



From the Desk of Jim Cameron.....

Jim Cameron Consulting LLC

May 1, 2021

Yesterday, I began Jim Cameron Consulting LLC. Using the my 38 years of Government Relations experience with Daytona Regional Chamber, I will now I am now open to working on a clientele basis...

This will include working with city and county officials on specific projects, bids, as well as campaign assistance. I have attended meetings in Daytona Beach, Ormond Beach, Port Orange, Holly Hill, South Daytona, Daytona Beach Shores as well as Volusia County Council and School Board since 1983.

For more information, go to my website, www.jimcameronconsulting.com Call my cell 566-2140 day, night or weekends if you'd like to discuss further. And my guarantee still stands that if I miss your call and don't return it in eight business hours, I will pay you \$1000 cash.

Legislature Adjourns.....but more to come....



On Friday, the Legislature agreed upon a \$101.5 billion budget for FY 2021-22 which included \$10.2 billion from Congress' recent \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan. However, the federal funds are non-recurring revenue.

S 2500 will allocate \$6.7 billion for budget programs and \$3.5 billion will be applied to reserves. [Click here](#) for budget summary.

Teachers, police, firefighters and paramedics can expect \$1,000 bonuses.

Legislators voted to permanently divide the state's Sadowski (affordable housing) Trust Fund which totaled \$423 million, using a portion for flooding projects and wastewater programs. Affordable housing will get \$209 million.

[Click here](#) to see outcome of other business-related bills addressed during the Session.....

Special Session begins May 17

On April 23, **Gov DeSantis** signed a new 30-year gaming compact with Seminole Tribe which will generate a minimum of \$2.5 billion in new revenue over the next five years and an estimated \$6 billion through 2030.

The Seminole Tribe agreed to allow designated player games as part of a new Compact. They opposed these games in the past which was why they ceased payments to the state in 2018.



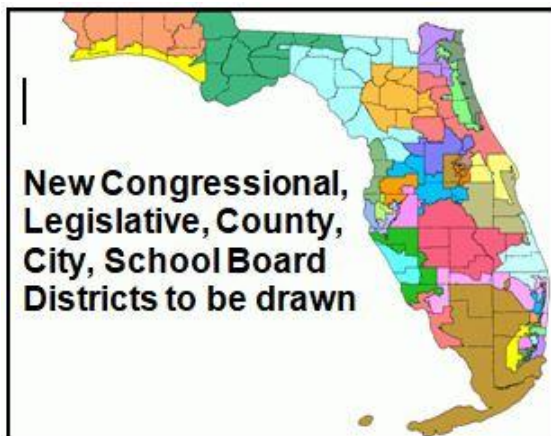
Pari-mutuels will be allowed to maintain any designated player games they have now, but can't add new games....but they can add more tables. Sports betting wagers will be split on a 60/40 basis.

The Tribe praised **Gov Desantis** for working with them to reach agreement.

Most notably, the compact modernizes the gaming industry through the authorization of sports betting in Florida through the Tribe. The agreement also provides protections for pari-mutuel operations and the opportunity to participate in sports betting offered by the Tribe

The Legislature must ratify the compact recently signed by **Gov DeSantis** and the **Seminole Tribe**.

[Click here](#) to see additional gaming bills to be addressed in the Special Session....



Redistricting Process...

News from the Census Bureau confirmed that Florida will pick up one congressional district and legislative committees will likely begin their reapportionment process this summer.

The new block-by-block numbers aren't expected until August or September. While the Senate has yet to name their Congressional and Legislative Redistricting Committee members

House **Redistricting Chairman Tom Leek** told House members, "Even though the bureau's timeline for data processing and delivery has been delayed for this redistricting cycle, Florida is still well within our constitutionally mandated time frame of drawing and approving maps during the 2022 regular session."

Redrawing of congressional and legislative lines must be accomplished before June 13 – June 17, 2022 (the qualifying period for candidates qualify for the 2022 elections).

Look for further updates regarding the county and city reapportionment process...

New City Managers for Daytona Beach and Port Orange



[Deric Feacher](#) was selected by the Daytona Beach City Commission as the next City Manager on March 27 and his contract was approved on April 7.

He has over 20 years of senior level experience in local government and is currently City Manager in Haines City, Florida.

