MINUTES
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2016

Present: Vice President Brian Williams (Palmetto), Treasurer Kit McKeon (Venice), Commissioner Carol Carter (Anna Maria), Councilman Patrick Roff (Bradenton), Commissioner Jean Peelen (Holmes Beach), Commissioner Irwin Pastor (Longboat Key), Mayor Willie Shaw (Sarasota), Mayor William Shearon (Bradenton Beach)

Absent: President Linda Yates (North Port)

Also Present: Administrative Coordinator Trish Granger and Assistant Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Williams called the November 10, 2016, Regular Meeting of the ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) to order at 9:35 a.m. in the Town of Longboat Key Commission Chamber, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice President Williams announced President Yates would not be in attendance due to a family emergency and recognized members of the audience.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Opportunity for Public to Address Board

A. Florida Constitution Revision Commission

Florida League of Cities (FLC) Assistant General Counsel David Cruz provided information regarding the Florida Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) process. Mr. Cruz showed a slide presentation and commented on the following topics/issues:

- purpose of CRC, appointment of members, process and procedures
- deadline of February 5, 2017, for applications to serve on CRC
- timeline of meetings, deadlines for proposals, and submission to voters
- need for a municipal elected official to serve
- goal to have FLC President Mayor Susan Haynie appointed
- develop long-term strategy to evaluate issues benefiting municipal governments and include a municipal representative in the CRC process.

Discussion ensued on the following topics/issues:

- request for letters of support from MSLC and member municipalities in support of the appointment of municipal officials to the 2017-18 CRC
- request that copies of letters be provided to local legislative delegation members to promote appointment of a municipal elected official to the CRC
- attend CRC meetings locally to speak about municipal issues.

Subsequent to discussion, Member Roff moved MSLC write a letter to Governor Rick Scott, Florida House Speaker-Designate Richard Corcoran, and Florida Senate President-Designate Joe Negron in support of the appointment of Mayor Susan Haynie to the CRC. The motion, seconded by Member Shaw, carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2016

Member Shaw moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2016. The motion, seconded by Member Roff, carried unanimously on a voice vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3. Presentation Re: Local government regulation of vessel noise on Florida Intercoastal Waterway – Maggie Mooney-Portale, Town Attorney, Longboat Key

Longboat Key Town Attorney Mooney-Portale commented she was invited by President Yates to speak as a follow up to a presentation given to the Florida League of Cities (FLC) regarding regulation of vessel noise on the waterway and gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Regulating Vessel Noise on the Florida Intracoastal Waterway." The following topics/issues were discussed:

- lack of municipal government authority to regulate nuisance noise and sound pollution emanating from the water
- need for clarification of Florida Statutes relating to municipal home rule on regulation of noise on the waterway
- FLC decision not to include the issue as a priority for the next legislative session
- Town of Longboat Key decision not to pursue the issue, but to bring awareness to other municipalities.

Following discussion, there was consensus to take no action at the current time.

Vice President Williams thanked Attorney Mooney-Portale for the presentation.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4. Reports

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

B. President's Report: No items were presented.

C. Vice President's Report

Vice President Williams commented that the FLC FAST Fly-In to Washington, D.C. was scheduled for February 7-8, 2017, and President Yates may have an interest in participating. Treasurer McKeon and Member Shaw indicated they would also like to attend.

Member Roff moved to approve travel expenses for President Yates, Treasurer McKeon and Member Shaw to attend the FLC FAST Fly-In. The motion, seconded by Member Shearon, carried unanimously on a voice vote.

D. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer McKeon reviewed the Treasurer's Report and noted the account balance as of October 31, 2016.

Member Roff moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion, seconded by Member Shaw, carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - Continued
4. Reports - Continued - Continued
E. Administrative Coordinator's Report
Administrative Coordinator Granger commented the agenda packet included a draft letter to newly elected officials offering congratulations and providing information regarding educational opportunities, per Board direction.

Subsequent to discussion, there was consensus to approve the letter with the inclusion of dates for training opportunities.

Administrative Coordinator Granger commented a notice was received of a meeting of Local/Regional League Directors/Presidents/Vice Presidents scheduled for December 7, 2016, in conjunction with the FLC Annual Legislative Conference, and inquired about travel expenses to attend the meeting.

Subsequent to discussion, Treasurer McKeon moved to approve travel of President Yates for the Local/Regional League Directors/Presidents/Vice Presidents meeting. The motion, seconded by Member Roff, carried unanimously on a voice vote.

