



Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials Meeting Minutes November 18, 2019

CALL TO ORDER - 12 p.m.

The Dennis McGee Room of Daytona Beach International Airport (DBIA), 700 Catalina Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Those attending included the following Roundtable members: Roundtable Chair and DeLand Mayor Bob Apgar; Roundtable Vice Chair and Volusia County Council Chair Ed Kelley; Daytona Beach Mayor Derrick Henry; Daytona Beach Shores Mayor Nancy Miller; DeBary Mayor Karen Chasez; Deltona Mayor Heidi Herzberg; Edgewater Mayor Mike Thomas; Holly Hill Mayor Chris Via; Lake Helen Mayor Daisy Raisler; New Smyrna Beach Mayor Russ Owen; Oak Hill Mayor Douglas Gibson; Orange City Mayor Gary Blair; Ormond Beach Mayor Bill Partington; Pierson Town Council Chairman Sam Bennett; Ponce Inlet City Council Member Lois Paritsky; and Port Orange Mayor Don Burnette.

Others attending included Jim Chisholm, Daytona Beach City Manager; Michael Booker, Daytona Beach Shores City Manager; Carmen Rosamonda, DeBary City Manager; Michael Pleus, DeLand City Manager; Glenn Irby, Edgewater City Manager; Joe Forte, Holly Hill City Manager; Becky Witte, Lake Helen Town Administrator; Khalid Resheidat, New Smyrna Beach City Manager; Kohn Evans, Oak Hill City Administrator; Dale Arrington, City Manager, Orange City; Joyce Shanahan, Ormond Beach City Manager; Jake Johansson, Port Orange City Manager; Les Gillis, South Daytona City Manager; George Recktenwald, County Manager, Volusia County; Suzanne Konchan, Deputy County Manager, Volusia County; Deb Denys, Volusia County Council Member, District 3; Billie Wheeler, Volusia County Council Member, District 2; Ben Johnson, Volusia County Council Member, At-Large; Phyllis Butlien, DeBary City Council, Seat 4; Kevin Captain, Interim Director, Volusia County Community Information; Brian Rothwell, Volusia County Activity Project Manager; Clay Ervin, Volusia County Growth and Resource Management Director; John Angiulli, Volusia County Public Works Director; Rick Karl, Daytona Beach International Airport Director; Lisa Lewis, Volusia County Supervisor of Elections; Jeff Crumbley, Volusia County Photography Specialist; Gary Daniels, Volusia County Production Coordinator; Susan Persis, Ormond Beach City Commissioner, Zone 3; Bill Lindlau, Oak Hill Commissioner, Zone 2; Loretta Arthur, Black Pearl Real Estate; Jim Cameron, Senior Vice President of Government Relations, Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce; Heather Shubirg, Executive Vice President, Team Volusia; Holly Smith, Communications Manager, Volusia County Department of Health; Ken DeForest, Waste Pro; Lynnette Garcia, Daytona Times; Dr. Kent Sharples, President, CEO Business Alliance; Ernie Audino, District Director, Congressman Michael Waltz; Georgia McKeoun, GA McKeoun and Associates; Mary Anne Connors, League of Women Voters for Volusia County; Ken Strickland, Citizen; Clayton Park, Business Editor, Daytona Beach News-Journal; Stephanie Mason-Teague, Volusia County Cultural Alliance; Ashley Galt, Chamber of Commerce; John Hoyt, Sierra Club; Big John, Holly Hill; and Mike Springer, Reporter, WFTV Channel 9. Taking minutes was Darla Zakaluzny with the County Manager's Office.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Roundtable Chairman Bob Apgar welcomed those attending. After standing for the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

AEROSPACE INDUSTRY TO THE COUNTY

Deb Denys, Volusia County Council Member, District 3, spoke on the aerospace industry coming to Volusia County and discussed the Power Point presentation *Global Space Economy*. Global Space Economy is market driven. In 2013, the group Space Volusia was formed to address an FAA hearing called an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) in the Edgewater/New Smyrna Beach area. The reason is Commercial Space Jobs, it is all about higher paying jobs and the supply chain. Several people went to Washington, D.C. and met with FAA Secretary Dr. Neill, NASA representatives, SpaceX representatives, Congressmen and others. Testimonies were given at New Smyrna Beach High School, regarding a possible launch site in southeast Volusia, called Shiloh.

