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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 25, 2015

Mayor Minning called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at Redington Beach Town Hall, 105 164th Avenue, Redington Beach, Fl, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call (attendance as indicated on sign in sheet)

Mayor Robert Mining (President)	Treasure Island
Commissioner Terry Hamilton Wollin	Indian Rocks Beach
Mayor Travis Palladino	Madeira Beach
Mayor Nick Simons	Redington Beach
Mayor Bert Adams	Redington Shores
Mayor Jim Lawrence	Indian Shores
Mayor Bill Queen	North Redington Beach
Mayor Maria Lowe	St. Pete Beach
Mayor Bob Schmidt	Belleair Shore
Councilor Hoyt Hamilton	Clearwater
Council member Wanda Schwerer	Belleair Beach
Bob Esposito, Govt Affairs	FDOT
Sandra Knoebel, Planner	MPO/PC
Terri Finnerty, Vice Mayor	St. Pete Beach
R.B. Johnson, Mayor	Indian Rocks Beach
Bill Priakos, TDC	Indian Shores
Patrick Soranno, Vice Mayor	Indian Shores
Diantha Schear, Councilor	Indian Shores
Al Zimmerman, President	SKCA
Fred Steiermann, Commissioner	Redington Beach
Ken Sulewski, President	RBPOA

Mayor Simons welcomed everyone and noted that the coffee was provided by Sweet Sage and the food by the Frog Pond.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Queen made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mayor Palladino. Motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval February 25, 2015

Motion by Mayor Adams to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Lowe. Motion was approved unanimously.

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Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mayor Palladino read the Treasurer's report for February 2015. Mayor Queen made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin. Motion was approved unanimously.

Correspondence

Sandra Knoebel requested that letters be sent to Jackie Trainer regarding the Pennies for Pinellas to let her know if the monies will be used this year or if the town's would like to carry over to the next year. This information needs to be received by the end of March.

New Business

Mayor Minning introduced Mahshid Arasteh, PE with the American Quality Consultants. Ms. Arasteh presented an update on the Florida Department of Transportation Highway Safety Improvement Program. She presented a time line for the application process. May 15th is the deadline for applications, they will be reviewed in June and sent to Tallahassee for review in July, with approval in August. She encouraged the towns to apply for this grant. She also encouraged the members to attend a Citizen Transportation Safety meeting, which is held the first Thursday of every month. More information can be found at www.tampabaytraffic.com.

Old Business

Mayor Queen spoke regarding a new campaign to educate the public to be more aware when crossing at crosswalks. The FDOT started the campaign called Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow. Mayor Queen would like to see it called something like Stay Alert, Stay Alive or Look and Live.

Mayor Queen also encouraged all members reach out to the local senate committee members regarding SB 896. The bill is making changes that would costs the cities to move electrical services. As of now, Duke Energy bears the costs. Mayor Minning will invite Senator Brandes to a Big C meeting after the session ends.

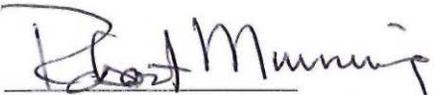
John Bishop spoke regarding sea level rise and raising the berm elevation. Three million is in the budget for Upham beach, where four million was requested. Councilor Bill Smith spoke regarding Amendment 1 and how the funding for beach re-nourishment is affected. He noted that more funds need to be budgeted to sustain the program.

Legislative Update

Ralph Reid representing Commissioner Justice reminded the members that if they have any questions or concerns to please contact his office.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. with Mayor Minning announcing the next meeting on April 29, at the City of Treasure Island.



Mayor Robert Minning
Barrier Island Governmental Council President