

**MINUTES
MANASOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING (Hybrid)
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

Present: President Jim Kihm (Holmes Beach), Vice President Jen Ahearn-Koch (Sarasota), Commissioner Carol Carter (Anna Maria), Commissioner B.J. Bishop (Longboat Key), Councilman Joe Neunder (Venice), Councilman Patrick Roff (Bradenton), Mayor John Chappie (Bradenton Beach)

Absent: Treasurer Brian Williams (Palmetto), Commissioner Debbie McDowell (North Port)

Also Present: Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler and Deputy Town Clerk Savannah Cobb

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Kihm called the Regular Meeting of the Manasota League of Cities (MSLC) to order at 9:30 a.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Special Presentations

A. "All Clams on Deck" – Mr. Sandy Gilbert, Chairman & CEO of Solutions to Avoid Red Tide (START)

Mr. Sandy Gilbert, Chairman and CEO of START, commented on water quality and provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Gulf Coast Initiative "All Clams on Deck."

3. Public to be Heard

No items were presented.

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 13, 2021.

Member Bishop moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 13, 2021. The motion, seconded by Member Ahearn-Koch, carried unanimously.

5. Reports and Communications

A. President Report

President Kihm noted he would not be seeking a third term as City of Holmes Beach Commissioner, and November 4, 2021 would be his last Manasota League of Cities meeting. He commented on Florida League of Cities' (FLC) request to appoint a member to the FLC Fast Committee.

B. Vice President's Report

Vice President Ahearn-Koch commented on the FLC Annual Conference, PFAS (Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances), National League of Cities, and tree protection.

C. Treasurer's Report

Administrative Coordinator Loeffler reported the current Edward Jones' account balance versus the balance last year.

Member Bishop moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion, seconded by Member Chappie, carried unanimously.

D. Administrative Coordinator's Report

Administrative Coordinator Gail Loeffler commented Legislative Delegation appointments, 2022 Legislative Priorities, ethics class opportunities, and FLC Fast Committee.

E. Florida League of Cities' (FLC) Board of Directors

No items were presented.

F. Florida League of Cities (FLC) Legislative Committee Member Reports

No items were presented.

G. Advocacy and Key Contact Reports

No items were presented.

6. Old Business

No items were presented.

7. New Business

A. Finalize 2022 Legislative Priorities

President Kihm noted the proposed 2022 Legislative Priorities. Individual comments followed.

There was consensus to move Tourist Tax to priority number two.

Note: Member Bishop left the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

B. Appoint member(s) to present legislative priorities to Sarasota County Legislative Delegation on September 30, 2021, and Manatee County Legislative Delegation (date TBA).

There was consensus to appoint Member Nuender to present legislative priorities to the Sarasota County Legislative Delegation, and Member Kihm to present legislative priorities to the Manatee County Legislative Delegation.

8. Member Comments

Manasota League of Cities/President Kihm

Member Nuender noted he was happy to have in-person meetings again, and thanked President Kihm for his service.

City of Anna Maria/Golf Carts

Member Carter commented on issues regarding golf cart safety on Anna Maria Island, and implementing stickers on each golf cart with rules/safety regulations.

President Kihm

Member Roff applauded President Kihm's service as President of Manasota League of Cities.

9. Meeting Schedule

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

10. Adjournment

President Kihm adjourned the September 9, 2021, Regular Meeting at 11:13 a.m.


Jen Ahearn-Koch, Vice President

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Regular Meeting Minutes

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Submitted by: Savannah Cobb, Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes Approved: 1/13/2022