

June 25, 2008

**Minutes**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Belleair Beach	Council Member Kathy Mortensen
	Belleair Shores	Mayor John Robertson
	Clearwater	Vice-Mayor George Cretekos
	Indian Rocks Beach	Vice-Mayor Terry Hamilton-Wollen
	Indian Shores	Mayor Jim Lawrence
	Madeira Beach	Mayor Pat Shontz
	North Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
	Redington Beach	Vice-Mayor Mark Deighton
	Redington Shores	Mayor Jody Armstrong
	St. Pete Beach	Mayor Mike Finnerty
	Treasure Island	Commissioner Phil Collins

<b><u>Guest Speakers:</u></b>	Senior VP Devil Rays	Michael Kalt (cancelled)
	Asst. County Administrator	Elithia Stanfield

<b><u>Guests Present:</u></b>	Alden Beach Resort	Tony Satterfield
	Barrier Island Gazette	Renee White
	Dennis Jones' Office	Doris Burns
	Indian Rocks Beach	Jose Coppen
	Indian Rocks Beach	Daniel Torres
	Indian Shores	Councilor Bill Smith
	Indian Shores	Steve Sutch, Councilor
	Indian Shores	Councilor Carole Irelan
	Indian Shores	Joan Herndon, Vice-Mayor
	Madeira Beach	Steve Kochick, Vice-Mayor
	Madeira Beach	George Gonzalez, Candidate SH 54
	Pinellas City Planning	Sandra Knoebel
	Pinellas County	Nicole Elko
	Progress Energy	Jeff Baker
	Sand Key Civic Assn.	Nick Fritsch
	St. Pete Times	Cristina Silva
	Tampa Bay News	Bob MacPherson
	TDC	Doreen Moore
	Treasure Island	Mary Maloof, Mayor
	Treasure Island	Bob Minning, Vice-Mayor
	Treasure Island	Ed Gayton, Jr., Commissioner
	Treasure Island	Reid Silverboard, City Manager

BIG C President Jim Lawrence called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at Treasure Island City Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

President Lawrence told the crowd the Tampa Bay Ray's Representative, Michael Kalt would not be in attendance will not be speaking that day, but would revisit it in the future.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Armstrong moved to approve the agenda for the meeting. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

### **Minutes Approval of May 2008 Meeting**

Mayor Queen moved to approve the minutes of the May 2008 meeting. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

### **Approval of the May 2008 Treasurer's Report**

BIG C Treasurer/Secretary Cretekos presented the Treasurer's Report for May 2008. Mayor Queen moved to approve the Treasurer's Report of May 2008 as submitted. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

### **New Business-Elithia Stanfield, Assistant County Administrator-Beach Re-nourishment Funding**

President Lawrence welcomed Elithia Stanfield, Assistant County Administrator to the BIG-C. Ms. Stanfield introduced herself and discussed the different areas concerning beach re-nourishment funding, including breaking down the Pinellas County Bed Tax.

Ms. Stanfield answered many questions dealing with the monetary and legislative aspects of the re-nourishment funding and had Ms. Nicole Elko, Pinellas County, answer questions dealing with the environmental issues.

President Lawrence thanked Ms. Stanfield for her informative presentation and also thanked Ms. Elko for answering the questions from the audience.

### **Miscellaneous**

Doris Burns spoke on behalf of Senator Jones' office. She apologized for the Senator's absence, but he was out of town. Ms. Burns did explain that the Senator does not support oil drilling out in the gulf.

Representative Jim Frishe also stated that he was not in favor of off shore drilling. Representative Frishe said until science gets more advanced there is no need for further discussion.

Nicole Elko, from Pinellas County, gave a beach update and said the pipeline has been moved.

A subcommittee to evaluate Article Seven was set up. Mayor Simons, Commissioner Collins, and Kathy Councilor Mortensen were appointed to the project. Mayor Robertson moved to approve the subcommittee. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

The Bed Tax Extension was discussed next. The BIG-C members spoke to their respective city representatives and although some city representatives requested more information, but a majority of the cities were against it unless the money came back to the beach

Offshore drilling was the next item for discussion. The BIG-C members spoke to their respective city representatives about the subject. After some discussion, the BIG-C representatives decided that until there is more technical safety involved in the process, they are mainly against it.

President Lawrence thanked the City of Treasure Island and Mayor Mary Maloof for her hospitality and the wonderful breakfast that she provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.