

**MINUTES
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 2019**

Present: President Carol Carter (Anna Maria), Treasurer Brian Williams (Palmetto), Councilman Patrick Roff (Bradenton), Commissioner Willie Shaw (Sarasota), and Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach)

Absent: Vice Mayor Richard Cautero (Venice), Vice President Jim Kihm (Holmes Beach), Commissioner Vanessa Carusone (North Port), and Commissioner Irwin Pastor (Longboat Key)

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Carter called the May 9, 2019, Regular Meeting of the ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) to order at 9:34 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 March 14, 2019

Treasurer Williams moved to approve the Minutes of the March 14, 2019, Regular Meeting. The motion, seconded by Member Shaw, carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3. Representative Margaret Good, Florida House District 72

President Carter recognized Representative Margaret Good as a recipient of the Florida League of Cities' (FLC) Legislation Appreciation Award, and noted her accomplishments and efforts working with FLC and MSLC during the 2019 Florida Legislative Session.

Representative Good thanked the MSLC members for their continued efforts in legislative sessions, and mentioned topics/issues that were discussed during the 2019 session.

Discussion ensued on water quality issues and legislative issues regarding Home Rule.

4. Ms. Kathy Till, President, Kathy Till & Associates, Inc., Author, Helping Advocates Influence Leaders, "A Journey to Yes."

Ms. Kathy Till, Kathy Till & Associates, Inc. President, gave a presentation on her new book, and provided strategies in becoming a successful advocate during legislative sessions.

Discussion ensued on strategies for communicating with legislators on topics regarding short term vacation rentals.

President Carter commented on the City of Holmes Beach Mayor Judy Titworth's strategy of a video showcasing short term rental issues.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5. Reports

A. Associate Members and Ex-Officio Members

Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of Sarasota County Vice President of Business Development Destin Wells, and EDC Director of Business Development Services Erin Silk commented on growing relationships through MSLC and the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund.

Rae Dowling, Area Manager Florida Power and Light (FPL) Southwest Florida, commented on utility grid hardening and undergrounding utilities.

B. President's Report

President Carter commented on meetings with state legislators regarding Home Rule, the restoration of Anna Maria Pier, and Peter Kageyama, author of "For the Love of Cities."

C. Vice President's Report

President Carter noted the absence of Vice President Kihm and a written report submitted detailing his advocacy efforts. President Carter also commented on the year's top legislative priorities.

D. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Williams commented on the MSLC Edward Jones account summary, an additional check received from Florida League of Cities (FLC), and the monthly stipend from FLC. He noted that the Travel Policy will be discussed next meeting when more members will be present.

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

E. Administrative Coordinator's Report

Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler asked members for recommendations for potential speakers for future ManaSota League of Cities meetings.

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

Member Shaw commented on the Board's recent advocacy efforts, FLC Fast Fly-In participation, and water quality issues.

G. Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Committee Member Reports – No items were presented.

H. Advocacy and Key Contact Reports

Member Shaw commented on an *Opioid Use Disorder Prevention Regional Summit*, sponsored by Manatee Memorial Hospital, and opioid issues in the area.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Discussion Re: Travel Policy – Treasurer Williams

Treasurer Williams noted this item will be deferred to the July 11, 2019 meeting for consideration.

MEMBER COMMENTS

7. Member Comments

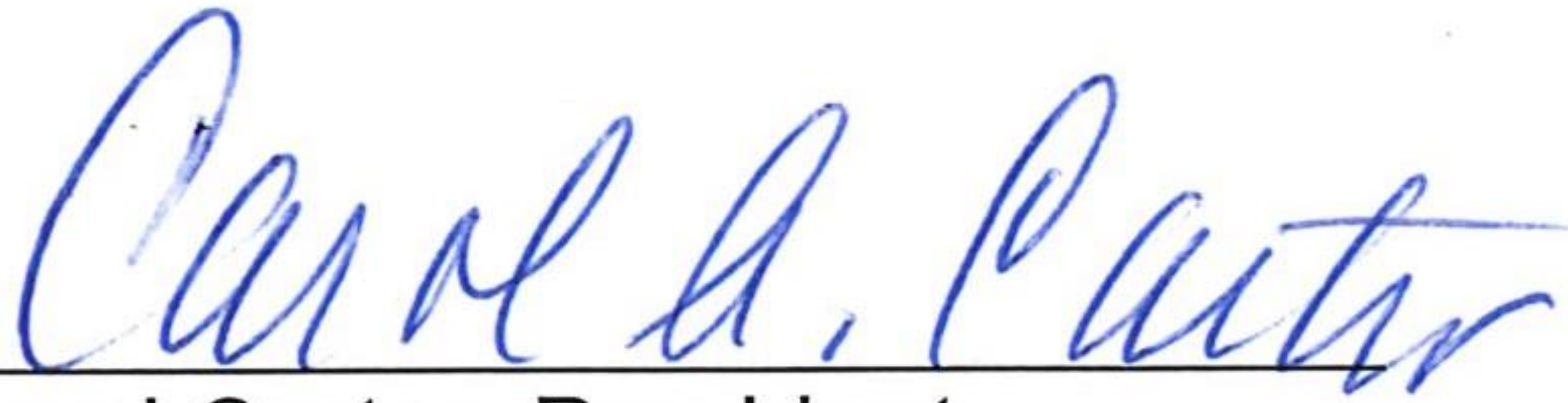
Treasurer Williams commented on upcoming FLC Nominating Committee meetings.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next MSLC regular meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The May 9, 2019, meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.



Carol Carter, President

Submitted by: Savannah Schield, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: _____