

**MINUTES
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES
REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 2018**

Present: President Willie Shaw (Sarasota), Vice President Carol Carter (Anna Maria), Treasurer Brian Williams (Palmetto), Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach), Vice Mayor Linda Yates (North Port), Council Member Mitzie Fiedler (Venice), Councilman Patrick Roff (Bradenton)

Absent: Commissioner Irwin Pastor (Longboat Key), Commissioner Jim Kihm (Holmes Beach)

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Shaw called the May 10, 2018, 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 8, 2018.

Member Williams moved to approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2018, Regular Meeting. The motion, seconded by Member Carter, carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3. Presentation of Florida League of Cities Home Rule Awards – Amber Hughes, Senior Legislative Advocate, Florida League of Cities (FLC)

Ms. Hughes presented FLC Home Rule Hero Awards to Member Linda Yates and President Willie Shaw in recognition of their advocacy efforts during the past year.

(Note: Member Roff entered at 9:40 a.m.)

4. Legislative Updates

Ms. Hughes provided an overview of the 2018 Legislative Session and information on the following topics/issues:

- state budget passing
- gun safety bill relating to school shootings
- tax reduction bill
- property tax relief for citrus packing house/facility
- hurricane relief
- commercial leases
- Back to School tax relief
- disaster preparedness relief

4. Legislative Updates - Continued

- local sales tax
- Local Business Tax exemptions
- commercial leases
- Senate Bill 376 - workers' compensation benefits for first responders
- bills that did not pass
- Senate Bill 1400 – vacation rentals
- Senate Bill 574 – tree trimming
- government transparency/accountability
- travel reimbursement bill
- private public beaches bill
- State campaigns
- 50th anniversary of Home Rule.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5. Reports

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

B. President's Report

President Shaw gave congratulations to Commissioner West for being elected Mayor of Haines City and incoming Florida League of Cities President Leo Longworth for being elected Mayor of Bartow, and noted the several relationships that were built through the Florida League of Cities.

C. Vice President's Report

Vice President Carter gave her support for Member Yates in running for State House District 74.

D. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Williams commented on the current amount in the account, membership process, and dues.

President Shaw moved to accept the Treasurer's report and make annual billing for dues on October 1. The motion, seconded by Member Roff, carried unanimously.

Subsequent to discussion, there was a consensus to add the topic of prorating associate membership dues as an agenda item for the July 12, 2018, meeting.

E. Administrative Coordinator's Report

Administrative Coordinator Loeffler noted items presented from agenda packet.

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

District Director Yates commented on the June Board of Directors Meeting and preparing for the 2019 Legislative Session.

5. Reports - Continued

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

President Shaw commented on one of the Municipal Administration Committee's agenda items on restoration rights that will be presented at the Annual Conference.

H. Advocacy Report – No items were presented.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Florida Constitutional Revisions – No items were presented.

7. Discussion Re: Participation in Super Regional League Breakfast Meeting held during FLC Annual Conference

Following discussion on participating in FLC Breakfast Meetings held during the Annual Conference, there was consensus not to take part in the Breakfast Meeting.

8. Approval Re: Meeting Schedule for 2019

Administrative Coordinator Loeffler commented on the meeting schedule for 2019. Discussion ensued on dates with conflicts.

MEMBER COMMENTS

9. Member Comments

President Shaw opened the floor for comments by members on topics of interest.

A. FLC Fast Fly-in Washington, D.C./Travel Policy

Member Yates commented that she would not be able to attend the Fast Fly-in due to schedule conflicts.

B. Home Rule Hero Award

Member Chappie congratulated and thanked President Shaw and Member Yates for their time and efforts.

Treasurer Williams thanked President Shaw and Member Yates for their efforts.

President Shaw congratulated and thanked Member Yates' efforts and services, and commented on the relationships built through the Florida League of Cities.

C. Election

Member Roff commented on his campaign for reelection to the City of Bradenton Council.

Treasurer Williams commented on his campaign for reelection for the City of Palmetto Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

President Shaw adjourned the May 10, 2018, meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Willie Shaw, President

Submitted by: Savannah Schield, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: _____

Minutes in draft form and are not official until approved by the ManaSota League of Cities.