

**MINUTES
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2022**

Present: President Jen Ahearn-Koch (Sarasota), Vice President Debbie McDowell (North Port), Treasurer Brian Williams (Palmetto—via Zoom), Commissioner Carol Carter (Anna Maria—via Zoom), Commissioner B.J. Bishop (Longboat Key), Councilman Jim Boldt (Venice—via Zoom)

Absent: Councilman Bill Sanders (Bradenton), Commissioner Terry Schaefer (Holmes Beach), Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach)

Also Present: Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler, Administrative Assistant Stephanie Janney

1. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Ahearn-Koch called the Regular Meeting of ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) to order at 9:42 a.m. Commissioner Bishop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Special Presentations

Note: The presentation by Mr. Jon Thaxton, Senior Vice President for Community Leadership, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, will be rescheduled to a later date.

3. Public Input

No items were presented.

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting: September 8, 2022.

President Jen Ahearn-Koch provided amendments to the minutes as follows: a semi-colon to follow "Pledge of Allegiance" under agenda item number 1 and remove the word "that" from agenda item number 5(D)(1) before "the account balance."

Member Bishop moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2022, as amended. The motion, seconded by Vice President McDowell, carried unanimously.

5. Reports and Communications

A. Associate Member comments

No items were presented.

B. President's Report - President Ahearn-Koch

President Ahearn-Koch noted a scheduled tour of City of Sarasota facilities has been moved to December 9, 2022, and provided an overview of the proposed itinerary.

There was consensus to discuss agenda item 6B at this time.

6. Old Business

B. Discussion Re: Subsidizing a portion of expense for ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) City Tours

Subsequent to discussion on costs to facilitate MSLC city tours, Member Carter moved to approve subsidizing expenditures up to \$500 by the ManaSota League of Cities associated with each member city's tour, retroactive to the tour of the City of Venice. The motion, seconded by Member Boldt, passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding possible dates of future tours for those cities who suffered severe damage due to Hurricane Ian.

5. Reports and Communications - Continued

C. Vice President's Report – Vice President McDowell

Vice President McDowell extended gratitude to board members for Hurricane Ian support and recovery efforts. She noted damage caused by the hurricane throughout the City of North Port which included infrastructure, residential properties, and commercial building damage. Discussion ensued regarding recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.

D. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Williams

Treasurer Williams stated he would provide the Treasurer's Report at a later date and discussed the current financial standing of Manasota League of Cities.

E. Administrative Coordinator's Report – Gail Loeffler

Administrative Coordinator Loeffler discussed upcoming events outlined in her report. Discussion ensued regarding funding for those members who will be participating in Florida League of Cities (FLC) Fast Fly-In to Washington D.C.

Member Bishop moved to appropriate a total of \$5,000 for members who want to attend the FLC Fast Fly-In to Washington, D.C., and for the total amount to be divided by the number of members attending. The motion, seconded by Vice-President McDowell, carried by a 6-0 roll call vote, as follows: Williams, aye; Boldt, aye; Carter, aye; McDowell, aye; Ahearn-Koch, aye; Bishop, aye.

Following comments, discussion ensued on the possibility of a Special Legislative Session being called regarding homeowner insurance and the FLC Annual Legislative Conference.

Administrative Coordinator Loeffler noted the Board's FLC Nominating Committee Recommendation must be provided to FLC by January 23, 2023.

- * Member Bishop moved to nominate Vice President McDowell to serve on the FLC Nominating Committee. The motion, seconded by Treasurer Williams, passed unanimously.**

F. Florida League of Cities (FLC) Board of Directors Report – District 10 Director Williams
Treasurer Williams noted FLC and Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) sent large teams and specialists to Fort Myers to assist with disaster recovery efforts after Hurricane Ian.

G. FLC Legislative Committee Member Updates
No items were presented.

H. Key Contacts, Advocacy Committees, and FAST Committee Members Updates
President Ahearn-Koch stated there have been no recent meetings for Advocacy Committees.

6. Old Business - Continued

A. Finalize legislative priorities for 2023 Florida Legislative Session

President Ahearn-Koch commented the City of Sarasota has discussion of legislative priorities scheduled for an upcoming City Commission meeting agenda.

Administrative Coordinator Loeffler advised that legislative priorities must be submitted several weeks in advance of delegation meetings, and if necessary, a Special Meeting of the Board could be called before the next regular meeting on January 12, 2023.

There was consensus to schedule finalization of legislative priorities on the agenda for the Regular meeting on January 12, 2023, unless a Special Meeting was held prior to that date.

Discussion ensued on submitted legislative priorities provided by member cities.

B. Discussion Re: Subsidizing a portion of expenses for MSLC City tours
See consideration of Item 6.B. earlier in the meeting.

C. FLC Legislative Action Days April 4-5, 2023: Discussion regarding funding for utilizing a van or other means to transport members to Tallahassee. President Ahearn-Koch stated it would be environmentally and fiscally responsible to travel together as a group for the Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Action Days in a rental van.

Following comments from members, Treasurer Williams stated that ManaSota League of Cities could fund travel expenditures, with Board approval.

7. New Business

A. Florida Power & Light (FPL) presentation on November 17, 2022, to engage in productive conversation with MSLC local government representatives concerning preparations in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. Administrative Coordinator Loeffler advised she was contacted by the FPL Area Manager, Devaney Iglesias, to schedule a round-table discussion relating to Hurricane Ian disaster and recovery efforts, and requested representation from each member municipality.

8. Member Comments

Member Carter noted this would be her last meeting as the City of Anna Maria representative on ManaSota League of Cities and noted a new representative may be appointed during the City of Anna Maria's organizational meeting in December.

9. Next Meeting

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2023.

10. Adjournment

President Ahearn-Koch adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:48 a.m.



Jen Ahearn-Koch, President

Submitted by: Stephanie Janney, Administrative Assistant, Town of Longboat Key

Minutes Approved: January 26, 2023