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*Barrier Islands Governmental Council*



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

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

**February 29, 2012**

Mayor Simons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the North Redington Beach Town Hall, 190 173<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, North Redington Beach, Florida, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Members Present:

Redington Beach	Mayor Nick Simons
Belleair Beach	Mayor Kathy Mortensen
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
St. Pete Beach	Commissioner Jim Parent
Madeira Beach	Mayor Travis Palladino
Clearwater	Mayor George Cretekos

Guests Present:

Ken Welch, Vice Chair, Pinellas County Commission  
Peter Yauch, P.E Pinellas County  
Fred Steiermann, Vice Mayor, Redington Beach  
Sandra Knoebel, Planner, P.C. Planning Dept.  
Doug Chandler, SKCA  
Frank Yurasko, Redington Beach  
Joan Herndon, Vice Mayor, Indian Shores  
Bill Smith, Councilor, Indian Shores  
Leslie Notaro, Council member, Belleair Beach  
Nancy Gonzalez, City Manager, Belleair Beach  
Shane Crawford, City Manager, Madeira Beach  
Bob McClure, Tampa Bay Newspapers  
Mark Deighton, Commissioner, Redington Beach  
R.B. Johnson, Mayor, Indian Rocks Beach  
Jim Labadie, Commissioner, Indian Rocks Beach  
Bill Burgess, Candidate for Circuit Court Judge  
Bob Lasher, PSTA  
Michele Cavak, Progress Energy  
Sarah Ward, Pinellas MPO  
Linda Fisher, Pinellas Planning Council

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Tom Dorgan, Commissioner, Redington Beach  
Chuck Coward, Manager, Indian Rocks Beach

Mayor Queen welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He noted that the food was provided by the Frog Pond and the coffee was provided by Bad Ass Coffee.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Simons asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton Wollin to approve the agenda and duly seconded by Mayor Mortensen and carried unanimously.

Minutes Approval Regular Meeting of January 25, 2012

Mayor Simons asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton Wollin to approve the January 25, 2012, minutes and duly seconded by Mayor Mortensen and carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mayor Minning read the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton Wollin to accept the treasurer's report as presented and duly seconded by Mayor Mortensen and carried unanimously. Mayor Minning also reported to the members that the 2012 Status of Incorporation has been paid.

Correspondence

NONE

New Business

Mayor Simons welcomed Vice Chair Ken Welch to the meeting. Vice Chair Welch indicated that the governments are still facing challenges and are awaiting for the "dip" to rise. However, on a bright note, tourism is up with the bed tax setting a record of 26.1 million last year. The projected annual growth is expected to be approximately three percent.

The county is restructuring and merging departments which in turn is a 68 million dollar cut in the budget. The work force has been reduced by 20%, which is the lowest number of employees since 1985.

A stabilization fund has been established and the county commissioners are looking into multi-year forecasting for the budget over a five year period, instead of a year to year basis. He spoke of the reserves being depleted by 2015 however the commission is addressing these issues.

He also spoke briefly on the fire based transport study that is being conducted by an independent contractor.

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Mayor Lawrence spoke briefly on the Pennies for Pinellas agreement. The agreement has been approved by all the cities and will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Mayor Lawrence encourages the members to attend the meeting to show support.

Peter Yauch, P.E. Pinellas County, presented a power point report on the Gulf Boulevard Beautification Program project's history, its objectives and the next steps for the cities. He indicated that the monies allocated are based on frontage and the provisions for reimbursement. He indicated that the county is the funding source and does not want to get involved in the individual projects. It was suggested that a sub-committee be established to make sure that the projects conform and that this committee start evaluating the projects. Mayor Simons volunteered to be a part of this committee as well as Commissioner Parent and Mayor Mortensen.

A motion was made by Mayor Lawrence to establish the sub-committee consisting of Mayor Simons, Commissioner Parent and Mayor Mortensen to evaluate the projects for Gulf Boulevard and duly seconded by Mayor Cretokos and carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Beach Update: Andy Squires was unable to attend the meeting as he is working on the renewal of beach re-nourishment funding with Congressman's Young office in Washington D.C. He did write a memo on the update of Sand Key Nourishment Project.

Councilor Bill Smith spoke on the Sand Key Project and indicated that the project would start on March 1<sup>st</sup> as the Army Corp of Engineers gave a "Notice to Proceed". The deployment of the equipment will begin at this time with the laying of the sand in April and May and a completion date of October or November. He also indicated that the members should be aware of HB 3408 which is the authorization of off shore drilling on the east coast. It passed the House by a 237 to 187 vote and is now headed to the senate.

There will also be a public information hearing on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, at Belleair Beach on the Sand Key Re-nourishment project.

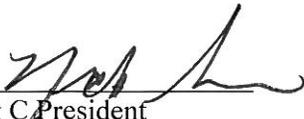
Sandra Knoebel spoke briefly on the Gulf Boulevard crosswalks and indicated that the FDOT is considering a redesign with some of the cities.

Legislative Update: None

The meeting concluded at 10:05 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on March 28, 2012, hosted by Redington Beach.

A motion by Mayor Queen to adjourn the meeting and duly seconded by Mayor Mortensen and carried unanimously.



Big C President  
Mayor Nick Simons  
Town of Redington Beach