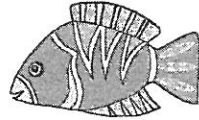


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*Madeira Beach*  
*St. Pete Beach*  
*Treasure Island*

**May 25, 2011**

Mayor Simons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at Treasure Island Municipal Hall, 120 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Treasure Island, FL, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present:

Redington Beach	Mayor Nick Simons
Belleair Beach	Mayor Kathy Mortensen
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Indian Shores	Councilor Bill Smith
N. Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Shores	Mayor Bert Adams
Treasure Island	Mayor Robert Minning
Clearwater	Council member George Cretekos
St. Pete Beach	Commissioner's Jim Parent

Guests Present:

Joan Herndon, Vice Mayor, Indian Shores  
Frank Yurasko, Redington Beach  
John Branch, Vice Mayor, Redington Shores  
Bob McClure, Editor Tampa Bay Newspapers  
Chuck Coward, City Manager, Indian Rocks Beach  
Sandra Knoebel, Planner, PC MPO  
Doreen Moore, TDC, & TBBCC  
Carol Coward, Commissioner, Treasure Island  
Cori Cutter, SWFWMD  
Mike Crawford, PPC Interim Executive Director  
Phil Collins, Commissioner Treasure Island  
Bob Brotherton, Brotherton Engineering, Inc  
Reid Silverboard, City Manager, Treasure Island  
Senator Dennis Jones  
Mayor Steve McFarlin, St. Pete Beach

Mayor Minning welcomed everyone to Treasure Island and thanked them for coming today.

Approval of Agenda

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Mayor Simons requested that MPO Update be added under “Old Business”. He then asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion made by Councilor Smith to approve the agenda as amended and duly seconded by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin and carried unanimously.

Minutes Approval Workshop and Regular Meeting of April 27, 2011

Mayor Simons asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made by Council member Cretekos to accept the minutes and duly seconded by Commissioner Jim Parent and carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Mayor Minning read the treasurer’s report. Motion was made by Mayor Queen and duly seconded by Councilor Bill Smith and carried unanimously.

Correspondence

None

New Business

Mayor Simons gave a brief background on the beaches and how Senator Jones has been an advocate for the beach communities during his terms in office. Mayor Simons presented Senator Jones with a plaque for his dedication to protecting and enhancing our beaches.

Mayor Simons asked the members of the Big C to make statements to Senator Jones on his tenure as Senator. Senator Jones thanked the members for the accolades given to him.

Senator Jones gave a brief overview of the main issues covered during the legislative session. The first being Medicaid. He indicated that it has a twenty two million dollar budget and that three million more people are in the program this year. Eleven regions with at least two providers have been established. He indicated that Florida only receives a 49% match from the federal government where some states are receiving up to 75%.

The second item that Senator Jones discussed was the “Pill Mills”. He said that the state loses seven people per day due to the pill mills. The legislation is limiting the amounts doctors can prescribe and limit the amounts dispensed. He also mentioned incarceration versus treatment centers and the cost of each.

Senator Jones spoke briefly on the repeal of the 1985 Growth Management Act. This Act was repealed during this session.

Teacher Tenure was based on student test scores. The State of Florida has a shortage of teachers with 300 to 500 new teachers needed each year.

The Florida Retirement System (FRS) was changed by extending the retirement age from 62 to 65, reducing the cost of living increase for retirees, as well as the having employees pay 3% of their salary into the pension plan.

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In regards to elections, the early voting times were changed and it is up to the Supervisor of Elections for each county. Also changed was the citizen's petition, which changed from four years to two years.

The last topic that Senator Jones spoke on was the beach re-nourishment program. The budget from the Governor was given to the Senators in January and no monies were allocated for the beaches. There is seventy five million in the trust fund for beaches and this has already been accounted for. The session ended with the beaches to receive 16.2 million for the 2011 budget. This is for the 800 miles of shorelines that are in Florida.

#### Old Business

PPC-MPO Update: Mike Crawford, PPC Interim Executive Director briefly recapped the Special Act that was agreed upon between the PPC and the MPO, but did not pass in legislation. He indicated that they will continue to support a unified board and will try and get this passed in the next legislative session. As of right now, the PPC and the MPO are two separate entities and will continue to be so until this passes.

Vice Mayor, Jerry Knight currently serves on the PPC and he informed the members that he is not seeking re-election therefore, will be submitting his resignation to the PPC.

Mayor Simons thanked Vice Mayor Knight for the outstanding job he has done. A consensus was reached to add to a future agenda, a replacement for Vice Mayor Knight's position with the PPC.

#### Miscellaneous

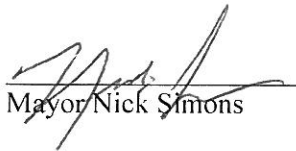
Beach Update: No Report.

Legislative Update: Previously covered.

Pennies for Pinellas: Mayor Lawrence was absent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 and duly seconded by Councilor Smith and motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on June 29, 2011, hosted by St. Pete Beach.

  
Mayor Nick Simons