



# SUNCOAST LEAGUE OF CITIES

Suncoast League of Cities  
Business Meeting  
at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference  
Friday, August 24, 2015 1:00 PM

## Minutes

### *Attendees*

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Association</b>
1	<i>Thom Barnhorn, Vice Mayor</i>	City of Seminole
2	<i>Alan Bildz, Commissioner</i>	City of Treasure Island
3	<i>Woody Brown, Mayor</i>	City of Largo
4	<i>John Carroll, Commissioner</i>	City of Largo
5	<i>Max Elson, Commissioner</i>	City of South Pasadena
6	<i>Terri Finnerty, Vice Mayor</i>	City of St. Pete Beach
7	<i>Heather Gracy, Vice Mayor</i>	City of Dunedin
8	<i>Bill Johnson, Council Member</i>	City of Clearwater
9	<i>Doug Lewis, City Manager</i>	City of Pinellas Park
10	<i>Terry Lister, Council Member</i>	City of Madeira Beach
11	<i>Bob Matthews, Council Member</i>	City of Seminole
12	<i>Lisa Montelione, Councilwoman</i>	City of Tampa
13	<i>Jack Nazario, Vice Mayor</i>	City of Belleair Bluffs
14	<i>Gail Neidinger, Commissioner</i>	City of South Pasadena
15	<i>Leslie Notaro, Vice Mayor</i>	City of Belleair Beach
16	<i>Karl Nurse, Councilman</i>	City of St. Petersburg
17	<i>Arthur Penny, Commissioner</i>	City of South Pasadena
18	<i>Gregory Premer, Commissioner</i>	City of St. Pete Beach
19	<i>Jim Quinn, Council Member</i>	City of Seminole
20	<i>Mike Suarez, Councilman</i>	City of Tampa
21	<i>Kathy Till, Advocacy Programs Coordinator</i>	Florida League of Cities
22	<i>Becky Clayton, SLC Staff</i>	Florida Institute of Government
23	<i>Angela Crist, Executive Director</i>	Florida Institute of Government

The August monthly business meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Jack Nazario, President. He welcomed everyone to the FLC conference and the monthly business meeting. Jack Nazario then asked each person to introduce themselves.

Jack Nazario, President, asked for approval of the notes for the July 18th, Annual Planning Retreat. He commented that he felt that the retreat was the best he had ever attended and was pleased they were able to accomplish so much. Angela Crist, Executive Director stated that she thought that the retreat was a success. She thanked the members that attended for their efforts and agreed with Jack they were able to accomplish a great deal in a short time. A motion was made by John Carroll, Commissioner, City of Largo, to approve the notes; seconded by Leslie Notaro, Vice Mayor, City of Belleair Bluffs. Motion passed.

### President's Report

Jack Nazario, President, asked Angela Crist, Executive Director, to go over the financials. Angela stated that there were three things that influenced the financial success of the league this past year. First, the IOG reduced their management fee; second, the stipend from the Florida League increased and third the Annual Awards Dinner made \$3,800 this year, which was almost a \$7,000 increase from last year. Jack Nazario asked Angela what bank is being used for the league's accounts. Angela stated that all accounts are currently at TD Bank. Jack Nazario asked that Angela look into moving the accounts to the FLC. Thom Barnhorn, Vice Mayor, City of Seminole, made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Arthur Penny, Commissioner, City of South Pasadena, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Legislative Committee

Angela Crist provided an update for Tom Shelly, Commissioner, Town of Belleair, who could not be at the meeting. Angela asked everyone to review the legislative priorities brochure that was included in their packet. These priorities were selected at the planning retreat held in July. Angela Crist stated that FLC language for the Relocation of Utilities priority was revised at the FLC Legislative Priorities meeting yesterday. The new language states, "The Florida League of Cities OPPOSES legislation that mandates local governments and their taxpayers bear the cost of relocating utility equipment when the equipment is located within a public utility easement or right-of-way and needs to be relocated for public purposes. She asked members if they wanted to change the language to match the FLC or keep it the same. After some discussion, Arthur Penny, Commission, City of South Pasadena made a motion to accept the new language for the Relocation of Utilities priority, Greg Premer, City of St. Pete Beach, seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Thom Barnhorn, Vice Mayor, City of Seminole, moved to accept the 3 legislative priorities of Vacation Rentals, Public Records and Relocation of Utilities. Mike Suarez, Councilman, City of Tampa, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Thom Barnhorn discussed the Federal Priority. There was some discussion about the number one priority. Angela Crist, executive director asked if she could work with Allison Payne, FLC to craft the language for the Priority. A motion was made by Mike Suarez, Commissioner, City of Tampa, to accept Flood Insurance as the Federal Priority for 2016. The motion was seconded by Terry Lister. Motion passed.

Jack Nazario, President, introduced Kathy Till, Advocacy Coordinator, Florida League of Cities and asked her to provide an update on advocacy efforts for the members. Kathy discussed the Legislative Roundtables that are being planned for the fall. She stated that Rep. Dana Young has been confirmed for Sept. 23 in the morning and that they are working on a location. Kathy Till also stated that she is working on roundtables including Sen. Jack Latvala in November and thanked Rick Butler, Commissioner, City of Pinellas Park for working with her to make this happen. Kathy also stated that Tom Shelly is working with her to set up a roundtable with Rep. Chris Sprowls, Rep. Dan Raulerson and Rep. Chris Latvala. Other roundtables include Sen. Wilton Simpson, Rep. Danny Burgess and Sen. Tom Lee. Jack Nazario, President, commented that these roundtables will be an excellent opportunity to practice the things that they learned at the retreat.

Mike Suarez, Councilman, City of Tampa asked what role the SLC will play with redistricting. He stated that this could potentially impact member cities. Kathy Till answered that the FLC is monitoring the process. Karl Nurse, Co-councilman,

City of St. Petersburg, stated that his primary concern was that districts aren't spread across two counties. After some discussion, Lisa Montelione, Commissioner, City of Tampa, made a motion to send a letter to redistricting committee members that the SLC members are concerned about the potential negative effects of redistricting and that we urge them not to split cities into different districts. Bill Jonson, Council Member, City of Clearwater, seconded the motion. There was additional discussion from the members on the motion. Karl Nurse suggested the language, "request legislators make all practical attempts to keep state senator seats within one county which is in the best interest for our citizens. Lisa Montelione, Councilwoman, accepted the changes to her motion. The motion was seconded by Thom Barnhorn, Vice Mayor, City of Seminole. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

Jack Nazario, President, asked if there was any old business. Angela Crist, executive director, stated that Arthur Penny will be sworn in at the meeting in Seminole in October. Angela Crist commented that the legislative award plaque still needs to be presented to Sen. Arthenia Joyner. Mike Suarez, Councilman, City of Tampa offered to make the presentation at a City of Tampa council meeting. Everyone agreed with his suggestion. Thom Barnhorn asked for \$400 in support for his travel expenses to Washington for his federal advocacy efforts. Bill Jonson made a motion to provide up to \$400 in travel expenses to Thom Barnhorn for his federal advocacy efforts. Alan Bildz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Announcements**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 25, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm and hosted by the City of Temple Terrace at the Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.