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Barrier Islands Governmental Council

Belleair Beach

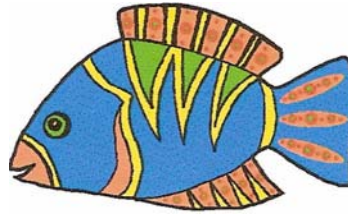
Belleair Shore

Clearwater

Indian Rocks Beach

Indian Shores

North Redington Beach



Madeira Beach

Redington Beach

Redington Shores

St. Pete Beach

Treasure Island

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April 25, 2007 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting of the Barrier Islands Governmental Council was hosted by the City of Madeira Beach at Madeira Beach City Hall located at 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708. The meeting was called to order by President Queen at 9 a.m.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance.** President Queen led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Roll Call.** President Queen reminded everyone to turn off their cell phones, because there is a \$1 fine to every person whose cell phone rings; and further requested that each person introduce him/herself.

MEMBERS PRESENT: (Voting = V; Alternate 1 = A1; and Alternate 2 = A2)

Belleair Shore

Clearwater

Indian Shores

Madeira Beach

No. Redington Beach

Redington Beach

Redington Shores

St. Pete Beach

Mayor John Robertson (V)

Vice-Mayor John Doran (A1)

Mayor Jim Lawrence (V)

Vice-Mayor, John Wolbert (V)

Mayor William Queen (V)

Leslie Peck-Epstein (A1)

Mayor Jody Armstrong (V)

Vice-Mayor Mike Finnerty (V)

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Charlie Dye, GISP, CFE, CCF

Lisa Hamilton, CFE

Asst. Deputy for Land Records, PC Property Appraiser's Office

Community Relations Manager, PC Property Appraiser's Office

GUESTS PRESENT:

Peter Cavalli

Kristi Cheathan

Marlene Clausen

Linda Fisher

Nick Fritsch

Joan Herndon

Phyllis Johnson

Larry Karisny

Steve Kochick

Bob Mac Phersun

Kathy Mortensen

Jill Silverboard

Steve Sutch

Community Services Director, Belleair Beach

Manager of Governmental Affairs, Clearwater Gas

Councilor, Indian Shores

Program Planner/Web Master, Pinellas Planning Council

Beach Chairman, Sand Key Civic Association

Vice-Mayor, Indian Shores

Writer, Tampa Bay Sun

Resident, Madeira Beach

Commissioner, Madeira Beach

Writer, Beach Beacon-Bee

Vice-Mayor, Belleair Beach

City Manager, Madeira Beach

Councilor, Indian Shores

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3. **Approval of Agenda for April 25, 2007.** Motion made by Mayor Robertson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Doran, to approve the April 25th agenda, carried unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes of March 28, 2007.** Motion made by Mayor Robertson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Doran, to approve the minutes of March 28th, carried unanimously.
5. **Approval of the Treasurer's Report for March 2007.** Secretary/Treasurer Wolbert provided the Treasurer's Report for March 2007, and stated the balance on hand as of March 30th is \$2,348.48. Motion made by Mayor Robertson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Doran to accept the March Treasurer's Report, as presented, carried unanimously.
6. **New Business**

A. Oblique Imagery Technology Charlie Dye, Assistant Deputy for Land Records
Pinellas Property Appraiser

Representatives from Pinellas County Property Appraiser Jim Smith's office, demonstrated two new software applications.

Oblique Imagery Technology. Charlie Dye, Assistant Deputy for Land Records, reviewed the functions of Oblique Imagery. Oblique Imagery, aerial photographs with a high precision of accuracy on both the vertical and horizontal plane, is now in use in Smith's office.

This is a very progressive step for the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Office and for Pinellas County. Not only will these images go a long way in enhancing appraisal efforts, but, as first responders after a disaster or weather event, the Oblique Imagery will be a valuable asset in damage assessments.

