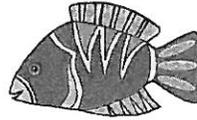


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*North Redington Beach*  
*Redington Beach*  
*Madeira Beach*  
*St. Pete Beach*  
*Treasure Island*

**February 23, 2011**

Mayor Simons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at North Redington Beach Town Hall, 190 173<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, North Redington Beach, Fl, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for Officer Crawford of St. Petersburg who lost his life in the line of duty.

Members Present:

Redington Beach	Mayor Nick Simons
Belleair Beach	Council member, David Dumville
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Indian Shores	Council member Bill Smith
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
St. Pete Beach	Mayor Mike Finnerty

Guests Present:

Joan Herndon, Vice Mayor, Indian Shores  
Carole Irelan, Council member Indian Shores  
Jim Parent, Vice Mayor St. Pete Beach  
Jerry Knight, Vice Mayor, North Redington Beach  
Andy Squires, Coastal Manager, Pinellas County  
Mike Crawford, PPC Interim Executive Director  
W.D. Higginbotham, Jr, City Manager, Madeira Beach  
Doreen Moore, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber  
Bob McClure, Editor Tampa Bay Newspapers  
Brian Smith, Director, MPO  
Nancy Gonzalez, City Manager, Belleair Beach  
Dave Healey, Director, Coloase Giordano & Assoc.  
Chuck Coward, City Manager, Indian Rocks Beach  
Cookie Kennedy, Commissioner, Indian Rocks Beach  
John Branch, Vice Mayor, Redington Shores  
Fred Steiermann, Vice Mayor, Redington Beach  
David Will, Commissioner, Redington Beach  
Melissa Seixas, Community Relations, Progress Energy  
Cori Cuttler, Community Affairs Mgr, SWFWMD

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Mayor Queen welcomed everyone to North Redington Beach. He also thanked the Shubee Shack and Bad Ass Coffee for the breakfast this morning.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Simons asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion made by Mayor Robertson to approve the agenda and duly seconded by Mayor Shontz and carried unanimously.

Minutes Approval January 26, 2011

Mayor Simons asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made by Mayor Robertson to accept the minutes and was duly seconded by Mayor Shontz and carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mayor Bob Minning read the treasurer's report. Motion made by Mayor Robertson to accept the January 2011 treasurer's report, seconded by Mayor Finnerty and carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Correspondence from Brian Smith of the Pinellas Planning Council. Mike Crawford, interim executive director of the Pinellas Planning Council gave a brief overview of the PPC and MPO unification process and is seeking input from the Big C. Much discussion ensued among the members on how a member will be selected and how the beach communities will be represented. Mike Crawford and Brian Smith would like a recommendation from the Big C at the next meeting on the order of preference on the beach communities representative. Mayor Simons suggested that the Big C have a workshop on this discussion prior to the March meeting. A consensus of the board was to hold a workshop at 8:00 am, on March 30<sup>th</sup>, at Redington Beach Town Hall, prior to the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00. Mayor Simons invited Mr. Crawford and Mr. Smith to attend to answer any questions that may arise.

New Business

Prior to his presentation, Ken Burke, Pinellas County Clerk commented that he used to work with Mayor Pat Shontz; taking advantage of the comment Mayor Simons presented Mayor Shontz with a certificate of appreciation for her service to the Big C.

Mr. Burke said a new program has been implemented by the Clerk's office, a credit card bond program. It will save taxpayers money, by getting violators out of jail faster. He spoke of how traffic fines are divided-up between the different agencies, as each fine is defined differently. He distributed a spreadsheet of last year's distribution and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2011 to the member cities.

Mr. Burke also spoke of the self help center that was started about three years ago at his office. He indicated that a person came make an appointment with a lawyer for a minimal fee on advice for such things as landlord/tenant claims, family law, and small claims. The program is self sufficient and has been successful.

Doreen Moore, of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber encouraged all communities to call if any help is needed. Community Guides and Business Directories for each community are available today and if more are need, please let her know.

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Old Business

NONE

Miscellaneous

Bill Smith reported on the FSBPA. A director's meeting is held three times a year and it is well attended and they are in good shape financially. The governor has put no money in the budget for beach re-nourishment projects and said it is a private sector matter. The beach program will be shut down if no monies are put into the budget. The goal of the FSBPA is to get lobbyist to get funds for the beaches. He also read an e-mail from Senator Jones. He encouraged all members to e-mail both Senator Jones and Congressman Young to keep the beach program alive.

Andy Squires reported that the contractor was unable to protect and stabilize the beach at T-groin 1. The contractor plans to resume work this week to protect the T-groin 1 area and excavate the site in preparation for installation of new geotubes. The work installing new geotubes to T-groin 2 will continue with the resumption of repairs to T-Groin 1.

Pennies for Pinellas: The County has changed some of the language in the agreement that would impact Clearwater and Indian Shores receiving reimbursement. It is important that the Big C press for reimbursement for these communities.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

Next meeting will be held on March 30, 2011, hosted by Redington Beach beginning at 8:00 with a workshop before the regular meeting.

  
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Mayor Nick Simons