

**MINUTES  
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015**

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

**Also Present:** Ex-Officio Member Sandra Haas-Martens, Ex-Officio Member Jack Duncan, Alternate Member Commissioner Irwin Pastor (Longboat Key), Administrative Coordinator Trish Granger and Assistant Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler

**Not Present:** Mayor Jack Clarke, City of Bradenton Beach

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Roff called to order the September 10, 2015, Regular Meeting of the Manasota League of Cities (MSLC) at 9:40 a.m., in the Longboat Key Town Hall Commission Chambers, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

1. At each meeting, time is set aside for the public to comment.

Members of the audience were recognized. President Roff expressed gratitude to the Town of Longboat Key for hosting the MSLC and to Town Clerk Trish Granger and Gail Loeffler for their assistance in coordinating the League.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2015.

**Vice President Yates moved to approve the Minutes of July 9, 2015, with the correction of the spelling of the name of Mayor DiFranco of North Port. The motion, seconded by Member Williams, carried by an 8-0 vote, as follows: Roff, yes; Yates, yes; McKeon, yes; Larson, yes; Murphy, yes; Peelen, yes; Shaw, yes; Williams, yes.**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

3. Special Presentations: No items were presented.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

4. Reports

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

B. President's Report – President Roff

President Roff reported that Edward Jones required that a Resolution be adopted to change the Treasurer to Kit McKeon and update information.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS** - Continued

4. Reports

B. President's Report – President Roff

**Member Peelen moved to approve the Resolution provided by Edward Jones. The motion, seconded by Member Williams, carried by an 8-0 vote, as follows: Roff, yes; Yates, yes; McKeon, yes; Larson, yes; Murphy, yes; Peelen, yes; Shaw, yes; Williams, yes.**

C. Vice President's Report – Vice President Yates

Vice President Yates reminded members the State-required 4-hour Ethics training for elected officials will be offered by the Florida League of Cities (FLC) and the Suncoast League of Cities at various locations, and must be completed by December 31, 2015.

D. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer McKeon

Treasurer McKeon distributed and reviewed the Edward Jones account statements for July and August 2015 and reported the balance as of August 28, 2015, was \$26,985.62.

E. Administrative Coordinator Report – Trish Granger

MSLC Administrative Coordinator Trish Granger introduced Longboat Key Town Manager Dave Bullock. Mr. Bullock welcomed members and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to host the MSLC. Deputy Town Clerk Jo Ann Mixon was introduced and stated she was available to provide assistance when needed.

Ms. Granger reported on the following:

- A Business Tax Receipt was obtained for the MSLC to do business in the Town of Longboat Key.
- The By-laws amendment and updated contact and corporate information has been filed with the State of Florida Division of Corporations.
- The MSLC membership list will be changed to reflect Commissioner Irwin Pastor as the Alternate Member for the Town of Longboat Key.
- The City of Sarasota 2016 Legislative Priorities list was received.
- Numerous emails are received from the FLC and the Suncoast League of Cities and are forwarded by email to MSLC members. A list of e-mail publications was distributed, and members were requested to review the list and indicate whether they would like to continue to receive the publications via forwarded email or opt-out.
- The FLC requested regional leagues to consider scheduling a presentation from Representative Kristin Jacobs regarding the FLC Regional Compact Initiative.

**The Board requested to invite Representative Jacobs to make a presentation at a future meeting.**

Ms. Granger commented her office was available to serve the League, and to contact her office whenever assistance was needed.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS** - Continued

4. Reports

E. Administrative Coordinator Report – Trish Granger

**The Board requested that both a hard copy and emailed copy of meeting materials be provided well in advance of meetings.**

Representative Roff recognized Danny Bilyeu, District Representative of Congressman Vern Buchanan, who was present in the audience.

F. Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities (FLC) – District Director Roff

District Director Roff reported that he attended a meeting of the FLC Board of Directors at the FLC Annual Conference in August and that newly elected FLC President Matthew Surrency announced that his platform for the year will be the Florida Regional Compact Initiative.

District Director Roff stated he would be attending future FLC Board meetings and that the FLC will pay travel expenses for some of the meetings; the MSLC traditionally bears the cost of the travel to attend the meeting of the FLC Board at the Legislative Conference and Legislative Action Day in Tallahassee, for which he would be submitting requests for travel reimbursement. The City of Bradenton would pay his travel expenses to attend the FLC Annual Conference.

