



## **Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials Meeting Minutes March 13, 2023**

### **CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.**

The Dennis McGee Room, Daytona Beach International Airport, 700 Catalina Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Those attending included the following Roundtable members: Nancy Miller, Roundtable Chair and Daytona Beach Shores Mayor; Lois Paritsky, Roundtable Vice Chair and Ponce Inlet Mayor; Karen Chasez, Mayor, DeBary; Chris Cloudman, Mayor, DeLand; Fred Cleveland, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach; Gary Blair, Mayor, Orange City; Diezel DePew, Mayor, Edgewater; Bill Hall, Mayor, South Daytona; Don Burnette, Mayor, Port Orange; Bill Partington, Mayor, Ormond Beach; Chris Via, Mayor, Holly Hill; Santiago Avila, Mayor, Deltona; Derrick Henry, Mayor, Daytona Beach; Jeffrey Brower, Chair, Volusia County; George Recktenwald, County Manager, Volusia County; Kurt Swartzlander, City Manager, Daytona Beach Shores; Daytona Beach; Mike Disher, Acting Town Manager, Ponce Inlet; Christine Power, Council Member, Edgewater; Glenn Irby, City Manager, Edgewater; Joe Forte, City Manager, Holly Hill; Lee Evett, City Administrator, Lake Helen; Kohn Evans, City Administrator, Oak Hill; Dale Arrington, City Manager, Orange City; Claire Whitley, Asst. City Manager, Ormond Beach; Wayne Clark, City Manager, Port Orange; Les Gillis, City Manager, South Daytona; and Khalid Resheidat, City Manager, New Smyrna Beach.

### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Roundtable Chair Nancy Miller welcomed those in attendance and, following introductions of the attendees, led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Miller announced that General Ernest Audino (Ret.) from Congressman Waltz's office had Representative Waltz on the phone to address the meeting attendees.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**John Booker, Government Affairs, Volusia County**, provided an overview of the bills before the state legislature. Mr. Booker provided a handout to the audience with information related to current bills before or waiting to go before the state legislature. He also provided an overview of the bill regarding financial disclosures related to elected officials.

Discussion and questions ensued between Mr. Booker and committee members.

### **HURRICANE IAN RECOVERY UPDATE – County of Volusia**

**Benjamin Bartlett, Public Works Director, Volusia County**, provided an update on coastal damage and storm debris, as well as the beach access areas that had reopened to the public as of March 12, 2023. He spoke on acquiring easements from property

owners, trap bags, sand placement and debris removal. He also addressed the challenges due to the May 1 beginning date of turtle nesting season.

Discussion and questions ensued between Mr. Bartlett and committee members.

Congressman Waltz addressed the issue of the May 1 start date for any coastal construction. Rep. Waltz stated his team would review the Endangered Species Act to determine if there were any provisions regarding this matter. He also stated his office would speak to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) regarding some of the permitting issues and possibly the Governor if necessary.

Discussion and questions ensued between Mr. Bartlett and committee members.

### **ROUNDTABLE SUBCOMMITTEES/TASK FORCE**

Chair Miller asked for volunteers to chair the Bridges in Disaster Subcommittee, Nova Canal Subcommittee and Transportation/Infrastructure Task Force. Mayor Bill Partington volunteered to serve as chair of the Bridges in Disaster Subcommittee. Mayor Via volunteered to serve as chair for the Nova Canal Subcommittee, and Mayor Burnette volunteered to serve as the chair of the Transportation/Infrastructure Task Force. It was agreed upon by the chairs that they would have staff from their municipalities coordinate meetings and maintain meeting minutes.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Will Roberts, Tax Collector, Volusia County**, provided an update for the Tax Collectors Office.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Roundtable Chair Miller stated the next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. May 8, 2023, in the Dennis McGee Room at Daytona Beach International Airport.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

**Chris Via, Mayor, City of Holly Hill**, asked if there was a way to live stream the meetings for those who are unable to attend. Mr. Recktenwald and Kevin Captain, Community Information Director, addressed this matter. Mr. Captain explained that the meeting audio is available following the meeting, and minutes, agendas and other materials are posted to <https://www.volusia.org>. Mr. Recktenwald spoke of staff time and resources involved in this.

**Don Burnette, Mayor, City of Port Orange**, thanked Chair Miller for running an effective and efficient meeting.

**Jeffrey Brower, Chair, Volusia County**, announced Brandon Frey from the governor's office was in attendance. Chair Brower thanked the governor's office for their work and spoke on ways to protect sea turtles while still assisting coastal homeowners with rebuilding their homes. Mr. Frey provided his contact information to the audience.

**Derrick Henry, Mayor, City of Daytona Beach**, thanked Commissioner Cantu for attending the Roundtable meetings in his absence. Mayor Henry thanked those for

attending the Mayor's Gala benefiting the First Step Shelter. He also spoke on the Nova Canal study.

**Gary Blair, Mayor, Orange City**, reminded everyone this week was spring break for the public school system and for drivers to be aware of students on the roads and in the area.

**Fred Cleveland, Mayor, City of New Smyrna Beach**, introduced Khalid Resheidat, City Manager, to provide an update of what was happening in New Smyrna Beach. Mr. Resheidat provided an update on how coordination with other local police departments and the sheriff's office were helping in crowd control during spring break.

**Bill Partington, Mayor, City of Ormond Beach**, spoke on the success of Bike Week 2023. He thanked all the staff who coordinate this event and work the events around the area.

**Nancy Miller, Mayor, City of Daytona Beach Shores**, shared issues raised by residents during an event she spoke at.

**Lois Paritsky, Mayor, Town of Ponce Inlet**, inquired about where the public could get the most current and accurate information regarding beach access. Mr. Captain provided her with the information and explained where to find it on the county website.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.