Currently, there are three aerospace industry businesses in Volusia County. Sauer Group, Inc., a mechanical contracting company has successfully been doing some long term relationships with NASA, the Air Force and defense contracts. The company has been in business for 40 years. Aerojet Rocketdyne, has been acquired by Daytona Beach manufacturer 3DMT (3D Materials Technologies). Arralis, Ltd., which is located at the Embry-Riddle Research Park MicaPlex. They are doing big things with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and aerospace.

Quintemodal transportation is a new word. Many of the attendees are members of the TPO (Transportation Planning Organization). They study and make decisions about transportation. Space is a designated form of transportation under the TPO. Regional is the new local is Ms. Denys new hashtag. Counties or cities cannot do anything alone anymore. Because the competition is so fierce, we have to think and collaborate on a regional basis. Quintemodal transportation is five modes of transportation: air, land, rail, sea and space. The only place in the United States where this is occurring is at the Cape. It is time to discuss transportation, meaning workforce and mobility.

In the 1960's, driving south on US1 to the City of Edgewater, there was a huge billboard with the statement "*Entering the City of Edgewater Gateway to the Moon*" on it. Also in the 1960's, the Federal Government had planned to put a "moon port" in Edgewater. When Lyndon B. Johnson won the Presidential election he moved everything to Texas.

Ms. Denys discussed an opportunity for a *Commercial Space Industry Opportunity Overlay*. It is an incentive for aerospace center development in all of Volusia County. The goal is to expand the aerospace industry location alternatives. A framework will be established to take advantage of proximity to the Cape. There is only one place to expand and it is north. The commercial launch sites want to be outside the gates. They do not want the government telling them when they can and cannot launch.

The goal is to take advantage Volusia County's proximity to the Cape Canaveral Space Port. It will be implemented by using Commercial Supply Chain Characterization, planning documents from Space Florida, developing a comprehensive plan and zoning regulations that allow for quick response to targeted industries. There is a flow chart, a map, a path to success. The last thing we want to happen is an opportunity to come to Volusia County, to any of our cities; and not have the wetlands mitigated, not have it zoned, not have to get through the planning and zoning departments and not get weighed down at PLDR (Planning and Land Development Regulation Commission). There is competition out there. Ms. Denys is going to do everything she can to keep everyone up to date in real-time.

The Volusia County Commercial Space Supply Chain Characterization was released in March 2019. It describes a supply chain with two of the major trends in the industry identified are really playing out; the growing use of *small satellites* and *IOT (Internet of Things)*.

In 2011, according to the *Bryce Space Supply Chain*, the global space economy grew to \$289.77 billion. Also, in 2011, there were 1500 suppliers. In September 2019, satellites were key to \$5 trillion across the U.S. economy; which included internet, financial services, weather, national security, GPS, television, U.S. space economy and wireless communication. We need to work to raise the types of jobs and quality of jobs coming to Volusia County and we need to keep our home-grown Embry-Riddle students here.

Ms. Denys discussed the orbital and suborbital launch sites of the world, which are the competition. There are two proposed launch sites on the eastern side of the United States. One is in Florida, it is Shiloh. In the United States there are only five total proposed space ports, Florida has one of them. Just because the Cape is in Florida, it does not make Florida the heir-apparent. There is competition all over the world.

The Supply Chain Analysis with Bryce has been completed, working on the overlay zone which has to come to Council, there is a preliminary draft and they are targeting some amendments for comprehensive and zoning regulations. Because this is market driven, governments cannot compete with private industry. Our job is to clear a path, so when the opportunity arises there are fewer obstacles that exist. If obstacles are present, they will go somewhere else where there are fewer regulations.

The planning issues that can be addressed are: environmental conditions, need to know where the wetlands are; availability of transportation, need to know where the right-of-ways are, availability of transportation networks, how to mitigate traffic impacts; and potable water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure availability. The planning starts yesterday, when the opportunity comes tomorrow or we will be out.

