



OBSERVER CORPS REPORT
Daytona Beach City Commission
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The City Commission received a presentation from Nancy Miller, Mayor of Daytona Beach Shores, in her role as co-chair of the Flood Coalition for Volusia County. Jake Johansson is the other co-chair but was not present.

The Coalition is made up of representatives from 16 municipalities in Volusia County.

Volusia County has received over \$400 million in grants from HUD through the Transform 386 program. Of these funds, \$7 million has been awarded to Daytona Beach. Daytona Beach will be replacing its lift stations 15,17,18 and 22. These stations will be replaced with more modern flood resistant projects. Citywide watershed management plans to better understand drainage conditions, elevated flood risk and identify long term stormwater management in Daytona Beach.

Ms. Miller referenced the website **Volusia.org** and encouraged residents to check it out for information and status on the stormwater projects the county has completed; has in-process; and has planned. (Search "Stormwater" to locate relevant information.) The website also has information about advanced engineering, flood models and field data to prioritize future infrastructure improvements and build a more resilient community for years to come.

There is a planned new resource to educate the public-a GIS dashboard. Residents will be able to input an address and be able to see which projects in their area have been completed, which will be completed and when, and future projects planned in each city.

Nancy Miller switched hats and moved to her role as president of Volusia League of Cities.

She called city manager Dereck Feacher to the podium. She presented him with the Home Rule Heros Award. This award is given to only a few officials in recognition of their advocacy for their city.



Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner May reported she had heard from several residents regarding significant increases in their water bills. She mentioned resident purchased all new appliances in an effort to lower his water consumption but did not experience any decrease. She put forth the idea of an audit of the utility bills the city has issued.

Discussion continued, including issues regarding clean-up and maintenance around the city.