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Barrier Islands Governmental Council



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Clearwater
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Madeira Beach*

*North Redington Beach
Redington Shores
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Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2013

PRESENT:

Belleair Shore
Clearwater
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Madeira Beach
N. Redington Beach
Redington Beach
Redington Shores
Treasure Island
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 Ireland
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
SACA Dir.

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| Ralph Reid | BOCC, Commission Justice's Office |
| Janet C. Long | BOCC, Commissioner |
| Kristi Cheatham | Clearwater Gas |
| Melissa Saixas | Duke Energy |
| Bill Priakos | Barefoot Beach Resort/TDC |
| Liz Mabry | Rep. Kathleen Peters Office |
| Kelli Caputo | TB Chamber of Commerce |
| 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.

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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 Cretokos 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.

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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.

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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.

10 – Adjournment

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.