



Roundtable of Volusia County Elected Officials Meeting Minutes September 9, 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 Chazez, Mayor, DeBary; Chris Cloudman, Mayor, DeLand; Fred Cleveland, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach; Santiago Avila, Jr., Mayor, Deltona; William Hall, Mayor, South Daytona; Don Burnette, Mayor, Port Orange; Bill Partington, Mayor, Ormond Beach; Vernon Burton, Mayor, Lake Helen; Monica Paris, Commissioner/Vice Mayor, 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; Chirs Via, Mayor, Holly Hill; Dale Arrington, City Manager, Orange City; Wayne Clark, City Manager, Port Orange; Les Gillis, City Manager, South Daytona; Kevin Cowper, City Manager, New Smyrna Beach; Andrew Holmes, Deputy City Manager, Daytona Beach.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATE AND INFORMATION

Dr. Jennifer Chan, Department Chair & Medical Director of Emergency Services, Halifax Health, provided an overview of Halifax Health programs and services available to the community. Dr. Chan provided current data on the number of patients entering the emergency department. She stated in 2023 there were 91,691 emergency department visits to Halifax Health. She explained Halifax Health Medical Center in Daytona Beach is the only Trauma Hospital in Volusia County. She provided data regarding the number and types of traumas that were treated at this facility.

Discussion and questions ensued.

Lorenzo Brown, Fish and West Market President, AdventHealth, gave an overview of the services his organization provides to Volusia County. Mr. Brown stated AdventHealth employs 6,000 Volusia County residents. He reviewed the expansion of services to keep up with the growth in the community. He explained the robotics program that is being implemented in their facilities in the area and how this program has been beneficial to improving medical care to their patients.

Discussion and questions ensued.

Stephen Civitelli, Administrator, Florida Department of Health in Volusia & Flagler Counties, provided an overview of services and programs available to the community. Mr. Civitelli explained the expansion of outreach services to the community. He spoke about the Safe Kids Coalition and nutritional programs available to the community. He announced that the Keech Street Center for Women and Babies would be reopening after being closed due to Hurricane Ian. The clinic provides

prenatal and other services to women and is a hub for the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) program.

Discussion and questions ensued.

Ivan Cosimi, Chief Executive Officer, SMA Healthcare, provided the background and reviewed the organizational structure for his agency. Mr. Cosimi stated SMA Healthcare's mission is to improve lives through exceptional substance abuse, and mental health and primary care services. He also provided an overview of the SMA Healthcare Foundation and how it supports the organization by fostering relationships to increase community awareness and support for services provided by the organization.

Nicole Sharbono, Chief Operating Officer, shared information about the state of behavioral health in Volusia County. Ms. Sharbono reviewed strategies SMA Healthcare uses to improve services to the community. Some of those strategies are expansion of primary care services, creation of a psychiatric residency program, construction of a new DeLand Outpatient Center for integrated services, construction of a new Flagler County Integrated Stabilization Unit, and an expanded research partnership with the University of Florida.

Discussion and questions ensued.

VOLUSIA COUNTY BEACH ON & OFF-SITE PARKING UPDATE

Benjamin Bartlett, Public Works Department Director, provided an overview of the new on-beach and off-beach parking program. Mr. Bartlett explained how Volusia County residents starting October 1, 2024, could register their vehicles with the County to use off-beach parking and have vehicular access to the beach for free. He explained how the software would work and how there would still be staffed tollbooths and parking lot ambassadors to help assist individuals with the process if needed. He informed everyone this program did have a sunset date should Council decide not to renew it for another year.

Discussion and questions ensued.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Will Roberts, Tax Collector, explained the kids tag art program. Mr. Roberts stated there are 15 counties in Florida that participate in this program. He explained the specialty tags associated with this program and how participating schools benefit from the program.

Lynn Flanders, Ocean Center Director, announced there will be a Celebrate Volusia event at the Ocean Center on October 6, 2024. She provided an overview of the activities and services that will be at the event.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Roundtable Chair Miller announced the next meeting is November 18, 2024, and the meeting location is the same.

CLOSING COMMENTS

William Hall, Mayor, South Daytona, thanked the presenters for the services their organizations provide to the community and for their presentations. Mayor Hall announced the 16th annual Kailynne Quartier Memorial Ride on September 14, 2024, and invited everyone to join them for the event.

Santiago Avila, Mayor, Deltona, requested at the next meeting that the new city manager, Doc Dougherty, be allotted a few minutes to introduce himself.

Chris Via, Mayor, Holly Hill, thanked the presenters for their presentations. Mayor Via informed everyone this was his last roundtable meeting as Mayor of Holly Hill due to his term coming to an end.

Chris Cloudman, Mayor, DeLand, announced several events taking place in the DeLand in remembrance of 9/11.

Don Burnette, Mayor, Port Orange, gave accolades to the presenters.

George Rectenwald, County Manager, Volusia County, thanked Volusia County staff for their efforts in coordinating the roundtable meeting.

Jeff Brower, County Chair, Volusia County, thanked the presenters and staff for their efforts in making today's meeting extremely productive and informative. Mr. Brower encouraged everyone to attend Celebrate Volusia on October 6 at the Ocean Center.

Nancy Miller, Mayor, Daytona Beach Shores, announced the Florida League of Mayors meeting at Daytona International Speedway. Chair Miller provided details of the meeting. She also informed the committee that the November 2024 meeting would be her last meeting as Roundtable Chair, noting that Vice Chair Paritsky would serve as Chair and she would move down to Vice Chair unless another mayor would like to serve in that role.

Lois Paritsky, Mayor, Ponce Inlet, stated she enjoyed the presentations and thanked the speakers for coming to the meeting.

Bill Partington, Mayor, Ormond Beach, stated the information received today would be shared with the TPO Committee as well. He also spoke about the community meetings hosted by the County seeking citizen input regarding roadways. He encouraged everyone to attend one of those meetings.

Fred Cleveland, Mayor, New Smyrna Beach, thanked Mr. Rectenwald and County staff for coordinating today's meeting. Mayor Cleveland requested a few minutes at the next Roundtable meeting for Kevin Cowper, the new city manager, to speak.

Vernon Burton, Mayor, Lake Helen, announced community events being held in remembrance of 9/11. He also thanked the speakers and organizers of today's meeting for the efficiency and information provided. He asked for a few minutes at the next Roundtable meeting for the new city administrator, Jim Gleason, to speak.

Karen Chavez, Mayor, DeBary, announced the groundbreaking for the city's new fire station and said it would coincide with the city's 9/11 remembrance ceremony.

Monica Paris, Commissioner/Vice Mayor, Daytona Beach, thanked the presenters and their agencies for the services provided to the community. She also announced the City of Daytona Beach would be celebrating its 150th anniversary next year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.