Some of the ways to get moving are: using GIS (Geographic Information System); working with local federal and state agencies; coordinate with local governments; working regionally; identify methods; and coordinate planning. There is a lot that goes into it.

The *Water Quality Infrastructure Grant (WQiG) Program* was approved a couple of months ago by the County Council. The grant program is primarily for employers who hold Department of Defense, Homeland Security of space flight-related contracts or entities that are subcontracted to them. As a Council, things have been put into position. We are working behind the scenes on what can be identified as a hindrance and addressing them.

Areas in South Volusia have been identified as having the fewest environmentally sensitive areas. Current opportunities include county-wide regional approach. Most facilities have open space for new development and tenants. Don't think launch sites only, think of supply chains.

The next steps will include identifying opportunities within *SpacePort Technology Triangle*, which encompasses Jacksonville to Orlando down to the Cape. Volusia County is in the middle of the triangle, north of the Cape. The needs of the area will be analyzed. The draft of the *Commercial Space Industry Opportunity Overlay*, along with related amendments to the comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance and land development regulations will be completed. Potential partnering with cities within the *Cape Canaveral Spaceport Technology Triangle (CCSTT)* will be examined.

Rocket Crafters at the Cape produces 3D fuel from the same plastic, micro-plastic that makes Legos. The cylinders are filled from the outside in. That has to happen for everything to go with what they are working on in Mars. They have to use 3D printers.

Ms. Denys quoted Shelli Brunswick, Space Foundation Chief Operating Director: “When you are thinking about space, you might be thinking about astronauts and launch vehicles, and those are awesome. But what’s even better is space technology is in our health care, our communications, our agriculture, our manufacturing techniques, our education, that’s where the explosive growth is going to happen in the future space economy.” That is the *Internet of Things (IOT)*, which is what we do day-in and day-out.

Rick Karl, Daytona Beach International Airport Director, said County staff is 100% dialed into what Ms. Denys was speaking about. The airport is doing well even though we lost Jet Blue. Delta Airlines and American Airlines are expanding services. Over the past 10 years, passenger traffic is up over 80%. Revenues are up and debt has been reduced. Over \$90 million in capital improvements have been done to the airport. We have to diversify our revenue portfolio, we are an enterprise fund within the County. The airport has to earn its own money. We have to diversify by developing real estate.

The south airport property is approximately 322 acres and a lot has been done to develop concepts for the property. This was the last site in the state of Florida that *Blue Origin* was considering for its rocket manufacturing operation. They had a joint venture with *Blue Origin*, *Boeing* and the *United Launch Alliance* to manufacture rocket engines to replace Russian engines that are being used now. We were the last site because we were ideally suited, being off I-95. After the rocket engines are manufactured they have to be sent to the Cape to be tested. We worked with the CEO Business Alliance. The State came up with a \$9 million incentive. Huntsville, Alabama came up with \$20 million. We have competed for two *Blue Origin* opportunities. Team Volusia, CEO Business Alliance, and Volusia County are dialed in to this supply chain opportunity. We are working as a team and are here to make this happen. We have been working on this for almost ten years.

A very lengthy discussion ensued among Ms. Denys, Mr. Karl and Roundtable members.

PLASTIC BAN DISCUSSION

Susan Persis, Ormond Beach Commissioner, Zone 3, discussed the history of paper and plastic drinking straws and the *Skip the Straw Educational Campaign* Power Point presentation. Currently, in the United States alone, 500 million plastic straws are used each day. Every year eight million tons of plastic flows into the ocean. Worldwide, one trillion plastic bags are used each year; five percent of those bags actually get recycled. According to the Conservancy, the oceans are filled with more than 150 million tons of plastic. A major contributor is the 500 million straws Americans use daily. Many large companies are now leading the charge against plastic; a few include Norwegian Cruise Lines, Evian, McDonalds, American Airlines, United Airlines, Starbucks, and Walt Disney Company.

