



SUNCOAST LEAGUE OF CITIES

Suncoast League of Cities
Business Meeting
Hosted by the City of Clearwater
Brighthouse Field
Friday, October 21, 2016
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Minutes

Attendees

	Name	Association
1	<i>Joe Barkley, Commissioner</i>	City of Belleair Bluffs
2	<i>Thomas Barnhorn, Commissioner</i>	City of Seminole
3	<i>Lana Beck, Government Relations Admin.</i>	City of Pinellas Park
4	<i>Whit Blanton, Executive Director</i>	FORWARD Pinellas
5	<i>Rosemarie Call, City Clerk</i>	City of Clearwater
6	<i>John Carroll, Commissioner</i>	City of Largo
7	<i>George Cretekos, Mayor</i>	City of Clearwater
8	<i>Judy DeBella-Thomas, Councilwoman</i>	City of New Port Richey
9	<i>Cheri Donohue, Council Member</i>	City of Temple Terrace
10	<i>Wanda Dudley, Mayor</i>	Town of Kenneth City
11	<i>William Eichorn</i>	Colonial Life
12	<i>Joe Farrell, Director of Public Affairs</i>	Pinellas Realtor Org.
13	<i>Iris Gonzales, Sr. Mgr. State Govt. Affairs</i>	Charter Communications
14	<i>Lari Johnson, Commissioner</i>	City of South Pasadena
15	<i>Patricia Johnson, Councilwoman</i>	City of Pinellas Park
16	<i>Bill Jonson, Council Member</i>	City of Clearwater
17	<i>Jane Lastinger, Manager</i>	James Moore & Associates
18	<i>Nicole LeBron</i>	CPH, Inc.
19	<i>Janet Long, Vice Chair</i>	Pinellas County Commission
20	<i>Brad Miller</i>	PTSA
21	<i>Robert Mitchell, Principal Agent</i>	Mitchell Insurance Services, Inc.
22	<i>Jack Nazario, Commissioner</i>	City of Belleair Bluffs
23	<i>Gail Neidinger, Commissioner</i>	City of South Pasadena
24	<i>Leslie Notaro, Mayor</i>	City of Belleair Beach
25	<i>Arthur Penny, Vice Mayor</i>	City of South Pasadena
26	<i>Kristi Pettit, Gas Sales & Public Affairs Mgr.</i>	Clearwater Gas System
27	<i>Bill Phillips, Councilman</i>	City of New Port Richey
28	<i>Jim Quinn, Vice Mayor</i>	City of Seminole

29	<i>Tom Shelly, Commissioner</i>	Town of Belleair
30	<i>Mike Suarez, Council Chair</i>	City of Tampa
31	<i>Andrea White, Sr. Mgt. State Govt. Affairs</i>	Charter Communications
32	<i>Becky Clayton, Staff</i>	Suncoast League of Cities
33	<i>Robyn Odegard, Learning & Development</i>	USF, FIOG

The October monthly business meeting was called to order at 11:48 am by Arthur Penny, President, SLC and Vice Mayor, City of South Pasadena. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked City of Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos to provide a welcome to the City. Mayor Cretekos welcomed everyone to Clearwater and Bighthouse Field. He stated how proud the City is of the facility which is the spring training home of the Philadelphia Phillies. He reminded everyone of the important place that sports has in the region. Mayor Cretekos also stated that with the upcoming election to please consider volunteering as a poll worker and said that you would have the opportunity to see the process first hand and appreciate how hard the poll workers work. Arthur Penny, President, provided the invocation and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Arthur Penny asked for approval of the minutes for the September 16 Business Meeting that was held in the City of Gulfport. A motion was made by Tom Shelly, Commissioner, Town of Belleair, to approve the minutes; seconded by Leslie Notaro, Mayor, City of Belleair Beach. Motion passed. Arthur asked everyone to fill out the form being passed around to update email addresses. Arthur invited everyone to enjoy the lunch.

Luncheon Speakers

Arthur Penny, President, asked Tom Shelly to introduce Janet Long, Vice Chair, Pinellas County Commission who discussed the Regional Council of Governments. As stated on the handout that Vice Chair Long passed out, the Council's mission is to serve as the forum for regional decision making and function as the Region's consolidated MPO. Members discussed the goals, leadership, potential legislative program and impacts on transportation issues including funding. Tom Shelly thanked Vice Chair Long for her time to attend the meeting and present the concept.

Arthur Penny then introduced Kristi Pettit who is the public affairs manager for Clearwater Gas Systems and the sponsor of the luncheon. Kristi provided an overview of the services and projects that Clearwater Gas provides. She detailed their projects for hotels and Habitat for Humanity homes.

President's Report

Arthur Penny, President, asked everyone to review the Financial Overview dated September 30, 2016 in their packets. Jack Nazario, Commissioner, City of Belleair Bluffs, made a motion to accept the finances as presented. Joe Barkley, Commissioner, City of Belleair Bluffs, seconded the motion. Motion passed. Arthur Penny, President introduced new associate member Bill Eichorn from Colonial Life and also prospective member Robert Mitchell of Mitchell Insurance Services and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Legislative Committee

Tom Shelly, Commissioner, Town of Belleair, stated that there was a summary of Constitution Amendments certified for the 2016 ballot in their board packets from FLC. Tom Shelly announced that the next FLC Legislative Conference will be December 8 & 9 in Orlando.

Announcements

Arthur Penny, President, thanked City of Clearwater and Clearwater Gas for hosting and sponsoring the meeting and lunch. He announced that the next meeting would be in Tampa and that registration information would be sent out next week. Bill Jonson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Joe Barkley. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.