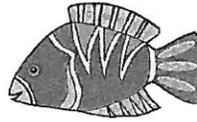


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December 14, 2011

Mayor Simons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Indian Shores Municipal Center, 19305 Gulf Boulevard, Indian Shores, Florida, 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
St. Pete Beach	Commissioner Jim Parent
Belleair Shores	Mayor John Robertson
Madeira Beach	Mayor Travis Palladino
Clearwater	Councilor George Cretelos

Guests Present:

Bill Smith, Councilor, Indian Shores
Carole Irelan, Councilor, Indian Shores
Jose Coppen, Indian Rocks Beach
John Branch, Vice Mayor, Redington Shores
Steve Sutch, Indian Shores
Doug Chandler, SKCA
Cynthia Remley, SKCA
Andy Squires, Pinellas County Coastal Manager
Chuck Coward, City Manager, Indian Rocks Beach
Kristi Cheatham, Clearwater Gas
Jerry Knight, Commission, North Redington Beach
Larry Schear, Indian Shores
Sarah Ward, Interim Executive Director, Pinellas MPO
Sandra Knoebel, Pinellas County MPO
Linda Fisher, Pinellas Planning Council
R.B. Johnson, Mayor Indian Rocks Beach
Cookie Kennedy, Commissioner Indian Rocks Beach
Dean Scharmen, Public Services Director, Indian Rocks Beach
Leslie Notaro, Councilor, Belleair Beach
Carol Coward, Commissioner, Treasure Island

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Brian Gopp, Reporter, Beach Bee
Doris Burns, Legislative Assistant, Senator Jones
E.D. Williams, Police Chief, Indian Shores
Everett Rice

Mayor Lawrence welcomed everyone to the Indian Shores new town hall and wished every one a happy holiday season. He mentioned that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in mid January to coordinate with Congressman Young's schedule. At that time there will be tour of the building.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Simons asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Mayor Robertson to approve the agenda and duly seconded by Commissioner Parent and carried unanimously.

Minutes Approval Regular Meeting of October 26, 2011

Mayor Simons asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made by Mayor Robertson to approve the October 26, 2011, minutes and duly seconded by Commissioner Parent 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 as presented and duly seconded by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin and carried unanimously.

Correspondence

None

New Business

Mayor Simons welcomed Robert LaSala, the Pinellas County Administrator. Mr. LaSala stated that the state of affairs with the county is good. The challenges the county is now facing is with the Emergency Medical System (EMS). The four topics he covered regarding EMS was protecting the level of services, the equity and fairness between the providers, the cost controls and cost management, and the cost of providing services in a cost effective way. Mr. LaSala stated that an informal study had been done in regards to the EMS. A 25% reduction of costs could be accomplished if the services were privatized. This is based on not paying into retirement and not having to maintain a building for the equipment. The board will be meeting on the following Tuesday and will name three people to serve on a committee which will consist of representatives from the cities, fire services, the county and Paramedic Plus to discuss EMS options.

He also stated that the Board of County Commissioners are working on its strategic plan as it is dated. They are looking at what the county's priorities are as well as their financial forecast over the next ten years. The staff and the board of commissioner's goal is to improve their relationships with the cities.

The board is also working on meeting the new standards for storm water. If the standards are not met, it will affect tourism and the quality of life for the citizens. He indicated that he problems do not develop overnight, but over decades.

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Old Business

Nominating Committee Report: Mayor Queen stated that the committee is recommending to the board to name Commissioner Terry Hamilton Wollin as treasurer for the Big C. A motion by Mayor Robertson to appoint Commissioner Hamilton Wollin as treasurer and duly seconded by Mayor Adams and carried unanimously. The installation of the new officers will commence at the March meeting, hosted by the Town of Redington Beach.

FDOT Proposed Gulf Boulevard Project Discussion: An email was received from Jill Wehle of the FDOT regarding the pedestrian walkways. The deadline for approval is December 15, 2011.

Miscellaneous

Beach Update: A beach updated was given by Andy Squires. The Sand Key project is expected to receive a notice to proceed from the Army Corps of Engineers on March 1, 2012 with construction starting within 30 days. The project will begin on the north side and continue to the south. The projected completion date is August of 2012.

Andy also updated the members on the turtle nesting success rate this year. The rate was approximately 64%, which is typical. He stated that Belleair Shores had the highest density of nests due to it being the beach with the least amount of lighting. The two problems for the turtles are lighting and beach furniture.

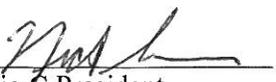
Bill Smith stated that the next board meeting of the FSBPA will be in February in Stewart, Florida. The governor's proposed budget had come out and beach re-nourishment was given 10 million dollars. Last year beach re-nourishment was not allocated any monies.

Legislative Update: Doris Burns also reported from Senator Jones office that beach re-nourishment had received a proposed budget of 10 million dollars.

Pennies for Pinellas: Mayor Lawrence reported that the negotiation stage has been completed and it is now in the execution phase. Once he has obtained original signatures from all the cities, packets will be sent to the board of county commissioners for them to vote on. He is hoping that this will be accomplished in January. The hopes are to have the approval process in place before October 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25

Next meeting will be held on January 25, 2012, hosted by Redington Shores town hall.


Big C President
Mayor Nick Simons
Town of Redington Beach