

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.,  
HELD ON JUNE 11, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- City of Anna Maria - Mayor Dan Murphy, Board Member
- City of Bradenton - Councilman Patrick Roff, Secretary/Treasurer
- City of Holmes Beach - Commissioner Jean Peelen, Board Member
- Town of Longboat Key - Mayor Jack Duncan, President
- City of North Port - Commissioner Linda Yates, Board Member
- City of Palmetto - Vice Mayor Brian Williams, Board Member
- City of Sarasota - Commissioner Susan Chapman, Alternate Board Member
- Sarasota County - Commissioner Carolyn Mason, Vice President

ABSENT:

- City of Bradenton Beach - Mayor Jack Clarke, Board Member
- City of Venice - Councilman Kit McKeon, Board Member

ALSO PRESENT:

- Pamela M. Nadalini - Support Services, City of Sarasota

PRESIDING:

- President Jack Duncan

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Duncan called to order the June 11, 2015, Special Meeting of the ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) at 9:32 a.m. President Duncan recognized members of the audience: GeeDee Kerr, Legislative Aide to Senator Nancy Detert, and Mary O'Bannon, Regional Director for Senator Bill Nelson.

## **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **III. PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

## **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Continued Discussion Re: Second draft of the By-Laws of the ManaSota League of Cities, Inc.

President Duncan led the discussion for finalization of the MSLC By-Laws and stated that under Article II – Membership, Section 5.b., Dues., “members” should be placed before “municipality;” that “members” should also be placed before “municipality” in Sections IV, V and VIII; that Article II – Membership, Section 5.c, Dues., should read “voting rights of the member municipality will be suspended until dues are paid in full;” that “and may be considered not to be in good standing” should be extracted.

Member Williams stated that parentheses should be inserted “(dues may be subject to change by the MSLC)” in Article II – Membership, Section 3., Associate Members.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed verbiage and consensus was reached to add the parentheses, as suggested by Member Williams.

Member Yates stated for clarification that an Executive Director has not been appointed; that Support Services are provided by the City of Sarasota.

In response to a question from President Duncan asking how to approve the MSLC By-laws, Pamela Nadalini stated the MSLC By-Laws can be adopted with the changes on record; that she is not an attorney and cannot give advice on the MSLC By-Laws and encouraged Members to contact an attorney to review the MSLC By-Laws; that a final draft of the MSLC By-Laws will be submitted to Members.

Discussion ensued regarding dating the MSLC By-Laws, consensus was reached to move Article IX to the last page of the MSLC By-laws.

A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer Roff, seconded by Member Peelen, to approve the MSLC By-laws with today's date and with amendment changes noted on record, which carried by a 7-1 vote with Vice President Mason voting no.

2. Continued Discussion Re: Election of Officers on the Board of Directors for ManaSota League of Cities, Inc.

Ms. Nadalini led the nominations of MSLC Officers.

For the office of President, Member Peelen nominated President Duncan, President Duncan nominated Secretary/Treasurer Roff, and Alternate Member Chapman nominated Member Peelen.

A motion was made by Vice President Mason, seconded by Member Williams, to close the nomination which passed unanimously.

Member Peelen and President Duncan declined their nominations, and Treasurer Roff was congratulated on his appointment as President.

For the office of Vice President, Alternate Member Chapman nominated Member Shaw, Member Williams nominated Member Yates, and Member Yates nominated Member Peelen, and consensus was reached for Member Yates' appointment as Vice President.

For the office of Treasurer, President Roff nominated Member McKeon and consensus was reached for Member McKeon's appointment as Treasurer.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion Re: Recommendations to the Florida League of Cities (FLC) Board of Directors District seat (or seats) for the District Representative of your Local/Regional League.

President Duncan stated that Treasurer Roff has been the MSLC's District Representative to the FLC Board of Directors for the last two years and asked the members for nominations.

For the District Representative seat, Vice President Mason nominated Member Shaw, Member Yates nominated Treasurer Roff, and consensus was reached to recommend Treasurer Roff to the FLC Board of Directors District seat.

Treasurer Roff stated, if appointed, this will be his last term.

## **VI. OTHER MATTERS**

President Duncan stated Members Shaw and Peelen were honored by the FLC with the Home Rule Hero Awards and Member Yates stated she also was honored, as well as North Port's Mayor DiFranco.

President Duncan congratulated the honorees and requested Ms. Nadalini prepare a press release to announce the news, to which Ms. Nadalini agreed and stated that the FLC had tentatively requested to present the awards at MSLC's Regular Meeting on July 9, 2015; that she will confirm the details and update the members.

In response to a question from Treasurer Roff inquiring about MSLC hosting four (4) hours of ethics training, Ms. Nadalini stated that she believed MSLC was going to work around other municipalities' scheduled training seminars; that the FLC contracts with the Institute of Government and there would probably be a cost for MSLC to host a training session.

Discussion ensued regarding charges for FLC training, online training and costs, and utilizing the training sessions offered at FLC's Annual Conference in August, and consensus was reached to host ethics training at the end of 2015, if needed.

President Duncan reported that the President and Second Vice President of FLC relayed concerns regarding the perception received from legislators in Tallahassee is that they are not concerned about municipalities weighing in on any legislative issues; that MSLC is going to have to work harder in lobbying municipalities' concerns.

Vice President Mason encouraged MSLC members to develop and maintain relationships with legislators, especially when they are not in session in Tallahassee.

President Duncan stated that it has been an honor to serve MSLC; that it has been an interesting process; that his intent was to make MSLC more proactive in advocating; that he was very pleased with the outcome; that he apologized for the MSLC By-Law's long and aggravating process; that Commissioner Lynn Larson with be representing MSLC from Longboat Key; that MSLC members are thanked for their hard work.

A motion was made by Member Peelen, seconded by Member Yates, to have President Duncan become an ex-officio member, which passed unanimously.

President Duncan stated that Vice President Mason will not be sitting on the MSLC Board going forward; that she is thanked for her service to MSLC; that she has a strong ability to advocate; that she is a person who cares greatly about her constituents, government and working together; that she is wished the best.

In response to a question from Member Peelen inquiring which MSLC priorities she can relay to FLC in regards to their email, President Duncan stated to be cognizant of this year's time frame to advocate; that FLC needs to get their priorities published promptly so MSLC can react to them.

Consensus was reached to have Member Peelen advocate any of MSLC's priorities from the last three (3) years to FLC.

Discussion ensued concerning the lack of regulation of Uber technology and the importance of the issue.

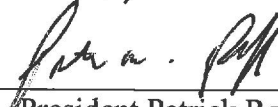
Member Yates thanked President Duncan and Vice President Mason for their strong leadership and Treasurer Roff thanked President Duncan for his excellent work.

## **VII. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Regular Meeting of July 9, 2015

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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President Patrick Roff