Continued

B. President's Report - Continued

Discussion ensued concerning strategizing efforts to communicate with State legislators.

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

D. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Williams commented on the MSLC (ManaSota League of Cities) Edward Jones account summary and updating the Travel Policy in the By-Laws.

There was a consensus to make updating the Travel Policy an agenda item at the May 9, 2019, meeting.

Member Roff moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion, seconded by President Carter, carried unanimously.

E. Administrative Coordinator's Report

Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler commented on the FLC (Florida League of Cities) 2019 Annual Conference and the next FLC Fast Fly-in to Washington, D.C., scheduled for October. Ms. Loeffler noted that due to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements, the agenda documents would not be posted on the Town of Longboat Key's website at the current time.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Recommendation for District 10 Director, FLC Board of Directors

President Carter moved Treasurer Williams be recommended to serve as the MSLC (ManaSota League of Cities) District 10 Director for the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors. The motion, seconded by Member Roff, carried unanimously on a voice vote.

5. Discussion Re: Annual Review of By-Laws

President Carter commented that the Travel Policy will be discussed during the next meeting.

6. Resolution Re: Appointment of former ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) President Linda Yates as Ex-Officio Member

President Carter presented a resolution appointing former MSLC President Linda Yates as an ex-officio member.

Treasurer Williams moved to approve the resolution. The motion, seconded by Member Roff, carried unanimously.

6. Resolution Re: Appointment of former ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) President Linda Yates as Ex-Officio Member - Continued

Former MSLC President Linda Yates commented on her appreciation and contribution to MSLC, and the importance of involvement by citizens to legislators.

MEMBER COMMENTS

7. Member Comments

A. Legislative

Member Cautero commented on the need for a more efficient approach for communicating with legislators.

B. Legislative

Ex-Officio Member Jack Duncan, former MSLC President, commented on the respect of State legislators for concerns of residents and the importance of involvement by residents with legislators.

C. ManaSota League of Cities

Member Roff congratulated Member Cautero on being the City of Venice representative for MSLC (ManaSota League of Cities) and also commented on the City of Venice's use of a lobbyist.

D. ManaSota League of Cities

Treasurer Williams commented on increasing representatives from local cities to travel to Tallahassee, and the importance of representing citizens' concerns when visiting Tallahassee.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next ManaSota League of Cities regular meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Carter moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion seconded by Vice President Kihm, carried unanimously. The March 14, 2019, meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.



Carol Carter, President

Submitted by: Savannah Schield, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: 5/9/2019



**A RESOLUTION OF THE
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES DECLARING
LINDA M. YATES
AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER**

WHEREAS, former North Port City Commissioner Linda M. Yates has been an active participant and member of the Manasota League of Cities since January 2014, having served in the capacities of Alternate Member, Regular Member, Vice President and President; and

WHEREAS, former Commissioner Yates served as the District 10 representative on the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities representing Manasota League of Cities; and

WHEREAS, the Manasota League of Cities believes the knowledge and expertise held by former Commissioner Yates concerning municipal government issues is valuable; and

WHEREAS, the Manasota League of Cities desires to continue to benefit from a working relationship with former Commissioner Yates by her serving in a capacity of a non-voting Ex-Officio Member; and

WHEREAS, former Commissioner Yates has expressed an interest in serving on the Manasota League of Cities in the capacity of a non-voting Ex-Officio Member;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that former Commissioner Linda M. Yates is hereby declared to be an Ex-Officio Member of the Manasota League of Cities, effective upon adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTED on 14th day of March, 2019.

Carol Carter, President