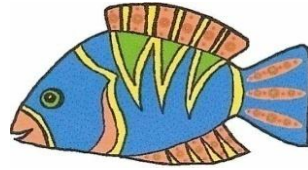


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## **Barrier Islands Governmental Council**

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



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

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### **Meeting Minutes September 26, 2012**

Present: Belleair Beach  
Belleair Shore  
Clearwater  
Indian Rocks Beach  
Indian Shores  
Madeira Beach  
North Redington Beach  
Redington Beach  
Redington Shores  
St. Pete Beach  
Treasure Island

Mayor Kathy Mortensen  
Mayor John Robertson  
Mayor George N. Cretekos  
Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton Wollin  
Mayor Jim Lawrence  
Mayor Travis Palladeno  
Mayor Bill Queen  
Mayor Nick Simons  
Vice Mayor John Branch  
Commissioner Jim Parent  
Vice Mayor Phil Collins

Guest Speaker:  
State of Florida – District 52

Representative Jeff Brandes

Guests Present:  
Belleair Bee  
City of Belleair Beach  
City of Belleair Beach  
City of Belleair Beach  
City of Belleair Beach  
State of Florida – District 51  
City of Indian Rocks Beach  
City of Indian Rocks Beach  
Indian Rocks Beach  
Indian Rocks Beach  
Town of Indian Shores  
Indian Shores  
Indian Shores  
Pinellas County MPO/Planning  
Pinellas Planning Council

Brian Goff  
Councilmember Leslie Notaro  
Councilmember Wanda Schwerer  
Patricia Gentry  
Nancy G. Gonzalez  
Representative Larry Ahern  
Mayor R.B. Johnson  
Commissioner Cookie Kennedy  
Jose L. Coppen  
Mark Edward  
Councilor Carole Ireland  
Matt Towson  
Nathan Towson  
Sandra Knoebel  
Michael Crawford

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Pinellas Planning Council	Sara Ward
Pinellas Scene	Phyllis Johnson
Town of Redington Beach	Vice Mayor Fred Steiermann
Town of Redington Beach	Commissioner David Will
Sand Key Civic Association	Cynthia Remley
Southwest Florida Water Management District	Cara Martin
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce	Robin Sollie
Tampa Bay Newspapers	Bob McClure
City of Clearwater Board Reporter	Patricia O. Sullivan

BIG-C President George Cretekos called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Belleair Beach Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**To provide continuity for research, items are in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.**

### 3 - Approval of Agenda

Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton Wollin moved to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

### 4 - Approval of Minutes – August 29, 2012 meeting.

Mayor Lawrence moved to approve the minutes of the regular BIG-C (Barrier Islands Governmental Council) meeting of August 29, 2012, as submitted in written summation to each member. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

### 5 - Approval of Treasurer's Reports for August 2012.

BIG-C Secretary/Treasurer Hamilton Wollin reviewed the August 2012 Treasurer's Report, stating the balance on August 31, 2012 was \$1,887.65.

Mayor Queen moved to accept the August 2012 Treasurer's Report. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

### 6 - Correspondence:

Mayor Cretekos reported correspondence from a Tallahassee lobbyist soliciting business related to the BP oil spill. He suggested that similar firms reach out to individual cities.

Mayor Cretekos reported correspondence from the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Society regarding resolution of regulations related to beach public access. He will provide them an update as additional information becomes available.

### 7 - New Business:

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### **a) The Honorable Jeff Brandes, Florida House of Representatives**

The Honorable Jeff Brandes said he was a candidate for the Florida Senate and reviewed his major issues of concern. He said he will meet with cities regarding their visions and offer help with them. He said he would put beach interests first if the topic of oil drilling is broached.

Discussion ensued with concerns expressed that some State amendments on the November ballot would reduce municipal revenues, making it more difficult to conduct business after cities already have cut services.

### **b) December Meeting Date**

Discussion ensued regarding the BIG-C November/December 2012 meeting date.

Mayor Palladeno moved to schedule the BIG-C November/December 2012 meeting for December 5, 2012. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

### **c) BIG-C PPC Appointment**

PPC (Pinellas Planning Council) Interim Executive Director Michael Crawford said the PPC and MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) had relocated to the Courthouse and staff is moving forward with unification. The effective date of MPO/PPC unification is tied to MPO reapportionment. The Governor may wait until Spring 2013 to determine if Pinellas County will retain its single MPO.

Mr. Crawford discussed changes to board representation following unification. The beaches will have 1 seat on the 13-member Unified Board; currently beach communities have 2 seats on the 13-member PPC plus 1 seat on the 11-member MPO:

Mr. Crawford said terms for current PPC board members expire in December 2012 and require reappointments. He recommended the BIG-C consider continuity when determining representation. BIG-C members will report on their cities' recommended nominations.

Consensus was to accept nominations and appoint the BIG-C representative at the October 31, 2012 meeting.

8 - Old Business: None.

9 - Miscellaneous:

### **BIG-C Representation on the TDC**

It was stated that a new BIG-C representative needs to be appointed to the TDC (Tourist Development Council).

Mayor Lawrence moved to appoint Mayor Palladeno as the BIG-C representative to the TDC. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jim Parent moved to thank Mayor Lawrence for his service representing the BIG-C on the TDC. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

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### **Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce**

It was announced that the Florida Association of Chamber Professionals recently named the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce as the 2012 Chamber of the Year and Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce President Robin Sollie as the 2012 Chamber Professional of the year. Congratulations were offered.

### **Gulf Boulevard Improvements**

Concern was expressed regarding a recent mailing that indicated Gulf Boulevard municipalities would be responsible for replacement of signals, whether damaged by vehicular accidents or storms.

Consensus was to schedule discussion on this item at the December 5, 2012 BIG-C meeting.

Members reviewed recent and upcoming events in their cities.

### **10 - Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

October 31, 2012 BIG-C meeting scheduled at City of Clearwater Sailing Center

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President, Barrier Islands  
Governmental Council  
Mayor – City of Clearwater