

**BARRIER ISLANDS GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2005**

The meeting of the Barrier Islands Governmental Council, held at the Indian Shores Town Hall, 19305 Gulf Boulevard, Indian Shores, Florida, was called to order by President Don Taber at 9:00 A.M

.1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Belleair Beach	Mayor Rudy Davis (V)
Belleair Shore	Mayor John Robertson (V)
Clearwater	Council Member Hoyt Hamilton
Indian Rocks Beach	Vice Mayor James Palamara (V)
Indian Shores	Mayor Don Taber (V)
Madeira Beach	Vice Mayor Martha Boos (A1)
North Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen (V)
Redington Beach	Mayor Linda Wilson (V)
Redington Shores	Mayor J. J. Beyrouti (V)
St. Pete Beach	Commissioner Deborah Nicklaus (V)
Treasure Island	Commissioner Richard Kraus (A1)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Rand Baldwin	Government Affairs, SWFWMD
Marvin Behm	Councilor, Belleair Beach
Neil Brichfield	Resident
Robert H. Brotherton	Brotherton Engineering
Mary Burrell	Editor, Tampa Bay Newspapers
Marlene Clausen	President, Indian Shores Women's Club
Nick Fritsch	Sand Key Civic Association
Joan Herndon	Vice Mayor, Indian Shores
Phyllis Johnson	Reporter, Sand Key Sun
Dennis L. Jones	Senator, District 13
Rod Jones	Candidate, House District 54
Carol Ketterhagen	St. Petersburg/Clearwater Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
Jerry Knight	Vice Mayor, North Redington Beach
Jim Lawrence	Councilor, Indian Shores
Doreen Moore	Resident, Madeira Beach
Charles Parker	Mayor, Madeira Beach
Larry Pfleuger	Principal Planner, Pinellas Planning Council
Missy Pike	President, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Vince Robertiello	Reporter, St. Pete Post
Dustin Rhodes	Student
Jesse Rhodes	Student
Ed Ruttencutter	Commissioner, St. Pete Beach

Sandy Shuler
Bill Smith
Cherin L. Stover

Councilor, Indian Shores
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Prosperity Campaign of Hillsborough and
Pinellas
Indian Shores Property Owners Association
Commissioner, City of Madeira Beach

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion made and seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. Unanimous approval by acclamation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 26, 2005. Unanimous approval by acclamation.

5. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's Report for November 2005, was presented by Mayor Linda Wilson, with a balance on hand as of November 2005 being \$1,875.15.

Motion made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Unanimous approval by acclamation.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

Mayor Taber read into the record a letter dated November 10, 2005, sent to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners containing input from the Gulf Boulevard Beautification Committee, and stating consensus concerning the following issues:

Request for cost of project to be split between the County and the Cities, wherein the County would pay for the utility undergrounding project and the cities would pay for beautification;
Traffic signal mast arm poles and light fixtures would be white and located at significant and specific areas designated by the cities;
Landscaping and beautification elements designed and maintained at the discretion of the cities;
Undergrounding project to be managed by Pinellas County or contracted with a firm capable of coordinating with all utilities;
Participating cities would pass a Resolution of Intent to participate;
Pinellas County should reimburse cities for past and present undergrounding efforts;
Funding mechanism needs to be identified immediately;
Considerations for cities to begin preparing for project.

7. OLD BUSINESS: Status of Gulf Boulevard Task Force

It was noted that a meeting was scheduled with Commissioner Stewart on December 15, 2005 at 2:00 pm, to discuss funding alternatives. Also, a Draft Resolution of Intent would be emailed to each municipality for review and adoption.

Mayor Beyrouti stated the Resolution of Intent required some modifications regarding Pinellas County performing the undergrounding project and municipalities performing the streetscaping as a joint venture, reflecting the proper funding sources, and stating communities would be

refunded for work already accomplished. He suggested that the language be uniform and in correct format for every participant city.

It was determined that Commissioner Debra Nicklaus would coordinate with City Manager Mr. Bonfield, the drafting of the new Resolution of Intent with modifications. Vice Mayor Palamara requested that the funding meeting be set at a later time so that working members could attend.

8. NEW BUSINEES

A. Announcement by Larry Pfleuger, Pinellas Planning Council, relative to holding a joint EAR Scoping Meeting with DCA and other State Agencies on Wednesday, January 11, 2006, hosted by the Town of Indian Shores.

