

**MINUTES  
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 11, 2017**

**Present:** President Brian Williams (Palmetto), Vice President Willie Shaw (Sarasota), Treasurer Kit McKeon (Venice), Commissioner Carol Carter (Anna Maria), Vice Mayor Patrick Roff (Bradenton), Vice Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach), Commissioner Jean Peelen (Holmes Beach), Commissioner Irwin Pastor (Longboat Key), Mayor Linda Yates (North Port)

**Also Present:** Administrative Coordinator Trish Granger and Assistant Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Williams called the May 11, 2017, Regular Meeting of the ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) to order at 9:31 a.m. in the Town of Longboat Key Commission Chamber, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the audience were recognized and Board members introduced themselves.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

1. Opportunity for Public to Address the Board: No items were presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2017

**Vice President Shaw moved to approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2017, Regular Meeting. The motion, seconded by Member Roff, carried unanimously on a 9-0 voice vote.**

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

3. Reports

A. Associate Members or Ex-Officio Members: No items were presented.

B. President's Report

President Williams commented regarding House Joint Resolution (HJR) 7105, a proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution that provided additional exemptions for homesteaded properties and would be included on the 2018 General Election Ballot. Discussions were held with regard to HJR 7105, as follows:

- detrimental effect on local governments
- need to prepare in advance for possible budget reductions
- educate citizens of the possible impact with revenue reductions (public safety, probability of millage rate increases to fund necessary services)
- need to form a united group of cities and counties to develop a proactive plan of action.

**There was consensus to continue discussions in future meetings to develop a plan of action to educate citizens about the impact additional homestead exemptions would have on local governments and community services.**

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**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS** - Continued

**3. Reports - Continued**

**C. Vice President's Report**

Vice President Shaw commented on the following topics/issues:

- attended Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee in March 2017
- advocated in opposition to Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRA) legislation, House Bill (HB) 13, which was ultimately pulled from consideration
- advocated regarding veteran affairs
- attended legislative committee meeting on short-term vacation rentals.

**D. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer McKeon reported on the following topics/issues:

- reviewed Manasota League of Cities (MSLC) financial report (balance of \$28,791.90 through March 2017)
- referred to a document prepared by Assistant Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler that provided a history of MSLC stipends from the Florida League of Cities (FLC), revenues from Associate Members, and administrative costs from inception in 1991 to current year
- reviewed a report "FY 17 Financial Overview with Estimates" relative to revenue, expense projections, and estimates for administrative services for Fiscal Year 2017
- noted an estimated net income versus loss for 2017 after travel, miscellaneous, and administrative expenses of \$1,007.50.

Treasurer McKeon commented it appeared with proper oversight, MSLC could cover expenses for 2017, but future budgets would be very close to net zero.

**Vice President Shaw moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion, seconded by Member Roff, carried unanimously on a 9-0 voice vote.**

**E. Administrative Coordinator's Report:** No items were presented.

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

Member and District Director Yates reported on the following topics/issues:

- attended FLC Legislative Action Days (LAD) in Tallahassee
- FLC Board of Directors met during LAD, discussed recent audits, and focused on communication with legislators and ways to minimize damage to local governments
- discussed the Constitutional Revision Commission (CRC) which has held several public hearings and submitted 119 proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution encompassing a variety of subjects. CRC proposed amendments and meeting dates were available at [www.flcrc.gov](http://www.flcrc.gov) and the next meeting date was May 17, 2017, in Tampa, Florida.
- FLC was sponsoring a workshop entitled "Active Shooter Workshop" on May 19, 2017, in Gainesville, as part of its Safe Cities, Safe Florida initiative, and additional information was available on the FLC website.
- FLC call-in sessions were scheduled to end on May 18, 2017, and would include a comprehensive overview of the last legislative session

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS** - Continued

**3. Reports** - Continued

**F. FLC Board of Directors** – Continued

- Congress overwhelmingly passed legislation regarding Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) that voided a previous rule to combine MPOs
- FLC Board meetings would be held August 2017 during the FLC Annual Conference and September 2017 to consider a budget.

**G. Advocacy Report**

Member Roff commented local governments had many victories in 2017, some of which included defeat of CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) legislation in the State Legislature and Congress voiding the consolidation of the MPO process.

Member Peelen discussed the following related topics/issues:

- vacation rental legislation
- website [www.homerulefl.com](http://www.homerulefl.com) provided information about Florida Home Rule pertaining to short-term vacation rentals
- three Manasota League of Cities (MSLC) members hired professional lobbyists and island residents organized to form an advocacy group to lobby against proposed short-term vacation rental legislation during the past session and in the future
- private property rights was used by some legislators as a reason for filing legislation.

Discussions were held on requesting assistance from the Florida League of Cities (FLC) to provide a list of tourist communities in Florida that have ordinances relative to short-term vacation rentals, requesting copies be provided, and to request the FLC to hold a workshop for municipalities to meet, discuss, and organize/prepare for similar legislation next year.

**There was consensus to place the topic of short-term vacation rentals on the next agenda to discuss an advocacy plan and prepare a request to FLC to consider holding a workshop.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**4. Recommendation for District 10 Director to Florida League of Cities (FLC) Board of Directors – President Williams**

President Williams commented Member Yates was presently serving as District 10 Director. Member Yates commented she had an interest in continuing to serve, if the Board desired to nominate her.

**Member Peelen moved to nominate Member Yates for District 10 Director on the FLC Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Member Chappie.**

**Subsequent to discussion on the past practice of the MSLC President serving as District Director, the motion carried unanimously on a 9-0 voice vote.**

President Williams commented that the FLC Policy Committees would meet in Orlando on June 19, 2017, and requested that members contact a Policy Committee member with issues they would like to present/discuss.

5. FLC (Florida League of Cities) Resolutions Committee Appointment – President Williams  
**Subsequent to discussion on a nomination to serve on FLC Resolutions Committee, President Williams was appointed by consensus.**

6. Discussion Re: Breakfast Meetings participation at FLC (Florida League of Cities) Conference – President Williams  
**Following discussion on participating in FLC Breakfast Meetings held during the Annual Conference, there was consensus not to participate in the Breakfast Meetings and to utilize MSLC funds for other things.**

#### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

7. Member Comments – No items were presented.

#### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

8. Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2018  
**Following review, there was consensus to approve the 2018 Meeting Schedule, without objection.**

9. Next Meeting  
The next Regular Meeting of the ManaSota League of Cities was confirmed for July 13, 2017.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**President Williams adjourned the May 11, 2017, meeting at 10:58 a.m.**

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Brian T. Williams, President

Submitted by: Gail Loeffler, Assistant Administrative Coordinator

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