Models can be created to show different scenarios including areas, which may be threatened by flood or storm surge. These models could help determine areas, which may be affected most, and get a head start on damage assessment.

Charlie demonstrated how the Property Appraiser's Office uses the application for daily tasks, as well as how it will be utilized to better prepare for an impending whether event. The software has many other applications that could prove beneficial to the municipalities within Pinellas County.

Property Damage Assessment. Lisa Hamilton, Community Relations Manager, introduced an application, which was built in-house, for use in damage assessment after a storm or a disaster. The application, which can run on a portable pen-tablet computer, stores property information and parcel maps from, the Property Appraiser's Office.

Forms the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires in order to send relief funds, are also part of the application. It enables damage assessments to be collected quickly. This information is then submitted to FEMA, who determines if an area qualifies for assistance; and if so, begin relief efforts as soon as possible.

7. Miscellaneous:

A. Legislative Update

Beach Monitoring Process. Nick Fritsch provided a copy of an update in the Shoreline, from the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association (attached to these minutes). It advised of a beach monitoring process being used. Mr. Fritsch also advised that if anyone would like to sign up for shoreline, he circled the email address is on the copy.

Support Our Troops. Councilor Clausen of Indian Shores:

- Advised the Indian Shores Womens Club has sent over 100 boxes in the past 2½ months. In addition, it sent 150 hand held fans with spritzers and batteries to seven different locations in Iraq.
- Advised Friday, May 4th from 5-7 p.m., the Indian Shores Womens Club Support Our Troops will be conducting a fund raiser event at the Belleair Biltmore Resort, to raise money to continue mailings to the troops.

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- Advised that since last October, they've been holding fund raising events at the Belleair Biltmore. The Biltmore provides all the wine and hors d'oeuvres.
- Invited all to attend and enjoy the beautiful historic ballroom and asked all to contribute something.
- Provided a flyer (attached to these minutes) and requested that everyone take one and post it at their municipality, condo and any other associations.

Oblique Imagery and Property Damage Assessment Technology. Nick Fritsch advised the bad news about the technology the Property Appraiser's Office is using, is it gives another way for the State to come back at municipalities, regarding the Coastal Construction Control Line.

Madeira Beach Snack Shack. Vice-Mayor Wolbert of Madeira Beach advised the Madeira Beach Board of Commissioners has put a stop to the demolition of the Snack Shack.

Clearwater Delegate. Vice-Mayor Doran of Clearwater stated as much as he enjoys the BIG-C and wanted to be the main delegate, it turns out he is the alternate delegate. Clearwater's new Councilmember George Cretekos, who was the administrative aid to Congressman Bill Young since 1971, will be the Clearwater Delegate on the BIG-C.

Gulf Boulevard Improvement Program. Mayor Lawrence of Indian Shores advised three years ago, Indian Shores embarked upon a three agency project to underground its utilities along Gulf Boulevard. The County and State have yet to do anything. They were supposed to be three months behind the Indian Shores construction schedule, in order to save money. Finally, the guaranteed maximum price of the contract came in and the FDOT is short about \$100 million. Mayor Lawrence advised the longer the delay, the higher the cost.

Kristi Cheathan of Clearwater Gas advised Clearwater Gas is already an underground utility. The County; however, is telling Clearwater Gas, that if it has to move its lines, Clearwater Gas is not figured in the estimate. Therefore, if Clearwater Gas has to move its lines, which are already underground, to accommodate the additional undergrounding of utilities, Clearwater Gas will have to eat the cost.

President Queen:

- Announced the next BIG-C Meeting will be in Treasure Island on May 30th. The guest speaker will be Dick Fletcher from Channel 10 News; and his presentation will be on hurricanes;
- Thanked Charlie Dye and Lisa Hamilton for their presentation; and
- Thanked Madeira Beach for hosting the meeting.

8. Adjournment. Being no further business to come before the BIG-C, the meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Queen, President
Barrier Islands Governmental Council
Mayor of North Redington Beach