

**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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**February 24, 2010**

**Minutes**

Present:

Belleair Shore  
Clearwater  
Indian Rocks Beach  
Indian Shores  
Madeira Beach  
North Redington Beach  
Redington Beach  
Redington Shores  
Treasure Island

Mayor John Robertson  
Councilmember George Cretekos  
Commissioner Terry Hamilton Wollin  
Mayor Jim Lawrence  
Mayor Pat Shontz  
Mayor Bill Queen  
Mayor Nick Simons  
Mayor Bert Adams  
Commissioner Phil Collins

Guest Speakers

Tampa Bay Rays  
P.C. Dept of Environmental Mgmt

David Baggs  
Andy Squires

Guests Present:

Jose Coppen  
Sandra Knoebel  
Joan Herndon  
Carole Irelan  
Steve Sutch  
Bob McClure  
Bill Smith  
Curtis Blocker  
Jerry Knight  
Kristi Cheatham  
W.D. Higginbotham, Jr.

Indian Rocks Beach  
Pinellas County Planning Council  
Vice Mayor, Indian Shores  
Councilor, Indian Shores  
Councilor, Indian Shores  
Beach Beacon-Bee  
Councilor, Indian Shores  
Commissioner, North Redington Beach  
Vice Mayor, North Redington Beach  
Clearwater Gas  
City Manager, Madeira Beach

Chuck Coward  
Dean Scharmen  
Phyllis Johnson  
Barbara Sheen Todd  
Bob Minning  
Jim Parent  
Brian Smith  
Frank Yurasko  
Sue Berfield

City Manager, Indian Rocks Beach  
Public Works Director, Indian Rocks Beach  
Sand Key Sun  
Mayor, Treasure Island  
Commissioner, St. Pete Beach  
Pinellas Planning Council  
Redington Beach  
Rep. Jim Frishe Office

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

Mayor Queen welcomed everyone to North Redington Beach. A roll call was conducted with each person present introducing themselves.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Simons moved to approve the agenda of the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Shontz and carried unanimously.

### **Minutes Approval – January 2010**

Mayor Queen moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2010, meeting as submitted in written summation to each member. The motion was duly seconded by Mayor Adams and carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report – January 2010**

Secretary/Treasurer Vice Mayor Cretkos presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2010. He stated all of the dues had been collected and the contribution to the FSBPA had been sent.

Mayor Queen moved to approve the Treasurer's Report of January 2010 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mayor Robertson and carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence:**

Mayor Lawrence read a letter from FSBPA acknowledging the donation made by the Big C. Councilor Smith gave an update on the directors meeting stating there is ongoing clean up of the organization since Debbie Flack was hired.

### **New Business – David Baggs, Tampa Bay Rays**

Mayor Lawrence presented some photos taken during the 2009 Gulf Beaches Rays Day and stated there was interest in doing the Rays Day again this year. Mr. Baggs distributed copies of a booklet which contained photos from the last event. He stated the Rays organization works with different communities on events like the last Rays Day. Members of the Council discussed moving the event to a week night. Commissioner Wollin expressed that she didn't feel that would be a good move for people who work during the week that live on the beaches.

Mr. Baggs said he would check on available dates and coordinate with Mayor Lawrence and Mayor Simons on setting a date. He discussed different options on distribution of the tickets but said the best selling point would be for each town to have a point of contact and sell the tickets directly. He added that the internet is an option but sales typically decrease when through the internet and there is an added cost.

Mayor Lawrence agreed to continue working with Mr. Baggs on organizing the event.

### **New Business – Andy Squires, Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management**

Mr. Squires gave an update on the beach renourishment project. He stated the County is currently looking for both a north and south staging area. He requested if any municipalities have an area available, to please let him know. Several options were offered to which Mr. Squires stated he would investigate them to see if they would be appropriate.

Mr. Squires stated the Sand Key project would likely begin in November 2010 but could be delayed until early 2011.

### **Old Business**

#### A. Off Shore Drilling Update - Indian Shores Councilor Bill Smith

Councilor Smith gave an update on the hands across the sands event. He stated there were 10,000 demonstrators overall in Florida with approx 2500 in Pinellas County.

Councilor Smith stated the drilling legislation may be taken up again by the House but may not be taken up by the Senate.

#### B. Nomination Volunteers for Big C Officers

Mayor Lawrence stated there has only been one volunteer for the Secretary/Treasurer position which is Mayor Bob Minning. He added if anyone else was interested to please let one of the nomination committee know.

Mayor Lawrence said the By Law Committee has been working on some changes and there should be a proposal ready at the March meeting.

Mayor Lawrence also stated the Big C bylaws require an audit committee audit the books any time there is a change of treasurer. Mayor Shontz and Councilor Smith agreed to act as the audit committee. It was agreed they would meet at 8:15 a.m. before the March meeting to review the books.

### **Miscellaneous**

Mayor Lawrence gave the breakdown of the additional donations made to fund the legal fees for the FSBPA. The total donated was \$1300. Mayor Robertson and Mayor Shontz both said they believed that their respective towns donated as well but had not been included in the total.

Mayor Lawrence stated the Executive Director of the Pinellas County Charter Review Committee had contacted him to see if the Big C would like to make a presentation. He added the list of changes this year did not seem to be as contentious as years past. Vice Mayor Knight stated one of the areas being looked at is the Pinellas Planning Council. Several of the Big C

members stated how much help the PPC has been in working on their comprehensive plans and on other projects and abolishing it would be detrimental to everyone. The Council agreed a letter should be drafted supporting the PPC and forwarded to the Executive Director or the Commission Chairman or both. Vice Mayor Knight also stated there is an opportunity for web submissions for anyone interested in doing so.

Commissioner Collins announced the Mayor's Prayer breakfast had been cancelled.

Mayor Shontz said she hoped all of the Mayors of the municipalities served by the Gulf Beaches Library would be attending the Food for Thought fundraiser on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Cretkos reminded everyone to encourage their residents to complete the census information and return it. He explained a major part of the expense of the census is the required follow up on those who don't return the information.

Mayor Lawrence announced the next meeting will be March 31st at Redington Beach.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

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President, Barrier Islands  
Governmental Council