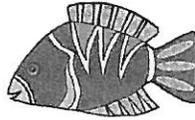


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Treasure Island*

**January 26, 2011**

Mayor Simons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at Redington Shores Town Hall, 17425 Gulf Boulevard, Redington Shores, FL followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for the fallen officers of St. Petersburg.

Members Present:

Redington Beach	Mayor Nick Simons
Belleair Beach	Council member, David Dumville
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Indian Shores	Mayor Jim Lawrence
N. Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Shores	Mayor Bert Adams
Treasure Island	Mayor Robert Minning
Clearwater	Council member George Cretekos
Madeira Beach	Mayor Pat Shontz
Belleair Shore	Mayor John Robertson

Guests Present:

Paul Marino, City Attorney Belleair Beach  
Bill Smith, Councilor, Indian Shores  
Phyllis Johnson, Beach Scene Reporter  
Steve McFarland, US GSA Customer Service Director  
Frank Yurasko, Redington Beach  
Travis Palladeno, Madeira Beach  
Kathy Mortensen, Council member Belleair Beach  
Doreen Moore, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber  
D.T. Minich, Visit St. Pete Clearwater  
Jerry Knight, Vice Mayor North Redington Beach  
Joan Herndon, Vice Mayor Indian Shores  
Sandra Knoebel, Pinellas County Planning Department  
Robin Sanborn, Hospitality Education Director, Visit St Pete/Clearwater  
Andy Squires, Coastal Manager, Pinellas County  
Bob McClure, Editor, Tampa Bay Newspapers  
Cori Cuttler, Community Affairs Manager, SWFWMD  
John Branch, Vice Mayor, Redington Shores  
Lee Holmes, Commissioner, Redington Shores  
David Will, Commissioner, Redington Beach  
Fred Steiermann, Vice Mayor, Redington Beach

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Chuck Coward, City Manager, Indian Rocks Beach  
Linda Fisher, Principal Planner, PPC  
W.D. Higginbotham, Jr., City Manager, Madeira Beach

Minutes Approval December 8, 2010

Mayor Simons read a correction in the minutes to the members. He then asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes. Motion was made by Mayor Robertson to accept the amended minutes and was duly seconded by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin and carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mayor Bob Minning read the treasurer's report. Motion made by Mayor Robertson to accept the December 2010 treasurer's report, seconded by Mayor Shontz and carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Correspondence from JoAnne Kennedy who aspires to be on the MPO/PPC committee after it has merged. Vice Mayor Knight will continue on the committee until the merger is complete.

New Business

D.T. Minich of St. Pete/Clearwater spoke of the current tourism promotions in the area being conducted. He indicated that the budget is funded by the county bed tax and that the bed tax has been averaging an increase of 7 to 8% per month since August. With the opening of the new Dahli museum, the beaches are being promoted to bring the tourists to the beaches. A campaign has been launched with Jet Blue Airlines promoting the beaches in Pinellas County. Along with the national campaign being launched, the new brochures came out. Mr. Minich will be meeting with the new airport director and signage is being placed in the shuttles and baggage claim areas to advertise the beaches as well as hang tags in the rental cars at the Tampa Airport.

Another major advertisement of the beaches is being launched with the release of the "Winter the Dolphin" Movie, which is scheduled to be released in September or October of this year.

Steve McFarland, Customer Service Director of the GSA (General Services Administration) spoke on the state and local programs that are available, such as the cooperative purchasing program and disaster recovery purchasing program. He indicated that he negotiates contracts and prices and to pre-qualify vendors for the best deal possible. He gave a brief synopsis of the programs available and encouraged the members to call him if they have any questions.

Old Business

Beach Update: Andy Squires gave a brief updated on the Beach Projects. Treasure Island and Long Key Nourishment were completed in October, with the final removal of pipes removed in December of 2010.

Upham Stabilization began in November and shows a completion date by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Permit for Permanent Structures was held in August of 2010 and the installation of the permanent structures is planned to coincide with the next beach nourishment project currently scheduled for 2013.

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Sand Key Nourishment: The emergency funds of \$13 million has not been granted. The State funding for the project was appropriated, however if federal appropriations are not funded, the funds currently available will be inadequate.

Belleair Beach members requested that the Big C support their quest in receiving a variance from the County in order to get a permit from the State for beach nourishment. Mayor Simons stated that since this was not an agenda item and more information would be needed before action could be taken, he requested that this be tabled until the February meeting. He requested Belleair Beach for more information on what the City is looking for and if this will impact the federal monies.

Pennies for Pinellas: Mayor Lawrence stated that the wording is being revised and had asked the cities to inform him if they were asking for reimbursement for projects already completed. Only a few cities had replied. Mayor Lawrence and Mayor Simons will be meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> with Peter Yauch, Director of Public Works and Transportation, Pinellas County. Mayor Lawrence is hopeful for a draft of the agreement at this time.

FDOT Update: Sandra Knoebel requested that any towns that are losing flags to e-mail her with updates on the losses.

Mayor Adams thanked everyone for coming. He also thanked the Frog Pond for the breakfast that was provided.

Prior to adjournment Mayor Queen discussed Pinellas Safe Harbor.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25.

Next meeting will be held on February 23, 2011, hosted by North Redington Beach.

  
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Mayor Nick Simons