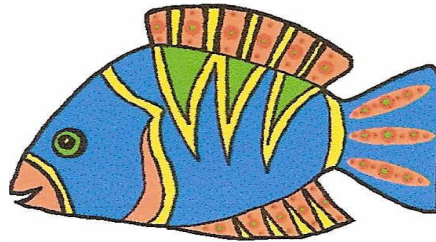


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## Barrier Islands Governmental Council

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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### April 28, 2010 Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting of the Barrier Islands Governmental Council (BIG-C) was hosted by the City of Madeira Beach at Madeira Beach City Hall located at 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708. President Simons called the meeting to order by at 9:03 a.m.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance.** President Simons led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Change of Officers – Presentation to Mayor Jim Lawrence**

President Simons presented Mayor Lawrence with a plaque for serving the last two years as President of the BIG-C.

Mayor Lawrence accepted the plaque and stated he enjoyed serving as President and stated many things were accomplished because the BIG-C team works well together to make a very strong group.

**Announcements.** President Simons thanked Mayor Shontz, City Manager Higginbotham, and City Clerk Schlegel for hosting the meeting, providing the breakfast, and taking the minutes.

Mayor Shontz:

- Welcomed everyone;
- Stated it was a pleasure to host the BIG-C meeting.
- Agreed the BIG-C has a loud and strong voice.

- 3. Roll Call.** President Simons introduced himself; turned to his left and requested that each person introduce himself/herself.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Belleair Beach	Councilmember David Dumville
Belleair Shore	Mayor John Robertson
Clearwater	Councilman George Cretekos
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Indian Shores	Mayor Jim Lawrence
Madeira Beach	Mayor Patricia Shontz
North Redington Beach	Mayor William Queen
Redington Beach	Mayor Nick Simons
Redington Shores	Vice-Mayor John Branch
St. Pete Beach	Mayor Mike Finnerty
Treasure Island	Mayor Robert Minning

#### GUEST SPEAKERS:

Jeff Huenink of Wertz York Capital Management Group  
Mitchell P. York of Wertz York Capital Management Group

Adrian Arnold, Lt. with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Patrol Operations Bureau

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Steve Andrews	Building Official, Redington Shores
John Branch	Vice-Mayor, Redington Shores
Jose L. Coppen	Resident, Indian Rocks Beach
Tom Dorgan	Commissioner, Redington Beach
David Drillick	Commissioner, Redington Beach
Linda Fisher	Principal Planner/Web Master, Pinellas Planning Council
Nick Fritsch	Beach Chairman, Sand Key Civic Association
Heather Hammers	Florida Sea Grant Extension, University of Florida / Pinellas County
Joan Herndon	Vice-Mayor, Indian Shores
W.D. Higginbotham, Jr.	City Manager, Madeira Beach
Carole Irelan	Councilor, Indian Shores
Phyllis Johnson	Beach Scene Reporter
Jerry Knight	Vice-Mayor, North Redington Beach
Sandra Kroehl	Planner, Pinellas County Planning Department
Doreen Moore	TDC/Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Jim Parent	Vice-Mayor, St. Pete Beach
Rhonda Sanborn	Hospitality Education Director, Visit St. Pete Clearwater
Bill Smith	Councilor, Indian Shores
Brian Smith	Planning Director, Pinellas County
Andy Squires	Assistant Director, Pinellas County Environmental Management
Steve Sutch	Councilor, Indian Shores
Denise Schlegel	City Clerk, Madeira Beach
Barbara Sheen Todd	Member, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Kimberly Todd	Candidate for the Circuit Court Judge
Van De Gohm	A Corporal with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

4. **Approval of Agenda. Motion** made by Mayor Robertson, seconded by Mayor Shontz to approve the agenda of April 28th, carried unanimously.
5. **Approval of Minutes of March 2010. Motion** made by Mayor Robertson, seconded by Mayor Lawrence, to approve the minutes of March 31st, as amended, carried unanimously.
6. **Approval of the Treasurer's Report for March 2010.** Secretary/Treasurer Minning provided the Treasurer's Report for March 2010.

Register balance as of March 1, 2010 .....	\$2,677.23
Total deposits/credits .....	\$00.00
Total disbursements / Debits.....	\$17.42
Register balance as of March 31, 2010 .....	\$2,659.81

**Motion** made by Mayor Shontz, seconded by Commissioner Terry Hamilton Wollin to accept the March 2009 Treasurer's Report, as presented, carried unanimously.

