

June 28, 2006 Minutes

The Meeting of the Barrier Islands Governmental Council, hosted by the City of St Pete Beach was held at the Town of North Redington Beach Town Hall, 190 173rd Avenue, North Redington Beach, Florida due to construction. The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Queen at 9:00 a.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

Belleair Beach	Mayor Rudy Davis
Belleair Shore	Mayor John Robertson
Clearwater	Council Member Hoyt Hamilton
Indian Shores	Mayor Jim Lawrence
Madeira Beach	Commissioner John Wolbert
No. Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Beach	Mayor Linda Wilson
Redington Shores	Mayor Jody Armstrong
St. Pete Beach	Commissioner Deborah Nicklaus
Treasure Island	Mayor Mary Maloof

GUESTS

Leslie Peck-Epstein, Vice Mayor	Redington Beach
Bob Fountaine	Redington Beach
Missy Pike	Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber
Martha J. Boss, Commissioner	Madeira Beach
Glenn Martin, Circuit Court Judge	Pinellas County Group 9
Phyllis Johnson	Tampa Bay Sun
Nick Fritsch	Sand Key Civic Association
Mike Petruccelli	HR District 54 Candidate
Brad Philips	Redington Shores
Neil Brickfield	S.U.C.A.
Dennis L. Jones	Florida Senate
Rod Jones	HR District 54 Candidate
Nicole Elko	Pinellas County
Mary Burrell	Beacon
Art Thomas, Vice Mayor	Madeira Beach
Joe DeMoss	Pinellas County
Bill Smith, Councilor	Indian Shores
Steve Sutch, Councilor	Indian Shores
Joan Herndon, Councilor	Indian Shores

Marlene Clausen, Councilor	Indian Shores
Bert Adams, Commissioner	Redington Shores
Mike Finnerty, Commissioner	St. Pete Beach
Linda Fisher, Program Planner	Pinellas Planning Council
Ed Piniero, Commissioner	Indian Rocks Beach
Donna Draper, Secretary	St. Pete Beach

3. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 28, 2006 BIG-C AGENDA

No changes were made to the Agenda. It was moved and seconded to approve the June 28, 2006 Agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 31, 2006 BIG-C MINUTES

Mayor Bill Queen stated that there were a few typographical errors in the May 31 Minutes. Ms. Draper will see that those errors are corrected.

Mayor Jody Armstrong moved and Commissioner Hoyt Hamilton seconded approval of the May 31, 2006 BIG-C Minutes with corrections noted by Mayor Bill Queen. The motion to approve the Minutes as corrected was carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. APPROVAL OF JUNE 2006 TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Mayor Linda Wilson alluded to bank transfers and reported the balance on hand at \$1,812.32. It was moved and seconded to accept the June 2006 Treasurer's Report. The motion was unanimously carried by voice vote.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pedestrian Safety Expert

Former Redington Beach Mayor Bob Fontaine thanked the Big-C membership for continuing the efforts regarding safety on Gulf Boulevard.

Mayor Bill Queen reported that Mr. Mark Fenton, pedestrian safety expert, author, producer of a PBS television walking series, etc. and a vocal pedestrian advocate will be conducting a walk through of Gulf Boulevard on August 31st.

Mayor Jody Armstrong summarized her recent interview with Channel 9 News regarding Pedestrian Safety Month.

Joe DeMoss, Pinellas County, reported on the Interlocal agreement for undergrounding. The final copy should be ready for signatures by mid-July.

B. Re-entry after a Major Disaster

Mayor Jody Armstrong would like to develop a re-entry plan (similar to the St. Pete Beach plan) to present to the Sheriff's Department. She would like input from the membership. Discussion ensued.

C. Debris Management

Mayor Jody Armstrong explained that the cities are still waiting to receive the Interlocal Agreement between the Cities and Pinellas County that was established a few years ago. This Agreement states that the Cities may piggy-back on to the Pinellas County contract for debris management. She has been advised that, in the event of a disaster, FEMA is counting on receipt of this Agreement for debris management. She suggested that the Big-C, as a unified body, contract with a company to provide service to all the Big-C cities in the event of a category 4 or 5 storm, or extreme disaster. If an independent company would not be able to handle individual contracts, this would be a back up plan to provide assurance for pick ups. Discussion ensued.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Legislative Update

Senator Dennis Jones referred to the budget for the beaches that he spoke about last month. Some Bills still have not yet reached the Governor's desk. Overall, everything is moving along well.

B. Beach Update by Dr. Nicole Elko, Pinellas County Coastal Coordinator

Dr. Elko briefly spoke about the nourishment project, the Upham Beach T-groins project and Egmont Key project. The beaches fared well during the recent storms.

C. Shoreline Publication

Mr. Nick Fritsch announced that the Shoreline Publication that comes from the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation has discontinued its link. Those who want to receive the Shoreline Publication must sign up by sending them an e-mail request. He will leave that information with the Secretary.

D. Fireworks Information

Missy Pike, Chamber of Commerce President, thanked everyone for responding to her request for the individual cities' fireworks information.

E. The City and staff at the Town of North Redington Beach was thanked for providing the Meeting place during these past few months.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The next Meeting will be held on July 26, 2006, 9:00 a.m. at the Palm Pavilion in Clearwater.

Time being 9:40 a.m. and no further business, this Meeting was adjourned.

Deborah Nicklaus, Commissioner
City of St. Pete Beach

ATTEST:

Donna J. Draper, Secretary
City of St. Pete Beach