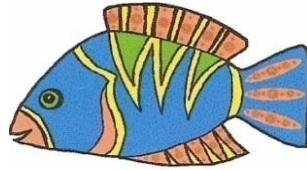


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Meeting Minutes May 29, 2013

Present:	Belleair Beach	Mayor Rob Baldwin
	Clearwater	Mayor George N. Cretekos
	Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
	Indian Shores	Mayor Jim Lawrence
	Madeira Beach	Vice-Mayor Terry Lister
	N. Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
	Redington Shores	Mayor Bert Adams
	Treasure Island	Mayor Bob Minning
	St. Pete Beach	Commissioner Jim Parent

Guest
Speaker: County Commissioner Kenneth T. Welch

Guests:	Councilor Bill Smith	Indian Shores
	Councilor Matt Towson	Indian Shores
	Councilor Joan Herndon	Indian Shores
	Councilor Carole Irelan	Indian Shores
	Mary Scott Hardwick	Pinellas BCC, Aide to Commissioner Long
	Ralph Reid	Pinellas BCC, Aide to Commissioner
	County Commissioner Charlie Justice	
	Kristi Cheatham	Clearwater Gas
	Linda Fisher	Pinellas Planning Council
	Sandra Knoebel	Pinellas County, MPO
	Sarah Ward	Pinellas County MPO
	Mayor R.B. Johnson	Indian Rocks Beach
	Vice-Mayor Marc Deighton	Redington Beach
	Bob McClure	Tampa Bay Newspapers
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Vice Mayor Leslie Notaro	Belleair Beach
Councilmember Wanda Schwerer	
Vice-Mayor John Branch	Redington Shores
Rhonda Sanborn	Visit St. Pete/Clearwater
Commissioner Carol Coward	Treasure Island
Doreen Moore	Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Kelli Caputo	Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Bobby Combs	Senator Brandes' Aide
William Reed	Ford & Associates
Lizbeth Mabry	Representative Peters Aide
State Representative Kathleen Peters	
County Commissioner Janet Long	
Andy Squires	Pinellas County

BIG C President George Cretekos called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the North Redington Beach Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and welcoming comments by North Redington Beach Mayor Bill Queen.

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

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mayor Lawrence to approve the agenda as submitted and seconded by Mayor Queen. Upon voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for the April 24, 2013 Meeting

It was moved by Mayor Minning to accept the April 24, 2013 minutes as submitted and seconded by Mayor Adams. Upon voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Reports for March and April 2013

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Hamilton-Wollin. It was moved by Mayor Adams to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted and seconded by Mayor Minning. Upon voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Mayor Cretekos stated there were no correspondences.

New Business

Mayor Cretekos introduced Commissioner Welch. Commissioner Welch discussed some of the issues facing Pinellas County. Commissioner Welch said Commissioner Morroni is back and is cancer free. Commissioner Welch stated that the Tourism Development Council reported 5.235 million people visited Pinellas County in 2011 bringing a record \$26.1 million in bed tax collections.

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In 2013, the county received 5.435 million visitors and \$28.7 million in bed tax revenue for fiscal year 2012. The year to date Bed Tax collections are 10.7% higher than the same period last year including a record \$4.9 million in March.

Commissioner Welch pointed out that there will be some challenges in the future. Three out of ten funds are facing long-term deficit. The General Fund may see a \$30 million shortfall in fiscal years 2014 and 2015. The EMS covered the shortfall by drawing down reserves to a 20% level for next year and the Transportation Trust Fund may deplete its reserves by 2019.

Commissioner Welch discussed the collaboration among county agencies to reduce general fund budget. The county has the lowest number of employees since 1985. He also briefly talked about some other issues.

Several questions were asked by the Council as well as some audience members. After the question and answer session, Commissioner Welch thanked the BIG C for inviting him to speak.

Mayor Cretokos asked Representative Peters to speak. Representative Peters stated that the beach renourishment has been approved at \$3.7 million for Treasure Island and Long Key. The DEP stated that our storm water ponds do not meet the required numeric nutrient levels. She said she will be talking to the DEP to resolve this issue. Representative Peters said the submerged Land Lease was passed and awaiting the Governor's signature. This allows people with condominiums and multifamily homes to have equitable taxes to single home across the canal. She also mentioned that St. Petersburg College will be the Nation's first Center for Excellence for their Orthotic and Prosthetic program.

After a brief question and answer session, Representative Peters thanked the BIG C for all the good they do for Pinellas County.

Old Business

Councilor Bill Smith gave a brief update on the beaches. He stated it was a good year in legislature for \$37.5 million dollars have been appropriated for the beaches. A brief discussion ensued.

Miscellaneous

Each BIG C representative was given the chance to make announcements about their city.

Adjournment

The next BIG C meeting will hosted by St. Pete Beach on Wednesday, June 26, 2013. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

President, Barrier Islands
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Mayor – City of Clearwater

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