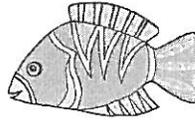


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Madeira Beach
St. Pete Beach
Treasure Island

July 28, 2010

Big C President Nick Simons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at Belleair Beach City Hall, 444 Causeway Blvd, Belleair Beach, FL followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Belleair Shore	Mayor John Robertson
Belleair Beach	Council member, David Dumville
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Terry Hamilton Wollin
Indian Shores	Mayor Jim Lawrence
N. Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Beach	Mayor Nick Simons
Redington Shores	Mayor Bert Adams
St. Pete Beach	Mayor Mike Finnerty
Treasure Island	Mayor Robert Minning

Guests Present:

Treasure Island, Carol Coward
Tampa Bay Newspaper, Bob McClure
Collabria Software Communications, Dean Collura
Progress Energy, Marissa Seixas
Representative Jim Frishe
Indian Shores, Vice Mayor Joan Herndon
Indian Shores, Councilor Steve Sutch
Indian Shores, Councilor, Bill Smith
North Redington Beach, Vice Mayor Jerry Knight
Redington Beach, Vice Mayor Fred Steiermann
Belleair Shores, Town Clerk, Bonnie Dhonau
Visit St. Pete/Clearwater, Rhonda Sandborn
Tradewinds/TDC, Tim Bogott
Redington Shores, Vice Mayor, John Branch
Clearwater Gas System, Kristi Cheatham
TBBCOC, Robin Grabowski
TBBCOC, Doreen Moore
PCCLB, Rod Fischer
Pinellas County, Bob Lasala
Belleair Beach, Kathy Mortensen
Belleair Beach, Nancy Gonzalez
Indian Rocks Beach, Chuck Coward
Pinellas Planning Council, Linda Fisher

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Mayor John Robertson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending today's meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Simons asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Mayor John Robertson to accept the agenda and was duly seconded by Mayor Minning and carried unanimously.

Minutes Approval June 30, 2010

Mayor Simons asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 30, 2010. Motion was made by Mayor Robertson to accept the minutes and was duly seconded by Commissioner Hamilton Wollin and carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mayor Bob Minning read the treasurer's report. Motion made by Mayor Robertson to accept the June 2010 treasurer's report as read, seconded by Mayor Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Rodney Fischer of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board had sent a letter to Mayors Simons on the expiration of Steve Andrews term on the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board, which ends on September 30, 2010. A motion was made by Mayor Robertson to nominate Steve Andrews to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton Wollin and carried unanimously.

New Business

Pinellas County Commissioner, Karen Seel spoke on the challenges facing Pinellas County with traffic, the need to improve mass transit which in turn boosts tourism and creates jobs. PSTA has already implemented a plan to bring tourists to Pinellas County from the Tampa area when the high speed rail has been completed. The process of implementing the high speed rail is underway. We are currently in the 1 to 2 year stage, and it will take approximately another 6 to 12 years before we would see the rail.

Pinellas County has 82 miles of trail systems now and another 26 miles are planned in the future. Pinellas County Transportation Task Force meets the 3rd Monday of each week and are reaching out to the public for feedback. A sub committee of Big C members include; Mike Finnerty for south Pinellas County, Nick Simons on mid central Pinellas County and George Cretokos for mid north Pinellas County

Old Business

Mayor Queen spoke on the FDOT crossing flags. The flags will be placed at mid block, where there are no flashing lights. There will be no cost to the cities or the Big C for flags. This is completely funded by FDOT. The only cost a city may incur would be if a flag needed to be replaced. A pilot program will be implemented in Belleair Beach for one year using the flags at the flashing lights. A resolution will be presented to the members of the Big C to accept and support the crossing flag program.

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Julie Bond, with the FDOT is in a year long study through USF on Pedestrian Safety. Four hundred presentations are expected to be given this year. Press releases will be sent out to make everyone aware of pedestrian safety. She wants to work with all the communities to have additional visibility for pedestrians. Robin Grabowski of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce recommended that rack cards be distributed through the chamber to tourists.

Resolution 10-01 was read by Mayor Bill Queen. Motion was made by Mayor Robertson to accept the resolution as read was duly seconded by Mayor Adams and carried unanimously.

Bills Smith informed the members that the FSBPA will be holding their annual conference September 22nd to the 24th at the Clearwater Beach Hyatt. He distributed a pamphlet with highlights of the conference and registration form for anyone interested in attending.

Miscellaneous

Bill Smith spoke of the special session on the Florida Constitutional Amendment. He revealed to the members on how the four senators and eight representative of the area voted. He also stated that St. Petersburg College is hosting three sessions on the impact of the oil crisis in the gulf on Tampa Bay. The next session is August 18 at the Seminole Campus.

Representative Frishe discussed the basis for his voting against the special session on off shore drilling.

Andy Squires was unable to attend the meeting and sent a memo dated July 22, 2010, on updates of the beach projects. Treasure Island is scheduled to start their project on August 1st.

Penny for Pinellas Update: Starting in fiscal year 2013, thirty five million will be paid out to the communities. The schedule for distribution is 3.5 million for the fiscal years 2013 through 2015 and 7 million for fiscal years 2017 to 2019.

Dean Collura of Collabria Software Communications discussed a program they are working on with the Green Armada, in where corporate sponsorship would pay for the communication software licenses for the cities. This software would be used in the event of a natural disaster for communication between emergency management agencies.

Mayor Robertson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40, seconded by Mayor Lawrence. Motion carried.

Next meeting on August 25, 2010, hosted by the City of Clearwater at the Clearwater Sailing Center.



President Big C
Mayor Nick Simons