

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



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

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**February 25, 2009**

**Minutes**

Present:

Belleair Shore  
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Clearwater  
Indian Rocks Beach  
Indian Shores  
Madeira Beach  
North Redington Beach  
Redington Beach  
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Mayor John Robertson  
Councilmember Kathy Mortensen  
Vice Mayor George Cretekos  
Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton Wollin  
Mayor Jim Lawrence  
Mayor Pat Shontz  
Mayor Bill Queen  
Mayor Nick Simons  
Mayor Jody Armstrong  
Mayor Mike Finnerty  
Commissioner Phil Collins

Guest Speakers

SWFWMD  
(Southwest Florida Water Management District)

Ed Hobin

Sierra Club

Phil Compton

Guests Present:

Jose Coppen  
Sandra Knoebel  
Linda Fisher  
Nick Fritsch  
Joan Herndon  
Bert Adams  
Carole Ireland

Indian Rocks Beach  
Pinellas County Planning Council  
Program Planner/Web Master, PPC  
Sand Key Civic Association  
Vice Mayor, Indian Shores  
Vice Mayor, Redington Shores  
Councilor, Indian Shores

Bob McClure	Beach Beacon-Bee
Bill Smith	Councilor, Indian Shores
Curtis Blocker	Commissioner, North Redington Beach
Mary Maloof	Mayor, Treasure Island
David Ciampini	Moss Construction Management
Kristi Cheatham	Clearwater Gas
Linda Chaney	Commissioner, St. Pete Beach
Jeff Baker	Progress Energy
W.D. Higginbotham, Jr.	City Manager, Madeira Beach
Doreen Moore	TDC/TBBCC
Reid Silverboard	City Manager, Treasure Island

Big-C President Lawrence called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at North Redington Beach Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Lawrence presented Mayor Armstrong a plaque in demonstration of appreciation for her work with the council and for serving as a representative on the Tourist Development Council and the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association.

A roll call was conducted with each person present introducing themselves.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Lawrence asked for an amendment to the agenda by adding Mr. Compton, of the Sierra Club, as item b under new business. Mayor Robertson moved to approve the agenda of the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Simons and carried unanimously.

### **Minutes Approval – January 2009**

Mayor Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2009, meeting as submitted in written summation to each member. The motion was duly seconded by Vice Mayor Wollin and carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report – January 2009**

Secretary/Treasurer Vice Mayor Cretokos presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2009. He stated all of the dues had been collected and the contribution to the FSBPA had been sent.

Mayor Robertson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report of January 2009 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mayor Finnerty and carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence: County Administrator – E-mail**

Mayor Lawrence stated he had sent an email to County Administrator Bob LaSala exploring the possibilities of consolidation of services. Mayor Lawrence read an email from Mr. LaSala. Mayor Lawrence asked the board if they would like to set up a meeting prior to the next regular meeting to meet with Mr. LaSala. The board agreed.

Mayor Lawrence also read an email from Commissioner Karen Seal regarding attending the Big C meetings.

### **New Business – Ed Hobin, Southwest Florida Water Management District**

Mr. Hobin presented an overview of the duties and responsibilities of SWFMD. He gave a power point presentation showing photos from throughout the area outlining the district and showing major points of interest to SWFMD.

Mr. Hobin stated that the water demand would increase over the next twenty years but that supply would be available. He went over the different sources of water such as desalination, ground water, reservoirs and springs.

He stated the desalination plant is working as expected but the cost is high to supply water through desalination. He added he believed there would be another reservoir built before more desalination plants.

Mr. Hobin answered questions from the audience.

### **New Business – Phil Compton, Sierra Club**

Mr. Compton addressed the council concerning a request from the Sierra Club for local governments to pass an ordinance regulating lawn fertilizing. He stated the Sierra Club had worked with the landscape industry to develop an ordinance to help prevent contamination of the local waterways. Mr. Compton gave an overview of the use of phosphorous and the level of need for homeowners in using it to fertilize their lawns.

Mr. Compton asked the municipalities to specify certain points in the ordinance when written. These points were that fertilizer contain a 50% time release, state that it cannot contain phosphorous and to a cap on how much can be used i.e. 4lbs per thousand square feet.

Mr. Compton also explained there had been a study of reclaimed water contents and depending on where you live and which reclaimed water you use; you may not have a need for fertilizer. He explained some reclaimed water contains enough nitrogen to fertilize the grass.

### **Old Business**

#### **A. Big – C Representative on TDC**

Mayor Lawrence explained that Mayor Shontz was elected at the prior meeting to be the representative on the Tourist Development Council. However, she would not be able to fill the role due to serving on the Pinellas Planning Council. He explained that Mayor Queen had volunteered to sit on the TDC.

Mayor Simons made a motion to appoint Mayor Queen as representative to the TDC. Vice-Mayor Mortensen seconded the motion. All approved.

#### **B. FSBPA Update – Indian Shores Councilor Bill Smith**

Councilor Smith stated he had attended the last meeting of the FSBPA and explained that he currently did not have a seat on the FSBPA board. He further explained when Mayor Armstrong resigned from the board, they did not automatically fill her position with another representative from the Big – C. Councilor Smith added that he was assured he would receive a spot on the board at some time in the future and meanwhile, he was being active in the discussions taking place.

Mayor Lawrence stated there are three meetings a year, one of which takes place at the annual conference which Councilor Smith regularly attends. He made a request of the Council

to fund the travel expenses of the two subsequent meetings. Mayor Armstrong stated the cost was minimal as one of the meetings has been held at the Tampa Airport.

The Council discussed the need of having a Council representative on the board and the amount of donation the member cities donates each year. The Council discussed that a representative may not be placed on the board and if not, the Council should not fund the travel expenses. Mayor Robertson made a motion to fund Councilor Smith's travel expenses through the annual meeting in September. Mayor Shontz seconded the motion. Motion approved with Mayor Finnerty dissenting.

### C. Gulf Beaches Rays Days

Mayor Lawrence stated that June 14<sup>th</sup> would be Gulf Beaches Rays Days at the stadium. The Rays will be playing the Washington Nationals. He said the tickets are \$30 each and includes a Ray's hat. He explained that tickets would currently be sold through Clearwater, Indian Shores and Madeira Beach with other outlets being explored.

### **Miscellaneous**

Mayor Lawrence read an email from Nicole Elko regarding beach renourishment. She explained that state funding looks good and will provide details for the next meeting.

Mayor Simons said that he had received the request from Indian Shores for reimbursement for Gulf Boulevard beautification. He added the committee had reviewed and approved the request and it would be forwarded to Pinellas County for reimbursement. He asked that all requests be submitted in the same format as Indian Shores. The Council approved forwarding the reimbursement request unanimously.

Commissioner Chaney of St. Pete Beach spoke to the Council about a program she is organizing called Safeway. She stated it was a program to help protect children and the elderly online. She stated Safeway is sponsoring a pitch/hit/run contest through the Rays and they are looking for children to participate. She asked to send each town more information. Mayor Lawrence said he would get her contact information for the Council members.

Mayor Armstrong thanked the Council for their friendship and support during her tenure as Mayor.

Vice Mayor Cretokos stated he had worked as a volunteer for the Super Bowl and the official map of the Super Bowl ended at Belcher Road. The Council agreed in the future, more effort should be put into getting the beach communities recognized during events in Tampa.

Mayor Shontz thanked Mayor Armstrong for her work with the Council

Mayor Lawrence announced the next meeting will be March 25<sup>th</sup> at Redington Beach.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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President, Barrier Islands  
Governmental Council