

News and Updates

July 31, 2026



President's Message

One of the best parts of this profession is that we never stop learning.

Every conversation, conference, webinar, and committee meeting gives us the chance to gain new ideas and bring them back to the communities we serve. That's one of the reasons FCCMA is such a valuable resource for all of us.

Our FCCMA committees are already hard at work planning next year's professional development opportunities. I'm grateful to our committee members who volunteer their time and talents to keep our association moving forward.



I hope you'll join us on **August 6** for our **free coaching webinar, The Governance Edge: Strategic Insights for Municipal Charter Revisions**. It's another great opportunity to learn, connect, and earn ICMA-CM reporting credits. Click [here](#) to register.

I'm also excited to see the return of the **FCCMA Short-Form Video Showcase**. This year's theme, **Innovation in Action**, is your chance to highlight a program,

project, or technology that is making a difference in your community. Every community has an innovation worth sharing, and I encourage you to share yours. Please email FCCMA staff at fccma@flcities.com to confirm your participation by **Monday, August 31.**

This fall, many of us will gather at the **2026 ICMA Annual Conference in Long Beach, California, from October 17-21.** It looks like attendance will rival last year's conference in Tampa. If you're planning to attend, I hope you'll join us at the **FCCMA reception at Parkers' Lighthouse | Queensview Steakhouse on Monday, October 19.** It's always a great opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and make new connections. Watch for registration details coming soon.

I hope you'll take advantage of these opportunities to connect, learn, and share with your fellow members in the months ahead.

We are all in this together.

Terry Atchley



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MANAGEMENT IN MOTION

Spotlighting city and county success

Pinellas County Enhances Mobility with AI-Driven Transportation Solutions

By Deneta Jones, TMC Section Manager, Pinellas County Public Works

Pinellas County continues to advance its commitment to serving residents and motorists through strategic, forward-thinking transportation investments. With the leadership and support of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, the County has dedicated more than \$18 million to initiatives designed to improve congestion management and enhance safety along major roadways.

With over 300 signalized intersections across the county, the Transportation Division is deploying advanced AI-driven Smart System technology to better respond to real-time roadway conditions. This system provides immediate alerts related to near-miss incidents, red-light violations, illegal crossings, pedestrian and bicycle safety concerns, and traffic congestion. It also integrates Signal Performance Measures (SPM) technology to help maintain optimal signal timing and improve overall corridor efficiency.

These innovative tools are expected to reduce travel times, minimize delays, lower fuel consumption, and decrease the number of vehicle stops. Collectively, these improvements will save motorists thousands of hours and deliver millions of dollars in economic and operational benefits to the community.

Pinellas County remains committed to leveraging technology and innovation to keep people moving safely and efficiently—today and into the future.

Member News and Updates

The following membership applications have been received:

- **Henry Augustine Mawutor Attivor**, District VI, ICMA Fellow, Sarasota County, Student Member
- **Amanda Brown**, District II, City Manager, City of Waldo, Full Member
- **Ryan Eggleston**, District VI, Deputy Village Manager, Village of Estero, Full Member
- **Michael Helfrich**, District VII, City Manager, City of Madeira Beach, Full Member
- **Jennifer Jorgensen**, District VI, Deputy City Manager, City of Sarasota, Full Member
- **Drew Mullins**, District II, City Manager, City of Starke, Full Member
- **Joseph Storti**, Comptroller, United States Army, Subscriber Member

If no current member comes forth with a reason why these applicants should not be approved as members, he/she will be approved for membership.

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FLC CityStats Survey Now Open – Help Keep Florida's Municipal Data Current

The Florida League of Cities has launched the latest CityStats Survey, and all 411 Florida municipalities are encouraged to participate by **August 28, 2026**.

The survey collects information for **FY 2024 and FY 2025**, including data on municipal revenues, services, public safety, utilities, and salaries. The information provided by cities helps support League research, advocacy, and educational initiatives while also populating the CityStats Data Dashboard.

Each municipality's unique survey link was emailed directly to its designated contact. The survey may be completed over multiple sessions and shared with other staff members as needed.

