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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 27, 2010

Big C President Nick Simons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at Indian Rocks Beach Art Center, 1515 Bay Palm Boulevard, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, followed by the pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was given for former Big C member Mr. John Wolbert who had passed away last week. There will be a celebration of his life on Saturday October 30th.

Members Present:

Belleair Beach	Council member, Kathy Mortensen
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Indian Shores	Councilor Bill Smith
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
Clearwater	Council member George Cretekos
Madeira Beach	Mayor Pat Shontz

Guests Present:

Dr. Claude M Dharamraj, Pinellas County Health Department Director
Floyd Egner, City Consultant, Pinellas County Health Department
Maggie Hall, Pinellas County Health Department
Fred Steiermann, Vice Mayor, Redington Beach
Dave Will, Commissioner, Redington Beach
Tom Dorgan, Commissioner, Redington Beach
Phyllis Johnson, Beach Scene
Jim Frishe, State Representative, District 54
Senator Dennis Jones
W.D. Higginbotham, Madeira Beach City Manager
Jose Coppen, Indian Rocks Beach
Carol Coward, Commissioner, Treasure Island
Chuck Coward, City Manager, Indian Rocks Beach
Frank Yurasko, Redington Beach
Sandra Knoebel, Pinellas County Planning Department
Linda Fisher, Pinellas Planning Council
Bob McClure, Tampa Bay Newspapers
Mark Deighton, Commissioner Redington Beach
Kathleen Peters, Mayor South Pasadena

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John Branch, Vice Mayor Redington Shores
Larry Schear, Commissioner Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue
Art Newsome, Indian Shores Property Owners Association
Joan Herndon, Vice Mayor, Indian Shores
Steve Sutch, Councilor, Indian Shores
Cynthia Remley, SKCA
Doreen Moore, Tampa Bay Beaches

Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin welcomed and thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. She also invited everyone to the Taste of Indian Rocks Beach on November 6th.

Approval of Agenda

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

Minutes Approval September 29, 2010

Mayor Simons asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 29, 2010. Motion was made by Mayor Adams to accept the minutes and was duly seconded by Mayor Finnerty and carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mayor Bob Minning read the treasurer's report. Motion made by Mayor Shontz to accept the September 2010 treasurer's report as read, seconded by Mayor Hamilton-Wollin and carried unanimously

Correspondence

An invoice was received by FSBPA for the 2011 Beachwatch Membership. Councilor Bill Smith provided a summary of the FSBPA program and made a motion to pay the bill. Seconded by Mayor Hamilton-Wollin and carried unanimously. It was noted that this invoice would not be paid until the cities paid their membership dues to the Big C in January.

New Business

Kenneth Pratt of the Florida League of Cities spoke briefly on what can be expected in the future to the Taxpayers Bill of Rights, Senate Bill 360, budget estimates, police and fire fighters pensions, and the "pill bill" issue. He stated that all these items are being addressed and that it is hard to predict the outcome until after the elections in November. He also invited the members to attend the annual legislative conference this year at the Orlando Hyatt on November 18th and 19th. Policies and priorities for the upcoming session of the legislature will be discussed during this conference.

Senator Jones clarified Amendment 5 and 6 regarding the re-districting of election districts. He indicated that redistricting is done every 10 years and that census data is used and not voting profiles. He also indicated that he and Representative Frishe are working on parasailing regulations to protect the people. He encouraged everyone to vote on November 2nd.

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Representative Frishe reiterated Senator Jones comments on Amendment 5 and 6, the parasailing regulations they are working on and the importance of voting on November 2nd.

Dr. Dharamraj, director of the Pinellas County Health Department provided the members and audience a presentation of “The State of Public Health in Pinellas County”. She indicated that the mission of the Pinellas County Health Department is to promote, protect and improve the health of all people in Pinellas County. Other topics covered were the locations of the health departments, the core mission of the health department, and the budget of the health department. She also indicated that a grant of \$4.85 million over a two year period was granted and this is the largest award in the health department. Schools will receive approximately \$600,000 for educational and labeling purposes.

Dr. Dharamraj introduced Floyd Egner as the liaison for the cities. Mr. Egner indicated that he wants to work with the cities to “putting prevention to work” on the health issues of the county and to create consistent policies throughout the communities from work place wellness plans to planning and zoning issues for community gardens.

Old Business

Sandra Knoebel of the Pinellas Planning Council gave a brief update of the flag program. The DOT will be delivering approximately 2,500 more flags after the first of the year. If towns are in need of more flags, please contact her. Ms. Knoebel also indicated that Julie Bond of the FDOT would like to present an interactive version of the Walkwise training course at the December 8th meeting. Mayor Simons indicated that he will talk with Ms. Knoebel about the possibility of a presentation at the December meeting at a later date.

Miscellaneous

An email from Andy Squires of Pinellas County Environmental Management was sent to all members as an update to the beach projects.

The agreement for the Pennies for Pinellas is still being fine tuned.

Mayor Queen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15, seconded by Mayor Shontz. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on December 8, 2010, hosted by Indian Shores.


President Big C
Mayor Nick Simons