



SUNCOAST LEAGUE OF CITIES

Suncoast League of Cities

Business Meeting

Hosted by the City of St. Pete Beach

Friday, January 20, 2017

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Minutes

Attendees

	Name	Association
1	<i>Thomas Barnhorn, Commissioner</i>	City of Seminole
2	<i>Joe Barkley, Commissioner</i>	City of Belleair Bluffs
3	<i>Joel Brown, Govt. Affairs Program Mgr.</i>	Southwest FL Water Mgt. District
4	<i>John Carroll, Commissioner</i>	City of Largo
5	<i>Judy DeBella Thomas, Councilwoman</i>	City of New Port Richey
6	<i>Cheri Donohue, Council Member</i>	City of Temple Terrace
7	<i>Wanda Dudley, Mayor</i>	Town of Kenneth City
8	<i>Roger Edelman, Council Member</i>	City of Seminole
9	<i>Amy Elliot, Manager</i>	Renew Financial
10	<i>Joe Farrell, Director of Public Affairs</i>	Pinellas Realtor Organization
11	<i>Terri Finnerty, Commissioner</i>	City of St. Pete Beach
12	<i>Heather Gracy, Commissioner</i>	City of Dunedin
13	<i>Andy Hanson, Account Executive</i>	Florida League of Cities
14	<i>Rebecca Haynes, City Clerk</i>	City of St. Pete Beach
15	<i>Lari Johnson, Commissioner</i>	City of South Pasadena
16	<i>Ray Jay Jagielski, Representative</i>	Waste Management
17	<i>Bill Jonson, Council Member</i>	City of Clearwater
18	<i>Todd Jasko, Partner</i>	Floridian Partners
19	<i>Mary Kassabaum, Govt. Affairs Specialist</i>	Southwest FL Water Mgt. District
20	<i>Jane Lastinger, Manager</i>	James Moore & Associates
21	<i>Cliff Mertz, Commissioner</i>	City of Safety Harbor
22	<i>Robert Mitchell, Principal Agent</i>	Mitchell Insurance Services, Inc.
23	<i>Gail Neidinger, Commissioner</i>	City of South Pasadena
24	<i>Devesh Nirmal, Senior Director</i>	Renew Financial
25	<i>Leslie Notaro, Mayor</i>	City of Belleair Beach
26	<i>Arthur Penny, Vice Mayor</i>	City of South Pasadena
27	<i>Kristi Pettit, Gas Sales & Public Affairs Mgt.</i>	Clearwater Gas System
28	<i>Jim Quinn, Council Member</i>	City of Seminole
29	<i>Dan Saracki, Council Member</i>	City of Oldsmar

30	<i>Deborah Schechner, Mayor</i>	City of St. Pete Beach
31	<i>Tom Shelly, Commissioner</i>	Town of Belleair
32	<i>Trish Springer, Councilor</i>	Town of Belleair
33	<i>Kelly Swisher, Municipal Marketing & Govt.</i>	Advanced Disposal
34	<i>Mike Suarez, Council Chair</i>	City of Tampa
35	<i>Leslie Waters, Mayor</i>	City of Seminole
36	<i>Becky Clayton, Staff</i>	SLC
37	<i>Angela Crist, Executive Director</i>	SLC

The January monthly business meeting was called to order at 11:45 AM by Arthur Penny, SLC President and Vice Mayor, City of South Pasadena. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves. He then invited Mayor Deborah Schechner to provide a welcome to the City of St. Pete Beach. Deborah Schechner welcomed everyone to the City and thanked the SLC for having the meeting at St. Pete Beach. She also thanked Skidder’s Restaurant for providing the food. Arthur Penny, President, provided the invocation and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Arthur Penny asked for approval of the minutes for the December 16, 2016 Business Meeting that was held at Cody’s Roadhouse in the City of Belleair Bluffs. A motion was made by Thom Barnhorn, Council Member, City of Seminole, to approve the minutes; seconded by John Carroll, Commissioner, City of Largo. Motion passed. Arthur Penny, President then asked everyone to help themselves to the lunch buffet.