Ormond Beach is a coastal community which is committed to environmental leadership and protecting its waterways. Discarded plastic straws and stirrers threaten wildlife and degrade ecosystems. Everything suffers when there is plastic pollution. Tourism, recreation, business, health of humans, animals, fish and birds suffer because of plastic pollution. Plastic never goes away, it is a durable material made to last forever. Thirty-three percent of plastic is used once, then discarded. Plastic is not biodegradable. It breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces known as micro-plastics, which can be consumed by fish, wildlife and humans. The United States uses enough straws to wrap around the earth’s circumference 2.5 times a day. Plastic straws are among the top ten most found plastic items in ocean trash. Plastic straw

decomposition takes up to 200 years and straws cannot be recycled in most places. One million seabirds and 100,000 marine animals die each year, from ingesting plastic. Since plastic straws are small and lightweight, many times they do not make it to recycling bins. Even though straws make up a tiny amount of ocean plastic, their size makes them one of the worst polluters. They can entangle marine animals and fish can easily consume them.

The City of Ormond Beach Ordinance basically states the City will take the lead with stricter regulations on itself and city approved events. The City is encouraging new awareness and personal accomplishment. They applaud restaurants and other businesses that are not using plastic or plastic straws and are promoting a culture of reducing usage of single-use plastics. At City Commission meetings, drinks are in glass glasses and do not have straws. They are setting a good example to the citizens and people that attend their meetings. The City is going to continue to promote the culture of reducing the use of single-use plastics. The City's Campaign is to inform the citizens of Ormond Beach about the Ordinance and to launch a multi-modal educational campaign regarding reducing the use of plastic straws, stirrers, and limited one-use plastics. One goal is to decrease the presence of plastic straws and stirrers in the Ormond Beach Community. The City provides access and exposure to alternative material straws, such as reusable branded silicone straws. The City is utilizing presentations to schools, businesses, and neighborhoods to help reduce single-use plastic use overall.

A brief discussion ensued between Mayor Apgar, Commissioner Persis; and Russ Owen, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach.

HALF CENT SALES TAX DISCUSSION

Mayor Apgar said there were previous discussions about the half-cent sales tax; and whether or not it should be pursued again in the future. At the last Roundtable meeting, everyone was asked to go back to their respective commissions to determine if there is interest in asking the County to continue the effort. If so, it would need to be put on the 2020 General Election ballot. If everyone agrees to put the proposed sales tax on the ballot, they would have to decide on a half-cent or a full cent sales tax. The Deland City Commission will continue to be supportive of a half-cent sales tax, but not for a full cent.

Don Burnette, Mayor, Port Orange, said a couple of meetings ago, it was mentioned that it was not how much the government agencies were asking for, that the voters called into question, it was the methodology. Some Roundtable members would have liked to have seen that Committee, interact with all of our proposals in advance, much like the School Board does. As opposed to the way it was done before, where each municipality decided and put it out on different time tables. Moving forward the process needs to change dramatically, whether it is on the ballot in 2020 or 2022. The opinion was not necessarily a "yes" or "no" vote about the taxes; the methodology about how it came to be was what was called into question, by most of the "no" votes. The other issue that was brought up was many of the people who were behind it, including himself, are on the ballot in 2020. It might be wise to wait until 2022, until there are some new elected officials. Then maybe the voters will say "yes," to go ahead and continue.

Mayor Apgar said there are lessons to be learned. He spoke with Mr. Yarbrough and was contacted by some people. If it moves forward there needs to be re-evaluation of the process and how it is handled. A committee needs to be appointed up front so the public knows who the people are and the ways the projects might be vetted.

Mr. Kelley said he was not necessarily speaking for the council, the decision would have to come from all sixteen municipalities. If Port Orange felt there was a misinterpretation of some of the things, he felt it

was poorly presented on what would be accomplished. He also felt, if it would have passed in Port Orange and Ormond Beach, it would have passed countywide. It did pass in Daytona Beach and Deltona. Whether within a city or the County, infrastructure needs are everywhere. The need is there, but the methodology of the way it was done shows that it was probably done incorrectly. The Volusia County School Board laid it out exactly. They showed the citizens this is going to be done and this is when it is going to be done. They were successful doing it that way. **Mayor Burnette** responded saying he didn't think it failed in Port Orange because the City did not promote it properly. What we were promoting was a flawed process. **Mr. Kelley** said he also felt it was a flawed process and that is why it failed.

