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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

October 26, 2011

Mayor Simons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Harbourside, 401 Second St., Indian Rocks Beach, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Redington Beach	Mayor Nick Simons
Belleair Beach	Mayor Kathy Mortensen
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Indian Shores	Mayor Jim Lawrence
N. Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Shores	Mayor Bert Adams
Treasure Island	Mayor Robert Minning
Belleair Shores	Mayor John Robertson
Madeira Beach	Mayor Travis Pallandino
Clearwater	Councilor George Cretekos

Guests Present:

Joan Herndon, Vice Mayor, Indian Shores
John Branch, Vice Mayor, Redington Shores
Bill Smith, Councilor, Indian Shores
Brian Smith, Pinellas Co. MPO
Jose Copen, Indian Rocks Beach
Frank Yurasko, Redington Beach
Fred Steiermann, Vice Mayor, Redington Beach
Carole Irelan, Councilor, Indian Shores
Aaron Smith, CNNMoney Reporter
Tom Dorgan, Commissioner, Redington Beach
Robin Grabowski, President, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Representative Jim Frishe
Linda Fisher, Principal Planner, Pinellas Planning Council
Sandra Knoebel, Planner, Pinellas County MPO
Doris Burns, Legislative Assistant to Senator Dennis Jones
Paul Bertecs, Traffic OPS Mgr., Clearwater
Pam Dobyns, Sea Bird Sanctuary

Mayor Johnson and Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin thanked and welcomed everyone for attending this morning's meeting.

Approval of Agenda

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Motion was made by Mayor Robertson to approve the agenda and duly seconded by Commissioner Terry Hamilton- Wollin and carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting of September 28, 2011

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

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mayor Minning read the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Mayor Robertson to accept the treasurer's report, the FY 2012 Budget and the invoicing to the Towns, as presented; duly seconded by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin and carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Mayor Simons read a letter from Pinellas County Commissioners stating that County Board consensus remains the same; seven county commissioners represent all the citizens of Pinellas County.

New Business

Mayor Simons introduced Peter Hsu, from FDOT, and Jill Wehle, who presented a slide show detailing the upcoming, changes to Gulf Blvd. pedestrian safety crosswalks. Mr. Hsu said that upcoming projects include the use of fluorescent yellow-green sign poles at crosswalks, "stutter" flashing beacons and ladder style painting along with "ped xing" markings on the street. Pinellas County is coordinating with FDOT. The goal is to standardize all of the crosswalks along Gulf Blvd. to increase pedestrian safety. FDOT continues its "Walk Wise" program to increase awareness of crosswalk safety. Mayor Adams said that Redington Shores had postponed installation of a planned crosswalk due to the inconsistencies just discussed. Mr. Hsu told Mayor Adams to go ahead with the project; FDOT will upgrade the flashing lights when all of the Gulf Blvd. project begins. Mr. Hsu asked all of the towns to work with Progress Energy to place street lights in closer proximity to crosswalks. He also asked the towns to review the conceptual plan as soon as possible and offer comments to FDOT.

Old Business

None

Miscellaneous

Beach Update: Mayor Simons said no changes are projected; start date for beach renourishment is March 2012.

Legislative Update: Rep. Jim Frishe said they are busy with redistricting.

Pennies for Pinellas Update: Mayor Lawrence said that the changes to the Interlocal Agreement with the County for Pennies for Pinellas have been reviewed by the legal representative for the County. Mayor Mortenson from Belleair Beach said that they have discussed the change with Belleair Shores, regarding whether the original wording that says "may" distribute monies should be replaced by "shall" distribute monies. Each town was asked to review the agreement and decide on the wording.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held on December 14, 2011, hosted by Indian Shores at the Indian Shores Town Hall.



Big C President

Mayor Nick Simons, Town of Redington Beach