

## **George Forbes**

George grew up in a Chicago suburb and received his BA from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and an MPA from the University of Colorado, Boulder. He served in the United States Army in Germany in the 2/28 Artillery Battalion, where he received for his service the Army Commendation medal, and was awarded the battalion Soldier of the Quarter. George served as a City Manager for almost 40 years and now serves as Senior Advisor with FCCMA.

### **Experience:**

- Held internships in the City Manager's Office of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, and the Community Services Department in Lakewood, Colorado.
- Served as the Assistant to the City Manager of Yankton, South Dakota for 3 years while also serving as the City Planner and assisting with code enforcement and public works.
- After surviving the coldest winter on record at that time, decided to move to Florida and became the City Manager of Clermont, Florida at age 28. Spent 6 years as City Manager of Clermont. As a small-town City Manager his duties included HR, City Planner, Recreation Director, and code enforcement. Wrote the first comprehensive plan for the city.
- Named the City Manager of Boulder City, Nevada where he served for 10 years. Boulder City is in the Las Vegas metropolitan area and home of Hoover Dam. He learned the electric utility business in this City and negotiated the City's electric and water contracts, assisted in establishing the Southern Nevada Water Authority as well as the Southern Nevada Railroad Museum. He negotiated the purchase of approximately 80 square miles of land from the Federal government and master planned it for conservation and solar energy.
- Served almost 24 years as the City Manager of Jacksonville Beach, Florida. Changed the name of the City Electric utility to Beaches Energy Services to more accurately reflect its service territory, changed the electric system from three voltages to one to increase efficiency, and undergrounded all lines east of A1A and any other lines necessary for reliability. To date approximately 80% of the electric utility is underground. The effect is that Beaches Energy is one of the most reliable and customer service friendly utilities in Florida with residential rates well below the state average. George and his team also accomplished major redevelopment activities rebuilding the south end of the City and the downtown area.

He has been married to his wife, Monica for 47 years and resides in Winter Park, Florida, where he lives down the street from his 2 grandchildren, who are the joy of his life. He loves boating on the intracoastal waterway.