**7. Correspondence**

**Email Heather Hammers, Florida Sea Grant Agent, University of Florida / Pinellas County**

Heather Hammers advised:

- She is a Florida Sea Grant Extension Agent, employed by the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) Department; and currently located in the Pinellas County Extension office.
- The **Florida Sea Grant** uses academic research, education and extension to create a sustainable coastal economy and environment. It is a partnership between the Florida Board of Education, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) and Florida's citizens, industries, and governments.

- She is fairly new to the County and is getting acquainted with various groups that are specifically focused on marine and coastal systems.
- Her responsibilities will include planning, developing, and implementing comprehensive marine educational programs that focus on marine industries, fisheries, and habitat issues, including coastal hazards and climate change issues that impact marine and coastal areas predominately in Pinellas County.

## 8. New Business

### A. Jeff Huenink of Wertz York Capital, Tampa [www.wertzork.com](http://www.wertzork.com)

Jeff Huenink of Wertz York Capital Management Group thanked the BIG-C for an opportunity to speak before the group. Mr. Huenink introduced Mitchell York of Wertz York Capital Management Group.

Mr. York distributed documents (attached to and made a part of these minutes) to accompany his speech. Mr. York advised:

- He has been making money for public entities for over 10 years.
- He makes investment decisions suitable for local governments throughout the State of Florida. It is a lot of number crunching absorbing economic data and looking for good investment opportunities or avoiding bad investment opportunities. A lot of it is understanding the economic data and how it applies to the future.
- About the graph reflecting the Yield Curve which tells you the yield one can earn on a US Treasury Bond with different maturity dates.
- Most economic data has started to increase in a positive manner.
- On “Your Fixed Income Investment Portfolio”:
  - Higher rates are coming:
    1. With regard to Money Market Funds: Invest cash in securities that have floating rates or yields that reset as rates rise.
    2. With regard to Short-Term Bond Funds: Invest reserves in securities that have minimal sensitivity to changes in interest rates.
  - Avoid locking in rates!
- There is a new local government investment portfolio called the Florida Fixed Income Trust (FL-FIT). This was created through an interlocal agreement by some local governments to engage his firm to manage it. Mr. York:
  - Stated the Florida Fixed Income Trust (FL-FIT) is a turn-key solution for investment diversification providing unique safety of principal, liquidity, and return.
  - Advised the organization was formed through an indenture of trust pursuant to Florida States. The trust is governed by a 5 person Board of Trustees which has the authority to contract an investment advisor. The advisor is responsible for selecting and maintaining the trust administrator, custodial bank and any other third-party provider as necessary.

Vice-President Cretekos advised the BIG-C members that did not know Jeff Huenink; that years ago he was a State Representative, before things went crazy in Tallahassee.

President Simons thanked Mr. York and Mr. Huenink for the financial forecast.

### B. Lt. Adrian Arnold, Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office

President Simons introduced Lieutenant Adrian Arnold of the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office Patrol Operations Bureau, along with Corporal Van De Gohm.

Lt. Arnold:

- Spoke about Hurricane Preparedness.

- Asked if the municipalities had a plan in place for evacuation, post hurricane; and also if they had an identification system for returning employees and residents.
- Asked the municipalities to provide him with a list of City officials and employees who are authorized to re-enter the municipality for assessment purposes. Lt. Arnold also requested a copy of placards the municipalities provide its residents for reentry purposes.
- Advised he would make a list of the questions he needs answered to coordinate emergency situations with the municipalities.

President Simons stated the lists have been provided to the PCSO in the past and should still be on file. Lt. Arnold stated they should be annually updated.

## 9. Old Business

### A. Ray's Gulf Beaches Day Update – Sunday, June 27, 2010

Mayor Lawrence stated:

- The Tampa Bay Rays Gulf Beaches Day is Sunday, June 27th at Tropicana Field.
- David Baggs, Group Sales Account Executive for the Tampa Bay Rays:
  1. Has flyers in the works which will be distributed to each of the contact points.
  2. Is also working on the on-line link for ticket sales.

President Simons advised:

- The teams will be the Arizona Diamondbacks vs. the Tampa Bay Rays.
- The tickets (at a \$48 face value) will be \$35 each and include a lower Box Seat and a Rays' hat.

Mayor Lawrence reminded all the seating will be in Section 127 this year.

Vice-President Cretekos advised the Jolly Trolley will be participating again this year and it is a great way to get to the game.

### B. Off-Shore Drilling Update

Secretary/Treasurer Minning:

- Thanked everyone in the beach communities for their support of passing the Resolution to oppose off-shore drilling.
- Hated to say it takes an oil spill disaster, like the one in the Gulf, to say the BIG-C was right, and it goes to show that "You can't drill without spill."

