



# Mayors' Council of Pinellas County, Inc.

Pinellas County, Florida



President: Mayor Travis Palladeno  
Vice President: Mayor Sandra Bradbury  
Secretary/Treasurer: Mayor Doug Bevis

## JULY MEETING MINUTES

To provide continuity for research, items are listed in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.

Vice President Mayor Bradbury called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the St. Pete Marriott located at 12600 Roosevelt Blvd., N., in St. Petersburg.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.** Vice President Bradbury gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Introductions.** Vice President Bradbury requested the attendees introduce themselves.

### Members:

Belleair	Gary Katica, Mayor
Belleair Beach	Leslie Notaro, Mayor
Belleair Bluffs	Suzy Sofer, Vice-Mayor
Clearwater	George Cretekos, Mayor
Indian Rocks Beach	R.B. Johnson, Mayor
Indian Shores	Pat Soranno, Vice Mayor
Kenneth City	Joanne DeSimone, Vice Mayor
Madeira Beach	Travis Palladeno, Mayor
North Redington Beach	Bill Queen, Mayor
Oldsmar	Doug Bevis, Mayor
Pinellas Park	Sandra Bradbury, Mayor
Redington Beach	Nick Simons, Mayor
Redington Shores	Bert Adams, Mayor
Seminole	Leslie Waters, Mayor
South Pasadena	Max Elson, Mayor
Tarpon Springs	Chris Alahouzos, Mayor

### Guests:

Lynn Tipton	Florida League of Cities University Director
Eried Eddy	Legislative Aide, Rep. Ahern, Dist. 66
Diantha Schear	Indian Shores Councilor
Tom Shelly	Belleair Commissioner
Denise Fougere	Clearwater

**Administrative Staff:**

Diane Corna	Pinellas Park, City Clerk
Ann Nixon	Oldsmar, City Clerk
Kathy Horvath	Oldsmar, Deputy City Clerk

**Approval of the Minutes**

Motion made by Mayor Bevis and seconded by Mayor Elson to approve the minutes of June 1, 2016, as presented, carried unanimously.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Vice President Bradbury provided the July 6, 2016 Treasurer Report.

The beginning balance as of June 1, 2016 was \$4,678.51. On June 1, 2016 one check was written totaling \$765.30. Deposits totaled \$176.00. As of June 30, 2016 the ending balance was \$4,293.46.

Motion made by Mayor Johnson and seconded by Mayor Elson to approve the Treasurer's Report of July 6, 2016, as presented, carried unanimously.

**1. New Business**

**a. Guest Speaker – Lynn Ms. Tipton, Florida League of Cities (FLC) University Director**

Ms. Tipton stated she appreciated the invitation to today's meeting, and she had been asked to give a legislative update. She brought brochures which can be picked up after the meeting. She stated Scott Dudley gives a huge shout out to the legislative advocacy team. This is a big election year. The FLC policy committee appointments are made the last week of August. September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup> the committees will meet. In 2017 the Legislature will meet March to May. In 2018 the Legislature will meet earlier as they had in 2016. If the trend continues for earlier sessions in even years, it will affect cities. The final 2016 session report is online. Kathy Till is setting up interviews with the Suncoast League of Cities after the primary elections.

FLC University is now based in Orlando. The lab helps design classes and tests to see what works and what does not. FLC also focuses on staff needs: clerks, managers, etc. FLC will have a survey built into the conference app. FLC would be happy to bring classes to your city. They can also facilitate discussion forums. Scott Paine, Director of Leadership Development and Education, is now certified to assess collaboration abilities. There will be a pilot project on the assessments and then a roll out in 2017.

All of the webinars are available online and 24/7. Staff can listen to any of them. They are usually 1 hour and for free. Ms. Tipton wants FLC to be the place officials go to.

FLC had a reorganization a month ago. Ms. Tipton is in the Communication & Education department. FLC is capable of doing predictions and trending. It is very important for cities to complete Citystats to assist the Center for Municipal Research & Innovation (CMRI). Ms. Tipton encourages everyone to look through the data on the website.

