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Barrier Islands Governmental Council

*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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Meeting Minutes May 30, 2012

Present: Belleair Beach
Clearwater
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Madeira Beach
North Redington Beach
Redington Beach
Redington Shores
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 Speakers:
Pinellas County Emergency Management
Pinellas Planning Council/MPO
Pinellas Planning Council/MPO Unification

David MacNamee,
Linda Fisher
Sarah Ward

Guests Present:
City of Belleair Beach
City of Belleair Beach
State of Florida – District 51
State of Florida – District 54
City of Indian Rocks Beach
City of Indian Rocks Beach
Town of Indian Shores
Town of Indian Shores
Town of Indian Shores
Town of North Redington Beach
Pinellas County Sheriff (Retired)
Pinellas Planning Council/MPO
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
Town of Redington Beach

Councilmember Leslie Notaro
Councilmember Wanda Schwerer
Representative Larry Ahern
Representative Jim Frishe
Mayor R.B. Johnson
Commissioner Cookie Kennedy
Vice Mayor Joan Herndon
Councilor Carole Irelan
Councilor Bill Smith
Vice Mayor Curtis Blocker
Everett Rice
Sandra Knoebel
Bob Lasher
Vice Mayor Fred Steiermann

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Redington Beach
Town of Redington Shores
Sand Key Civic Association
City of South Pasadena
Tampa Bay Newspapers
Tourist Development Council/TBBCC
City of Treasure Island
City of Clearwater Board Reporter

Mark Deighton
Vice Mayor John Branch
Cynthia Remley
Mayor Kathleen Peters
Bob McClure
Doreen Moore
Commissioner Butch Ellsworth
Patricia O. Sullivan

BIG-C President Cretekos called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Treasure Island Auditorium, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and welcoming comments by Treasure Island Mayor Robert Minning.

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

3 - Approval of Agenda

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

4 - Approval of Minutes – April 25, 2012 meeting.

Mayor Minning moved to approve the minutes of the regular BIG-C (Barrier Islands Governmental Council) meeting of April 25, 2012, as submitted in written summation to each member. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

5 - Approval of Treasurer's Report for April 2012.

BIG-C Secretary/Treasurer Hamilton Wollin reviewed the April 2012 Treasurer's Report, stating the balance is \$1,468.81.

BIG-C Secretary/Treasurer Hamilton Wollin moved to accept the April 2012 Treasurer's Report. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

6 - Correspondence:

BIG-C President Cretekos reported Andy Squire of Pinellas County had written, indicating the beach renourishment project began on May 16, 2012 and is targeted for completion by late November.

7 - New Business:

a) David MacNamee, Pinellas County Emergency Management

PCEM (Pinellas County Emergency Management) Operations Manager David MacNamee provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding demonstration and law enforcement tactics that may occur during the upcoming Republican National Convention. Beach hotels will host many delegates. Local police departments will coordinate efforts to prevent traffic disruption on area bridges.

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Mr. MacNamee discussed planning for the upcoming Hurricane season. TBRPC (Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council) is working on housing and other preparedness issues.

Discussion ensued regarding the Coastal Community Summit to be held at the Town of Indian Shores' Town Hall, where BIG-C, PCEM, and TBRPC representatives, local elected officials, and law enforcement will discuss the 2012 Hurricane season. It was recommended the summit be scheduled in February 2013.

b) Linda Fisher, PPC and Sara Ward, MPO – PPC/MPO Unification

Linda Fisher, of the PPC (Pinellas Planning Council), and MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) Interim Director Sara Ward provided a PowerPoint presentation, reviewing recent efforts to unify the PPC and MPO. The new MPO organization will add one member to represent ten beach communities and one member to represent six inland communities, increasing the number of representatives to thirteen. Each beach community will need to approve the BIG-C's appointment of a beach community representative. On April 27, 2012, the Governor signed a bill to recodify the Special Act that created the PPC.

The effective date of unification is tied to the statewide MPO reapportionment process, which occurs every decade following release of U.S. Census data and must be completed by March 2013. The State will determine if any MPOs should be consolidated; Florida Statutes state that each urbanized area should have a single MPO unless the Governor approves an exception. The Tampa Bay region hopes to retain its separate MPOs; consolidation would affect PPC/MPO unification efforts. Appointments will be made following approval of the interlocal agreement, which must occur within 60 days of the Governor's approval of MPO reapportionment.

8 - Old Business: None.

9 - Miscellaneous:

a) Beach Update

Members were encouraged to remind residents to stay away from skimmer nests, avoid leaving personal items on the beach overnight, and implement beachfront lighting restrictions during turtle nesting season to protect hatchling sea turtles.

b) Legislative Update

State Representative Larry Ahern said the Republican National Convention will be a boon for local businesses. He said Florida's economy has begun to recover as commercial markets report new tenants starting new businesses. He said the State has doubled the Visit Florida budget.

State Representative Jim Frishe reviewed progress on the beach renourishment project and said April revenue numbers for Florida's economy had improved.

c) Penny for Pinellas Update

It was reported the County Commission will not consider Penny for Pinellas funding of Gulf Boulevard improvements and beach renourishment parking at the same time. BIG-C members were encouraged to send a tickler to each County Commissioner regarding finalization of Gulf Boulevard improvement Penny for Pinellas

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appropriations and to submit finalized Gulf Boulevard improvement plans to the BIG-C for its evaluation and approval process.

Members reviewed recent and upcoming events in their cities.

10 - Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

June 27, 2012 BIG-C meeting scheduled at Clearwater Beach.

President, Barrier Islands
Governmental Council
Mayor – City of Clearwater