

MINUTES
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING (Hybrid)
July 8, 2021

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

Absent: Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach)

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

A. Representative Fiona McFarland (District 72), Florida House of Representatives

Representative Fiona McFarland commented on the following topics/issues:

- 2021 Legislative Session
- environmental issues
- infrastructure planning
- abandoned derelict vessels
- early childhood learning.

Member Bishop commented on short-term rentals and a bill on home-based business.

Individual comments followed.

B. Orange Data Services (Associate Member) – Oscar Ody, Business Development Manager

Orange Data Services Business Development Manger Oscar Ody provided a PowerPoint presentation on Orange Data Services.

3. Public to be Heard

Ms. Barbara Baker, All Clams on Deck, commented on the deterioration of shores and starting "All Clams on Deck" to help restore the clam population and support the ecosystem.

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 13, 2021.

Member Ahearn-Koch moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 13, 2021. The motion, seconded by Member Bishop, carried unanimously.

5. Reports and Communications

A. President Report

No items were presented.

B. Vice President's Report

No items were presented.

C. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Williams reported the current Edward Jones' account balance and noted there were no outstanding bills.

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

D. Administrative Coordinator's Report

Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler commented on the Florida League of Cities (FLC) Board of Directors 2nd Vice President candidate appointment, upcoming MSLC meeting presentations, the next legislative session, and the FLC Annual Conference.

Administrative Coordinator Loeffler asked the Board for consideration of reimbursement of her travel expenses for attending the regional league meeting for Presidents, Vice Presidents and League Executive Directors/Administrative Coordinators at the FLC Annual Conference.

Treasurer Williams moved to reimburse Administrative Coordinator Loeffler for travel expenses to the FLC Annual Conference. The motion, seconded by Member Bishop, carried unanimously.

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

Treasurer Williams commented on the FLC Annual Conference.

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

President Kihm commented on his appointments to the Resolution and Legislative Committees, but unable to attend the meetings at the FLC Conference.

G. Advocacy and Key Contact Reports

No items were presented.

6. Old Business

No items were presented.

7. New Business

A. Discussion Re: 2022 Legislative Priorities

President Kihm noted the proposed 2022 Legislative Priorities and requested any feedback.

Discussion ensued on the following topics/issues:

- home-based businesses
- sea level rise
- beach nourishment
- Tallahassee support for Home Rule
- vacation rental regulations.

B. Approval of Meeting Dates for 2022

Vice President Ahearn-Koch moved to approve the proposed meeting dates for 2022. The motion, seconded by Member Carter, carried unanimously.

C. Discussion Re: Continuation of hybrid meetings

Following comments from President Kihm, discussion ensued on the continuation of hybrid meetings.

Treasurer Williams moved to continue the use of hybrid meetings. The motion, seconded by Member McDowell, carried unanimously.

8. Member Comments

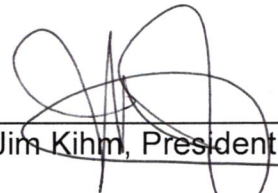
No items were presented.

9. Meeting Schedule

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

10. Adjournment

President Kihm adjourned the July 8, 2021, hybrid Regular Meeting at 10:40 a.m.



Jim Kihm, President

Submitted by: Savannah Cobb, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: _____

1/13/2022