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League of Women Voters of Volusia County Presents:

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Civic League's Fire/Rescue Study of Volusia County 2010:

A Case for Consolidation of Fire/Rescue Service?

Howard Tipton

Former Daytona Beach City Manager

**9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Breakfast --\$15**

**Palmetto Club
1000 S. Beach Street, Daytona Beach**

**RSVP by February 22, 2011 to Maritza Patterson
rpatterson11@cfl.rr.com**

Cancellations after Feb. 22 will be invoiced

**Check in @ 9:15 a.m., Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m.
Program @ 10:15 a.m.**



Speaker: Howard Tipton

Mr. Tipton has been in city management for over 32 years and is credentialed by the International City/County Management Association. He was the City Manager of the City of Daytona Beach for almost 16 years. He previously spent seven years as City Manager of Glendora, California. After his tenure in Daytona Beach, he was Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Orlando for over five years.

His career in public administration is varied. Mr. Tipton also spent seven years in Washington, D.C. as a Presidential Appointee under Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter. He served as Executive Director of a presidential study commission on fire prevention and control and was the first Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, establishing the U.S. Fire Academy and Fire Laboratories. He also served the U.S. Secretary of Transportation as Director of State and Local Affairs. In addition, Mr. Tipton has served on two private boards of directors for many years.

Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., Chicago, IL. UL is the largest public safety-testing laboratory in the world with over 6,500 employees in 104 countries with annual revenue of \$1 billion. He has served on finance, compensation, long-range planning, public safety and corporate governance committees. (11 yrs.) .

ICMA Retirement Corporation, Washington, DC, a financial services company for local and state government retirement investments. Current assets are \$30 billion and it serves 800,000 members. He served on investment, finance and governance board committees (13 yrs). Served as chairman of the investment committee. Vantagepoint proprietary funds are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

A few of the offices and positions he has held or currently holds in various organizations:

- Past President of the Florida City/County Management Association. Honorary life member.
- Past Vice-President of the International City/County Management Association. Honorary life member.
- First city manager to be honored by the United States Colleges of Public Administration- PI Alpha Alpha.
- Past board member of Citrus Community College, California (2 yrs).
- Past President of Wayne Densch Foundation for the Homeless, Orlando, (2 yrs)
- Member of the Daytona Beach /Halifax Area Civic League, Chairman of Economic Development Committee (2 yrs.); Chairman of Local Government Committee (2 yrs).
- Former member of State of Florida Commission on Local Government 11 by appointment of the governor, (2 yrs).
- Former member of the Florida Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Affairs (ACIR) by appointment of the governor (8 yrs.).
- Fund raiser for Council on Aging in Volusia/Flagler Counties (4 yrs).
- Past Chairman of United Way Campaign, Glendora, Ca.
- Past Interim Executive Director of Lynx, Central Florida regional transportation agency for Orange, Seminole, and Osceola counties.

Awarded the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Distinguished Service Award for career service.

Mr. Tipton has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, is a Coro Foundation Fellow and a graduate of the John F. Kennedy School for Senior Government Executives at Harvard University.

Mr. Tipton is married. His wife Georgeanne is retired from the American Red Cross where she was a Public Information Specialist. Together they have seven grown children and thirteen grandchildren.



Dear Leaguers,

Please join us in understanding more about the concept of consolidation of fire/rescue in Volusia County. How would this be beneficial or detrimental to the safety of the residents of Volusia County. Make your reservations to Maritza Patterson by Feb. 22. We will look for you there!

Sandy Horikami
LWVVC President



Participants of the January Observer Corps Workshop at the Claytons': (L→ R) Dennis and Summer Clayton, Marsha Lewis, Ann Harrell, Linda Burgher, Pat Gadbaw, Larry Moore, Sandy Horikami, Gwen Azama-Edwards, Claudia Roth, Ken Fischer, Pat Drago, Cile Rice and Rosemarie Gore. Jody Williams took the picture.



OBSERVER CORPS

Our workshop in January was a great success thanks to the insights provided by Pat Drago and Gwen Azama-Edwards. They took us behind the scenes, dissected the council/commission agenda and defined how it is developed each month.

Welcome to our newest observer, Jody Williams, who will observe Daytona Beach City Commission six months of the year. We need a volunteer to observe May through October. Ken Fischer, Votran General Manager, also joined the League and will keep us informed about the land use developments around the DeBary train depot.

In the Fall we will conduct another Observer Corps workshop. This one will be designed to make the budgeting process exciting.

Oak Hill City Commission 1/10

- 2010-25 agreement with Volusia County to annex certain parcels of real property in the unincorporated area into the city , as per section 171.046 Florida statute,
- 2011-1 k; 2011-2 adopted a community development block grant citizen participation plan

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- Due to the standing room only crowd the agenda was moved to take up Police Chief Diane Young's recommendation to terminate Officer Mike Ihnken. She presented her report of his seven year employment history, he rebutted, she rebutted, he replied, commission questioned both parties, after two plus hours the commission voted 3/2 to reject the police chief's recommendation and ordered an external audit of the police department, as soon as possible. The Mayor, who heads the police department asked the police chief if she would consider resigning; that was negative. The chief was appointed on a three/two vote and matters were brought up that have not been resolved to date. A special meeting may be called concerning the proposed and agreed to audit of the police department to get it started.
- Passed R 2011-05 appointing Laura Goodearly as acting city clerk/administrator for a period of ninety days, than will review.
- Passed R 2011-07 executing an agreement with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for maintenance of state road rights-of- way by the city.

