



## **Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials Meeting Minutes May 8, 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 Chazez, Mayor, DeBary; Chris Cloudman, Mayor, DeLand; Fred Cleveland, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach; Gary Blair, Mayor, Orange City; Diezel DePew, Mayor, Edgewater; Eric Sander, Vice 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, Town Manager, Ponce Inlet; Glenn Irby, City Manager, Edgewater; Joe Forte, City Manager, Holly Hill; Lee Evett, City Administrator, Lake Helen; 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; Andrew Holmes, Asst. City Manager and Public Works Director, Daytona Beach; Khalid Resheidat, City Manager, New Smyrna Beach; Cameron Lane, Mayor, Lake Helen; Douglas Gibson, Mayor, Oak Hill.

### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

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

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**Stephen Civitelli, Administrator, Florida Health Department of Volusia County**, explained how the Community Needs Health Assessment was conducted throughout the county. He reviewed the list of priority health issues being access to behavioral health services, economic and social barriers, and system infrastructure. He also reviewed implementation and monitoring measures to help improve the priorities listed and to improve the overall healthcare in the community.

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

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**John Booker, Government Affairs, Volusia County**, provided a handout to the audience with information related to the current bills that went before the legislature and were signed or waiting to be signed by the governor. He also provided an overview of the bill regarding financial disclosures related to elected officials.

Discussion and questions ensued.

## **2023 ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON**

**Jim Judge, Emergency Services Department Director, Volusia County**, explained the different climate patterns of El Nino and La Nina and how they impact hurricane season. Mr. Judge provided an update on the Emergency Operations Center and the preparations underway for the beginning of the 2023 hurricane season. He spoke on the coordinated efforts with the community partners such as the Volusia County School Board, Department of Health, and the municipalities. He shared videos of flooding and highwater rescues and proper sand bagging.

## **HURRICANE IAN & NICOLE RECOVERY UPDATES**

**Jessica Fentress, Coastal Division 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. Ms. Fentress spoke on acquiring easements from property owners, trap bags, sand placement and debris removal. She also addressed the challenges due to the May 1 beginning date of turtle nesting season.

Discussion and questions ensued.

## **FUTURE CAD DISPATCH UPDATE: ADDRESS NUMBERING CHALLENGES**

**Clay Ervin, Growth Resource and Management Director, Volusia County**, explained the CAD software and the importance for updating addressing/naming of streets. Mr. Ervin explained the refinement of the system that was developed and implemented in 2002. He provided an overview of the system Growth Resource Management and Information Technology utilize, and how it differs from the system utilized by the Sheriff's Office. He explained the cities were responsible for naming the streets in their jurisdictions and the upgrade to the system was expected to be implemented in two years.

## **ROUNDTABLE SUBCOMMITTEES/TASK FORCE**

Chair Miller asked for an update for the Bridges in Disaster Subcommittee, Nova Canal Subcommittee and Transportation/Infrastructure Task Force.

**Mayor Via, Chair of the Nova Canal Subcommittee**, stated based on the Nova Canal Study being approved by the state the members have decided to hold off on meeting until information from the study is completed.

**Mayor Partington, Chair of the Bridges Taskforce**, stated they plan to meet in late May or beginning of June 2023.

**Mayor Burnette, Chair of the Transportation/Infrastructure Subcommittee**, identified the elected officials who have agreed to participate with the committee. He reviewed their plans for an organizational meeting and their ideas for moving forward.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**Dana McCool, Commissioner, City of Deltona**, spoke on teacher shortages and other educational needs for the local school district.

**John Nicholson, Citizen, City of Daytona Beach**, asked questions and spoke in favor of a 1% sales tax increase.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The consensus of the Round Table Committee was to move the meeting scheduled for September 2023 from September 11, 2023 to September 18, 2023.

Roundtable Chair Miller stated the next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. September 18, in the Dennis McGee Room at Daytona Beach International Airport.

## **CLOSING COMMENTS**

**Don Burnette, Mayor, City of Port Orange**, shared a personal story of the loss of his mother, and encouraged everyone to have proper cancer screenings. He also gave accolades to City of Deltona Commissioner Dana McCool who is currently battling cancer.

**Lois Paritsky, Mayor, Town of Ponce Inlet**, announced Mike Disher had been approved as the Town Manager by the Town of Ponce Inlet Commission.

**Jeff Brower, County Council Chair, Volusia County**, provided additional information on the transition of law enforcement services from Beach Safety to Volusia County Sheriff's Office.

**George Recktenwald, County Manager, Volusia County**, explained the Beach Safety and Lifeguard 5013C Organization that raises funds for competitions.

**Bill Partington, Mayor, City of Ormond Beach**, stated the Opioid Advisory Board has a letter in circulation to the county and municipalities in support of Narcan to be in Volusia County Schools.

**Chris Via, Mayor, City of Holly Hill**, stated he supported the Opioid Advisory Board desire for Narcan to be in the schools.

**Santiago Avila Jr., Mayor, City of Deltona**, thanked County Chair Jeff Brower for meeting with him and Jim Chisholm, City Manager, regarding roads and other needs for their city. He also thanked the county staff and Council Member Santiago for their assistance. Mayor Avila announced the West Volusia Summit will be held July 15, 2023.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.