A graduate of Bethune-Cookman University, he also completed the Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program

He's scheduled to begin Tuesday, June 1.

[Click here](#) for more information.



[Wayne Clark](#) was selected by the Port Orange City Council on March 19. His most recent position was economic development director for DeBary and previously was previously Planning Director for New Hanover County (Wilmington, North Carolina).

He was the former community development director for Port Orange (2007-2017) where he involved with several economic development projects including Raydon Corp, US Foods and the Pavilion Shopping district. He officially began work April 19.



Congratulations to [Jonathan Foley](#) for being elected to Zone 1, Port Orange City Council by a special election on April 13.

At a City Council Special Meeting on January 5, the Port Orange City Council appointed him as Interim Council Member for District 1 to fill the vacant seat upon the resignation of former Council Member Dr. Marilyn Ford. Since then, he was part of some major decisions i.e. approval of a new panhandling ordinance and the selection of the new City Manager.

In working with elected officials for 38 years, I'm saying, "You're going to see more of him in the future."

On a sad note...Volusia lost an ol' friend.....

Earlier this past week, it was announced that **Ann McFall** passed away. A former Volusia Supervisor of Elections, County Chair and School Board member, she did a superb job in all three positions!

A service was held for her yesterday at the Deltona Center where a lot of memories of Ann were shared.

She will be missed.



Volusia Elected Officials Roundtable
Monday, May 10, 12 noon
Wayne G. Sanborn Activity Center,
815 S. Alabama Ave, DeLand

Includes one elected official from each of Volusia's cities, county government and school system to discuss countywide issues and concerns. The Volusia County Council hosts the meetings. Open to the public and bring your own lunch.

For information, call Kevin Captain at 822-5062.



Click the link for Local Government

<u>Volusia County Council</u>	May 4 / 18, 10 am County Adm Bldg
<u>Daytona Beach City Commission</u>	May 5 / 19, 6 pm City Hall
<u>Ormond Beach City Commission</u>	May 4 / 18, 7 pm City Hall
<u>Port Orange City Council</u>	May 4 / 18, 6:30 pm City Hall
<u>Holly Hill City Commission</u>	May 11 / 25, 6 pm City Hall
<u>South Daytona City Council</u>	May 11 / 25, 6 pm City Hall
<u>Daytona Beach Shores City Council</u>	May 11 / 25, 6 pm City Hall
<u>DeBary City Council</u>	May 5 / 19 6:30pm City Hall
<u>Deland City Council</u>	May 3 / 17, 7 pm City Hall
<u>Deltona City Commission</u>	May 3 / 17, 6:30 pm City Hall
<u>Edgewater City Council</u>	May 3, 6:30 pm City Hall
<u>Lake Helen City Commission</u>	May 13, 7:00 pm City Hall
<u>New Smyrna Bch City Commission</u>	May 11 / 25, 6:30 pm City Hall
<u>Oak Hill City Commission</u>	May 10 / 24, 6 pm City Hall
<u>Orange City City Council</u>	May 11 / 25, 6:30 pm City Hall
<u>Ponce Inlet Town Council</u>	
<u>School Board of Volusia</u>	May 11 and 25, 5:30 pm District Office Deland

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Current Filed Candidates

August 23 (Primary) November 8 (General)

Congressional District 6

Joe Hannoush (LPF)

Gerry Nolan (NPA)

Florida Senate District 7

Travis Hutson (REP) *Incumbent

Florida Senate District 9

Jason Brodeur (REP) *Incumbent

Florida Senate District 14

Tom Wright (REP) *Incumbent

Florida House District 24

Paul Renner (REP) *Incumbent

Florida House District 25

Tom Leek (REP) *Incumbent

Florida House District 26

Elizabeth Fetterhoff (REP) *Incumbent

Jacob Johnson (DEM)

Florida House District 27

Webster Barnaby (REP) *Incumbent

County Council Member, District 2

Chase Tramont

School Board Member, District 5

Ruben Colon

City Filed Candidates

August 30 (Primary) November 8 (General)

DeLand Mayor

Christopher Cloudman

Port Orange Council District 2

Cathleen (Kat) Atwood

Click here to see status of ACTIVE (PROPOSED) CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS