

**MINUTES**  
**MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES**  
**REGULAR MEETING (Virtual)**  
**July 9, 2020**

**Present:** President Vanessa Carusone (North Port), Commissioner Terry Schaefer (Holmes Beach), Councilman Patrick Roff (Bradenton), Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach), Commissioner Carol Carter (Anna Maria) Treasurer Brian Williams (Palmetto), Commissioner Shaw (Sarasota)

**Absent:** Vice Mayor Joe Neunder (Venice), Vice Mayor Mike Haycock (Longboat Key)

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

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Carusone called the virtual Regular Meeting of the Manasota League of Cities (MSLC) to order at 9:30 a.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Carusone reviewed the procedures and the protocols for the virtual meeting and called roll for attendance by remote participation.

**Public to be Heard**

1. Public Input

Mr. Tyler Fischer, Strategic Partnership Advisor for LodgingRevs based in West Bradenton, commented on its service for identification and enforcement on short term rentals. Mr. Fischer also indicated a desire to apply for Associate Membership in MSLC.

**Approval of Minutes**

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 12, 2020, and Regular Meeting on May 14, 2020.

**Member Williams moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 12, 2020, and the Regular Meeting on May 14, 2020. The motion, seconded by Member Shaw, carried unanimously.**

**Special Presentation**

3. Legislative Appreciation Award to Representative Margaret Good, Florida House of Representatives District 72 – Scott Dudley, Legislative Director, Florida League of Cities (FLC)

FLC Legislative Director Scott Dudley presented Representative Margaret Good with the Legislative Appreciation Award and commended her efforts in protecting Home Rule.

Representative Good thanked the Manasota League of Cities members for their efforts with local municipal issues.

4. Florida League of Cities Home Rule Hero Awards – Scott Dudley, Legislative Director, (FLC)

FLC Legislative Director Scott Dudley presented the following members with FLC Home Rule Hero Awards:

- City of Anna Maria Commissioner Carol Carter
- City of North Port Commissioner Vanessa Carusone
- City of Sarasota Mayor Jen Ahearn-Koch.

5. Presentation Re: Review of 2020 Legislative Session and expectations for 2021 Legislative Session – Scott Dudley, Legislative Director, Florida League of Cities (FLC)

FLC Legislative Director Scott Dudley commented on the outcome of the 2020 Legislative Session and the expectations for the 2021 Legislative Session.

President Carusone commented on infrastructure and internet access. Individual comments followed.

Mr. Dudley noted upcoming legislation regarding COVID-19 issues, endorsing candidates, and creating relationships with legislators.

Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler commented on legislative priorities and preparing for the 2021 Legislative Session.

### **Reports and Communications**

#### **6. Reports**

##### **A. Associate Members and Ex-Officio Members**

No items were presented.

##### **B. President's Report**

No items were presented.

##### **C. Vice President's Report**

No items were presented.

##### **D. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Williams provided the current balance of the Edward Jones account, commented on direct debit deposit issues, and an opportunity for increase in the Administrative Coordinator's salary.

**There was a consensus for constructing a proposal and report for the Administrative Coordinator's salary increase to be placed on the September 10, 2020, Regular Meeting agenda.**

##### **E. Administrative Coordinator's Report**

Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler commented on COVID-19 data information sharing, ethics training, Florida League of Cities (FLC) Fast Fly-in, and the FLC survey directed to city administrators.

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

Member Williams noted the FLC Board of Directors Meetings will be held virtually.

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

No items were presented.

##### **H. Advocacy and Key Contact Reports**

No items were presented.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **7. COVID-19 Response**

Member Carter commented on the issues in the City of Anna Maria regarding the mask mandate, crowds, traffic, and the environmental impact from tourists.

**Unfinished Business - Continued**

7. COVID-19 Response - Continued

Member Schaefer commented on the City of Holmes Beach's mask mandate, parking plan, and citations during the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend.

**Member Comments**

8. Member Comments

A. COVID-19

Member Williams commented on Granicus's efforts with the Treasury Department's \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund and on short-term rentals.

B. COVID-19

Ms. Rae Dowling, Area Manager, Florida Power and Light (FPL), commented on mask mandates and hurricane season preparations.

**Meeting Schedule**

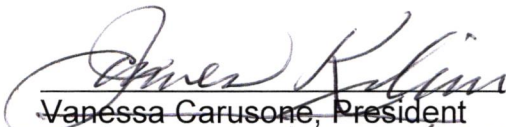
9. Meeting Schedule

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

**Adjournment**

10. Adjournment

**President Carusone adjourned the July 9, 2020, virtual Regular Meeting at 10:50 a.m.**

  
Vanessa Carusone, President  
JAMES RIHA - VICE PRESIDENT

Submitted by: Savannah Cobb, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: 9/10/2020