Questions? **Contact FLC Research & Programs Administrator Wade Burkley**. Be sure to explore the new **CityStats Data Dashboard** and see how your city's data compares with municipalities across the state.

ICMA | Coaching Program

Career Compass No. 124: Are You a Hi-Potential?

To get choice assignments and further your career, it's not enough to be a high performer. You must cultivate certain X factors to be recognized as a high-potential employee. Click [here](#) to find out what you can do to foster your high potential.

For more Career Compass Archives, click [here](#).

City Hall Selfie Day is Tuesday, August 11

Organized by Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL), City Hall Selfie Day is a celebration of public service showcasing pride in local government institutions.

Every year since 2016, government employees, elected officials, members of the media, and community members participate in the event across the United States and around the world.

City Hall Selfie Day is all about local government pride.

For more information on how to participate, click [here](#).

Experience San Juan, Puerto Rico, August 23-25 with ICMA

ICMA has been participating for nearly 10 years at this international gathering of local government leaders from the U.S. and Latin America, focused on strengthening local institutional capacities, promoting innovation at the local level, and advancing sustainable economic development models through the exchange of experiences, knowledge, and best practices among local governments, the private sector, academia, and international organizations.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Remember the MITs

Members-in-Transition (MITs)

Please take a minute to show support for the MITs by emailing or calling the members of your district. A phone call or an email can go a long way to help someone temporarily out of work. You can also help if you have any job opportunities or special projects available for which one of our MITs may be qualified.

With current technology, the project could even be done from the MIT's home. Some of the MITs have provided their resumes and indicated their areas of expertise. The resumes and areas of expertise are now available on the [FCCMA website](#). Also, please keep FCCMA staff informed of any FCCMA members who may be eligible for MIT status. You can email [FCCMA staff](#).

From Our Senior Advisors

Did You Know? FCCMA Senior Advisors Are Here to Help

FCCMA's Senior Advisors are retired city and county managers who bring decades of local government leadership experience to our members and communities. Appointed jointly by the FCCMA Board of Directors and the ICMA Executive

Director, these respected professionals volunteer their time and expertise to support the local government management profession across Florida.

Whether you are navigating a career decision, facing an ethical question, or looking for guidance on a management challenge, Senior Advisors are available to provide confidential advice and practical insights based on their years of experience.

Senior Advisors also assist:

- Members in transition as they explore new opportunities in public administration
- Cities and counties with the council-manager form of government
- Communities considering the adoption of the council-manager form of government
- Civic organizations interested in learning more about professional local government management
- Small City and county management recruitment

There is no cost to use this valuable member benefit. If you would like to connect with a Senior Advisor or learn more about the program, visit the FCCMA Senior Advisor webpage.

The FCCMA Podcast

Each week, the Florida City and County Management Association releases a podcast featuring a professional in local government. Tune in to discover success stories, leadership insights, innovative local initiatives, and more to keep you informed.

- **#223 Emerging Technology and the Future of Energy at Lakeland Electric**
Michael Dammer, Manager of Emerging Technology at Lakeland Electric
- **#224 Managing Growth, Recovery, and the Business of Running Palm Coast**
Mike McGlothlin, City Manager of Palm Coast
- **#225 Meeting Residents Where They Are in Palm Beach**
Jessica Savidge, Administrative and Communications Manager for the Town of Palm Beach

[Click to Hear the Latest FCCMA Podcasts](#)

Perspectives

Hear local government leaders discuss the steps they take to expand meaningful citizen engagement so that community voices help shape policy and planning decisions.



Featured Member



Meet Armando Martinez, City Manager, City of Fellsmere

How long have you been an FCCMA member, and why did you join?

Seven years. I retired and then returned. I believe in the organization and the benefits.

Are you an ICMA member? Why did you join, and how long have you been a member?

Yes, seven years; I believe in the organization and the benefits.

Please describe your areas of formal/advanced education.

Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Certified in Homeland Security Terrorism Navigation, and Police Management

Why did you select a career in public service?

Public service is who I am. I love working with people and giving back to the community. My grandfather was a great influence on my career as well.

