

**MINUTES
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING (Hybrid)
May 13, 2021**

Present: President Jim Kihm (Holmes Beach), Vice President Jen Ahearn-Koch (Sarasota), Commissioner Carol Carter (Anna Maria), Commissioner Debbie McDowell (North Port), Commissioner B.J. Bishop (Longboat Key), Councilman Joe Neunder (Venice)(Zoom), Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach)

Absent: Treasurer Brian Williams (Palmetto), Councilman Patrick Roff (Bradenton)

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

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Kihm called the hybrid Regular Meeting of the ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) to order at 9:30 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Special Presentations – Introduced at a later time

3. Public to be Heard

No items were presented

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 11, 2021.

Vice President Ahearn-Koch moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2021. The motion, seconded by Member McDowell, carried unanimously.

5. Reports and Communications

A. President's Report

President Kihm commented on the 2022 Legislative session that begins in January 2022, upcoming Manatee and Sarasota County Legislative Delegation meetings, and a need to begin identifying MSLC legislative priorities at the next meeting.

B. Vice President's Report

No items were presented.

C. Treasurer's Report

President Kihm noted the current Edward Jones' account balance.

Member Carter moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion, seconded by Vice President Ahearn-Koch, carried unanimously.

D. Administrative Coordinator's Report

Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler noted her report was submitted in the agenda packet.

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

No items were presented.

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

No items were presented.

G. Advocacy and Key Contact Reports
No items were presented.

2. Special Presentations

Legislative Update - Scott Dudley, Legislative Director, Florida League of Cities (FLC)

Mr. Scott Dudley, FLC Field Advocacy Director, commented on the following topics/issues:

- 2021 Legislative Session
- Home Rule Hero Awards
- vacation rental bills
- home based business bill
- rioting/protesting bill
- amending Bert Harris Act
- impact fees
- emergency orders
- grant programs
- resilience matters (sea level rise)
- FLC policy committees
- American Rescue Plan.

President Kihm thanked Mr. Dudley for his efforts and commented on Legislative preemptions and the American Rescue Plan.

Mr. Dudley furthered his discussion on FLC grassroots efforts to garner engagement from citizens, advocacy assistance, and FLC policy committees.

Mr. Dudley presented FLC Home Rule Hero Awards to the following recipients:

- City of Sarasota Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch
- City of Anna Mara Commissioner Carol Carter
- City of Bradenton Beach Mayor John Chappie
- City of Longboat Key Town Manager Tom Harmer
- City of Holmes Beach Commissioner Jim Kihm
- City of North Port Commissioner Debbie McDowell
- City of North Port Mayor Jill Luke
- City of Anna Maria Mayor Dan Murphy
- City of Longboat Key Mayor Ken Schneier.

6. New Business

A. Consideration of Associate Membership Application for Orange Data Systems requested by Mr. Scott Bird, Business Development Manager

Mr. Scott Bird commented on Orange Data Systems and their interest in becoming an Associate Member.

Member Chappie moved to accept Orange Data Systems as an Associate Member. The motion, seconded by Member Bishop, carried unanimously.

B. Membership Dues

Following individual comments, Member McDowell recommended keeping annual dues for municipalities at \$600.00 per year and annual dues for Associate Members remain at \$250.00 per year.

There was consensus to keep dues the same for the next fiscal year.

Member Comments

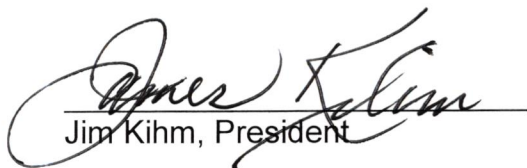
No items were presented.

7. Meeting Schedule

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

8. Adjournment

President Kihm adjourned the May 13, 2021, hybrid Regular Meeting at 10:46 a.m.



Jim Kihm, President

Submitted by: Savannah Cobb, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: July 8, 2021