

**Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities
January 27, 2016 10:30AM
PGA Country Club, Port St. Lucie, FL**

Board members Present: Mayor Richard Gillmor, Mayor Joel Tyson, President Ann Kagdis, Commission Tom Campenni, Councilman Robert Gibbons, Commissioner Vinny Barile, Mayor Gregory Oravec, Councilman Tom Slater, Council Dowling Watford, Mayor Linda Hudson and Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken, Councilman Robert Gibbons

Also present: Alternated Earlene Cairenes, FLC President Matthew Surrencey

Excused: Mayor Jay Kramer

Meeting called to order at 10:40 by President Richard Gillmor. The Pledge was led by President Gillmor and Invocation by Board Member Watford. A quorum was not declared until 10:50. (See below).

Due to inclement weather, there was not a quorum at the beginning, but President Gillmor began the meeting with items that didn't require a vote. Once a quorum was declared other items which were delayed were disposed of. However, the minutes reflect the normal order of business.

Self - Introduction of members, guest and Associate Members.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Board Member Tyson and seconded by Vice Chairman Hudson to approve the consent agenda. There was no discussion. Motion was approved unanimously.

President's Report

President Gillmor spoke about his past year (2015) as President and the TCRLC's successes. He envisioned new goals for the 2016 year. He expressed his desire to visit the TCRLC Mission Statement, to ensure the objectives are being met. He wants to continue the mini grants for Civic Education and encouraged the members to all take advantage of the funds that were budgeted for each city to participate in the project. He would like to see more interaction among cities, more press, topics of interest by our guest speakers, and action agendas to go out after each meeting to assist the members when they give their reports to their fellow council/commission members.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Christensen reported that past due notices have gone out for Associate Members. Several of the members expressed concern over not benefiting from their membership. She requested the Board consider a Strategic Planning Session, and a few Associate Members are considering not renewing.

She also passed out flyers from FLC University and the upcoming classes being offered.

Board Member Reports

Treasure Watford reported about a bill to allow alcohol to be sold at Brightline Stations, which would circumvent local laws governing alcohol sales. HB 645 and SB 698

Board Member Van Hekken spoke about the need for funds for the continued fight of AAF/Brightline. Rally in April in Stuart.

Board Member Oravec invited everyone to the PSL Soccer Premier at the Civic Center on Jan. 28 at 4 PM.

Election of Officers

Board Member Joel Tyson reported that the Nominating Committee and in November announced the following Slate of Officers:

Richard Gillmor for President
Linda Hudson for Vice Present
Ingrid Van Hekken for Secretary
Dowling Watford for Treasurer

President Gillmor asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, nominations were closed. Board Member Tyson made a motion to elect the Slate of Officers as nominated, Board Member Campenni seconded. The motion carried with a unanimous decision.

Swearing in Ceremony

Following the Election of Officers, FLC President Matthew Surrency swore all the Board Members into office.

Resolutions

Resolution R2016-001 Plastic Bags- Presented by Board Member Kagdis.

Motion to approve the resolution by Board Member Ann Kagdis seconding by Vice Chairman Linda Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution R2016-002 Public Records- Presented by Board Member Campenni.

Motion to approve the resolution by Board Member Campenni, seconding by Board Member Slater. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution R2016-003 Fracking- Presented by Board Campenni.

Motion to approve the resolution by Board Member Campenni seconding by Vice Chairman Linda Hudson. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution R2016-004 Election Laws- Presented by Board Member Campenni.

Motion to approve the resolution by Board Member Campenni, seconding by Board Member Van Hekken. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- a. **Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities Priorities:** Executive Director Christensen reminded the members that if their cities/towns had issues that they were working on with the Legislature, to forward all information to her for the Advocacy Team to work on when they went to Tallahassee.
- b. **Ethics Class:** Executive Director Christensen asked the board if they wanted her to organize another Ethics Class for the 2016 year. After a brief discussion, the consensus was to organize on class, central to the elected officials in the Treasure Coast region, rather than two classes. It was agreed that April would be a good time to hold the class.

Committee Reports

Florida League of Cities: Board Member Kagdis again spoke briefly on the FLC purchasing a timeshare for a plane, for staff to be able to travel throughout the state. It would be a savings from using commercial airlines.

Treasure Coast Advocacy Team: Commissioner Campenni spoke about the Advocacy Teams trip to Tallahassee and his trip to Washington for FAST. Board Member Barile spoke about the Committee Meeting in the Legislature where they testified.

Treasure Coast Council of Local Government: Board Member Tyson reported that TCCLG agreed to another joint meeting in July with the TCRLC in Okeechobee.

Associate Member Announcements – Derek Cooper of Comcast spoke about Leaders for seniors. There will be six recipients on the Treasure Coast.

Public Comment – None

Adjourn for Lunch at 12:15

Respectfully Submitted

Secretary Ingrid Van Hekken

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