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Meeting Minutes July 31, 2013

PRESENT:

Belleair Shore Clearwater

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Belleair Beach

Mayor John Robertson

Mayor George N. Cretekos

Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin

Mayor Jim Lawrence Mayor Travis Palladeno

Mayor Bill Queen Mayor Nick Simons Mayor Bert Adams Mayor Bob Minning

Councilor Wanda Schwerer

GUESTS PRESENT:

Carole Irelan Joan Herndon Bill Smith

Sandra Knoebel Linda Fisher

Bob McClure Leslie Notaro Elred Jackson **Greg Mims**

Patti Gentry Mary Scott Hardwick

Al Zimmerman

Councilor, Indian Shores Councilor, Indian Shores Vice Mayor, Indian Shores

PC - MPO

PPC

Tampa Bay Newspapers Vice Mayor, Belleair Beach Rep. Kathleen Peters Office

City Manager, Indian Rocks Beach

City Clerk, Belleair Beach

BOCC, Commissioner Long's Office

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Kristi Cheatham Clearwater Gas Melissa Saixas Duke Energy

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Doug Izzo Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce

Andy Squires Pinellas County

John Branch Vice Mayor, Redington Shores R.B. Johnson Mayor, Indian Rocks Beach

Phyllis Johnson Beach Scene

Nancy Gonzalez City Manager, Belleair Beach

Rick Walker Pinellas County Emergency Management

Mark Deighton Redington Beach

Bob Lasher PSTA
Sarah Ward PC – MPO
Bob Esposito FDOT

GUEST SPEAKER: Scott Calleson – Fish and Wildlife Commission Manatee Management Plan

BIG-C President George Cretekos called the meeting order at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Belleair Beach followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and welcoming comments by host, Mayor John Robertson of the Town of Belleair Shore.

3 – Approval of Agenda

Mayor Robertson moved to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Mayor Palladeno and carried unanimously.

4 – Approval of Minutes – June 26, 2013

Mayor Lawrence moved to approve the minutes of the BIG-C meeting of June 26, 2013 as submitted in written summation to each member. The motion was duly seconded by Mayor Minning and carried unanimously.

5 - Approval of Treasurer's Report for June 2013

The June Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Terry Hamilton-Wollin with a balance of \$2,553.46.

Mayor Queen moved to accept the June 2013 Treasurer's Report. The motion was duly seconded by Mayor Minning and carried unanimously.

6 - Correspondence - None.

7 - New Business

a) Scott Calleson – Fish and Wildlife Commission Manatee Management Plan

Mr. Calleson provided PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Calleson spoke about the 2003-2004 zones and mentioned that it focused more on Tampa Bay proper and more on the east side of Pinellas County. In 2007, permitting concerns arose more southerly including Boca Ciega Bay. There have been 39 boat-related manatee deaths since 2000, which represents 6 times the average – a noticeable increase with a noticeable shift to the western side of the County. Mr. Calleson also reviewed the FWC Rule Making process and stated it takes about one year.

Mr. Calleson also requested that if there are known zones where water sports are happening they would like to be notified of that.

Mr. Calleson's contact information: 850-922-4330, scott.calleson@myfwc.com

8 – Old Business

a) Sandra Knoebel - Pinellas County MPO

Ms. Knoebel provided handouts regarding the Gulf Boulevard Beautification program. She stated she will email same to Mayor Cretekos for dissemination. There are three letters that are needed to smooth out the reimbursement process; one to the Chairman of the BIG-C Sub Committee, one from the Chairman of the BIG-C Sub Committee and one to Jackie Trainer, Budget Manager.

Ms. Knoebel also mentioned that it would be appreciated if a municipality has plans to request money in the coming budget year that they notify Ms. Trainer of their plans to request money.

9 - Miscellaneous

Commissioner Janet Long put forth a reminder that October 1 flood insurance premiums are going to rise dramatically.

Bob Esposito, FDOT was recognized and stated that his boss will be providing a presentation to the BIG-C at the September meeting.

Mayor Minning spoke briefly on the topic of the October 1 flood insurance premiums going up dramatically that Commissioner Long mentioned. Mayor Minning stated that the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 takes away subsidized flood insurance rates for homes built prior to 1974. The House has passed the Act and it is now in the Senate and is attached to a Homeland Security Bill. Mayor Minning speculated that it may not be voted on until the Senate is back in session in September. Mayor Minning suggested doing a Google or Bing search on, "Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act 2012" for articles and information on the subject.

Examples were given of existing premiums escalating from approximately \$3,600 annually to over \$10,000 after the subsidy is withdrawn.

Mayor Minning stated there will be significant impact on our barrier islands and recommended everyone contact their Senator's offices.

Rick Walker, Pinellas County Emergency Management asked that in educating the public regarding this issue that it be put forth that they are looking for FIRM maps, not evacuation maps as their office has been flooded with requests for maps. They request that the public be advised to contact Planning and Zoning vs. Emergency Management. Bill Smith, Vice Mayor of Indian Shores mentioned that the FSBPA Conference will be held 9/25 – 9/27 in Delray Beach this year. Senator Dennis Jones and his wife will be at the conference. New DEP rules are subject to the Department of State and the New Rule is to become effective August 5, 2013. There are no changes regarding primary access qualification. Andy Squires is just about done with maps and most municipalities look okay.

Jim Lawrence, Mayor of Indian Shores mentioned that Indian Shores is still getting many visitors. They are working on a new pavilion and playground, are in the RFP process and should have a new pavilion and playground around November of this year. Council has also approved a site plan for 54 townhomes at the old "Fathoms" property.

Travis Palladeno, Mayor of Madeira Beach stated they are in the process of getting their stormwater outfalls cleaned out and working on paving some of their streets. Captain's meeting for the Ladies' Old Salts Fishing Tournament will be held tomorrow evening, about \$30,000 - \$40,000 raised for ovarian and breast cancer.

Bob Minning, Mayor of Treasure Island mentioned they also had some property sell and are looking forward to having it developed. One half of the new Isle of Capri bridge is to be opened tomorrow.

Terry Hamilton-Wollin, Commissioner Indian Rocks Beach mentioned the Historical Museum has been opened and the exhibits are professional.

Nick Simons, Mayor of Redington Beach mentioned that they are negotiating with Mayor Bert Adams of Redington Shores for the purchase of two lots from Redington Shores.

George Cretekos, Mayor of Clearwater mentioned that the sequel to A Dolphin Tale will begin filming in October and should be ready for release in September of 2014.

<u> 10 – Adjournment</u>

The next meeting will be held on August 28, 2013 and will be hosted by the City of Clearwater at the Clearwater Sailing Center. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.