

## **Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities**

**September 17, 2014**

**10:00 am**

**Crab E Bills, Sebastian, Florida**

**Board members Present:** Mayor Joann Faiella, Councilman Richard Gillmor, Councilman Dowling Watford, Vice Mayor Joel Tyson, Commissioner Campenni Councilwoman Ann Kagdis, Mayor Linda Hudson, Commissioner Vincent Barile, Councilwoman Amelia Graves.

**Board Members Absent:** Mayor Harold Ofstie, Alderman Ingrid Van Hekken, Councilman Tom Slater.

**Alternates Present:** Vice Mayor Linda Bartz, Mayor Susan Adams and Councilwoman Earlene Cairnes

Meeting called to order at 10:00 by President Joanne Faiella

**Minutes:** Approval of the minutes from September. Motion made by Board member Kagdis, seconded by Board member Tyson. Approved unanimously with no changes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Approval of Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Watford reviewed report with Board Members. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Vice President Gillmor, seconded by Board member Kagdis. No discussion, approved unanimously.

### **Old Business**

**Budget Committee Report:** Treasurer Watford presented the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15. He explained that this is presented, but that it can be amended, as there are funds that can be moved if needed. Vice President Gillmor commented that he asked for more funds to be added in the Travel Budget line, as there never has been any, and the TCRLC should reimburse for travel to members who participate in conferences when they are representing the TCRLC.

Motion made by Board member Tyson to approve Budget as presented, seconded by Board member Campenni. Motion approved unanimously.

**Nominations Committee:** President Faiella announced that based on the by-laws the Nominations Committee must meet to discuss a Slate of Officers for the 2015 Year. She asked for volunteers. Board members Tyson and Campenni volunteered. A meeting will be scheduled in October and a Slate will be announced early in November. Election will be held at the November 19 meeting. Officers take over in January.

### **New Business**

**City of Sebastian:** Resolution R-14-18, Box Culverts – Vice President Gillmor introduced City Manager Joe Griffin from Sebastian. He along with Vice President Gillmor introduced the Resolution that the City of Sebastian approved to send to Tallahassee for funding to assist the City with replacing all of the box culverts at the entry points of the Indian River. This was for informational purposes for other cities and towns to possibly take advantage of or join in with Sebastian.

**Update and Discussion on New Dues Structure:** Ex. Director Christensen explained that she was contacted by an Associate Member regarding the new dues structure and the increases. She mentioned that the Associate Member had issues and asked to address the Board.

Catherine McKenzie of AT & T addressed the board with her concerns. After she presented, the board had a brief discussion and by consensus the Board agreed to have the Bylaw and Policies Committee to meet to review and determine if there should be a change or if the dues should remain as approved in May of 2014. Vice President Gillmor, who chairs the Bylaw and Policies Committee will hold a meeting and report back in November.

Since dues invoices already were sent out, any dues collected can be modified, if the board decides to make changes to the dues structure.

**Advocacy Team:** Ex. Director Christensen explained that she was contacted by Kathy Till, Florida League of Cities, regarding the formation of an Advocacy Team from the Treasure Coast. Fellsmere Mayor Susan Adams explained that she, Kathy Till and Ex. Dir. Christensen met to discuss the team formation. She explained the concept and asked if the Board would approved the formation. After review of the material presented and brief discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to move forward with forming an Advocacy Team.

The team will be made up of volunteer elected officials from each city/town on the Treasure Coast. They don't have to be a member or alternate of the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities, although at least one member from the League will sit on the Team as a Liaison.

Ex. Director Christensen shared that several elected official, including Mayor Adams have already agreed to sit on the Team. Including Mayor Adams, they are Commissioner Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch from Sewall's Point and Councilwoman Michelle Berger of Port St. Lucie. Christensen will notify each City/Town of the Team formation and ask each City/Town to either appoint or ask for a volunteer to represent them on the Team.

**Medicinal Marijuana:** Information was presented from Florida League of Cities of what other State of Florida Cities and Towns were doing to prepare in advance for the possible approval of the Constitutional Amendment on the ballot in November. There was no action.

**Accepting Credit Cards:** At the July meeting Ex. Director Christensen was directed to investigate methods of credit card payment for the TCRLC. Christensen presented the information, comparing several methods. Treasurer Watford also presented Seacoast National Bank's information, which is the bank the TCRLC bank accounts are held at. There was a discussion as to what method the TCRLC would use. A motion was made by Vice President Gillmor to use Square and seconded by Commissioner Campenni. Motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer Watford will arrange to have a Square account set up to accept payments.

## **Other Business**

**Host City for September Meeting:** Mayor Faiella announced that our next meeting will be Hosted and sponsored by Florida Power and Light at the Energy Encounter on South Hutchinson Island. A tour will be given after lunch.

**Location for the January Installation of Officers:** Councilwoman Amelia Greaves volunteered to Host the Installation and work with the Ex. Director on logistics.

**Update on Ethics Training:** Ex. Director Christensen announced that the training will take place on February 11 beginning at 10 AM. It will be located at the Port St. Lucie Community Center, which was arranged by Vice Mayor Linda Bartz.

Florida League of Cities will be arranging the speakers/trainers. All elected officials from the Treasure Coast will be invited. There is no cost. Lunch will be provided. More information will be available in late November.

**Presidents Report:** Mayor Faiella reported that she was going to a Board Meeting in Tampa. She is also on the Urban Committee. They are reviewing Sober Homes/Detox Centers again.

Florida League of Cities Report: Board Member Kagdis reported that she attended a seminar on Grant Writing and that there is assistance from Florida League of Cities for any City or Town who does not have anyone with grant writing capabilities and it is a free service.

She also stated that she was in attendance at Policy Committee meeting in Orlando earlier in the month, she will also be attending the November Conference in Orlando.

**Announcements by Board Members:** No Report

**Treasure Coast Council of Local Government Report:** Board member Tyson reported that they would be hearing a speaker in October who will talk about All Aboard Florida.

**Executive Director's Report:** Ex. Director Christensen reported that she will be attending the FLC Conference in Orlando and attending the sessions for the Executive Directors for the Affiliate and Regional Leagues.

**Meeting was recessed for networking/lunch at 11:25.** Mayor Faiella passed the gavel to Vice President Gillmor, since she had to leave for a meeting.

**Meeting was reconvened at 12:15 by Vice President Gillmor.**

Vice President Gillmor introduced City Manager Joe Griffin who gave a brief history on the building we were in, in addition to the work being done on the water front.

**Guest Speaker:** Executive Director Christensen introduced Speaker, Eddie Fontanin from Florida Business Watch. Mr. Fontanin spoke about his organization and invited the cities/towns to join the organization which works closely with businesses in the state, regarding changes in legislation. There is no cost for the cities and towns to join. Information was passed to the members.

Announcement by Associate Members: There were a few announcements with information being passed out. Ex. Director Christensen agreed to also email out the information to all members.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM**

Respectfully Submitted

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Ingrid Van Hekken, Secretary

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