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Barrier Islands Governmental Council



*Belleair Beach
Belleair Shore
Clearwater
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Redington Shores*

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

September 29, 2010

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

Members Present:

Belleair Shore	Mayor John Robertson
Belleair Beach	Council member, Kathy Mortensen
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Indian Shores	Mayor Jim Lawrence
N. Redington Beach	Vice Mayor Jerry Knight
Redington Beach	Mayor Nick Simons
Redington Shores	Mayor Bert Adams
St. Pete Beach	Mayor Mike Finnerty
Treasure Island	Mayor Robert Minning
Clearwater	Council member George Cretekos
Madeira Beach	Mayor Pat Shontz

Guests Present:

Pam Dubov, Property Appraiser
Keith Meyer, Candidate Circuit Judge Group 27
Doris Burns, Senator Jones' Office
Sandra Knoebel, Pinellas County Planning Department
Phyllis Johnson, Beach Scene Newspaper
Bob McClure, Tampa Bay Newspapers
Trish Muscarella, Clearwater Beach
Mike Malley, Progress Energy
Jim Frishe, State Representative, District 54
Neil Brickfield, Pinellas County Commission
Dave Healey, Pinellas Planning Council
Stan Sofer, Belleair Beach City Council
W.D. Higginbotham, Madeira Beach City Manager
Nancy Gonzalez, Belleair Beach Town Administrator
Jose Coppen, Indian Rocks Beach
Carol Coward, Commissioner, Treasure Island
Chuck Coward, City Manager, Indian Rocks Beach
Bob Lasher, PSTA
Joan Herndon, Vice Mayor, Indian Shores
Carole Irelan, Councilor, Indian Shores
Steve Sutch, Councilor, Indian Shores

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Bill Smith, Councilor, Indian Shores
Katherine Burbridge, Pinellas County
Rhonda Sanborn, Visit St. Pete/Clearwater
Jim Parent, Vice Mayor, St. Pete Beach
Andy Squires, Pinellas County Environmental Management

Council member Kathy Mortensen welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

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

Minutes Approval August 25, 2010

Mayor Simons asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 25, 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 August 2010 treasurer's report as read, seconded by Mayor Hamilton-Wollin and carried unanimously

Correspondence

No correspondence.

New Business

Pinellas County Property Appraiser Pam Dubov clarified the confusion on the Governor's Executive Order # 10-169 regarding the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The values of properties did not change due to the executive order or the oil spill. More time is needed to assess the properties in respect to the oil spill by comparing 2010 to previous years. These assessments will be compared by quarters of previous years.

Progress Energy Representative, Mike Malley spoke in regards to the holiday lights procedures that Progress Energy has implemented. He covered costs of installing receptacles, the procedures for repair requests and the need for planning. He encouraged the towns to provide Progress Energy with a list of receptacles that are in need of repair prior October 1st so that Progress Energy may plan their schedules to make the repairs prior to the holiday season. Mr. Malley left repair request forms and holiday billing information forms for the members.

Vice Mayor Jerry Knight presented the members with an update on the efforts to merge the PPC and the PCMPO and indicated it is moving along as scheduled. He also stated that once complete it would keep the two organization operating more efficiently in planning the county's future. If the review is completed by January 2011, the rules could take affect as early as July 2011.

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David Healey of the Pinellas Planning Council reiterated Vice Mayor Knight's comments and indicated that he will be retiring from the planning council. He also indicated that he supports the consolidation of the groups.

Old Business

Julie Bond of the FDOT summarized the Gulf Boulevard Flag Program. She encouraged members to go to the website Walk Wise Tampa Bay as it has the presentation available on how to use the program. She indicated that they are reaching out to all segments of the populations to educate them on the flag program.

Sandra Knoebel encouraged the towns to have three flags in each bucket on both sides of the streets and to have them monitored. She also requested that monitoring of thefts, broken flags, etc, be reported to her so that she may put statistics together for future reference.

Mayor Simons read the draft e-mail to the members and indicated that it will read that the Big C "will facilitate" in restocking the flags for the buckets, but will not be committing spending money on them. The documentation is needed for support due to the federal and state funding. Mayor Robertson made a motion to approve the draft e-mail, seconded by Vice Mayor Knight and carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Andy Squires of the Pinellas County Environmental Management indicated that the Treasure Island beach re-nourishment project has been completed and the contractor is in the process of mobilizing to Blind Pass. He also indicated that the geotube repair work is expected to begin by mid to late November. There have been no changes since last month on the Sand Key project.

Council member Bill Smith gave a brief synopsis of the FSBPA Conference that was held in September. Next years annual conference will be held in Miami. He also stated that the Legislation Award was given to Representative Jim Frishe by the FSBPA during this conference.

Doris Burns of Senator Jones' office relayed a message from the Senator to "Get out and Vote".

Representative Frishe reiterated Senator Jones' message to vote in the November election that this is a critical time and will be another tough budget year. He also indicated that November 22nd is the delegation meeting and if you want something in the packet for that meeting, it needs to be sent to Senator Jones' office two weeks prior to the meeting.

Mayor Lawrence gave a brief update on the Pennies for Pinellas and indicated that a draft is still being worked on for an Interlocal agreement. He asked the cities to contact him if they will be using the Pennies for Pinellas as a funding source.

Mayor Simons indicated that the November and December meetings are usually combined and suggested that the combined meeting to be held on December 8th. Mayor Robertson made a motion to hold the combined meeting on December 8th, seconded by Mayor Hamilton Wollin and carried unanimously.

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Mayor Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25, seconded by Mayor Robertson. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on October 27, 2010, hosted by Indian Rocks Beach.



President Big C
Mayor Nick Simons