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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

July 29th 2015

Mayor Minning called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Indian Shores Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Belleair Shore
Redington Beach
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Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
N. Redington Beach
Redington Shores
Treasure Island
St. Pete Beach
Madeira Beach

Mayor Bob Schmidt
Mayor Nick Simons
Council member Wanda Schwerer
Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Mayor Jim Lawrence
Mayor Bill Queen
Vice Mayor Lee Holmes
Mayor Bob Minning
Vice Mayor Terri Finnerty
Mayor Travis Palladeno

GUESTS PRESENT:

Chief of Police Indian Shores Terry Hughes
Indian Shores
Town Administrator Indian Shores
Pinellas SFR
Indian Shores
Indian Shores
Blue Turtle Society
Pinellas County
Deputy Clerk, Treasure Island
Town Clerk, Belleair Shore
Barefoot Beach Resorts
PCCM
PCMPO
Tampa Bay Newspapers
TBBCOC
Duke Energy
Duke Energy
PPC
MPO/PPC

Councilor Michael Petruccelli
Bonnie Dhonau
Commissioner Larry Schear
Barbara Soranno
Councilor Diantha Schear
V.P. Diane Zacharias
Andy Squires
Pam Middleton
Karen Achhamer
TDC Bill Priakos
John Bishop
Sandra Cuddington
Editor Bob McClure
Doug Izzo
Melissa Seixas
Darren Davis
Linda Fisher
Cookie Kennedy

WELCOME CALLED BY MAYOR MINNING

Mayor Lawrence welcomed everyone to the Town of Indian Shores stating Belleair Shore was the host Town for the meeting. Mayor Schmidt, Mayor of Belleair Shore welcomed everyone and thanked Indian Shores for the use of their facility.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mayor Queen to approve the agenda and duly seconded by Mayor Palladeno and carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 24, 2015 meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Schmidt to approve the June 24, 2015 minutes and duly seconded by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollen and carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Mayor Palladeno explained the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Mayor Queen to accept the treasurer's reports as presented and duly seconded by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollen and carried unanimously.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Palladeno, President of the Pinellas County Mayor Council explained the Big C draft letter written to the Pinellas County Legislature regarding the mandated ethics training for elected officials. Mayor Adams requested the letter be brought before the Big C for additions or comments.

Mayor Minning explained the letter addressed the issue of elected officials attending classes every year in Ethics and Sunshine Laws and the hope was to make changes to that requirement.

A motion was made by Mayor Lawrence for the Big C to approve the letter to be sent and duly seconded by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollen and carried unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Minning introduced Rick Herren with the Sea Turtle Conservancy.

Mr. Herren spoke about solving lighting impacts of our gulf shore properties to sea turtles. Mr. Herren explained that with newer technology, there are numerous solutions to light the night without disrupting ecosystems, impacting sea turtles and wasting energy.

There are three simple ways to fix lighting problems:

- Keep it low- Install pagoda fixtures fitted with a beach side shield lamp with an amber or red LED.
- Keep it shielded- The newest turtle friendly wall lights are not only shielded, but made from high quality polycarbonates, acrylics, and marine grade stainless steel. They won't rust or corrode in the coastal environment yet they cost the same as metal fixtures that fall apart after a few years.

- Keep it long (wavelength)- LED and low pressure sodium bulbs emit light only in the long wavelengths (red, orange and amber). Therefore, they are minimally disruptive to sea turtles.

Mr. Herren explained some of the benefits include a 70% decrease in monthly electric bills, satisfied property owners, a wise use of post-oil spill restoration funds, and documented decrease in disorientation. For more information you may go to the website at www.darksky.org, a recently published guide that includes types of turtle friendly fixtures and where to get them. FWC certifies wildlife friendly lights and maintains a list on their website, which you can easily find. You can also get a wealth of information on the problem of light pollution and how to solve it on the International Dark Sky Association website.

Mayor Minning introduced Robin Vergara, Executive Director, Gulf Coast Bird Rescue- "State of the Union Gulf Coast Bird Rescue".

Mr. Vergara explained the Gulf Coast Bird Rescue was created about three years ago to rescue and rehabilitate birds that was more then backyard help.

The land is located at 125th by the Votech center in Seminole.

There are three phases to the project:

- Phase One- Temporary Hospitals which are renovated school houses to show that this project can be accomplished.
- Phase Two- Permanent housing and includes the ability to bring in the schools for education.
- Phase Three-State of the art education center, parking, open to the public and tourist attraction. There will also be a pond so visitors can see the birds in their natural habitat.

Mr. Vergara explained in all phases including the building of the facilities, students will be an integral part of the project.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

9. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senator Brandon stated he is proud of his work with the Florida Education system. He also is working on Florida's flood insurance crises.

Representative Peters there is a new government manual that has been forwarded to the Mayor's council.

Representative Hager commented on the great work in Florida's flood insurance issue. He also stated he is working on an Assisted Living Facility Bill for anyone in need of that information. Representative Hager explained that he opposes privatizing our parks such as Honeymoon Island. He also listed other accomplishments

- School exempt sales tax is now a full week instead of one weekend
- Reduction in cell phone bill for the communication taxes
- college textbooks no sales tax
- military exempt from sales tax on vehicles that are purchased over seas and brought back
- supported adoptions
- education system increased money spent by 200.00 a year per student

Justice Ralph Reeds Representative would like feedback on the increase in the Bed Tax.

Andy Squires would like to thank the presentation of the Sea Turtle presentation.

Cookie Kennedy commented on Mayor Minning's Bay to Beach Extension.

Mayor Minning explained there is a plan to connect the Beach Trail to the Pinellas County Trail which would go through Treasure Island to St Petersburg. The funding has been moved from 2018-2016 thanks to Cookie and others.

Councilor Bill Smith, Indian Shores reminded everyone about the FSBPA Conference September 23rd to the 25th.

10. CITY EVENTS

Belleair Beach - None

Redington Beach- None

Indian Shores – None

Madeira Beach- Boy George Concert

Indian Rocks Beach- None

St. Pete Beach – Pass-a-Grille Construction has started

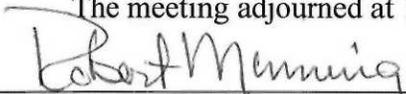
Belleair Shore – None

Redington Shores- None

Treasure Island – Bike Trail

11. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM Next meeting City of Clearwater.



Robert Minning, President
Barrier Island Governmental Council
Mayor, City of Treasure Island