Have you always been in the public sector, or have you had experience in the private sector?

I have done both. I worked mostly in the public sector, but I have worked in the private sector. I owned a business with my son.

[Read More](#)

Member Article



The City of Altamonte Springs & TSG Transportation Advisors Launch Strategic Center of Excellence Driving International Innovation

By Frank Martz, City Manager, City of Altamonte Springs

The City of Altamonte Springs launched a landmark partnership with TSG Transportation Advisors (TSG Advisors) to establish a new Center of Excellence (COE) through the Altamonte Global Innovation Lab (AGiL). The COE will help international companies understand, navigate, and achieve the policy and regulatory compliance necessary to participate in the U.S. marketplace — the only platform of its kind in Florida that combines federal procurement expertise, Buy America compliance advisory, a living government laboratory, and workforce development in a single, unified resource for companies ready to compete in the American market.

Each year, the federal government invests hundreds of billions of dollars in infrastructure and technology programs subject to the requirements of the Build America, Buy America Act. For companies seeking to participate in these opportunities, compliance is essential. Failure to meet federal standards can result in disqualification from projects representing billions in potential economic activity, while successful compliance provides access to one of the world's largest and most stable procurement markets.

[Read More](#)

Events and Trainings

**August 6, 2026
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
FCCMA Coaching Webinar**

**FCCMA Short-Form Video Showcase
"Innovation in Action"
[Confirm Your Participation Here](#)**

Upcoming Webinars

Save the date for future webinar offerings!

August 6, 2026

**The Governance Edge: Strategic Insights for
Municipal Charter Revisions**

September 3, 2026

Property Tax

October 1, 2026

Requirements from the State Related to Public Safety

Jobs

Below is a list of active FCCMA job advertisements accessible on our website. [Click here](#) for details.

ALACHUA COUNTY – Intern – Water Resources Outreach

ALACHUA COUNTY – Transportation Planner (TPO)

ATLANTIC BEACH – Finance Director

DAHLONEGA, GA – Planning and Zoning Director

DAVENPORT, IA – Assistant City Administrator

GROVELAND – HR Director

INVERNESS – Planning and Code Compliance Technician

JACKSONVILLE – Attorney – Transactional

JACKSONVILLE – Attorney – General Litigation

JACKSONVILLE – Attorney II – Land Use

JACKSONVILLE – Attorney II – Labor and Employment

JACKSONVILLE – Attorney III – Transactional

JACKSONVILLE – Attorney II – Tort

JACKSONVILLE – Attorney III – Labor and Employment

JACKSONVILLE – Attorney III – Tort

MELBOURNE – Director of Finance

MONROE COUNTY – Public Works Division Director

MULBERRY – City Manager

NORTH MIAMI BEACH – Executive Assistant to City Manager

NEWBERRY – Director of Utilities

NORTH MIAMI BEACH – Director of Community Development

NORTH MIAMI BEACH – Electrical Inspector/Plans Reviewer

NORTH MIAMI BEACH – Housing Coordinator

NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY

AUTHORITY – Assistant Director of Traffic Incident Management

NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY

AUTHORITY – Director of Project Delivery

OCALA – Assistant City Attorney I

OCALA – Assistant City Attorney II

SARASOTA COUNTY – Business Operations Manager

SARASOTA COUNTY – Fire Chief

SARASOTA COUNTY – Internal Recruiter

**JACKSONVILLE ELECTRIC
AUTHORITY (JEA)** – Attorney III –
Transactional
JEFFERSON COUNTY – Finance &
Grants Manager
JUNO BEACH – Town Manager
**JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD OF
PINELLAS COUNTY** – Chief Executive
Officer
LAKE PARK – Assistant Finance
Director
MARION COUNTY – Traffic Engineer

SARASOTA COUNTY – Sustainability
Outreach Coordinator (Community
and Employee Educator II)
SARASOTA COUNTY – Zoning
Counselor (Planner II)
TALLAHASSEE – City Manager
THORNTON, CO – Director of
Planning and Economic Development
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