



SUNCOAST LEAGUE OF CITIES

Suncoast League of Cities
 Business Meeting
 Hosted by the City of St. Pete Beach
 Friday, February 20, 2015

Minutes

Attendees

	Name	Association
1	<i>Thom Barnhorn, Vice Mayor</i>	City of Seminole
2	<i>Alan Bildz, Commissioner</i>	City of Treasure Island
3	<i>Patricia Bildz</i>	Guest
4	<i>John Carroll, Commissioner</i>	City of Largo
5	<i>Max Elson, Commissioner</i>	City of South Pasadena
6	<i>Terri Finnerty, Commissioner</i>	City of St. Pete Beach
7	<i>Rebecca Haynes, City Clerk</i>	City of St. Pete Beach
8	<i>Bill Johnson, Council Member</i>	City of Clearwater
9	<i>Terry Lister, Council Member</i>	City of Madeira Beach
10	<i>Michael Petruccelli, Commissioner</i>	City of Indian Shores
11	<i>Elaine Poe, Commissioner</i>	City of Madeira Beach
12	<i>Gregory Premer, Commissioner</i>	City of St. Pete Beach
13	<i>Jim Quinn, Council Member</i>	City of Seminole
14	<i>Tom Shelly, Commissioner</i>	Town of Belleair
15	<i>Jack Nazario, Commissioner</i>	City of Belleair Bluffs
16	<i>Jay Jagielski</i>	Waste Management
17	<i>Roberta Jagielski</i>	Waste Management
18	<i>Laurie Laurent, Principal</i>	Solutions Insurance
19	<i>Tracy Meehan, Marketing Manager</i>	Waste Pro
20	<i>Renee O'Neal, Agent</i>	Solutions Insurance
21	<i>Estella Gray, Govt.t Affairs Prog. Manager</i>	SWFWMD
22	<i>Colleen Thayer, Public Affairs Bureau Chief</i>	SWFWMD
23	<i>Doug Izzo, Government Affairs</i>	Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
24	<i>Becky Clayton, Staff</i>	SLC
25	<i>Robyn Odegard, Staff</i>	Florida Institute of Government

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Alan Bildz, President. Greg Premer, Commissioner, City of St. Pete Beach, welcomed the group to the city. Alan then asked each person to introduce themselves. After the introductions, Alan Bildz, conducted the invocation and pledge of allegiance and invited everyone to eat lunch.

Alan Bildz asks for approval of the minutes for the January meeting. Jack Nazario, Commissioner, City of Belleair Bluffs, requested a change be made to reflect his correct title as Commissioner. A motion was made by Tom Shelly, Commissioner, Town of Belleair, to approve the minutes with the change noted by Jack Nazario, seconded by Jim Quinn, Council Member, City of Seminole. Motion passed.

Guest Speakers

Alan Bildz introduced Doug Izzo from the Tampa Bay Area Beaches Chamber of Commerce. Doug provided an overview of the Chamber and described a regional trip that they would be making to Tallahassee March 25th and 26th. He invited SLC members to join them on the trip. Doug then passed out a brochure about the planned trip. Thom Barnhorn, Council Member, City of Seminole, asked about their legislative agenda and expressed concern that their some of their priorities may conflict with the priorities of the League. Doug Izzo offered to send their Legislative Agenda to Becky Clayton so that she can distribute to SLC members for review.

Jack Nazario, Commissioner, City of Belleair Bluffs, offered his willingness to support The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce on issues that both parties agree on.

Alan Bildz then introduced Colleen Thayer, Public Affairs Bureau Chief, Southwest Florida Water Management District. Colleen provided a presentation outlining the water legislation that is being filed in both the Senate and House of Representatives for this year's legislative session. Colleen said that she would send the PowerPoint presentation to Becky Clayton so that she could send it out to members.

Alan Bildz also introduced Tracey Meehan of Waste Pro. Tracey noted that she is on the Keep Pinellas Beautiful board and encouraged everyone to join the Great American Clean Up March 12 from 9-4 and suggested that members consider having their cities organize a clean-up for the event.

Tracey Meehan addressed the 'Slow down and move over Law.' Tracey explained that this law provides for drivers to slow down and pull over for waste vehicles. Tracey stated that their drivers are still reporting 3-4 incidences a day of dangerous circumstances and non-compliance by drivers and therefore more awareness is needed.

President's Report

Alan Bildz provided an update on the league's goals and objectives. He stated that since advocacy is the primary focus this year that now is the time to get involved. He reported that the advocacy team has pledged to be in Tallahassee every week during session.

Alan Bildz asked members to review the Financial Update. He noted that the bottom line is better than last year.

Alan Bildz then welcomed new member; the City of Largo and 2 new Associate Members; Calvin Giordano and Associates and Solutions Insurance. Alan welcomed John Carroll who has been designated to represent the City of Largo and Laurie Laurenty and Renee O'Neal from Solutions Insurance as a new Associate Member.

Alan Bildz announced that the next Annual SLC Awards Dinner would be held on May 16. Alan stated that the executive committee has discussed two options for the event, St. Pete Yacht Club and the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa. Alan led a discussion on the pros and cons for both locations. Tom Shelly, Commissioner, Town of Belleair, made a motion to hold

the 2015 Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner at the St. Pete Yacht Club. Seconded by Jack Nazario, Commissioner, City of Belleair Bluffs. Motion passed.

Alan Bildz noted that the next monthly business meeting and lunch will be held in Dunedin at the Cultural Arts Center on March 20 at 11:30 am. The registration form is in the packet.

Legislative Committee

Tom Shelly, Commissioner, Town of Belleair, asked members who would be attending the upcoming legislative action days. Tom announced that the Pinellas Legislation Delegation meeting would be held on February 24th at 9am at the USF St. Pete Campus. Becky Clayton stated that information concerning the location was sent out to members last week. Tom Shelly discussed the homelessness bill sponsored by Rep. Peters and noted that the deadline for returning letters is today. Becky Clayton stated that the letter is in the meeting packet and if anyone would like to sign it today she would email the letter to Kathy Till before the close of business.

Announcements

Becky Clayton announced that the Florida League of Cities have offered to work with the SLC to provide two Ethics Training sessions this spring. Becky said that both sessions have been scheduled. The first session will take place on April 17th from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Largo Public Library. The monthly SLC meeting will be held immediately following the training. Becky suggested that the April meeting might be conducted as a lunch and networking opportunity for those that have attended the Ethics training session. Thom Barnhorn, Council Member, City of Seminole, suggested that we seek a sponsor for the lunch to encourage training participants to attend. John Carroll, Commissioner, City of Largo offered to help find a sponsor for the lunch. Becky stated that the second session will take place in St. Petersburg at Sunken Gardens. She added that additional training will be scheduled for the fall and elected officials have until December 31 to complete the training. Becky agreed that priority for registration will be given to SLC members. Bill Johnson, Council Member, City of Clearwater, requested that the future trainings not be in the mornings. Becky Clayton agreed that both am and pm sessions are needed and stated that the May training in St. Pete will be in the afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.