Mayor Apgar said it might be better if it came from the business community, not the municipalities. Some of the people who were against it are now coming forward saying they are for the half-cent sales tax. Fundamentally, one of the issues was the trust issue. The trust issue not only involved the County Council, it involved various local governments as well.

Russ Owen, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach, supports waiting to put it on the 2022 General Election ballot. That way the public has a chance to speak about who is bringing the proposal back.

Derrick Henry, Mayor, Daytona Beach, said it should be more focused on having residents involved in the process. If it came back to the City of Daytona Beach, he would recommend doing it differently. Such as having a committee of residents from various communities throughout the city, to provide recommendations of what they would like to see done. Residents want to know who will benefit from it, so they need to be involved from the very beginning and involved in the decision making.

Heidi Herzberg, Mayor, Deltona, said the presentation on the aerospace industry was great. The hope is the aerospace industry will provide higher paying jobs and come to fruition in Volusia County. The realization is Volusia County does not have the infrastructure to support much of the industry. There are failing roads, water issues, septic tank issues and low wage issues. Infrastructure has to be our main focus. There needs to be focus groups in each community and better outreach to the residents. It failed due to a multitude of reasons.

Gary Blair, Mayor, Orange City, felt it was not the methodology, as much as the trust issue that caused it to fail with the voters. He felt it should be put it off a couple years, until there are some new elected officials in office.

Mayor Apgar asked Dr. Sharples what he thought the appetite was of the people regarding trying again in 2020 or 2022.

Dr. Kent Sharples, President, CEO Business Alliance, said he no longer calls it economic development, he calls it job creation. Everyone needs to stop talking about economic development and talk about what they really mean, which is to improve the quality of life through new high paying jobs. Until infrastructure is in place, that will not be successful, it is critical. All government can do is create the environment within which the private sector can make an investment. The Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Halifax Civic League are looking at the opportunity of doing a *Return on Investment*. Just looking at public dollars that are invested and how long does it take to get those dollars back through ad-valorem tax collection. One of the very objective criticisms last time was how much public money is spent. There is a need to know how much was spent and how quickly the dollars are recovered.

Jim Cameron, Senior Vice President of Government Relations, Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce, said the Chamber is involved with the Halifax Civic League. Last week, the Chambers adopted a list of recommendations which says to pursue the next steps regarding efforts to increase funding for infrastructure improvements which include roadway maintenance, sidewalks, water quality projects and flood control. They are saying to pursue different efforts in the future.

Council Member Denys felt this is coming full circle. She asked how many serve as a board member on the TPO (Transportation Planning Organization) or attend TPO meetings. In the five-year projection from the FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation), it showed almost \$25 million less for projects for our district. Costs are going up and funding is going down. Volusia County is at a crossroads. We are worth it and we need to work together to fund infrastructure and stop pointing fingers. If there is an opportunity to get another Blue Origin, Space X, ULA, or any other first start ups that need infrastructure, as an elected official what is the answer going to be. There is too much at stake.

Ms. Denys is all in to make Volusia County and the municipalities as successful as can be. The answer is higher paying jobs. We have to work collaboratively to address some real issues. Mayor Herzberg is absolutely correct, it is about infrastructure. It is not “if,” but “when” is it coming to Volusia County. These are difficult decisions that need some political willpower to do it. Over the weekend, Ms. Denys was on the phone with Space Florida and their consultants. This is not happening in a vacuum, it is very real. She asked everyone to have the tough discussions and serious conversations in their chambers, with their elected officials, with their Chambers of Commerce, with their leaders. Everyone needs to work together to make it happen, because it has to happen or the competition will go elsewhere.

Mayor Apgar said between now and the next Roundtable meeting he would be personally willing to talk to Joe Yarbrough and put together a group of people. The group could include Dr. Sharples, Jim Cameron, Big John, the County Council Chair and some nay-sayers. The group could meet to come up with thoughts about what might be a reasonable course of action, if we decide to go forward in 2020.

