

## Mark Ryan Bio

Mark Ryan is the current City Manager for Indian Harbour Beach, Florida, serving since April 2014. Previously, he served as the City Manager in Titusville, Florida for seven years and the City Manager for West Melbourne, Florida for over 25 years.

Indian Harbour Beach is a debt-free, full service community of more than 9,000 residents in Brevard County on Florida's Space Coast. Since his appointment Mark has re-invested in the community with numerous capital projects totaling more than \$19 million dollars, including a new modern \$5.6 million dollar Police Headquarters, while maintaining a strong financial status for the community.

Mark holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Webster University, a Bachelor of Public Administration degree from Barry University, and an Associates of Science degree in Forest Technology from Lake City Community College. Mark is a member of the International City Management Association having received his 40-year Service Award in 2017 and will received his 45-year Service Award in 2022.

Mark is a member of the Florida City County Management Association (FCCMA) and currently serves as the Chairman of the FCCMA Legislative Committee, and is also a member of the Florida League of Cities (FLC) Municipal Administration Legislative Policy Committee. In 2021, Mark became the first non-legislator to receive the prestigious Florida League of Cities "Defender of Home Rule Award." Also, in 2018 and 2021 Mark received the FCCMA "If You Care, You Do" Award for his efforts during the Florida Legislative Sessions.

As City Manager, Mark has been heavily involved in the Florida Legislative process. He is a frequent visitor to the Florida Legislature to champion issues important to his community, as well as cities and citizens throughout Florida. He has spoken on key legislation, such as the creation of Space Florida, Pension Reform, Pre-emption of Local Government Regulations, the 2018 Legislation on Tree Trimming and Removal, the Preemption of Municipal Regulations for Short-Term Rentals, and legislation allowing cities and counties to establish smoke-free areas within public parks, which through his efforts successfully passed the Florida Legislature and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

In 2021, and again in 2022, Mark worked with the FLC Legislative Affairs Team to implement a municipal practitioners conference call with 20-25 selected local government professionals and the FLC lobbyist, in advance of and throughout the Legislative Sessions. In selecting the local government professionals, we sought a small group of municipal managers and assistants to provide the FLC Lobbyists with boots on the ground knowledge, experience, and leadership to appropriately address concerns with various bills or issues in the legislative sessions.