

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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### April 26, 2006 Minutes

The meeting of the Barrier Islands Governmental Council, held at the Madeira Beach City Hall, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, Florida, was called to order by President Robertson at 9 a.m.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** President Robertson led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. ROLL CALL.** President Robertson reminded everyone to turn off their cell phone, because there is a \$1 fine; and further requested that each person introduce him/herself.

#### Members:

Belleair Beach	Mayor Rudy Davis
Belleair Shore	Mayor John Robertson
Clearwater	<i>No representation.</i>
Indian Rocks Beach	<i>No representation.</i>
Indian Shores	Mayor Jim Lawrence
Madeira Beach	Commissioner John Wolbert
No. Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Beach	Mayor Linda J. Wilson
Redington Shores	Mayor Jody Armstrong
St. Pete Beach	Commissioner Mike Finnerty
Treasure Island	Councilmember Richard Kraus

#### Guests:

Martha J. Boos	Commissioner, Madeira Beach
Neil Brickfield	Representative of Suncoast Utility Contractors Association (SUCA)
Mary Burrell	Editor, Tampa Bay Newspapers
Kristi Cheatham	Government Affairs, Clearwater Gas
Marlene Clausen	Councilor, Indian Shores
Jose Coppen	Commissioner, Indian Rocks Beach
Linda Fisher	Program Planner, Pinellas Planning Council
Nick Fritsch	Chairman, Sand Key Civic
Edward J. Gayton, Jr.	Commissioner, Treasure Island
Joan Herndon	Vice-Mayor, Indian Shores
Phyllis Johnson	Reporter, Tampa Bay Sun
Jerry Knight	Vice-Mayor, North Redington Beach
Charles H. Parker	Mayor, Madeira Beach
Ed Ruttencutter	Commissioner, St. Pete Beach
Denise Schlegel	City Clerk, Madeira Beach
Jill Silverboard	City Manager, Madeira Beach
Bill Smith	Councilor, Indian Shores
Ralph Stone	City Manager, Treasure Island
Steve Sutch	Resident, Indian Shores
Art Thomas	Vice-Mayor, Madeira Beach
Betsy Valentine	Candidate for Representative District 54 (Beach and Water District)

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - April 26th.** President Robertson advised that he wished to amend the agenda to include (under Old Business), Pedestrian Safety with an update from Councilmember Richard Kraus and Mayor Jody Armstrong. Under New Business (after Tribute to Tourism), Marlene Clausen of Indian Shores will speak on "Supporting Our Troops." President Robertson also announced that Nicole Elko, Coastal Coordinator of Pinellas County provided him with the Beach Update, which he will read.

**Motion** made and seconded to approve the agenda, as amended, carried unanimously.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - March 29th.** **Motion** made and seconded to approve the March 29th minutes, as amended, carried unanimously. The amendment was to include Hoyt Hamilton in attendance.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2006 TREASURER'S REPORT.** Secretary/Treasurer Wilson provided the Treasurer's Report for April 2006, and stated the balance on hand as of April 16th is \$1,905.08. Mayor Wilson also thanked everyone for their contributions, and stated she was able to send \$5,000 to the Florida Beach and Shore Preservation Association on behalf of the BIG-C. Mayor Wilson also commented that she also deposited the cell phone money, totaling \$6, into the bank. Mayor Wilson noted she will be changing banks, if there was no objection, because the current bank wants to charge for checks. Hearing no objections, Mayor Wilson advised she would proceed to change banks.

**Motion** made and seconded to accept the April Treasurer's Report, as presented, carried unanimously.

6. **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE BIG-C.** President Robertson advised the Nominating Committee consisted of himself, Mayor Bill Queen, and Councilmember Hoyt Hamilton and, for a short time, Don Taber.

The Nominating Committee identified its slate of officers as:

President	William M. Queen, Mayor of North Redington Beach
Vice-President	Hoyt Hamilton, Councilmember of Clearwater
Secretary/Treasurer	Linda J. Wilson, Mayor of Redington Beach

President Robertson inquired if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, President Robertson closed nominations and the slate of officers was accepted, as presented.

President Robertson turned over the gavel to the new BIG-C President, Bill Queen.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

**Pedestrian Safety for Gulf Boulevard.** Councilmember Richard Kraus advised that since the last meeting, when pedestrian safety was discussed, the City of Treasure Island created a Resolution declaring June 2006 as Pedestrian Safety Month and supporting a uniform approach to public education and enforcement for the Gulf Boulevard crosswalks. Councilmember Kraus distributed a copy to all present. Councilmember Kraus encouraged the other municipalities to incorporate a similar, if not the same, Resolution, at their next meeting.

President Queen thanked Councilmember Kraus and City Manager Stone for creating the Resolution.