F. Florida League of Cities' (FLC) Board of Directors: No items were presented.

G. Advocacy Reports:
1. Urban Administration Policy Committee
Member Peelen noted the FLC Urban Administration Policy Committee narrowed its legislative priorities to short term rentals and abuses of the Public Records Act and commented on private property rights of citizens and short term rental property owners and the effort to rebrand the issue to provide authority to municipalities to regulate uses.

Member Shaw commented the Urban Administration Committee also noted the number of corporate entities that have entered the conversation about short term rentals, and a much larger interest has developed since the private property rights of individuals was added.

2. Environmental Policy Committee
Vice President Williams commented with regard to the FLC Environmental Policy Committee and noted discussions regarding water quality and sea level rise. Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- need to control dumping of human waste into the water systems and algae bloom release from Lake Okeechobee
- recent meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) and the focus on water quality and clean water
- monitoring of water quality and sea level rise issues by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
- awarding of attorney fees in public records lawsuits.

Subsequent to discussion, there was consensus to follow up with Senator Greg Steube and Representative James Grant to discuss filing a bill similar to legislation filed last year in this regard.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Continued discussion Re: 2017 Legislative Priorities – Vice President Williams

Language changes to the 2017 Legislative Priorities were considered.

Subsequent to discussion regarding a change in language to the Relocation of Utilities priority as proposed by President Yates, there was consensus to leave it as stated in the 2016 legislative priorities, and if President Yates had any objections, a special meeting could be called to continue the discussion.

Discussion ensued and there was consensus to change the language of the Tourist Development Tax priority to state: "increase the number of counties that may receive 10% of tourist tax revenue by changing the population size requirement of counties eligible from 225,000 to 400,000." (See item later this meeting.)

6. Continued Discussion Re: Manatee and Sarasota County Legislative Delegation Hearings – Vice President Williams

Discussion ensued concerning the Manatee and Sarasota County Legislative Delegation meetings.

The Board requested an updated list of Manatee and Sarasota Counties Legislative Delegation members.

Ms. Kathy Galea, Legislative Assistant to Senator Bill Galvano, advised the Manatee Legislative Delegation hearing was scheduled for December 20, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. in the Manatee County Commission Chamber, and handouts were due by Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Ms. Galea noted the Manatee Delegation members for 2017 consisted of Senator Bill Galvano, Representative Jim Boyd, and Representative Wengay Newton, Sr.

NEW BUSINESS

7A. Discussion Re: Role of Florida League of Cities' Legislative Committee members travel expenses to attend meetings – Vice President Williams: No discussion was held.

7B. Discussion Re: Change start time of meetings

Vice President Williams requested consideration of changing the January and March 2017 meeting start times to 10:00 a.m. due to seasonal traffic.

Member Peelen moved to change the meeting time from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for January and March 2017 meetings. The motion, seconded by Member Carter, carried unanimously on a voice vote.

MEMBER COMMENTS

8. Member Comments

A. Elections

Member Carter commented after the Anna Maria City Commission election in November, the vote was contested by a candidate based on a residency requirement, and expressed concern about whose responsibility it was to verify residency, if not the local Supervisor of Elections. Discussion ensued on the appropriate agency to contact on the matter and the main purpose of the MSLC to lobby on issues at the state and federal level.

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MEMBER COMMENTS - Continued
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B. Membership
Member Roff commented that the City of Bradenton will be making appointments to various boards and advised he would seek reappointment to the MSLC but also provide an opportunity for another Council member to serve in Bradenton's seat.

C. Attendance
Vice President Williams recognized members of the audience Ms. Kathy Galea and Ms. Macy Smith from the office of Senator Galvano and Manatee County Commissioner Carol Whitmore.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Continued
5. Continued discussion Re: 2017 Legislative Priorities - Continued
Subsequent to discussion on adoption of the legislative priorities discussed earlier in the meeting, Treasurer McKeon moved to adopt the 2017 Legislative Priorities as discussed and amended. The motion, seconded by Member Carter, carried unanimously on a voice vote.

MEETING SCHEDULE
9. Next Meeting
Next regular meeting scheduled for January 12, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT
Vice President Williams adjourned the November 10, 2016, meeting at 11:32 a.m.

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Brian Williams, Vice President

Submitted by: Gail Loeffler, Assistant Administrative Coordinator

Minutes Approved: _____

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