

**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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**May 26, 2004 Minutes**

The meeting of the Barrier Islands Governmental Council, held at the Treasure Island City Hall, 120 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Treasure Island, Florida, was called to order by President Kelly at 9:10 am.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. ROLL CALL**

Members:

Belleair Beach	Mayor Mike Kelly
Belleair Shore	Mayor John Robertson
Clearwater	None Present
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner James R. Palamara
Indian Shores	Mayor Donald L. Taber
Madeira Beach	Mayor Tom De Cesare
No. Redington Beach	Mayor Harold Radcliffe
Redington Beach	Mayor Bob Fountaine
Redington Shores	Mayor J. J. Beyrouti
St. Pete Beach	Vice-Mayor Deborah Nicklaus
Treasure Island	Vice-Mayor Richard Kraus

Guests:

Tina Skaggs	Belleaire Beach - Mayor's Assistant
Doris Burns	Legislative Assistant for Senator Dennis Jones
Linda Fisher	Program Planner - Pinellas Planning Council
Jerry Knight	Commissioner - North Redington Beach
Rand Baldwin	Governmental Affairs - S.W. FL Water Mgt. District
Steve Sutch	Pres. - ISPOA - Indian Shores
Joan Herndon	Councilor - Indian Shores
Bill Smith	Councilor - Indian Shores
Bill Ockunzzi	Commissioner - Indian Rocks Beach
Katherine Burbridge	Int. Government Liaison - Pinellas County
Harry Black	General Manager - Island Inn Shore Inc.
Vince Robertiello	Editor - The Reporter

Kristi Cotter	Clearwater Gas
Joe Burdette	President, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Mary Maloof	Mayor, Treasure Island
Nick Fritsch	Sand Key Civic Association - Clearwater
Ralph Stone	Asst. City Manager - Clearwater

**ANNOUNCEMENT.** President Kelly thanked Treasure Island for their sign requesting everyone in attendance with a cell phone to either shut them off; he also said there is a \$1 penalty for each offense to any person whose cell phone rings during the meeting.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> BIG-C AGENDA.** President Kelly said that two items will be added to the agenda - Kathleen McDole from Hubbard on Johns Pass and Special Events Chairman and a report from Mayor Robertson on the Fire District.

Motion was made by Mayor De Cesare, seconded by Mayor Taber to approve the May 26<sup>th</sup> agenda, carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 28, 2004, BIG-C MINUTES.** Motion was made by Mayor Taber, seconded by Vice-Mayor Kraus to approve the April 28, 2004, minutes, carried unanimously by voice vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MAY 2004 TREASURER'S REPORT.** Treasurer Bob Fountaine read the report to the council. Motion was made by Mayor Robertson and seconded by Mayor Taker to accept the May 2004 Treasurer's Report as read, carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Kathleen McDole, Special Events Chairman, from Johns Pass informed the Council about the upcoming event on June 11, 12, and 13, 2004. It is called "John LeVique Days". This event is to bring to mind the awareness of how severe and destructive a hurricane can be. There will be a pirate invasion, children's program, parade, and a hurricane awareness program. Invitations were distributed to the BIG-C representatives. Everyone was urged to attend.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Continued discussions of the Pinellas Planning Council Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR).  
Linda Fisher, Program Planner, from the Pinellas Planning Council, discussed the possibility of a joint Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) that is required under Chapter 163, Florida Statutes. She referred to a letter from Larry S. Pflueger, Principal Planner that was mailed to the members of the BIG C offering the services of the PPC to assist them in their preparation of their EAR.

PPC will not write the plan but will offer assistance in developing a plan for doing the EAR. Since many communities do not have a planning department, PPC is offering their services.

Linda Fisher asked the Council to think about it especially when you start your budget workshops. PPC will be holding workshops and information will be sent to the communities if they wish to participate.

**7: NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. SWFTMD update - Rand Baldwin**

Rand Baldwin, government affairs representative, from the Southwest Florida Water Management District gave an update on our water supply. He indicated there are two basic issues:

- Central control of State water as to where we are going with water.
- Taking water from rich water areas and transporting it to areas that lack water.

Florida has a serious water supply problem and we have to find alternative methods of obtaining potable water.