Edgewater City Council 1/10

- City to partner in CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy).
- Contracted for window protection by the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).
- Passed R 2011-2 with special note of streets that have joint interests being included in long range planning of transportation needs and desires
- Supported a request for aid by Megan Meeks, People to People Student Ambassador to Tokyo, Japan, \$1,000.00.
- Waived annexation fees for property located at 4497 US-I, American Legion Post 285.
- Entered into affiliation agreement with Daytona State College.
- Appointed Capt. Dave Arcieri, acting chief of police as Bill Bennett will retire Feb. 28th.

New Smyrna City Commission 1/9/11

- Passed 2011-2 Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement with Volusia County, waiving all associated fees for affected property owners
- approved New Smyrna Beach Fitness Loop as required in the adopted Community Redevelopment Act (CRA) Master Plan update

- passed O 62-10 rezoning 135 acres south of Turnbull Bay Rd and west of Tionia Road to Planned Unit Development and approved Sugar Mill Estates master development agreement and conceptual development plan.
- approved demolition of old police fire properties on Industrial Park Ave-\$46,410.04 and returned \$34,815.91 to Volusia County in tax overpayment on five parcels, resulting from a stipulation of dismissal of litigation

NoraJane Gillespie

Ormond Beach Earns Green Certification

The Florida Green Building Coalition (FGBC), a membership-based nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable building, development and business practices, has designated the City of Ormond Beach as a Florida Green Local Government.

Ormond Beach City Commission

The City received the prestigious Silver Level Designation from the FGBC, earned as a result of their outstanding environmental stewardship across all departments. Suzanne Cook, FGBC Executive Director, said the designation demonstrates a strong commitment by Ormond Beach elected officials to embrace the tenants of sustainability, while also helping better manage the cost of government. "Their leadership in this effort will help protect and conserve our natural resources, enhance the efficiency of government, and raise public awareness about the benefits of environmental stewardship," Cook said. "Our membership applauds the municipality's dedication and commitment to the important ideals outlined in this program."

Numerous initiatives earned the City of Ormond Beach their Silver Certification including monitoring and tracking government building energy and water usage, participating in Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, enacting ordinances for tree preservation, rain sensor irrigation, septic system replacement, historic preservation to protect natural resources, developing environmental educational information for the City's website, enacting sea turtle and manatee protection programs along with a boat facility site plan, and implementing advanced storm-water controls and waterfront considerations.

A member from the Florida Green Building Coalition will present the Silver Certification to Mayor Ed Kelley at the January 18th City Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 22 S. Beach Street, Ormond Beach.

Maritza Patterson

Ponce Inlet Town Council 1/20/11

As noted in the News Journal the crowd on this night spilled into the break room and out the doors. Most of those attending were wearing orange shirts and were there to change the noise regulations back to 70 decibel (db) for the earlier hours of music at local restaurants. The 2nd major issue on the agenda was the election of council seat 2 due to the resignation of Mayor Goudy and subsequent appointment of Kris Derr to the Mayor's vacated seat.

There were 9 candidates for the vacated seat, any one of whom would have served the town well. The council was hopelessly deadlocked on the last two candidates but Scott Meacham was elected on the 7th ballot after adding the points the last two received on all the ballots.

The noise issue was quite contentious, but the discussion which followed clarified most of the problematic portions of the Ordinance. It is nearly impossible to test the db level of music at the restaurants because of the normal street noise on one side and ocean on another. The Commission voted to return to the agreement which had been worked out in an earlier meeting with the restaurant owners.

**Technical Coordinating Committee (TAC), Citizens Advisory (CAC),
Transportation Planning Organization** meetings for January, 2011

The major issue with all the committee meetings was the change revision by the federal government to revert back to an annual appropriation which eliminates the protection put in place in 1990. Once again cities and county will not know how many federal dollars for transportation they will have until the federal budget is passed. So far congress has not passed a budget for this fiscal year which puts planning in a bit of a bind. It also means that at the end of the year the feds can take back money not spent in the year appropriated and reallocate those dollars to another state. The cities will have to stay alert to their projects and provide updates on the details of projects semi-annually rather than just annually.

For the allocation XU (federal funds set aside for urban areas of greater than 200,000 in population). Volusia would like to change from the 15% to a 10% match from the city making the request and no longer except the small communities. It will remain at 15% with exceptions through this fiscal year. They would further like to reallocate XU funding for corridor improvements (US 1, US 17-92, et al) to *develop comprehensive, multi-modal transportation improvement strategies*. They also discussed changing the rules from using XU funds for new construction only to using the money for maintenance as that is about all that can be paid for in this economy.

Memorial Bridge is now funded due to dollars freed up from another project.

The county is working on a spreadsheet to identify all the transportation studies which have been completed to help in identifying projects.

Patricia Gadbow