Speakers

Arthur Penny, President, introduced Joel Brown, Government Affairs Manager and Mary Kassabaum, Government Affairs Specialist, from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Joel discussed possible legislative changes to the House Rules that would mean that all requests for state funding go through the cities representative in the House. Joel explained that he is the SWFWMD local government representative for this area. Joel then explained the SWFMD’s Cooperative Funding Initiative which covers up to 50 percent of the cost of projects that help create sustainable water resources, enhance conservation efforts, restore natural systems and provide flood protection. Joel gave some examples of projects funded and stated that if anyone had any questions about the initiative to call him. Mary Kassabaum stated that there is no legislation that has been filed yet concerning water resources. Angela Crist stated that since water quality and water quantity is a Legislative Priority for the Suncoast League to please keep her informed of any legislation that comes up. Arthur Penny thanked Joel and Mary for coming to the meeting.

President’s Report

Arthur Penny, President, asked everyone to review the Financial Statements included in their packet. Joe Barkley, Commissioner, City of Belleair Bluffs, made a motion to accept the finances as presented. Tom Shelly, Commissioner, Town of Belleair, seconded the motion. Motion passed. Arthur Penny recognized new associate members; Robert Mitchell, Robert Mitchell Insurance, Devesh Nirmal, Renew Financial and potential new member Kelly Swisher from Advanced Disposal and the Pinellas Realtor Organization. Arthur thanked Tom Shelly for bringing Pinellas Realtor Organization to the table. Angela Crist, Executive Director, stated that she attended the Pasco County Legislative Delegation meeting and that the Compact was very well received by Senator Latvala. She also said that she had sent the draft Compact to Rebecca O’Hare at the Florida League of Cities and that she had a few edits that she would include in the final draft that she would send out next week. She reminded everyone that the Compact is not a legal document but a commitment to cooperate and had added language to that effect in the final draft. Angela further stated that she would begin to schedule follow up meetings with potential partners and that she is scheduled to be on a panel at the TBRPC’s transportation summit on February 16th, 10:45-12:00 noon to introduce TAG Tampa Bay. All members are encouraged to attend.

Legislative Committee

Arthur Penny, President asked Tom Shelly, Commissioner, Town of Belleair to provide the Legislative update. Tom Shelly, Commissioner, Town of Belleair, stated that the Pinellas Legislative Delegation meeting would be at the Largo Library on January 31 and John Carroll will be speaking on behalf of the SLC and asked that SLC members attend. Angela Crist stated that revised draft of the Priorities for 2017 was in their packet and that this newer version would be printed and handed out at the Pinellas Delegation meeting. Tom Shelly asked everyone to review the 2017 Key Legislative Dates document in their packet and encouraged everyone to set up appointments with their senators and representatives if they were going to be in Tallahassee during session. Thom Barnhorn, Commissioner, City of Seminole, stated that he would be representing SLC for the FAST Fly-In, in Washington D.C. Tom Shelly, Commissioner, Town of Belleair, discussed who would be setting up the meetings for the FLC Legislative Action Days and polled who would be attending.

Announcements

Angela Crist stated that there would be an editorial meeting at the Tampa Bay Times that would include Scott Dudley, Arthur Penney and herself to discuss the 2017 Legislative Priorities. Angela also stated that the February meeting would include a discussion of the Slate of Officers for 2017-2018. An Ethics training class will be held in April in Belleair and an announcement will go out as soon as it is confirmed with the FLC.

Arthur Penny, President, thanked the City of St Pete Beach for hosting and sponsoring the meeting and lunch. He announced that the next meeting would be in South Pasadena and that registration information would be sent out next week. Thom Barnhorn, Commissioner, City of Seminole, made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Tom Shelly, Commissioner, Town of Belleair. The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm.