

**Belleair Beach**  
**Belleair Shore**  
**Clearwater**  
**Indian Rocks Beach**  
**Indian Shores**  
**Madeira Beach**



**North Redington Beach**  
**Redington Beach**  
**Redington Shores**  
**St. Pete Beach**  
**Treasure Island**

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**BARRIER ISLANDS GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (BIG-C)**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2004**  
**Held at the City of Belleair Beach City Hall**

**PRESIDENT:** Mayor Mike Kelly, City of Belleair Beach  
**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Mayor Donald Taber, City of Indian Shores  
**SECRETARY-TREASURER:** Mayor Bob Fountaine, Town of Redington Beach

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Barrier Islands Governmental Council, held at the Belleair Beach City Hall, 444 Causeway Boulevard, Belleair Beach, Florida, was called to order by Vice President Donald Taber, at 9:05 a.m. followed by a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** (Voting = V; Alternate 1 = A1; and Alternate 2 = A2)

Belleair Shore	Mayor John Robertson (V)
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Bill Ockunzzi (A1)
Indian Shores	Mayor Don Taber (V)
Madeira Beach	Vice Mayor John Wolbert (V)
North Redington Beach	Vice Mayor Jerry Knight (A-1)
Redington Beach	Mayor Bob Fountaine (V)
Redington Shores	Mayor J.J. Beyrouti (V)
St. Pete Beach	Commissioner Ed Ruttencutter (A-1)
Treasure Island	Vice Mayor Richard Kraus (A-1)
Clearwater	Commissioner Hoyt Hamilton (V)

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Nichole Elko	Pinellas County Beach Coordinator
Doris Bucus	Senator Jones Legis. Assistant

Katherine Burbridge  
Joe Burdette  
Linda Fisher  
Rodney S. Fischer  
Nick Fritsch  
Joan Herndon  
Phyllis Johnson  
Bob MacPherson  
Len Piotti  
Vince Robertiello  
Tina Skaggs  
Bill Smith  
Steve Sutch

Pinellas County Intergov. Liaison  
Census Group, Belleair  
Program Planner, Pinellas Planning Council  
Pinellas Co. Construction Licensing Board  
Sand Key Civic Association  
Councilor, Town of Indian Shores  
Sand Key Sun  
Reporter, Beach Beacon  
Commissioner, Madeira Beach  
The Reporter, Treasure Island  
Mayor's Assistant, Belleair Beach  
Councilor, Town of Indian Shores  
President, ISPOA Indian Shores

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Agenda was approved as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Minutes of September 22, 2004 were approved as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mayor Fontaine presented Treasurer's Report for October 2004, stating that the balance on hand as of October 8, 2004 was \$3,219.03. On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the Treasurer's Report for October 2004 was approved.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Vice President Taber introduced Nicole Elko, Pinellas County Coastal Coordinator.

Ms. Elko gave a detailed report on how the Pinellas County Beaches were affected by the four hurricanes, Ivan, Charley, Frances and Jeanne. Ms. Elko reported that there was extensive erosion of the beaches; that Governor Bush had a bill passed for Federal Emergency Supplemental Funding for Beach Renourishment and that Pinellas County would receive \$3,000,000 of the funding.

Ms. Elko explained that a new process utilizing T-head groins with Geotextile tubes were being used on Upham beach and that this system would better protect the beaches.

A question and answer period followed Ms. Elko's presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. MILE MARKER UPDATE**

Joe Burdette stated that he did not have a report at this time but that he would make a report at the next meeting.

**B. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-02: CROSSWALKS ON GULF BOULEVARD**

The Council had for consideration Resolution No. 2004-02, A resolution of the Barrier Islands Governmental Council (BIG-C) seeking the support of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in improving pedestrian and vehicular safety over and along Gulf Boulevard, a State/County Road, in and through the eleven (11) Big-C Barrier Island Coastal Municipalities; and providing for an effective date.

Vice-Mayor Knight moved approval of said Resolution No. 2004-2 relating to Crosswalks on Gulf Boulevard. Motion seconded by Vice Mayor Ockunzzi and unanimously carried.

**C. P.S.T.A. DISCUSSION**

Mayor Robertson reported that the P.S.T.A. proposal to require membership of all municipalities had been withdrawn and that they were looking at other ways to raise additional revenues.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. BARRIER ISLAND GOVERNMENTAL ASSEMBLY FORUM**

Vice Mayor Ockunzzi stated that knowing all of the elected officials from your neighboring communities was a must to improve teamwork and accomplish common goals for the people; that when 40 to 50 people came together, people would listen.

Vice Mayor Ockunzzi further stated that the barrier islands deserved an explanation from the County about the amount of money the barrier islands communities pay to the County and county wide agencies in comparison to the rest of the county; that the County was increasing budgets to bring more tourists and help develop other areas while letting the barrier islands pick up the tab; that the barrier islands needed to get more financial support from the county.

Vice Mayor Ockunzzi suggested that the Council create a committee to look into this. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to place the matter on the agenda for the next

meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - SENATOR DENNIS JONES/DORIS BURNS**

Ms. Burns stated that she did not have a report at this time.

**B. DISCUSSION OF MEETINGS FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

Mayor Taber stated that the November meeting fell on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and that the December meeting fell on December 22 and suggested that the Council might want to combine the meetings and meet in early December.

Vice Mayor Knight moved that the Council meetings for November and December be combined and held on December 1, 2004. Motion seconded by Mayor Robertson and unanimously carried. Mayor Taber stated that the meeting would be held in Indian Shores.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned in due form at 10:05 a.m.

*Donald Taber*

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Mayor, Town of Indian Shores