

BARRIER ISLANDS GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (BIG-C)
AUGUST 30, 2006 MEETING MINUTES
City of Belleair Beach City Hall

The Meeting of the Barrier Islands Governmental Council, hosted by the City of Belleair Beach was held at the City of Belleair Beach City Hall, 444 Causeway Boulevard, Belleair Beach, Florida. The Meeting was called to order by President Bill Queen at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call: Each person present was asked to introduce him/herself.

Members Present:

Belleair Beach	Mayor Rudy Davis
Belleair Shore	Mayor John Robertson
Clearwater	Councilmember Hoyt Hamilton
Indian Rocks Beach	Mayor Bill Ockunzzi
Indian Shores	Councilor Bill Smith
Madeira Beach	Commissioner John Wolbert
North Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Beach	Mayor Linda Wilson
Redington Shores	Mayor Jody Armstrong
St. Pete Beach	Vice Mayor Ed Ruttencutter
Treasure Island	Commissioner Richard Kraus

Guests Present:

J. J. Beyrouiti	Redington Shores
Mary Burrell	Tampa Bay Newspapers
Marlene Clausen	Councilor, Town of Indian Shores
Nicole Elko	Coastal Coordinator, Pinellas County
Catherine Florko	Project Manager, FDEP/Beaches
Linda Fisher	Program Planner, Pinellas Planning Council
Phyllis Johnson	Sand Key Sun
Dennis Jones	State Senator
Rod Jones	HR Candidate for District 54
Jerry Knight	Vice Mayor, Town of North Redington Beach
Charles H. Parker	Mayor, City of Madeira Beach
Steve Sutch	Councilor, Town of Indian Shores
Betsy Valentine	HR Candidate for District 54

3. Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Bill Queen announced under Agenda Item 7, New Business, B Municipal Wireless Service, Larry Karisny was unable to attend the meeting. It was moved and seconded to approve the August 30, 2006 Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Mayor John Robertson moved and Councilor Bill Smith seconded approval of the July 27, 2006 BIG-C Minutes. The **motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Mayor Linda Wilson presented the Treasurer's Report for June 2006 and reported the balance on hand at \$1,717.33. The Treasurer's Report for July 2006 was also presented with a balance on hand of \$1,585.83. It was moved and seconded to accept the June 2006 and the July 2006 Treasurer's Report. The **motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. Old Business:

There was none.

7. New Business:

A. Erosion and Flood Control

Steve Smith, Hesco Bastion USA, gave a presentation on the Hesco Concertainer. He advised the concertainer units have become the system of choice for applications as varied as land reinforcement and field fortifications, erosion control and perimeter defenses, flood prevention and ammunition compounds. He reported the units have a galvanized steel mesh framework lined with non-woven polypropylene material with integrated cells to provide internal structural integrity. The units fold flat when empty, so that several can be carried on a standard pallet or skid making transportation efficient and rapid. Concertainer units can be quickly installed as they are fully assembled during manufacturing. They can be filled with locally available material with minimal manpower and using standard backhoe loaders or similar equipment. The versatility makes the concertainer suitable against current natural or manmade threats and in preventive installations against future threats such as floods, erosion or landslides.

8. Miscellaneous:

A. Legislative Update –

Senator Dennis Jones announced Governor Bush will be selecting a committee to look into insurance issues for residential and business insurance. He reported there could possibly be a special session held in October.

B. Beach Renourishment Update – Nicole Elko, Coastal Coordinator, Pinellas County:

Dr. Elko advised everyone that the Sand Key Beach Renourishment Project was completed August 14, 2006. She stated the beach renourishment project cost

approximately \$40 million and was by far the most expensive renourishment project to date. She reported the project was the most successful due to communication to residents.

Discussion ensued in regard to the proposed Pinellas County Charter Review Amendments.

Councilor Bill Smith moved and Mayor John Robertson seconded that the BIG-C endorse voting against the proposed Charter Amendments. The motion was unanimously carried by voice vote.

Mayor Charlie Parker announced he had attended a Charter Review Commission Meeting where it was proposed that the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners give the Charter Review Committee \$150,000.00 for their educational campaign efforts.

Mayor Bill Ockunzzi moved and Mayor John Robertson seconded to direct BIG-C President Bill Queen to forward a letter to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners expressing the BIG-C's opposition with such a donation. The motion was unanimously carried by voice vote.

Linda Fischer, Programming Planner for the Pinellas Planning Council announced EAR-Based Amendment Forums will be held September 12, 13, & 14, 2006 at the Harborview Center, 300 Cleveland Street in Clearwater. She distributed registration forms to BIG-C members.

Councilmember Hoyt Hamilton discussed increasing density for motels and hotels. He advised there should be a reasonable incentive to give property owners an option for redevelopment. He questioned if Dave Healy could attend the next BIG-C Meeting to discuss the issue.

Mayor Jody Armstrong announced the next Suncoast League of Cities Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2006 meeting in Dade City. She asked that anyone interested in carpooling to contact her.

Mayor Linda Wilson discussed a shutter program for single family homes.

Councilor Marlene Clausen thanked everyone who has been involved in the Support Our Troops Program. She announced there would be two social fundraisers to collect money for sending packages to the troops in Iraq. These will be held on October 6, 2006 and November 11, 2006. Congressman Bill Young and his wife will attend the November 11, 2006, to be held at the Town of Indian Shores. Invitations will be mailed out.

The next meeting will be held on September 27, 2006, 9:00 a. m. at Indian Rocks Beach City Hall.

10. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned in due form at 10:10 a. m.

Nancy G. McCollum, City Clerk
City of Belleair Beach

Mayor Bill Queen, President
Barrier Islands Governmental Council