



Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.

The Dennis R. 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 Chaisez, Mayor, DeBary; Chris Cloudman, Mayor, DeLand; Fred Cleveland, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach; Vernon Burton, Mayor, Lake Helen; Gary Blair, Mayor, Orange City; Diezel Depew, Mayor, Edgewater; William Hall, Mayor, South Daytona; Don Burnette, Mayor, Port Orange; Derrick Henry, Mayor, Daytona Beach; 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; 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 Manager, Daytona Beach.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

2024 Property Marketplace Update

Steve Farmer, Executive Vice President, Brown & Brown of Florida, Inc., provided an overview of the information Justin Anselmo was presenting regarding commercial and residential property insurance. Mr. Farmer discussed the issue of property insurance carriers either discontinuing or limiting the coverage allowed for Florida.

Justin Anselmo, Vice President, Brown & Brown of Florida, Inc., provided an update on the status of property insurance. Mr. Anselmo discussed the weather and climate disasters that have contributed to the higher costs of property insurance over the recent years. He explained reinsurance availability and capacity restraints. He gave insight to what was before the Florida Legislature regarding property insurance for residential and commercial properties.

Discussion and questions ensued.

Vulnerability Assessment & Resiliency

Clay Ervin, Growth Resource and Management Director, Volusia County, introduced the item and commented on how this was a great segue from the topic of property insurance. He explained that Ginger Adair would take everyone through the process with her presentation.

Ginger Adair, Environmental Management Division Director, Volusia County, announced and explained a new program called Volusia Forward. Ms. Adair explained the program is funded by the

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Resilient Florida grant program. Ms. Adair explained there were two tasks for this: 1. Comprehensive countywide vulnerability assessment; 2. Community engagement about resilience and the importance of understanding vulnerability. She announced an introductory workshop for elected officials and government staff on February 8, 2024. She also reviewed the calendar for the other workshops for stakeholders and county residents. She stated the workshops for the community would be held at various locations throughout the county to make it more convenient for residents to participate.

Discussion and questions ensued.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Will Roberts, Tax Collector, Volusia County, announced a new tax collector's office in Deltona. He also provided an update on the litigation regarding the PACE programs. He explained the difference between commercial and residential PACE programs.

Frederick Brown, Citizen, City of Daytona Beach, commented on the presentations provided at the meeting.

Carmen Rosamonda, City Manager, City of DeBary, spoke on the Live Local Act and the meeting with the Volusia Delegation last week.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Roundtable Chair Miller reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2024. Chair Miller stated the next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. March 11, 2024. She stated the November meeting date was to be determined due to the second Monday of the month falling on November 11, 2024, Veterans Day.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Vernon Burton, Mayor, City of Lake Helen, announced the next Volusia League of Cities (VLOC) dinner the City of Lake Helen is hosting January 25, 2024.

Fred Cleveland, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach, thanked Chair Miller and Vice Chair Paritsky for their leadership and the direction they have taken the committee. He shared his concerns regarding the insurance crisis in Florida.

Don Burnette, Mayor, City of Port Orange, provided an update for the Transportation/Infrastructure Subcommittee. He announced the next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2024, and will be held at the Volusia County Public Works facility on International Speedway Boulevard in Daytona Beach.

Lois Paritsky, Mayor, Town of Ponce Inlet, thanked the presenters and stated it was very educational. She also provided an update on the Volusia League of Cities and announced the Florida League of Cities legislative days in Tallahassee for this session.

Jeff Brower, County Chair, Volusia County, thanked the presenters for their presentations and gave accolades to Ms. Adair for speaking on the affect groundwater has on sea level rise. He stated this also influences other areas with rising water and flooding. He spoke on development having an impact on this as well.

Nancy Miller, Mayor, City of Daytona Beach Shores, thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the speakers for their presentations. Chair Miller welcomed Mayor Vernon Burton of City of Lake Helen to his first Roundtable meeting as mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.