Douglas Gibson, Mayor, Oak Hill, said his position about the half-cent sales tax, is known. According to the Daytona Beach News-Journal, it failed because voters do not trust the elected officials. He could not believe the tax failed. Brevard County asked for a one-cent sales tax to remove septic tanks along the Indian River Lagoon. It is his opinion, we failed as elected officials to convince our voters to vote for the sales tax. It all lands on the elected officials. If it moves forward, he feels the voters will not have enough time for the elected officials to convince them, this is what and how the money is going to be spent.

Mayor Apgar said that would be part of the discussions, to decide on 2020 or 2022. He understood the messages Council Member Denys and Mayor Herzberg were presenting. Everyone remembers the numbers, every year those numbers that each city would have received, are now gone. If we go out to 2022, projects will not start to happen until 2023 or 2024, with costs being significantly different.

Mr. Sharples said timing is everything. With Space Florida the recognition is that this is the research triangle of Central Florida. Volusia County has a wonderful opportunity, the timing is right. If you look at the alignment of everything, including our representative in the United States Senate, we now have a senator willing to help us push this forward. For example, there are four-six federal agencies that have to also be in alignment in order to develop Shiloh as an alternative site. All of the available launch pads are filling up fast. The only alternative is to go “north.” If we want that, then we have to make that decision. Mr. Sharples feels it can be done in the context of supporting the environment. It goes back to proper planning and timing. If we are going to have the resources to do what we need to do to create that

infrastructure tomorrow is almost too late, let alone 2022 or 2024. It is about timing and being ready when the opportunity comes.

Karen Chasez, Mayor, DeBary, thinks the procedure of putting together a group to further discuss the issue is a wise idea, particularly embracing one or two of the naysayers in the group. There were some very, very vocal residents that opposed the proposed half-cent sales tax.

Mayor Apgar said if we proceed as suggested, he would welcome from each of the communities, the names of some of the naysayers and select a few of them to be on the committee. He felt Big John would be willing to provide names of people he heard from as well.

Joe Forte, Manager, Holly Hill, felt the use of titles such as “naysayers” needs to stop. They are a group of people with different opinions. **Mayor Chasez** agreed with Mr. Forte about using the word “naysayers.” They have viewpoints and information that would be valuable.

Michael Pleus, City Manager, DeLand provided an update on the Manager’s meeting. Because of the sales tax vote, a one-year extension of the gas tax formula was approved. The subcommittee is working on different options for the upcoming year and will bring the information back to the elected officials for their consideration. The next meeting will be in January 2020.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jim Cameron, Senior Vice President of Government Relations, Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce, reminded everyone that Volusia Days will be held January 15 and January 16, at the Capital; which are the second and third days of the session. It will start off with a lunch meeting at the Florida League of Cities. Mr. Cameron set up a meeting with some of the city lobbyists. He has also set up a meeting with Jared Moskowitz, Director of Florida’s Division of Emergency Management. The main topic of conversation at that meeting will be FEMA reimbursement. There are several other meetings planned pertaining to various issues. People wanting to attend, need to sign up through the Chamber website.

John Hoyt, Sierra Club member, said the club is most concerned about the environment. The Sierra Club thinks that is that is very important, along with economic development and economic sustainability. The club would like to help in any way to identify the wetlands and to make sure they are protected from additional development. They are in favor of sustainable growth. They want to make sure there is adequate clean water and clean air. They know people coming to Volusia County to live and work, want the same things. The club supports extension of Volusia Forever, which has been an incredibly successful program. Volusia County has a very good website that provides information about Volusia Forever. We want to make sure residents are allowed to decide for themselves, if they want extend the program. Volusia Forever has been very popular with the public and continues to be. The club wants to encourage government officials to put Volusia Forever on the ballot. He thanked Susan Persis, for the straw issue she discussed. The club is working on that too. Members are working with the City of New Smyrna Beach and restaurants. The Club will provide special certificates, if they want to do more to help the environment. He asked everyone to always consider the environment when they are considering everything else.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mayor Owen announced that Khalid Resheidat was selected as City Manager for New Smyrna Beach and Kelly McQuillen as the new City Clerk.

