

**MINUTES  
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2015**

**Present:** President Patrick Roff (Bradenton), Vice President Linda Yates (North Port), Treasurer Kit McKeon (Venice), Commissioner Susan Chapman (Sarasota), Commissioner Lynn Larson (Longboat Key), Commissioner Jean Peelen (Holmes Beach), Vice Mayor Brian Williams (Palmetto)

**Also Present:** Ex-Officio Member Jack Duncan (Longboat Key), Mayor-Elect Bill Shearon (Bradenton Beach), Administrative Coordinator Trish Granger and Assistant Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler

**Not Present:** Mayor Jack Clarke (Bradenton Beach), Mayor Dan Murphy (Anna Maria)

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Roff called the November 12, 2015, Regular Meeting of the ManaSota League of Cities (MLC) to order at 9:44 a.m. in the Town Hall Commission Chambers, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the audience were recognized.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

1. At each meeting, time is set aside for the public to comment. No items were presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2015.

Treasurer McKeon moved to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2015. The motion, seconded by Member Williams, carried unanimously.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

3. Special Presentations

A. Florida Regional Compact Initiative

Representative Kristin Jacobs thanked the Board for scheduling her presentation and gave an overview of the Florida Regional Compact Initiative. Scott Dudley, Legislative Director, Florida League of Cities (FLC), was also present and provided additional information.

Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- Home Rule and unfunded legislative mandates imposed on municipalities
- sea level rise and the need for sharing information and educating the public
- selection of an individual to lead advocacy and education efforts
- water quality, quantity, and salt water intrusion issues
- Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact as a model for formation of a similar organization.

President Roff thanked Representative Jacobs for her presentation.

**Discussion ensued concerning the need to identify a major legislative priority for 2016, and there was consensus to place the topic on the January 14, 2016, MLC agenda.**

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **4. Reports**

**A. Associate Members or Ex-Officio Members:** No items were presented.

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

President Roff reported he participated in the FLC Federal Action Strike Team (FAST) Fly-In trip to Washington, D.C., held on October 6 – 9, 2015, and advocated for FLC federal priorities of transportation and development of a long range funding plan.

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

Vice President Yates reported on the following topics/issues:

- ethics training opportunities
- update on the Utility Relocation Bill SB 416
- proposed legislation SB-456 regarding establishment of a cancer disability presumption for firefighters and paramedics.

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

Treasurer McKeon reported on the following topics/issues:

- format changes to the Treasurer's Report
- Edward Jones account balance ending October 31, 2015, was \$29,895.77, which was above the minimum \$20,000.00 target.

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

MSLC Administrative Coordinator Trish Granger reported on the following topics/issues:

- Administrative Coordinator's Report would be included in future meeting agenda packets
- MLC election of officers would be on the January 14, 2016 agenda
- status of the renewal of annual membership dues.

**Subsequent to discussion, there was consensus that a letter be drafted to be utilized for recruitment of associate members.**

### **F. Florida League of Cities' Board of Directors:**

District Director Roff reported on the following topics/issues:

- FLC Board of Directors' Budget Meeting was held on September 25-26, 2015, in Jacksonville, and financial reports indicated the FLC did very well with its insurance businesses and other interests
- the Public Relations Strike Force, created by the FLC, would be available to provide assistance and guidance to municipalities who could face serious challenges if a major situation occurred that drew national or international attention. The public relations firm of Sax Communications would be on call through the FLC to provide services at no charge to municipalities
- The next FLC Board of Directors meeting will be held the week of November 19-20, 2015, in Orlando at the Legislative Conference.

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#### **G. Advocacy Report:**

Mr. Dudley commented that Legislative Delegation meetings were being held across the state, and suggested that members provide a copy of their budgets to each member of the local Legislative Delegation for information purposes. Appreciation was expressed by Mr. Dudley to MLC members for their advocacy efforts during the year.

Vice President Yates reported that she attended the recent National League of Cities' (NLC) Conference and served on the NLC Transportation Committee. She commented that Florida was well represented at the Conference.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **5. Discussion and Updates Re: 2016 Legislative Priorities**

Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- Legislative priorities of the MLC were finalized at the September 10, 2015, meeting
- recommendation of Mr. Dudley that member municipalities adopt resolutions in support of the MLC priorities to send to legislators
- Vacation Rentals remain a priority of the FLC.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No items were presented.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** No items were presented.

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

### **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for January 14, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. President Roff reminded members that election of officers would take place at the January meeting. Administrative Coordinator Granger commented that because of seasonal traffic, members could consider changing the meeting to later in the morning for additional travel time. **There was consensus that the January 14, 2016 meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.**

**Member Williams moved a resolution be drafted in support of the MLC 2016 Legislative Priorities, that President Roff be given authorization to sign, and copies be sent to each member's municipality with a request to adopt a similar resolution to provide to legislators. The motion, seconded by Member Larson, carried unanimously.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Roff adjourned the November 12, 2015, meeting at 11:01 a.m.

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Patrick Roff, President

Submitted by: Gail Loeffler, Assistant Administrative Coordinator

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_