MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., HELD ON JULY 9, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Bradenton	-	Councilman Patrick Roff, President
City of Holmes Beach	-	Vice Chair Jean Peelen, Board Member
Town of Longboat Key	-	Commissioner Lynn Larson, Board Member
City of North Port	-	Commissioner Linda Yates, Vice President
City of Palmetto	-	Commissioner Brian Williams, Board Member (Arrived at 9:36 a.m.)
City of Sarasota	-	Mayor Willie Charles Shaw, Board Member
City of Venice	-	Councilman Kit McKeon, Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT:

Pamela M. Nadalini	-	City Auditor and Clerk, City of Sarasota

ABSENT:

City of Anna Maria	-	Mayor Dan Murphy, Board Member
City of Bradenton Beach	-	Mayor Jack Clarke, Board Member

PRESIDING:

City of Bradenton	-	President Roff

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Roff called to order the July 9, 2015, Regular Meeting of the ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) at 9:33 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Roff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Roff recognized members of the audience: Tom Jones, North Port City Commissioner, Mayor Rhonda DeFranco, City of North Port, Danny Schult, North Port Assistant City Manager, and Shelli Freeland Eddie, Sarasota City Commissioner.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Treasurer McKeon made a motion, seconded by Member Peelen to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 30, 2015, which carried by a 6-0 vote.

Treasurer McKeon made a motion, seconded by Member Peelen to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2015, which carried by a 6-0 vote.

Treasurer McKeon made a motion, seconded by Member Peelen to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 11, 2015, which carried by a 6-0 vote.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Appreciation Award for 2015 presented to Florida House Representative W. Gregory Steube, District 73 – Scott Dudley, Legislative Director, Florida League of Cities

Mr. Dudley presented the FLC Legislative Appreciation Award for 2015 to Representative Steube. Representative Steube thanked FLC and MSLC for the recognition and stated that issues still need to be worked on; that any proposed bills need to be filed by September so they are ready for the January session; that he and his office are available to MSLC.

2. Florida League of Cities Home Rule Hero Award - Scott Dudley, Legislative Director, Florida League of Cities

Mr. Dudley presented the Home Rule Hero Award to Mayor Willie Charles Shaw, City of Sarasota, Mayor Rhonda Y. DeFranco, City of North Port, Commissioner Linda Yates, City of North Port, Vice Chair Jean Peelen, City of Holmes Beach, and Councilman Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton, for their advocacy efforts during the year.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

None

VI. REPORTS OR REMARKS OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

None

VII. REPORTS

1. President's Report

President Roff stated that he plans to run timely meetings.

2. Vice President's Report

Vice President Yates thanked MSLC members for their confidence and stated that there will be an Ethics Training in conjunction with the annual conference of the Florida League of Cities (FLC) on August 13, 2015.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer McKeon stated the only activity in the account this month was $300.00 from FLC; that there was $0.28 in interest; that the account balance is $27,512.80.

4. Florida League of Cities' Board of Directors

President Roff stated he will attend the next Board of Directors meeting at the annual conference.

5. Advocacy Report

President Roff stated last year's legislative agenda is still pertinent and invited Mr. Ryan Matthews, Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs - FLC, to give an update.

Mr. Matthews stated the House left on day 57; that matters were strained between the Governor, House and Senate; that 10 priorities were developed through the Policy Committee process; that some of the priorities were Municipal Police Officer and Firefighter Pensions; Communications Services Taxes, Water, Developments of Regional Impact, Enterprise Zones, Transportation Funding, Transportation Network Companies, Sober Homes and Homelessness Funding.

Mr. Matthews stated some of the Bills that passed were Municipal Police Officer and Firefighter Pensions, Sober Homes, Local Construction Preference Preemption, Municipal Skate Parks and the All American Flag Act.

Mr. Matthews stated most bills of hot debate failed including Water, Fracking, Utility Relocation, Public Records, Transportation Network Companies, Transportation Funding, Red Light Cameras, Homelessness Funding, Enterprise Zones, Special Assessment for Law Enforcement and Backyard Gun Ranges.

