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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*

**March 28, 2012**

Mayor Simons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Redington Beach Town Hall, 105 164<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 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	Vice Mayor Phil Collins
St. Pete Beach	Commissioner Jim Parent
Madeira Beach	Mayor Travis Palladino
Belleair Shore	Mayor John Robertson

**Guests Present:**

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  
Carole Irelan, Councilor, Indian Shores  
Leslie Notaro, Council member, Belleair Beach  
Nancy Gonzalez, City Manager, Belleair Beach  
Bob McClure, Tampa Bay Newspapers  
Mark Deighton, Commissioner, Redington Beach  
R.B. Johnson, Mayor, Indian Rocks Beach  
Sarah Ward, Pinellas MPO  
Linda Fisher, Pinellas Planning Council  
Chuck Coward, Manager, Indian Rocks Beach  
Rhonda Sanborn, Hospitality Education Director  
Andy Squires, Coastal Manager, Pinellas County  
Cara Martin, SWFWMD  
Doreen Moore, TBBCC & TDC  
Doris Burns, Senator Jones Office

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Mayor Simons welcomed everyone to Redington Beach. He wanted to thank Mayor Queen, Mayor Lawrence, Town Clerk, Janina Patrus, and Deputy Clerk, Missy Clarke for their assistance during his tenure as president of the Big C.

#### Approval of Agenda

Mayor Simons added Resolution 2012-01 under miscellaneous business and then asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Mayor Mortensen to approve the agenda and duly seconded by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin and carried unanimously.

#### Minutes Approval Regular Meeting of February 29, 2012

Mayor Simons asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made by Mayor Robertson to approve the February 29, 2012, minutes and duly seconded by Mayor Palladino and carried unanimously.

#### Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mayor Simons read the treasurer's report in the absence of Mayor Minning. Motion was made by Mayor Robertson to accept the treasurer's report as presented and duly seconded by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin and carried unanimously.

#### Correspondence

NONE

#### New Business

Mayor Simons welcomed Pam Dubov, Pinellas County Property Appraiser and thanked her for speaking today. Ms. Dubov indicated that the situation is better than the prior year and the real estate market is stabilizing. She stated that a few of the beach communities are increasing in taxable value. The taxable values have seen a three percent increase, which is the maximum allowed and it hasn't been at three percent in years. She indicated that 2011 had seen fewer foreclosures than prior years. At its peak it was 15,000, then dropped to 11,000, and for 2011, it was at 7,000 per year. She indicated that the beaches and hotels had a good year for 2011 and it wasn't as bad as it had been in the past.

She said that the ad valorem estimates would be sent out on June 1<sup>st</sup> and on July 1<sup>st</sup> the certified tax notice sent and the tax statements will be mailed out in August.

She thanked the members for inviting her to speak today.

#### Old Business

Mayor Simons introduced Julie Bond and noted that she was not here to talk about the pedestrian crossings on Gulf Boulevard that the FDOT is implementing. Ms. Bond reported that the DOT renewed the contract to continue the Walk Wise Program. Since the program has been in place, over 650 safety presentations have been given. Since the contract has been renewed the group would like to concentrate their efforts on Gulf Boulevard. She would like to promote this with a "media kickoff" by having a relay along Gulf Boulevard with the mayors of each town participating. The consensus of the board was to participate in this. Ms. Bond will coordinate with Mayor Cretkos on this.

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Sandra Knoebel stated briefly that she will continue with her spreadsheets to gather information on crashes and will keep a historical record of the different programs that have been implemented to see which program worked the best.

Miscellaneous

Beach Update: Andy Squires spoke of the Sand Key project and that the Notice to Proceed was issued on March 20, 2012. He stated that post cards were sent to owners and that updates are posted on the website. He stated that unless there is bad weather, they project should be completed earlier.

Bill Smith stated that the legislative session has awarded funds for beach re-nourishment in the amount of 22 million dollars. And there is also an additional 5 million from prior projects that wasn't used, for a total of 27 million dollars.

Legislative Update: Doris Burns from Senator Jones office spoke briefly to the members of House Bill 691, the Dennis L. Jones Beach and Shore Preservation Act. She gave a copy to be sent to all the members.

Pennies for Pinellas Update: Mayor Lawrence encouraged the members to attend the Board of County Commissioners meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm. As this is when the agreement will be voted on by the commissioners. Mayor Simons reiterated that a representative from each town should attend.

Resolution 2012-01: Mayor Queen read the resolution in its entirety. A motion by Mayor Robertsen to accept the resolution and duly seconded by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin and carried unanimously.

Doreen Moore invited the member to attend the annual tourism luncheon.

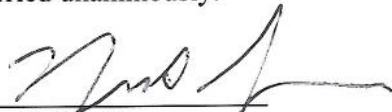
Rhonda Sanborn presented the members with buttons and posters promoting the appreciation of visitors to the area and encouraged the members to have them at their town halls and businesses in town.

Mayor Simons announced that this would be his last meeting as Big C President and that Mayor Cretekos will begin his term as president of the Big C at the April meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10:00 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on April 25, 2012, hosted by Madeira Beach at the "Aquarium in John's Pass".

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



Big C President  
Mayor Nick Simons  
Town of Redington Beach