



Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials Meeting Minutes March 11, 2024

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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: 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; Stacy Cantu, Commissioner, Daytona Beach; Jeffrey Brower, Chair, Volusia County; Suzanne Konchan, Deputy 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; 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; Vernon Burton, Mayor, Lake Helen; Douglas Gibson, Mayor, Oak Hill; Samuel Bennett, Mayor, Pierson.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Roundtable Vice Chair Lois Paritsky welcomed those in attendance and, following introductions of the attendees, led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

John Booker, Government Affairs Liaison, Volusia County, provided an overview of the bills that went before the State Legislature during the 2024 session. Mr. Booker stated this year's session was adjourned in the early evening on Friday, March 8.

Discussion and questions ensued.

VoRIDE PROGRAM

Bobbie King, Transit Services Division Director, Volusia County, provided an overview of the operations and how individuals may utilize the VoRide program. Ms. King explained the routes and fees associated with this service. She stated mobility on demand combines traditional public transportation with private enterprises. Ms. King announced phase two of the program is scheduled to be implemented on April 8, 2024.

Discussion and questions ensued.

SUMMER FOOD AND SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS 2024

Carmen Hall, Community Assistance Division Director, Volusia County, reviewed the Summer Food and Summer Camp programs. The Summer Food Program will operate from June 3 through August 9, 2024. Ms. Hall explained the funding for the programs and how an organization could apply to become a summer food site. Ms. Hall provided the information on summer camp scholarships and the eligibility. She also provided information on a new program called Volusia Cares. She explained

Volusia Cares is a resource individual seeking social services can utilize, and library staff assists with keeping the information up to date.

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Mayor Burnette, Chair of the subcommittee, stated there was not a quorum at the January 2024 meeting. He announced the next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2024, and will be held at the Volusia County Public Works facility located on International Speedway Blvd. in Daytona Beach.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Will Roberts, Tax Collector, Volusia County, provided an update on the services being provided by the Tax Collector's Office.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Roundtable Vice Chair Paritsky announced the next meeting is May 13, 2024, and the meeting location the same.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Vernon Burton, Mayor, City of Lake Helen, commented on the VLOC meeting held in January 2024 in Lake Helen and how successful it was. He thanked everyone who participated in the event.

Fred Cleveland, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach, stated spring break 2024 has begun and the City of New Smyrna Beach Police Department, in conjunction with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, is prepared for the additional visitors and events to the area. He wished everyone a safe spring break.

Don Burnette, Mayor, City of Port Orange, commented on HB 1365 addressing unauthorized public camping and public sleeping. He stated this bill adds challenges to communities in remaining compliant with the Pottinger Agreement. Mayor Burnette also requested discussion at a future meeting regarding the scheduling of Roundtable meetings. He asked that the committee consider making them quarterly.

Lois Paritsky, Mayor, Town of Ponce Inlet, thanked the presenters and stated their presentations were very informative.

Sammuel Bennett, Mayor, Town of Pierson, provided accolades to staff for coordinating the meeting. He also gave accolades to Volusia County Transit Services for their work and stated the VoRide program is an asset to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.