

# ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

## July 26, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Bob Cahill, Mike Gill, Joe Marotti, Donald O'Brien, Jim Ulsamer, Frank Zedar

Members Absent: Greg Federline, Wanda Clegg, Barbara Revels

Staff Present: Helga van Eckert, Director  
Katrina Austin, Project Manager  
Lili Tuggle-Weir, Administrative Assistant

1. **Call to Order:** Vice-Chairman O'Brien called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.
2. **Roll Call:** A silent roll call was taken. A quorum was present.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** June 28, 2017 minutes  
Approved

#### 4. **Partner Presentations**

##### **Bill Tol – Director, Florida Hospital Hospice Care Foundation**

Mr. Tol made a presentation and reported on:

- The Adventist Health System showing 46 hospitals in 10 states with 8,300 licensed beds, employment of 80,000 people attending to 4.7 M patients annually.
- The North Central Florida Division has hospitals in five cities to include Palm Coast, Deland, Orange City, Daytona Beach and New Smyrna Beach
- The executive team members
- Status as a 501c3 with 4 entities to include HCP Physicians, Home Health, Hospice Care, Town Center Surgery and the hospital
- Services
- Florida Hospital Flagler employs 980 staff full-time with an additional 135 part-time staff members
- Cancer Center Expansion
- Orthopedic Surgery department
- Community involvement

#### 5. **Executive Director Report**

Ms. van Eckert reported on the following:

- Current release of the Economic Development Snapshot
- Economic Opportunity will be quarterly contributors to Sun and Surf magazine
- The possibility of an International Delegation visiting Flagler County through the US Department of Commerce
- The You Can in Flagler County workforce recruitment campaign is a finalist for a Southeastern Economic Development Council award.
- Site Selector Series – the department will host three speakers this year. Griff Salmon, currently with VisionFirst Advisors, formerly with Enterprise Florida will be our first speaker on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. He will discuss making Flagler County economically competitive.

We have secured Intracoastal Bank, Flagler County Realtors Association, CenterBank and

Douglas Properties and Development as sponsors for the event. Channelside has donated the use of their facility as the venue for the presentation on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

- Project Spec is continuing to move forward.
- Project Bags is still active and staff should know in a few weeks if an announcement can be made.
- Virtual spec building video production company has been secured and production has begun.

**6. Council Comments**

Mr. O'Brien commented on the Economic Snapshot and that he really liked the push notifications he gets from the FlaglerCan! App.

He further noted the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce is getting closer to making a decision on who will be secured as the new Chamber President.

**7. Public Comments**

None

**8. Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the EOAC will be Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Board Chambers.

**9. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.