Mr. Matthews stated the next Session will begin again in nine (9) weeks; that now is the time to get with your local representatives and advocate your priorities; that the next Policy Committee Meeting is on July 17, 2015; that the Annual Conference in Orlando, FL is August 13 – 15, 2015.

Vice President Yates invited Mr. Dudley to give a recap. Mr. Dudley stated he would prefer to review how cities can receive a larger stipend from FLC by buying some of the services FLC offers such as insurance products, workers' compensation and property casualty.

Discussion ensued about the Department of Economic Opportunity contracts and Enterprise Zone budgets. Mr. Dudley stated he will have Mr. David Cruz with FLC's Growth Management & Economic Affairs follow up with more information for MSLC Members.

Mr. Dudley stated FLC is available to assist cities with legislative information, rules, agency problems and communication with other states on how they are handling similar issues; that FLC will not offer legal advice; that cities need to complete and turn in City Stat Surveys; that Liane Schrader is the FLC contact person for City Stat Surveys; that cities should forward copies of their adopted ordinances to FLC for information purposes; that the FLC Policy Committees provide a great opportunity for cities to communicate with each other.

Discussion ensued about Elected Municipal Officials (EMO) training, FLC University located in Orlando, and the benefits of Municode.

Vice President Yates stated a Utility Task Force has been created and distributed an Utility Relocation Survey. Vice President Yates encouraged Members to complete and turn in all surveys to FLC. Vice President Yates stated a Ride for Hire services Task Force has also been created and Members should get involved.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion Re: Proposed revision of the ManaSota League of Cities By-Laws – President Roff

President Roff distributed a revision of the final draft of the ManaSota League of Cities By-Laws and stated there are only two (2) changes which were talked about at previous meetings; that "member municipality" needs to be added in four sections; that on the last page it should state "A two-thirds (2/3) vote of MSLC Board Members is required to suspend or waive any of these rules of the By-Laws".

President Roff stated previous MSLC President Jack Duncan has signed the By-Laws and called for a motion to accept and adopt the By-Laws.

Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Treasurer McKeon, to accept and adopt the ManaSota League of Cities By-Laws, which carried by a 7-0 vote.

President Roff distributed and read from an email he received on June 30, 2015 from Kandy Lee of the City of Sarasota which stated: "Also, in speaking with Pamela, she felt this would be a great opportunity for a different City Municipality to share the experience of working with the ManaSota League of Cities and the Florida League of Cities where new ideas and suggestions would be brought forth."

President Roff introduced Longboat Key Commissioner Lynn Larson and Longboat Key Town Clerk Trish Granger and stated he met with Longboat Key Town Manager Bullock and they have offered to assume the MSLC's responsibilities from the City of Sarasota; that the meeting site is a neutral location; that the $2,850.00 will be the same; that it is an adequate change; that Gail Loeffler might be available for hire for a short period of time to help with the transition.

Discussion ensued about the transferring of MSLC records, the need to look at records to determine which need to be kept, and how to legally dispose of records not needed.

Town Clerk Granger indicated that she was in contact with Ms. Loeffler a few weeks ago about the working for the Town of Longboat Key as part of its temp pool; that Longboat Key would invoice the MSLC for administrative services performed on ManaSota business.

Member Peelen made a motion, seconded by Member Williams to accept Town of Longboat Key's offer to resume MSLC's responsibilities from the City of Sarasota, which carried by a 7-0 vote.

Member Larson made a motion, seconded by Treasurer McKeon to legally request documents be transferred, which carried by a 7-0 vote.

Treasurer McKeon stated at a minimum a letter should be mailed to Mayor Shaw, City of Sarasota, acknowledging Pamela Nadalini, her staff and the City of Sarasota for being a wonderful host to MSLC.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion ensued about a joint meeting with other League associates, the issues of regionalization being discussed in other meetings, the need to add Utility Relocation to MSLC's priorities, the next MSLC meeting taking place in the Town of Longboat Key.

X. OTHER MATTERS

None

XI. FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular Meeting to be held on September 10, 2015.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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President Patrick Roff

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