It was noted that if the oil spill gets into the loop current; it could be carried all the way around the state. When they first started talking about off-shore oil drilling around Florida, they used the Australian Drill as a model stating it was the new high technology. And then the spill started in Australia and the rig was filling in at a rate of around 400 barrels of oil a day and ran from August to November before they were able to shut it down.

Now, in the Gulf, there is a spill caused by a similar blowout and it's spilling at the rate of 1,000 barrels a day; which is 2½ times what the Australian spill was.

## 10. Miscellaneous

### A. Beach Update. Andy Squires provided updates on the County's Coastal Management Projects shown below:

The Treasure Island/Long Key (TI-LK) Nourishment project was being delayed because of the high degree of erosion that occurred over this past winter. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) decided it was in the best interest to redraft the bid specifications to account for the additional erosion. This will result in improved post construction storm protection and better recreational beaches. The redraft will take 6-8 weeks moving the construction to late July and mid August.

The revised 2010 Construction Schedule:

1. Advertise Construction Project May 14
2. Bid Opening June 14
3. Project Award by July 14
4. Begin Construction late July – August 14

Upham Stabilization. The work on the final design and permitting of the permanent structures should begin this summer to coincide with the next beach nourishment project currently scheduled for 2013.

Sand Key. That project is still scheduled to begin in early 2011. The Corps is continuing to work with the state to finalize the permit application package.

Thanked several of the cities for their help with leveling the scarps or escarpments (small sand cliffs or ledges on the beach - - often 1-6 feet in height on our beaches formed from the erosion process) with regard to the turtle nesting issues. Vice-President Cretekos advised he never recalls the County requesting the local governments to level the scarps, because the County is the primary sponsor for beach erosion. Vice-President Cretekos stated he was curious as to why the County asked the City's to do it. President Simons requested that Mr. Squires inform the County the municipalities were concerned about this and wanted to know why the municipalities had to step up to the plate.

- B. Legislative Update.** President Simons stated that maybe next month the BIG-C will get a report from our Senator and Representative.
- C. Penny for Pinellas.** Pinellas County Planning Director Smith advised the County provided the municipalities with modified charts. It still shows the \$35 million, but now the chart shows within a 10 year span. The May 25th Workshop has been rescheduled to May 11th in the Court House from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

President Simons advised the plan was for him and Mayor Lawrence to meet with each of the County Commissioners individually, but encouraged all to attend the May 11th workshop.

Mayor Lawrence advised he has a meeting scheduled with Pinellas County Administrator LaSala on Friday, April 30th.

President Simons and Mayor Lawrence wanted to thank Sandra for putting the spread sheet together.

- D. Florida Beach and Shore Preservation Association (FBSPA).** Mayor Lawrence stated during this past year, Councilor Bill Smith of Indian Shores had a couple of opportunities to represent the BIG-C at the FBSPA and also took a trip to Tallahassee during the oil drilling business. Indian Shores had some extra money this year and absorbed Councilor Smith's expenses. Next year however, is another story; because Indian Shores is hurting like everyone else. The BIG-C made an issue about having representation on the FBSPA and felt the BIG-C assume the expense responsibilities.

President Simons stated he will create an agenda item for the next meeting; and asked Bill to determine what those expenses might be.

- E. Round the table comments**

Mayor Lawrence advised that on May 4th, Indian Shores will be hosting its 4th Annual Hurricane Awareness Party at 6:30 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Branch apologized for his cell phone going off, but stated he was expecting an emergency call.

Mayor Robertson stated they just dedicated the Belleair Beach Causeway Bridge on April 26th, and it was a terrific ceremony with a great turn out.

Mayor Finnerty advised:

- St. Pete Beach held its "Beach Goes Pop" last weekend and there were over 10,000 people. Next year and maybe again in September they will have the Florida Orchestra.

- St. Pete beach will have its First National Wiffle Ball Tournament on the beach in July.

Mayor Queen advised the Seminole High School Band will be participating in their July 4th parade; and he said

for a donation the Seminole Band would be happy to participate.

Vice-President Cretekos advised the Fun and Sun is continuing in Clearwater and also stated the Belleair Beach Causeway Ceremony was great. The observation point from that bridge is spectacular.

President Simons announced that Vice-President Cretekos will be out of town on July 28th, which is Clearwater's BIG-C meeting date; and Belleair Shore agreed to sponsor the July meeting.

The next BIG-C meeting is on May 26, 2010 and it will be hosted by Treasure Island.

11. **Adjournment.** Being no further business to come before the BIG-C, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nick Simons, President  
Barrier Islands Governmental Council  
Mayor of Redington Beach