



## Commissioner Jim Turney

Jim Turney grew up in the Carolinas, Texas and Virginia before he and his family moved to Altamonte Springs in 1969. During their residency, Jim's mom taught at Lyman High School and his father started a successful audio visual business in the community.

Jim graduated from James Madison University in 1972 where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science while working in commercial radio as a country music disc jockey. Shortly after graduating, Jim went to serve in the US Army as an air traffic controller until 1976. After his military service, Jim expanded the family business and formed a tape duplication company that was the first to offer video civil court reporting services.



Jim was elected chairman of the Libertarian Party National Committee in 1985 and re-elected in 1987. He has also served on the board of directors of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, helping produce their continuing legal education seminars for lawyers for many years.

In 1994, Jim founded a company called "ListServe" that specialized in email broadcasting services. Between 2000 and 2001, he worked with the Mercatus Center of George Mason University to produce training for Congressional legislative staff before deciding to fulfill his ambition to travel throughout Europe by working for a Dutch management services company. Until recently, Jim was an advisor for a Dutch investment fund with assets in U.S. life settlements, which he helped form in 2006. Throughout the years, business and family brought Jim back to Altamonte Springs and in 2015 he returned to the City full-time.

### **Public Service:**

City Commissioner – 2017 – Present  
US Army, Air Traffic Controller – 1973 – 1976  
Libertarian Party, Chairman – 1985 – 1988

### **Education:**

James Madison University, BA Political Science – 1972

**Personal:**

Born in North Carolina. Has also lived in South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Germany and Cyprus  
Family based in Altamonte Springs since 1969  
Has two siblings and one daughter, Aurora

**Interests:**

Jim enjoys traveling throughout the United States and Europe which lends itself well to his passions for history and photography. Jim also spends his time indulging in technology, finance and live music performances.