

FLAGLER LEAGUE OF CITIES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at 12:00 Noon

Commission Chamber

City of Flagler Beach

105 S. Second Street

Flagler Beach, Florida 32136

MINUTES

Present: Flagler Beach Mayor Linda Provencher, Marineland Mayor Leslie Babonis, Bunnell Mayor Catherine Robinson, Beverly Beach Mayor Steve Emmett, Palm Coast Mayor Milissa Holland via telephone and Flagler Beach City Clerk Penny Overstreet.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag:** Chair Provencher called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.
2. **Approve of the Minutes of July 24, 2019:** Motion by Catherine Robinson to approve the July 24, 2019 minutes. Mayor Steve Emmett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Mayor Emmett reported the account held \$3,933.88. Mayor Emmett advised he was signing up to receive electronic statements to waive the \$2.00 per month fee.
4. **Old Business:** None.
5. **New Business:** None.
6. **Reports:**
 - **City of Beverly Beach:** Mayor Emmett commented the dune replacement project is complete in Beverly Beach, but the storm and high tides have removed a lot of that sand. Mayor Provencher suggested he contact Jerry Cameron, Flagler County Administrator, to see when the sand would be replaced. Mayor Holland suggested the group speak with John Netts, Florida Inland Navigation District, about the excess sand they have from dredging. Mayor Emmett mentioned two seats are to term for the next election and one of the incumbents will not be running again. Mayor Emmett commented the budget meetings went well and the Town is doing well financially.
 - **City of Bunnell:** Mayor Robinson stated the City of Bunnell made it through budget with no Finance Department. Mayor Robinson stated Mr. Cameron, Flagler County Administrator, graciously assisted the city by sending over two experienced members of County Staff to assist them. They have now hired a finance director and an accountant. Mayor Robinson stated their City Manager developed a strategic plan through meetings with staff and the officials. Mayor Robinson spoke of the expense with the land lease and associated crossing repairs for the train infrastructure that runs through the City of Bunnell. Mayor Robinson stated the seats held by John Rogers and Jan Reager will be on the March ballot. Discussion ensued regarding the homeless cold weather shelter in Bunnell. Mayor Robinson believes the safety council should be the agency working on the homeless situation, and also spoke of the zoning issues with the

Sheltering Tree. Mayor Provencher suggested the Mayors, as a group, speak with the Safety Council and ask them to come up with a plan sooner rather than later.

- **City of Flagler Beach:** Mayor Provencher reviewed the highlights of the budget process, stating the budget focused on employee retention and infrastructure projects. Mayor Provencher provided an update regarding the Gardens Project, stating it is still in the Technical Review Process at the County. Mayor Provencher advised the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) project is scheduled to begin next March. The Florida Department of Transportation Project is ongoing. Mayor Provencher reported Flagler County will hold a workshop next month about obtaining the easements for the ACOE and Beach Replenishment being done by the County.
- **City of Marineland:** Mayor Babonis reported the Dolphin Experience Park has decided to build a water park. The Planner is reviewing their code currently to see if it could be permitted, Flagler County manages their Building Permit applications. The Town of Marineland is currently renegotiating their contract with the Marina Manager, discussion ensued. Suggestions were made to contact the Public Marina in St. Augustine to see how they handle management.
- **City of Palm Coast:** Mayor Holland spoke of the Medical University expansion of University of North Florida (UNF) to Palm Coast. Mayor Holland spoke excitedly about the proposal for tuition reimbursement, if after graduation the student is employed in the North East district from Jacksonville to Brevard, and that all of the area hospitals have signed on. Mayor Holland stated they are still going through the last of the approval process and that the Senate and Governor need to sign off on it. Palm Coast will be active in the Legislation process this year. The Palm Coast City Manager has been asked to share information and promote the project at the monthly manager meetings. Mayor Holland stated this is a \$22-million-dollar project. Palm coast is contributing about \$1.5 million, and Advent Health will build a \$5 million-dollar lab. Mayor Holland advised the state looks to a formula that shows community support. This campus will teach all levels of the medical field, not just nursing. Master and Bachelor degrees will be offered at the facility as well. Another item of interest is direct job coalition, so a family can remain here in the county and raise a new family. The hope is Flagler County will be the Medical Hub of the region. Discussion ensued regarding the FEMA and Florida Division of Emergency Management issues that were/are still being encountered regarding reimbursement. Mayor Holland offered to craft language to convey the issues the cities in the county have encountered. A discussion on the Census Complete Count Committee and the new program of emailing forms vs paper mailings ensued.

7. **Set date and time for next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held in Marineland on January 22, 2020 at noon.
8. **Call for Adjournment:** Motion by Mayor Babonis to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 p.m. Mayor Emmett seconded the motion.