Mayor Jody Armstrong:

- Advised she was in contact with the Florida League of Cities (FLC), their insurance carrier; and was told the FLC offers a matching grant program for safety items.
- Stated grant applications are available in the back, by the agendas. The matching grants are in the amounts of \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,000.
- Announced that the BIG-C's next meeting, is just before it kicks off the "June Pedestrian Awareness Month."
- Advised she had a rough draft of a handout that could be distributed to drivers and pedestrian, and will provide a clean version to distribute it at the next meeting.

President Queen:

- Requested that each municipality that adopts the Pedestrian Safety Resolution; forward him a copy at North Redington Beach.
- Stated that each municipality will be developing a comprehensive plan dealing with all the issues of safety, and felt it was important for everyone to realize that the BIG-C is at a starting point with a long way to go

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### A. **Tribute to Tourism - Missy Pike, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce.** President Queen:

- Advised Ms. Pike was not in attendance and continued the meeting.
- Announced there is a Tribute to Tourism at the Wine Cellar on May 16th at 11:30 a.m. There is a cost of \$20 per person and anyone interested should contact the Chamber.

### B. **Support Our Troops.** Marlene Clausen, Councilor, Indian Shores advised that the Town of Indian Shores and the Indian Shores Women's Club have embraced an on-going project collecting needed items for our men and women in Iraq. These items are boxed and mailed to various military sources in Iraq to be shared with our troops. To date, over 400 boxes have been sent. We receive many thank-you letters from our soldiers.

The goal is to keep the source of supply continuous, until our troops can return to the U.S. Councilor Clausen stated:

- They need help to provide this source. Indian Shores hopes the Barrier Island communities can join together to be a continuous source of items for our troops.
- They will be happy to pick up items and get them to the packing location.
- She can be contacted by calling her phone at 595-5933, her cell at 415-8738 or email her at [mclausen@myindianshores.com](mailto:mclausen@myindianshores.com).
- Cash was also accepted and used towards purchasing the boxes and mailing costs.

Mayor Parker gave a \$20 contribution.

Councilor Clausen encouraged each municipality to become involved and distributed a three page handout that explains the Collections for the Troops program, and the items needed.

## 9. MISCELLANEOUS

### A. **Legislative Update.** President Queen advised the legislators are still in session.

### B. **Beach Update by Nicole Elko, Coastal Coordinator, Pinellas County**

Mayor Robertson advised:

- That Pinellas County Beaches have been named the top restored beaches in 2006. There was a ceremony on April 24th at the Don Cesar in St. Pete Beach.
- Rock removal has been completed along Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, and North Redington Beach.
- Pre-Turtle Nesting Season beach tilling is complete on Sand Key, Belleair Beach, Treasure Island, and St. Pete Beach.
- The ruts in the sand are unavoidable and flatten out quickly.
- Final grading of Sand Key and Belleair Beach will occur this week.
- Nourishment in Indian Rocks Beach is progressing quicker than expected. Presently, the beach is closed from 20th Avenue north to 24th Avenue. Work will begin along the stretch of beach to the south of 15th Avenue, next week. At this rate, work could begin in Indian Shores as early as late May.

- Upham Beach groin project is almost complete.

Nick Fritsch:

- Suggested the BIG-C send letters to the County Commissioners, and the State and Federal Elected Officials, thanking them for the award and good stewardship and support. If the BIG-C supports this suggestion, he offered to draft the letters for President Queen's signature.
- Announced there will be a "Sands of Time" presentation at Heritage Village/Park on May 8th at 10 a.m. to learn about the County's barrier islands during the presentation on the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum.
- Commented he was disappointed by the behavior of many residents. The people who are working on the projects are doing everything, and there have been some selfish, stupid statements made by residents. Mr. Fritsch encouraged the elected officials to mitigate the complaints.

**Motion** made and seconded to prepare a thank you letter was approved unanimously.

10. A. **The Next Meeting is May 31st; and will be held at Town of North Redington Beach, hosted by City of Treasure Island**

President Kelly:

- Reminded the members the next meeting is on May 31st and it will be held at the Town of North Redington Beach and be hosted by the City of Treasure Island.
- Thanked Denise Schlegel, City Clerk of Madeira Beach, for organizing the breakfast for the meeting.
- Advised that Karen Seel, a Pinellas County Commissioner, has been working on the Cross Walk Pedestrian Safety issue for the County.

Kristi Cheatham reminded everyone the Suncoast League of Cities Annual Conference is scheduled for June 9-11, 2006 at the Mission Inn Golf and Tennis Resort in Howey-In-The-Hills.

Commissioner Martha Boos advised that at the Mayors' Council Luncheon, it was announced, that Karen Seel was supporting Pedestrian Safety and focusing on U.S. 19.

President Queen stated it was fine, and he believes the BIG-C can do it in conjunction with everybody working on the same issue.

- B. **Adjournment.** Being no further business to come before the BIG-C, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.



John Wolbert, Commissioner  
City of Madeira Beach

Approved by the BIG-C on  
May 31, 2006

ATTEST:



Denise M. Schlegel, City Clerk  
City of Madeira Beach