Ms. Tipton provided her contact information:

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Mayor Katica asked Ms. Tipton why so many local legislators are in favor of open carry. Ms. Tipton responded the issue is not solvable at the local level, and will have to be taken care of at the federal level. She is not sure of which stance legislators are taking or why.

Ms. Tipton hopes to see everyone at the FLC Annual Conference in August.

**b. Swearing in of New President – Gary Katica**

President Palladeno swore in Mayor Katica as President. President Katica presented Mayor Palladeno with a Gavel of Appreciation. Vice President Bradbury thanked Mayor Palladeno for bringing interesting topics to the meetings during the past year. President Katica thanked everyone for the honor of being elected.

**2. Announcements**

Mayor Waters wished Pinellas County Commissioner John Morroni well as he is battling cancer again.

**3. Updates**

- a. Legislative – Open Discussion – Eried Eddy, Legislative Aide, Rep. Ahern** stated their office would be reaching out to cities for funding requests.
- b. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)/Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) – Mayor Bradbury** reported there is nothing significant. She added the Expressway is the largest topic of discussion; design and construction will start soon and there is some controversy from those who may be affected.
- c. Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) – Mayor Brown** was not in attendance.
- d. Suncoast League of Cities (SLC) – Commissioner Shelly** reported there will be a Strategic Planning meeting at the South Pasadena City Hall on July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for anyone interested is welcome.
- e. Barrier Islands Government Council (BIG-C) – Mayor Palladeno** reported the last meeting had a great presentation on solar panels and programs.
- f. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) – Mayor Bujalski** was not in attendance. Mayor Bevis reported PSTA approved route changes for October, and PSTA decided to purchase five buses, two of which may be electric.

- g. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)** – Mayor Palladeno reported transports are up to 500 per day as a result of tourism. EMS will be adding BLS (Basic Life Support) units to augment current services, resulting in reduced costs and increased service.
- h. Tourist Development Council (TDC)** – Mayor Cretekos stated TDC forwards to Pinellas BOCC recommendations for funding. The TDC rule is the BIG-C appoints one representative and the Mayors' Council appoints another which must be from the mainland; it is in the Florida Statute.

Motion made by Mayor Palladeno and seconded by Mayor Waters to nominate Mayor Elson as the Mayors' Council representative on the TDC. Mayor Bradbury asked if South Pasadena is considered a beach community. Mayor Cretekos responded only the cities on the barrier islands are considered the beach community. Motion carried unanimously.

- i. Florida League of Mayors** – Mayor Waters reported the Florida League of Mayors is separating from the Florida League of Cities, and she is pleased to announce the new director for the Florida League of Mayors is Scott Dudley. She is also pleased to announce the new president of the Florida League of Mayors is Mayor Carol McCormack from the Town of Palm Shores. Mayor Waters encouraged everyone to be members of the League.

**City Updates** – Members reviewed recent and upcoming events.

#### **Other Business**

- a.** Mayor Palladeno stated his term is coming to an end for the EMSAB, he is eligible for re-appointment, and he nominated himself and there is another vacancy. Vice Mayor Bradbury called for any further nominations. Mayor Elson volunteered. General consensus was to approve the appointments of Mayor Palladeno and Mayor Elson.
- b.** Mayor Johnson asked if the Mayors' Council will vote on the home rule resolution like the one passed by the BIG-C; it has been discussed over several meetings. Mayor Cretekos stated there was a revised resolution and he wants to make sure the one in the packet is the revised resolution. City Clerk Diane Corna confirmed the resolution in the packet is the most current. Cretekos stated the Council should get the BIG-C resolution as passed and executed to ensure it is the same. Mayor Johnson asked for the most current one to be presented and added to the next agenda. Mayor Bradbury stated the League of Florida Mayors would not vote on it until the August conference. As the Florida League may have changes, perhaps the Mayors' Council should wait. Mayor Johnson stated the resolution should be included in the next packet for the Mayors' Council to vote.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.