



SUNCOAST LEAGUE OF CITIES

**Virtual Business Meeting
Meeting Notes
Hosted by City of Seminole
Agenda
Friday, October 16, 2020**

Attendees

1. Dan Saracki, City of Oldsmar
2. Jamie Robinson, City of Largo
3. Trish Springer, City of Seminole
4. Tyler Payne, City of Treasure Island
5. John Carroll, City of Largo
6. Mike Twitty, Pinellas County Property Appraiser
7. Thom Barnhorn, City of Seminole
8. April Thanos, City of Gulfport
9. Angela Crist, SLC Executive Director
10. Joe Barkley, City of Belleair Bluffs
11. Robert Blackmon, City of St. Petersburg
12. Sandra Bradbury, City of Pinellas Park
13. Allison Payne, Florida League of Cities
14. Tony Ortiz, FLC President
15. Kathleen Beckman, City of Clearwater
16. Mary Edenfield, Florida League of Cities
17. Ann Toney-Deal, City of Seminole
18. Megan Shaver, City of Orlando
19. Jim Olliver, City of Seminole
20. Eryn Russell, Florida League of Cities
21. Mike Petrucelli, Town of Indian Shores, FL
22. Jim Quinn, City of Seminole
23. Cheri Donahue, City of Temple Terrace
24. Tracy Meehan, Waste Pro
25. Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas

The Business Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by SLC President, Dan Saracki, City of Oldsmar. President Saracki has all members and guests to introduce themselves. Please see list above for those in attendance.

Trish Springer, City of Seminole, provided a Special Welcome from the City. Dan Saracki introduced the Florida League of Cities President, Tony Ortiz, City of Orlando as the guest speaker. President Ortiz spoke about his initiative "Building Stronger Cities" which focuses on the importance of citizen education and engagement in support of Home Rule in Florida. Home Rule allows citizens and local governments to make decisions that are best for their communities. And a more knowledgeable community means more local voices making local choices that are unique to each of Florida's 411 cities, towns and villages. President Ortiz also spoke about some key legislative priorities of the league such as short-term rentals, CRA's, affordable housing and 5G technology. Kathleen Beckman inquired on any new legislation regarding



unattended/derelict boats. John Carroll, City of Largo asked President Ortiz to utilize the leaders of the Suncoast League to assist with his initiative especially SLC President, Dan Saracki.

President Saracki asked everyone to review the minutes from the August 28th meeting. A motion was made by Mike Petruccelli, Town of Indian Shores and seconded by John Carroll, City of Largo to approve the meeting notes from the August 28th meeting. Motion Passed. President Saracki then reviewed the financial statement. John Carroll, City of Largo made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Seconded by Sandra Bradbury, City of Pinellas Park. Motion Passed. President Saracki asked the Executive Director to review the agreement with the FIOG for association management services. Dan Saracki commented on the value of the relationship with the USF FIOG. Jim Quinn, City of Seminole made a motion to approve the agreement between the USF FIOG and the SLC. Seconded by Cheri Donahue, City of Temple Terrace. Motion Passed.

President Saracki spoke about his Presidents' Initiative and how the SLC Executive Committee has been meeting regularly with legislators as well as reaching out to county officials to try and maintain constant communication regarding regional issues. Trish Springer, SLC 4th VP mentioned the Executive Committee has spoken with Representative Jamie Grant, Senator Brandes and Senator Hooper. Councilman Saracki also mentioned that the Executive Committee and the Executive Director have been working with local elected officials from other SLC members to encourage greater participation. Angela Crist, Executive Director, spoke about the new website and possible "live" date. There was discussion regarding the upcoming SLC business meetings and the need to hold them face-to-face or virtually. Several members expressed their concern for holding face-to-face meetings considering the increase in COVID positive cases. The membership agreed to try the December 11th meeting as face-to-face with a virtual option for those members who would not be comfortable face-to-face. The membership decided for some to attend the FLC Legislative Conference in person in November, followed by a virtual legislative roundtable on November 20th and the hybrid option for the December 11th meeting.

Jamie Robinson, 2nd VP and the SLC Legislative Committee Chair spoke about the work the Executive Committee had been doing as it related to the possible SLC 2020-2021 Legislative Priorities. Specifically, he mentioned the need for additional funding for cities due to the COVID-19 crisis, infrastructure and water resources and the need to revamp the sales and use tax collection process. Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas, spoke about the loss of revenue to municipalities and the need for infrastructure funding flexibility from the state. Chair Robinson spoke about the September 10th Legislative Roundtable with Representative Jennifer Webb, District 69. He also reminded members of the FLC Legislative Conference on November 12 & 13 and the SLC Legislative Roundtable with Senator Brandes and Senator Hooper.

Old Business—NONE

New Business—President Saracki talked about the Stanley Cup visiting the City of Oldsmar.

Announcements—Dan welcomed Tracey Meehan, Waste Pro to say a few words as one of the SLC associate members. Tracy spoke about current initiatives within Waste Pro and offered help to SLC members

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 pm.