

**Belleair Beach
Belleair Shore
Clearwater
Indian Rocks
Beach
Indian Shores
Madeira Beach**



**North Redington
Beach
Redington Beach
Redington Shores
St. Pete Beach
Treasure Island**

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June 27, 2007

Minutes

Present:	Belleair Shore Clearwater Indian Rocks Beach Indian Shores Madeira Beach North Redington Beach Redington Beach St. Pete Beach Belleair Beach Treasure Island	Mayor John Robertson Councilmember Cretekos Mayor Ockunzzi Mayor Jim Lawrence Vice Mayor John Wolbert Mayor Bill Queen Mayor Nick Simons Vice-Mayor Mike Finnerty Vice-Mayor, Kathy Mortensen Mayor Maloof
Guest Speakers	Tampa Bay Publishers PSTA Visit St. Pete/Clearwater	April Hemby Tim Garling Rhonda Sanborn
Guests Present:	Jose Coppen Missy Clarke Marlene Clausen Frank Yuraski Linda Fisher Nick Fritsch Joan Herndon Phyllis Johnson Sandra Knoebel-Ganache	Commissioner, Indian Rocks Beach Deputy Clerk, Redington Beach Councilor, Indian Shores Property Owner, Redington Beach Program Planner/Web Master, PPC Sand Key Civic Association Vice-Mayor, Indian Shores Tampa Bay Sun Pinellas County

Bob MacPhersun
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Beach Beacon-Bee
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Commissioner, St. Pete Beach
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PSTA
State Representative
Progress Energy
State Senate

Big-C President Queen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at Redington Shores Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Lawrence moved to approve the agenda of the January 30, 2008 meeting. The **motion** was duly seconded and **carried** unanimously.

Minutes Approval – November, 2007

Mayor Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the November, 2007, meeting as submitted in written summation to each member. The **motion** was duly seconded and **carried** unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – November and December 2007

Secretary/Treasurer John Wolbert presented the Treasurer's Report for November, 2007. A disbursement of 78.75, to Digital Eel, Inc. for Web Service, left a balance of 1,847.08. December 2007 – no expenses, no deposits, leaving a balance of 1,847.08. The annual donation to FSBPA of \$5,000.00 has been made.

Mayor Robertson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report of November and December 2007 as submitted. The **motion** was duly seconded and **carried** unanimously.

New Business

Speaker April Hemby – Rack Maintenance Manager, Tampa Bay Publishers

Ms. Hemby addressed the board expressing the Tampa Bay Publishers are willing to work with any city that have concerns with multiple racks, abandoned racks, etc. and placement of rack modules. A City representative simply needs to call Ms. Hemby with any concerns on specific locations. The process does take time, as the publishers need to be contacted, so patience is asked for.

Speaker Tim Garling – Executive Director Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority

Mr. Garling stated he has been with PSTA for 2-months and is going throughout the County to meeting with elected officials and people to look for way PSTA can benefit the communities. Mr. Garling gave statistics on where PSTA is now and where they would like to go in the future.

Speaker Rhonda Sanborn - Visit St. Pete/Clearwater

Ms. Sanborn addressed the board on a new campaign to promote educating the local residents on the value of tourism in our communities. Ms. Sanborn produced a brochure encompassing facts on the loss of businesses, jobs and revenue in the wake of low tourism.

Miscellaneous:

Legislative Update – Senator Jones thanked everyone for the positive vote on Amendment One. It will take several little steps to get where we need to be on the tax issue. During the next legislative session statutory changes will need to be made to implement the Constitutional Amendment. The Taxation Budget Form Commission is meeting right now, who will make recommendations to the legislators in March.

Representative Frishe commented on stirring up activism for this last election. Representative Frishe constantly encourages citizens to attend city and county meetings to learn what is going on before they criticize.

President Queen reported the three candidates running for Property Appraiser will be at the next BIG-C meeting for an answer and question session. Mayor Lawrence will act as moderator and everyone is asked to send any questions they might have to Mayor Lawrence prior to the meeting.

President Queen reported the next Big-C meeting is scheduled in North Redington Beach on February 27, 2008.

President Queen announced a Nomination Committee needs to be formed for the upcoming election of officers for Secretary and Vice president. Mayor Lawrence moved for the nomination committee to be comprised of himself, Mayor Armstrong and Vice Mayor Wolbert. The motion carried unanimously. The committee will meet during the month and present a slate at the February meeting.

Councilmember Cretekos asked if there is any interest among the BIG-C to discuss a Dock Ordinance with county officials. Consensus among the board is that each municipality has their own ordinances and has never had an issue with the county. The opening for the Clearwater Marine Aquarium slated for January 31st is cancelled until further notice as inclement weather has delayed the project. Councilmember Cretekos challenged all to work the election polls for a day.

Vice Mayor Wolbert announced the grand opening for Hubbard Marina on February 9th, which will be an all day affair. On February 16th the Gulf Beaches Library will host a fundraiser, food and entertainment will be provided. Tickets are available at town hall.

Mayor Maloof announced the Ikebana Society; a group of women who do Japanese Flower Arrangements will host a first time event in the city which will be held in their Community Center March, 14, 15 and 16th. Mayor Maloof also invited all to stop by the cities bridge memorial located behind the community center. The memorial is comprised of pieces from the old causeway bridge.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

President, Barrier Islands
Governmental Council
Mayor – North Redington Beach