Mr. Baldwin distributed information and spoke briefly on the Florida Council of 100. This Council was formed in 1961 to promote the economic growth of Florida and to improve the economic well-being and quality of life of its citizens. The Council established in 2002 the Water Management Task Force. The recommendation of the Task Force is statewide water management policies that foster sustainable and environmentally sound water supplies and resources that are economically feasible to meet current and future Florida needs. The future of water in the Florida is dismal. We need to find alternative sources to supply the growing population and increasing tourists coming into the State.

There will be an increase in the future due to research and development into finding alternative sources of water to supply our increasing demands.

**B. Update on Gulf Boulevard Mile Markers - Joe Burdette**

Mr. Burdette said the markers are being made. There will be special bolts put on them for security.

He is looking into licensing (trade marking) the FISH that is on the marker. He has contacted the County Attorney about the process necessary in obtaining a trademark. He was informed that a marketing plan was needed; and, he said we could also use it as a fundraiser. For example: sell license plates. The money could be used by the Council for various expenses they incur.

The markers will be 18" by 24" with the fish on it.

Nick Fritsch suggested that the fish replace the palm trees on the BIG C stationery. Motion was made by Mayor Robertson and seconded by Mayor Taber to replace the palm trees on the BIG C stationery with a picture of the fish that will be appearing on the mile markers. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS:**

**A. Legislative update - Senator Dennis Jones/Doris Burns**

Doris Burns was present to present the current legislative report for Senator Dennis Jones who is on vacation. Ms. Burns reported that SB688 pass in the Senate but was defeated in the House. Senator Jones will file this bill again next year.

**B. Other Items**

**Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue**

Mayor John Robertson distributed a letter from the Town of Belleair Shore to the District Chairman of the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue opposing their request for their intended financing method. Mayor Robertson said that this proposal was not discussed with any of the affected communities (Belleair Shore, Indian Rocks Beach, Belleair, and Indian Shores). The communities read about this action in the St. Pete Times.

The Pinellas Commission voted to oppose the proposed property tax of up o 2.25mils to finance the Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue. Such an increase will have a tremendous tax burden to the communities.

The Fire Chief, John Lahey, was supposed to attend this meeting to discuss this matter and did not show up. Mayor Robertson said there was no communication and would like to be able to meet with all parties to come up with options. He also feels there should be more accountability as to how and where this money is spent.

The communities involved are opposed to the referendum scheduled to appear on the August 31 ballot before their constitutes.

**Beach Fund**

Nick Fritsch brought up the proposal made by Dr. Skip Davis to name the County Park in Redington Shore after Jim Terry. It is endorsed by Redington Shores and Mayor J. J. Beyrouti to accept this proposal since Jim Terry was instrumental in getting beach renourishment for the beach communities. Mayor J. J. Beyrouti made a motion and second by Commissioner James Palamara to name the Redington Shores County Park after Jim Terry. Motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Thank You Letter to Senator Dennis Jones**

Doris Burns said that Senator Dennis Jones was instrumental in getting a \$30million dollars bill approved for beach renovation. Nick Fritsch asked if the BIG C would send a thank you letter to Senator Jones. Mayor Kelly recommended that Nick Fritsch draft 5 letters to all those involved in getting this bill passed. Mayor Robertson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner James Palamara to have Nick Fritsch draft 5 letters to be sent to the individuals involved in getting this bill passed. Motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Kelly read a fax that was received from Mayor Yates. Mayor Yates would like anyone who is planning to attend the Florida Shore and Beaches Meeting in September to let him know so they could get together and discuss mutual issues.

Mayor Kelly said membership rosters have been delivered to all members. Please get in touch with his assistant, Tina, whenever a change is made. He would like to keep this roster up-to-date.

Vice Mayor/Commissioner Richard Kraus said that Tuesday, June 1, a reception was being held for Chuck Coward at City Hall from 5:00-6:30pm. He also said that our IT personnel would be available to show anyone interested the new broadcast system.

Mayor Maloof said Treasure Island was holding their annual Sun, Sand and Symphony concert on the beach on Saturday, May 29, at 7:30pm.

Commission James Palamara said that Indians Rocks was also holding a Beach Concert on Saturday night.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.** Being no further business to come before the BIG-C, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

*Mary Maloof*

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Mary Maloof, Mayor of the City of Treasure  
Island

Approved by the BIG-C on  
June 30, 2004

**ATTEST:**

*Sandra Carnevale*

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Sandra Carnevale, Executive Assistant  
City of Treasure Island