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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

December 8, 2010

Council Member George Cretekos called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Belleair Beach Town Hall, 444 Causeway Boulevard, Belleair Beach, Florida, followed by an invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present:

Belleair Beach	Council member, Kathy Mortensen
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Indian Shores	Mayor Jim Lawrence
N. Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Beach	Vice Mayor Fred Steiermann
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
Belleair Shore	Mayor John Robertson

Guests Present:

David Dumville, Belleair Beach
Jerry Knight, North Redington Beach
Cynthia Remley, Clearwater-Sand Key
W. D. Higginbotham, Jr. Madeira Beach
Floyd Egner, Pinellas County Health Department
Brian Smith, Pinellas County
John Branch, Vice Mayor, Redington Shores
Frank Yurasko, Redington Beach
R. B. Johnson, Indian Rocks Beach
Chuck Coward, City Manager, Indian Rocks Beach
Bob McClure, Tampa Bay Newspapers
Sandra Knoebel, Pinellas County Planning Department
Reid Silverboard, City of Treasure Island
Carole Irelan, Council member, Indian Shores
Bill Smith, Council member, Indian Shores
Joan Herndon, Council member, Indian Shores
Sue Berfield, Assistant, Representative Jim Frishe

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Mayor Lawrence thanked and welcomed everyone for coming. And thanked Belleair Beach for having the meeting at their town hall. He also thanked the members of his staff for their assistance in today's meeting.

Approval of Agenda

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

Minutes Approval October 27, 2010

Council member Cretekos asked for a motion to approve the minutes of October 27, 2010. Motion was made by Mayor Adams to accept the minutes and was duly seconded by Council member Mortensen and carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mayor Bob Minning read the treasurer's report. Motion made by Council member Mortensen to accept the October 2010 treasurer's report as read, seconded by Mayor Finnerty and carried unanimously

Correspondence

No correspondence

New Business

Bill Smith, FSBPA 2010 Beach Watch Update: Council member Smith presented the member with an update on the upcoming legislative session. He indicated that one in three members of the legislature is a new member. He also indicated that there is an estimated deficit of approximately 5 billion dollars for the next fiscal year and is therefore, pessimistic about monies being allocated for beach re-nourishment.

Council member Smith inquired about the invoices for the FSBPA membership. Mayor Robertson made a motion to pay the \$5,000.00 to the Beach Association, seconded by Mayor Finnerty. Discussion ensued in regards to the travel expenses members agreed to reimburse Council member Smith for attending the 3-4 FSBPA director meetings; and the member cities equally sharing this cost. Mayor Robertson amended the motion for each member city to pay \$500.00, which would cover the cost of the Beach Association membership for the Big C and nearly all of the reimbursement expenses for Council member Smith. The motion to amend was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin and carried unanimously. The main motion, as amended, was then approved unanimously.

Old Business

Mayor Lawrence presented an updated on the TDC. He indicated that the Tourist Development Plan was passed. He also encouraged every member to get a chance to be on the committee. He briefly spoke on the budget and indicated that nothing has been allocated for the beaches. If members have ideas to improve the beaches, please forward them to Mayor Lawrence.

Mayor Lawrence presented an update on the Pennies for Pinellas. He stated that the first draft of the Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County had been given to all members. He indicated the Indian

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Shores attorney had looked over the agreement and had two concerns. Section 2 states that “beginning in the Fiscal Year 2013, Cities may request funds on a quarterly basis from the County for reimbursement for Eligible projects implemented after April 1, 2007.” Mayor Queen made a motion to change this to the original year of 2000. Seconded by Mayor Adams and carried unanimously. The second concern was the guarantee of revenues for bank funding. Under Section Four, it states “The agreement is not a general obligation of the County”. Discussion ensued among members about changes that may need to be made to define the language in the agreement as the wording may not be appropriate and that a bonding counsel should be consulted.

Old Business

Jennifer Bradford presented a slide show on the FDOT Walkwise Tampa Bay. Topics covered were statistics on the injuries and fatalities of pedestrians in Florida compared to other states. Ms. Bradford asked the members and the audience to sign the pledge to spread the word of pedestrian safety.

Ms. Berfield of Representative Frishe’s office indicated there would be a delegation meeting on January 7th, at the St. Pete College in Seminole. She also indicated that Representative Frishe was elected the Majority Whip.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Next meeting will be held on January 26, 2011, hosted by Redington Shores.

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Council member Cretekos