Mayor Burnette expressed concern that the Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials section, on the County website is not up to date. He stated minutes and agendas have not been posted since March 2019. He requested the agendas, minutes, and presentations be posted to the County website the Friday prior an upcoming meeting. He also requested having those items sent to Roundtable members the Friday prior to an upcoming meeting. This will provide members an opportunity to review the material to be discussed, prior to the meeting. He went on to say that the subcommittees listed on the website were outdated, several of the members are no longer in office.

Glenn Irby, City Manager, Edgewater, stated the City of Edgewater will be holding a council workshop at 3:00 pm today, on how to run a productive meeting. He said everyone was welcome to attend.

Mike Thomas, Mayor, Edgewater, told a funny story from when he was elected in 2005. He went to the City Clerk and asked to see the job description for mayor. The clerk told him there wasn't one; so he asked when is the next mayor's school, she said there is no such thing as a mayor's school. He said he will learn how to run an effective meeting today at the city council workshop.

Daisy Raisler, Mayor, Lake Helen said she was re-elected for a couple more years and she is looking forward to continuing to work with everyone. She invited everyone to Lake Helen on December 6, 2019 for the food truck event and the Butler Express train ride.

Mayor Apgar said Ponce Inlet City Council Member attended a seminar where they discussed sea level rising and flooding information. They wanted to know if Roundtable Members were interested in discussing the issues at a future meeting.

Lois Paritsky, City Council Member, Ponce Inlet attended a summit with the American Flood Coalition in Washington DC. The coalition is a nonpartisan organization. It was very informative, they were provided with education the first day in the form of guest speakers. There were FEMA representatives and University of Florida professors. First there was education, then the elected officials from Florida, had the opportunity to meet with our US Representatives. It was a very important experience. Armed with the resources provided, attendees were asked to return to their communities to see if they could foster some interest in having more educational opportunities presented.

If the County and municipalities are interested, the Flood Coalition will provide guest speakers. This is something that could be done through the Elected Officials Roundtable or the Volusia League, or both. The issues not only affect coastal cities, they affect the entire state. Ms. Paritsky attended because there is a great concern of storm surges or category 3 hurricanes that could hit the coastal areas. All communities could be affected, it goes back to infrastructure. So many problems can occur to the infrastructure, the sewer systems, and cemeteries when there is flooding. The flooding would have an impact on the entire state. She would like there to be a Roundtable sub-committee created.

The town of Ponce Inlet passed a resolution in July, discouraging the use of single-use plastics. The city also wanted to provide education on the subject, as well. Tuesday, November 19, from 10 am -12 pm, at the Ponce Inlet Town Hall, the *Dream Green Volusia* organization, will be there to educate residents on "Go Drastic on Plastic." She thanked Commissioner Persis for the "Skip the Straw" presentation.

Billie Wheeler, Volusia County Council Member, District 2, is a member of the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC), and was appointed to the ECFRPC Resilience Committee. It is a regional issue, a state wide issue. The County will be affected, both mainland and beachside. There is a need to start

preparing for infrastructure and everything that goes along with it. The County and municipalities have to be at the table in these discussions to learn how we can be prepared for what is coming and what is already happening. Ms. Wheeler thinks it will be a great topic for next year.

Ed Kelley, Roundtable Vice Chair and Volusia County Council Chair hoped to give update on SunRail at some point. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 5 Secretary resigned. There is a new FDOT District 5 Secretary and a new CEO for SunRail. This is the third one in less than six months. The discussions we had with Mike Shannon were going very favorable, he does not know how that will be continued with a new CEO. He will provide an update as soon as he can.

Mayor Apgar stated that the next meeting will be held in January. Brian Rothwell, Volusia County Activity Project Manager, will send out a list of meeting dates for next year. Mayor Apgar requested that staff send the Power Point presentations from today's meeting to all the Roundtable members. He added that staff will try to do better with regards to getting minutes completed.

Mr. Kelley said the State of the County will be finalized before the next Roundtable Meeting. He said George Recktenwald, County Manager, Volusia County stated that he will make sure the Roundtable Minutes and the Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials section, on the County website are up to date.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.