G. Advocacy Report

President Roff reported the FLC FAST Fly-In to Washington, D.C., would be in October, and requested authorization to attend on behalf of the MSLC. President Roff provided a summary of the issues to be discussed during the FLC FAST Fly-In.

**Member Peelen moved to authorize President Roff to participate in the FLC FAST Fly-In at the expense of the MSLC. The motion, seconded by Treasurer McKeon, carried by an 8-0 vote, as follows: Roff, yes; Yates, yes; McKeon, yes; Larson, yes; Murphy, yes; Peelen, yes; Shaw, yes; Williams, yes.**

Discussion ensued concerning advocacy efforts and opportunities.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5. Legislative Priorities

A. 2016 Legislative Priorities Discussion – President Roff

Discussion ensued with regard to the MSLC 2016 Legislative Priorities in which President Roff commented that the deadline for sending the list of priorities to the Manatee County Legislative Delegation was prior to the MSLC September 10, 2015, meeting; noting the list of priorities were submitted using the 2015 list with the addition of a priority concerning the relocation of utilities.

Discussion ensued regarding the addition of a priority to support legislation that repeals the State preemption of the regulation of vacation rental properties, would allow local government regulation of such properties, and permit grandfathered local governments to modify their short-term vacation rental regulations without penalty.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - Continued

**5. Legislative Priorities**

**A. 2016 Legislative Priorities Discussion – President Roff**

**Member Peelen moved to include the regulation of vacation rentals on the list of 2016 Priorities. The motion, seconded by Member Shaw, carried by an 8-0 vote as follows: Roff, yes; Yates, yes; McKeon, yes; Larson, yes; Murphy, yes; Peelen, yes; Shaw, yes; Williams, yes.**

Discussion ensued regarding adding a priority in support of a funding source for programs and projects for water quality preservation and enhancement and to support legislation for State assistance in the efforts of local governments to mitigate and adapt to the impact of sea level rise.

**Member Williams moved to include the issue of sea level rise and water quality/quantity on the list of 2016 legislative priorities. The motion, seconded by Member McKeon, carried by an 8-0 vote, as follows: Roff, yes; Yates, yes; McKeon, yes; Larson, yes; Murphy, yes; Peelen, yes; Shaw, yes; Williams, yes. (8-0)**

**Vice President Yates moved to add to the 2016 Legislative Priorities the two priorities that were discussed and agreed to today. The motion, seconded by Member Shaw, carried by an 8-0 vote, as follows: Roff, yes; Yates, yes; McKeon, yes; Larson, yes; Murphy, yes; Peelen, yes; Shaw, yes; Williams, yes.**

**B. Sarasota County Legislative Delegation Hearing, October 2, 2015 – President Roff**

President Roff stated he presented the 2016 MSLC Legislative Priorities to the Manatee County Legislative Delegation at the November 14, 2015, hearing and Treasurer McKeon agreed to present the 2016 Legislative Priorities to the Sarasota County Legislative Delegation at the hearing on October 2, 2015, in the Sarasota County Commission Chambers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**6. Travel Process Discussion**

Information was distributed outlining the Travel Process for members who travel on behalf of the MSLC.

**7. Joint Meetings with Municipalities Located in the Southwest Region of Florida – President Roff**

City of Punta Gorda Councilwoman Rachel Keesling spoke concerning the possibility of the MSLC and the Southwest Florida League of Cities holding a joint meeting to open dialogue on mutual issues and concerns from a regional aspect.

**Subsequent to discussion, there was consensus that the request for a joint meeting be delegated to President Roff to discuss with the President of the Southwest Florida League of Cities.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Travel**

Member Larson requested the MSLC pay the registration fee (\$450.00) for her attendance at the upcoming conference of the National League of Cities (NLC) in Nashville.

**Subsequent to discussion, there was consensus that MSLC funds were earmarked for members travel for lobbying purposes and the criteria for this request was not met.**

Note: Member Shaw left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

**B. Ordinances**

**Member Peelen requested and there was consensus to request that members of MSCL send copies of their municipalities ordinances governing vacation rental electronically to Assistant Administrative Coordinator Loeffler for distribution to members.**

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

**8. Next Meeting: November 12, 2015 and discussion of 2016 Meeting Schedule**

The meeting schedule for 2016 was accepted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Patrick Roff, President  
Submitted by: Gail Loeffler

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_