

**MINUTES**  
**MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES**  
**VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING (Virtual)**  
**September 10, 2020**

**Present:** President Vanessa Carusone (North Port), Vice President Jim Kihm (Holmes Beach), Treasurer Brian Williams (Palmetto), Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach), Commissioner Carol Carter (Anna Maria) Councilman Joe Neunder (Venice), Commissioner Willie Shaw (Sarasota)

**Absent:** Vice Mayor Mike Haycock (Longboat Key), Councilman Patrick Roff (Bradenton)

**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 9:31 a.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Public to be Heard**

1. Public Input

Ms. Barbara Baker, Anna Maria, commented on needed local enforcement regarding derelict, abandoned, and liveaboard water vessels in local waters. Individual comments followed.

**Approval of Minutes**

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 9, 2020.

**Member Kihm moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 9, 2020. The motion, seconded by Member Williams, carried unanimously.**

**Reports and Communications**

3. 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 noted the current Edward Jones account balance.

E. Administrative Coordinator's Report

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

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

No items were presented.

G. Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Committee Member Reports  
No items were presented.

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

**Member Chappie moved to accept Reports A through H. The motion, seconded by Member Williams, carried unanimously.**

### **New Business**

5. Approval of Meeting Dates for 2021  
Administrative Coordinator Loeffler noted the 2021 meeting schedule.

**Member Chappie moved to accept the 2021 meeting dates and to send the dates to all local municipalities. The motion, seconded by Member Carter, carried unanimously.**

### **Unfinished Business**

6. Discussion

A. Discussion and possible action for increase to pay or other benefit possibilities for Administrative Coordinator

Member Williams introduced discussion and possible action for increase to pay or other benefit possibilities for Administrative Coordinator Loeffler. He commented on Ms. Loeffler's work ethic that led to this consideration, and noted financial aspects of a possible salary increase.

Members commended Ms. Loeffler's contributions to ManaSota League of Cities and gave their support for a salary increase.

Town of Longboat Key Human Resources Manager Lisa Silvertooth commented on the Town's compensation studies and merit-based salary raises. Individual comments followed.

**Member Chappie moved to authorize a twenty percent salary increase for Administrative Coordinator Loeffler. The motion, seconded by Member Kihm, carried unanimously.**

Town of Longboat Key Human Resource Manager Silvertooth requested there be a motion to have the salary increase become effective October 1, 2020.

**Member Kihm moved to have Administrative Coordinator Loeffler's salary increase become effective on October 1, 2020. The motion, seconded by Member Kihm, carried unanimously.**

B. Discussion: Legislative Priorities for 2021 Legislative Session

President Carusone commented on the 2021 Legislative Priorities, and requested suggestions or comments for any amendments or additions.

Member Chappie requested the issue of enforcement and regulation of liveaboard, derelict and abandoned water vessels be added to the legislative priorities.

Individual members provided their support for adding the requested legislative priority.

**Member Carter moved accept the 2021 proposed legislative priorities in addition to adding a section to include liveaboard, derelict and abandoned water vessels. The motion, seconded by Member Chappie, carried unanimously.**

### Member Comments

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No items were presented.

### Meeting Schedule

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The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

President Carusone noted her Commission seat will be termed out in November, that this would be her last meeting, and thanked Board members for their service. She also noted she was honored to have worked with them. Individual comments followed.

### Adjournment

10. Adjournment

**President Carusone adjourned the September 10, 2020, virtual Regular Meeting at 10:33 a.m.**



~~Vanessa Carusone, President~~

JAMES KIMM - VICE PRESIDENT

Submitted by: Savannah Cobb, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: 11/12/2020