

**MINUTES**  
**MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES**  
**VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING (Hybrid)**  
**December 4, 2020**

**Present:** Vice President Jim Kihm (Holmes Beach), Treasurer Brian Williams (Palmetto), Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach), Commissioner Carol Carter (Anna Maria), Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch (Sarasota), Debbie McDowell (North Port), Councilman Patrick Roff (Bradenton), Vice Mayor Mike Haycock (Longboat Key)

**Absent:** Councilman Joe Neunder (Venice)

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

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice 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.

Vice President Kihm reviewed the procedures and protocols for the virtual meeting and called roll call.

**Public to be Heard**

1. Public Input

No items were presented.

**Approval of Minutes**

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2020.

**Member Chappie moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2020. The motion, seconded by Member Roff, carried unanimously.**

**Special Presentation**

2. Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of Sarasota County – Destin Wells, Vice President, Business Development Services

Mr. Destin Wells, EDC of Sarasota County, commented on small business loans, the CARES Act, COVID-19 assistance, and remote job opportunities.

**Reports and Communications**

3. Reports

A. Associate Members and Ex-Officio Members

Ms. Rae Dowling, Florida Power and Light (FPL), commented on FPL's efforts and improvements regarding jobs, storm preparation/damage, and COVID-19 assistance.

Individual members commended Ms. Dowling's work and wished her well in retirement.

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 and acknowledged the increased stipend from Florida League of Cities.

**Member Chappie moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion, seconded by Member Roff, carried unanimously.**

E. Administrative Coordinator's Report

Administrative Coordinator Loeffler commented on the upcoming Sarasota and Manatee delegation meetings, and scheduling special presentations.

**There was a consensus that Member McDowell would present at the Sarasota Delegation Meeting and Member Chappie would present at the Manatee Delegation Meeting.**

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.

**Unfinished Business**

4. Discussion

A. Legislative priority language regarding abandoned/liveaboard/derelict water vessels – Mayor Chappie and Treasurer Williams.

Member Chappie read the proposed language for the legislative priority regarding abandoned/liveaboard/derelict water vessels.

Members commented on individual struggles with liveaboards within their jurisdictions.

**There was a consensus to accept the proposed language as is for the Legislative Priority regarding abandoned/liveaboard/derelict water vessels.**

Vice President Kihm suggested editing the Legislative Priority for Tourist Development Tax Use Exemption.

**There was a consensus to change a portion of the priority to state: "...changing the population size requirement of the counties eligible at a maximum of 500,000."**

**New Business**

5. Consideration of hosting, in conjunction with FLC, a Legislator Roundtable with area legislators prior to the 2021 Legislative Session - Vice President Kihm

Member Chappie commented on hosting a discussion with local representatives through Zoom. Individual comments followed.

**There was a consensus to move forward with organizing a discussion with local representatives.**

**Member Comments**

8. Member Comments

Manasota League of Cities

Member McDowell commented on her excitement to work with the MSLC board.

City of Anna Maria

Member Carter commented on the new City of Anna Maria commissioner, and the opening of the City Pier and bait shop.

Town of Longboat Key

Member Haycock provided an update on the Town of Longboat Key's undergrounding project, beach renourishment, and fire stations.

Manasota League of Cities

Member Roff noted his outside commitments and his commitment to MSLC.

Planning

Mr. David Hutchinson, Executive Director for the Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization, commented on the regional planning process.

Legislative

Ms. Colette Russell, field representative for Representative Buchanan, commented on working with the board on local issues.

Training

Vice President Kihm commented on upcoming FLC webinars and ethics training.

**Meeting Schedule**

9. Meeting Schedule

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

**Adjournment**

10. Adjournment

**Vice President Kihm adjourned the December 4, 2020, hybrid Regular Meeting at 10:33 a.m.**



Jim Kihm, Vice President

Submitted by: Savannah Cobb, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: 1/13/2021