Mr. Pfleuger explained that most municipalities had completed identifying their major issues relative to their comprehensive plans in prior workshops sponsored by the PPC. Those issues will form a major component of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report of their comprehensive plans, which is required by state law. Issues of the Review Agencies must also be identified prior to preparing the EAR, which will take place in Scoping Meetings with several communities and Agencies in attendance. The proposed three meetings are scheduled for January 11, 2006, for communities whose report is due in 2006; February 3, 2006 and March 3, 2006, for communities whose report is due in 2007. All meetings would take place from 9:00 am to Noon. Mr. Pfleuger stated he would be sending out emails to all the communities, and requested a response by the end of the week. The PPC has already prepared notifications to the State Agencies, along with a draft letter for notifying surrounding communities.

B. Guest Speaker: Cherin Stover, Project Coordinator, Wealth Building Coalition, Pinellas County Prosperity Campaign of Hillsborough & Pinellas Counties

Ms. Stover stated the Prosperity Campaign was based on the Earned Income Tax Credit created in 1975. The IRS estimates that 15% -20% of those eligible for the tax credit, such as restaurant and hotel workers, are not claiming it. These funds are available for communities, but are not being claimed. The organization offers free tax preparation beginning January 14, 2006, and financial education for low and moderate income families, including a new program entitled "Get Checking," which will benefit families and communities. She asked for support getting this information out to the communities. Presently there are eleven communities supporting the program.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. Legislative Update - Senator Dennis L. Jones.

Senator Jones advised a Legislative Session will be held Monday, December 5, 2005 through Friday, December 9, 2005. The two main issues will be Medicare reform and implementation of slot machines in Broward County. He announced that on Thursday, December 1, 2005 at 9:00 am, the last Legislative Delegation meeting for Pinellas County would be held in Safety Harbor City Hall. The issue of the Pinellas Suncoast Fire District will be addressed again, as there are two bills presented, but no sponsor. He stated the only way a bill would be approved is if there was unanimous consent, which was unlikely. He stated that he felt more study was needed before a decision could be made. There will be forty presenters, each allowed three to five minutes to speak.

B. Beach update by Nicole Elko, Pinellas County Coastal Coordinator.

Since Nicole Elko was unable to attend, Nick Fritch, Sand Key Civic Association, presented her report. He advised the winter season would result in ten to twenty feet of erosion on the beaches, which will recover in the spring and summer. The Sand Key Beach Renourishment began November 1, 2005. Tests for sand quality confirmed less than 1% gravel-sized material, with most being shells and no rocks. Just over 100,000 cubic yards of sand have been placed, or 5% of total project completed. The project was shut down most of the last two weeks due to weather, high waves and wind conditions. Rocks will be removed prior to sand placement, not covered with sand. The Upham Beach T-groin project is 90% complete, with installation of the final T-groin underway. Rock placement close to jetty gap, removal of all temporary tubes, covering T-groins with sand and final grading of the beach still need to be accomplished. The website is updated regularly: www.pinellascounty.org.

Mr. Fritch stated he regretted that this year was the first in several years that his organization had not spoken and lobbied at the Legislative Session. He stated he was disappointed the cycle had been broken for promoting the economic advantages of beach renourishment and for thanking the representatives for their support and response during the hurricane season. He hoped it did not appear that they were impolite or ungrateful.

Mayor Taber announced the resignation of Bob Fontaine, Mayor of Redington Beach, whose resignation leaves a vacancy in the Big-C Treasurer's position. He suggested new Mayor Linda Wilson be appointed as temporary Treasurer.

Motion made and seconded to appoint Mayor Linda Wilson as temporary Treasurer until nominating committee could be formed in January to address the appointment of a new Treasurer. Unanimous approval by acclamation.

Mayor Beyrouti thanked Nick Fritsch for all his efforts to keep the Council informed regarding beach renourishment and the interests of the communities

Rand Baldwin, SWFWMD, announced the deadline for any new projects considered by the cities were due by the end of the week.

10 ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

The next meeting of the Barrier Islands Governmental Council will be held at Redington Shores on January 25, 2006.

Donald L. Taber, Mayor
Town of Indian Shores