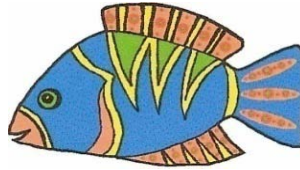


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Present: Belleair Beach
Clearwater
Indian Rocks Beach
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North Redington Beach
Redington Beach
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St. Pete Beach
Treasure Island

Mayor Kathy Mortensen
Mayor George N. Cretekos
Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton Wollin
Mayor Jim Lawrence
Mayor Travis Palladeno
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor Nick Simons
Mayor Bert Adams
Commissioner Jim Parent
Mayor Robert Minning

Guest Speaker:
University of South Florida St. Petersburg

Bill Hogarth

Guests Present:
Baker
City of Belleair Beach
State of Florida – District 69
State of Florida – District 69
State of Florida – District 22
City of Indian Rocks Beach
City of Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Rocks Beach
Town of Indian Shores
Town of Indian Shores
Indian Shores
North Redington Beach
Pinellas County Emergency Management
Pinellas County
Pinellas County MPO
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority

Jerry Dabkowski
Councilmember Wanda Schwerer
Representative Kathleen Peters
Legislative Assistant Lizbeth Mabry
Legislative Assistant Bob Esposito
Mayor R.B. Johnson
Chuck Coward
Jose L. Coppen
Vice Mayor Joan Herndon
Councilor Carole Ireland
Matt Towson
Bill Part
Rick Walker
Andy Squires
Sandra Knoebel
Bob Lasher

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Progress Energy	Melissa Saixas
Redington Beach	Mark Deighton
Town of Redington Shores	Vice Mayor John Branch
The Scene	Phyllis Johnson
Social Light Media	Debb Pauley
Southwest Florida Water Management District	Danny Kushmer
Tampa Bay Newspapers	Bob McClure
University of South Florida St. Petersburg	Helen Levine
University of South Florida St. Petersburg	Tom Scherberger
City of Clearwater Board Reporter	Patricia O. Sullivan

BIG C President George Cretekos called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Redington Shores Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and welcoming remarks by Redington Shores Mayor Bert Adams.

To provide continuity for research, items are in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.

3 - Approval of Agenda

Vice Mayor Hamilton Wollin moved to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

4 - Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2012 meeting.

Mayor Lawrence moved to approve the minutes of the regular BIG C (Barrier Islands Governmental Council) meeting of December 5, 2012, as submitted in written summation to each member. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

5 - Approval of Treasurer's Report for November 2012 and December 2012.

Treasurer's Reports were submitted: November 2012 balance was \$6,236.17 and December 2012 balance was \$7,409.25.

Mayor Mortensen moved to accept the November and December 2012 Treasurer's Reports. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

6 - Correspondence:

A letter from Mayor Lawrence suggested BIG C action regarding FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) language that conveys to individual municipalities responsibility for potentially high costs to maintain the Gulf Boulevard RRFB (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon) system. This item will be on the BIG C February 27, 2013 agenda. Pinellas County MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) representative Sandra Knoebel will invite a FDOT representative to attend and will report on MOU language re RRFB system on County's portion of the road.

A letter from Pinellas County Coastal Manager Andy Squires requested a BIG C appointment to the Evaluation Committee to score proposals for the Environmental Consultant Services Coastal

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Management. It was reported that Mayor Minning previously served on the committee and was willing to serve again.

Mayor Lawrence moved to appoint Mayor Minning as the Big C representative to the Evaluation Committee that will score proposals for Environmental Consultant Services Coastal Management. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

7 - New Business:

a) Bill Hogarth, University of South Florida St. Petersburg

Bill Hogarth, Interim Chancellor of USFSP (University of South Florida St. Petersburg) and Director of FIO (Florida Institute of Oceanography) discussed USFSP enhancements, student body activities, and the university's value as a community resource.

Dr. Hogarth said FIO has a marine lab and 2 research vessels and discussed FIO participation in the aftermath of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon/BP oil spill, resulting coastal issues, grants, and restoration efforts. Research continues on impacts to socio economics, long term health, the environment, and fish populations and plans for future mishaps. He reviewed the complicated formula for distribution of fine proceeds. He said municipalities could contact FIO for grant information and invited the BIG C to schedule a meeting at USFSP to tour a research vessel following breakfast at the student union.

In response to questions, Dr. Hogarth anticipated the Restore Act will fund future monitoring of the gulf. He said Florida is home to 40% of the country's recreational fishing, which has a \$25 billion economic impact. He said the Gulf of Mexico is an important resource and major economic driver for Florida and would benefit from increased investment by the State.

b) Restore Act (Oil Spill Litigation)

Mayor Cretekos said Pinellas County will receive some proceeds from the Restore Act to fund multijurisdictional projects that provide environmental stewardship, sustainable practices, restore past environmental economic damage, or protect against future damage. He suggested the funds could be used for the economic restoration of Gulf Boulevard. He will report further as information becomes available.

c) Meetings for the Year

Invitations will be sent for the Coastal Community Summit now scheduled for the April 24, 2013 BIG C meeting at the Holiday Inn Harbourside in Indian Rocks Beach from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The focus will be on hurricane recovery issues. Public Works staff who deal with emergency management are encouraged to attend. A request was made to distribute information prior to the summit.

The November/December BIG C meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2013 at the Indian Shores Town Hall.

8 - Old Business:

PSTA Update

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Mark Deighton, BIG C PSTA (Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority) representative, discussed the bus study underway and encouraged the BIG C to request more frequent beach trolley service and perhaps additional connections to mainland shopping areas. He reviewed projected shortfalls based on the current ad valorem rate and discussed efforts to merge PSTA with HART (Hillsborough Area Regional Transit). He said it is important that the region work together on transportation solutions as the Federal government only will help fund regional transportation plan proposals.

Mr. Deighton was thanked for his hard work. A formal presentation on PSTA will be scheduled on the BIG C March agenda.

Legislative Update

State Representative Kathleen Peters anticipated most work in the upcoming Legislative Session will focus on Medicaid. She is watching for legislation that affects home rule. She requested help on her initiative to designate Pinellas County as the country's Center of Excellence for orthotics and prosthetics, which would create significant economic growth, serve as a regional economic engine for biotechnology partnerships with St. Petersburg College, and provide destination education opportunities. .

Legislative Assistant Bob Esposito reported Senator Jeff Brandes is Chair of the Florida Senate Committee on Transportation.

Beach Update

Mr. Squires said the Upham Beach groins are performing well but will need refurbishing/replacement. He said funding for the Treasure Island Long Key renourishment projects looks favorable; the Sand Key renourishment project was successful. Mr. Squires was thanked for his efforts.

MPO/PPC Update

On the February agenda, City of Indian Rocks Beach Commissioner Cookie Kennedy will provide an update on the MPO and PPC (Pinellas Planning Council).

9 - Miscellaneous:

Members reviewed recent and upcoming events in their cities.

10 - Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

February 27, 2013 BIG C meeting is scheduled at North Redington Beach Town Hall, 190 173rd Avenue.

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Mayor – City of Clearwater

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