

Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 a.m.

The Operations Room, Emergency Operations Center, 3825 Tiger Bay Road, 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; William Hall, Mayor, South Daytona; Don Burnette, Mayor, Port Orange; Bill Partington, Mayor, Ormond Beach; Chris Via, Mayor, Holly Hill; Jeffrey Brower, Chair, Volusia County; George Recktenwald, County Manager, Volusia County; Kurt Swartzlander, City Manager, Daytona Beach Shores; 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; Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, Ormond Beach; Wayne Clark, City Manager, Port Orange; Les Gillis, City Manager, South Daytona; Andrew Holmes, City Manager and Public Works Director, Daytona Beach; Khalid Resheidat, City Manager, New Smyrna Beach; Douglas Gibson, Mayor, Oak Hill; Jerome Adams, City Administrator, 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.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER WELCOME & OVERVIEW

James A. Judge, Emergency Services Department Director, Volusia County, provided an overview of the services provided by the Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Judge explained WebEOC and its functions. He explained WebEOC is a secure, Internet based emergency information management application that provides real-time information sharing of operational details from various government and public safety groups in response of an imminent threat, emergency, or disaster. He explained the order of operations of the Emergency Operations Center during a storm event.

LIVE LOCAL ACT

Carmen Rosamonda, City Manager, City of DeBary, provided an overview of the Live Local Act that was passed during the 2023 Legislative Session. Mr. Rosamonda stated that the law allows affordable housing on properties that were originally zoned for commercial, industrial, and mixed use. He stated the largest concern of this law was it allowed for 75% - 100% property tax exemption for 30 years.

Discussion and questions ensued.

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ROUNDTABLE SUBCOMMITTEES/TASK FORCE

Mayor Burnette, Chair of the Transportation/Infrastructure Subcommittee, provided an update. He stated that they had an organizational meeting. He stated they did not have a quorum at the October 16, 2023. Mayor Burnette stated the next meeting tentatively to be scheduled in late January 2024.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Will Roberts, Tax Collector, Volusia County, provided an update on the litigation regarding the PACE programs.

Frederick Brown, resident of Daytona Beach, commented on water quality and local development.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Roundtable Chair Miller stated the next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. January 8, 2024, in the Dennis McGee Room at the Daytona Beach International Airport.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Lois Paritsky, Mayor, Town of Ponce Inlet, gave accolades to Mr. Rosamonda for his presentation and advocacy work.

Jeff Brower, County Council Chair, Volusia County, gave accolades to Mr. Rosamonda for his presentation and advocacy work.

Bill Partington, Mayor, City of Ormond Beach, thanked Mr. Judge for his presentation. He also thanked the county for having such a facility and the work of the EOC staff.

Fred Cleveland, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach, thanked Mr. Recktenwald and staff for their coordinated efforts in working with the municipalities during storm events. He also thanked Mr. Rosamonda for his presentation. Mayor Cleveland commented on what wonderful Veteran Days Events occurred over the weekend and announced Barracks of Hope opened last week.

Diezel DePew, Mayor, City of Edgewater, gave his appreciation for the presentations.

Douglas Gibson, Mayor, City of Oak Hill, wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Karen Chavez, Mayor, City of DeBary, shared additional information on the Live Local Act.

Chris Via, Mayor, City of Holly Hill, asked additional questions regarding the Live Local Act and if the Florida League of Cities would help with the advocacy efforts regarding the impacts the Live Local Act will be having on the area.

Chris Cloudman, Mayor, City of DeLand, expressed his appreciation for the presentations.

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Gary Blair, Mayor, City of Orange City, gave his appreciation for the presentations.

Don Burnette, Mayor, City of Port Orange, spoke on the Live Local Act and how it funds the Hometown Heroes down payment assistance. He stated the best approach with this is to help chip away at the areas that are an issue for our area. He stated the Florida League of Cities will be discussing this topic.

George Recktenwald, County Manager, thanked everyone for coming to the EOC to attend the meeting.

Nancy Miller, Mayor, City of Daytona Beach Shores, announced she has been selected president of the Florida Mayor's Association. She announced the upcoming Volusia League of Cities meeting in December. She also announced anyone wishing to participate may take the tour of the EOC at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.