

# *BIG-C*

## *Barrier Islands Governmental Council*

*Belleair Beach*

*Belleair Shore*

*Redington Beach*

*Clearwater*

*Redington Shores*

*Indian Rocks Beach*

*Indian Shores*

*Madeira Beach*

*North Redington Beach*



*St. Pete Beach*  
*Treasure Island*

The BIG C was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor Leslie Notaro on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at Town of Redington Shores, Town Hall, 17425 Gulf Blvd., Redington Shores, FL.

### **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **2. Roll Call (according to the Sign-In-Sheet)**

#### **BIG Representatives**

Belleair Beach  
Clearwater  
Indian Rocks Beach  
Indian Shores  
N. Redington Beach  
Redington Beach  
Redington Shores  
St. Pete Beach  
Treasure Island  
Belleair Shores

Mayor Leslie Notaro  
Mayor George Cretekos  
Mayor Cookie Kennedy  
Mayor Pat Soranno  
Mayor Bill Queen  
Mayor Nick Simons  
Mayor MaryBeth Henderson  
Mayor Alan Johnson  
Mayor Larry Lund  
Mayor Bob Schmidt

#### **GUESTS:**

EXP US Services  
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Utility Consultants of FL.  
Town of Indian Shores  
Town of Indian Shores  
CMA  
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Beach Beacon  
Pinellas County  
CRCC  
Town of Redington Beach  
Tourist Development Council  
Florida Senate  
Florida Senate  
Madeira  
Pinellas County Emergency Mgmt.  
Office of Representative Jennifer Webb  
SKCA

Arne Lash, Project Manager  
David Ardman  
Mark Porter, Project Manager  
Mike Hackerson, Councilor  
Bill Smith Councilor  
Lindsey Flynn, Supervisor  
Shelby McKinney, Biologist  
Yvete Fernandez, Biologist  
Brian Goff, Reporter  
Brian Lowack, Government Affairs  
Darryl Henderson, Government Affairs  
Tim Kornijtschuk, Commissioner  
Doreen Moore  
Melissa Meshil  
Jeff Brandes, Senator  
Curt Preisser, PIO  
Rick Walker  
Grace Moseley  
Susan Macleod

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Town of Redington Shores	Michael, Robinson, Dist. 3 Commissioner
City of Madeira Beach	Jonathan Evans, City Manager
Pinellas Suncoast & Fire Rescue District	Mike Burton, Fire Chief
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce	Doug Izzo, Government Affairs
Pinellas County	John Bishop, Coastal Manager
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce	Robin Miller, CEO
Forward Pinellas	Sandra, Knoebel, Planner
FDOT	Bob Esposito, Government Affairs
Town of Redington Beach	Dave Will, Vice Mayor
Waterfront Realty	Scott Raella, Realtor
Waterfront Realty	Tim Johnson, Owner
Waterfront Realty	Gina Johnson, Owner

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously

**4. Approval of Minutes - Minutes for the December 5, 2018, BIG C Meeting at the Town of Indian Shores**

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of December 2018 Treasurer's Report**

Mayor Johnson reported the balance of \$1,325.71 ending December 31, 2018. Motion to accept and duly seconded to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Correspondence**

- None

**7. New Business**

- Presentation by Lindsey Flynn, M.S., Supervisor for the Clearwater Marine Aquarium Sea Turtle Conservation Program on Sea Turtle Nesting in Pinellas County

Ms. Flynn gave a power point presentation on Sea Turtle Nesting in Pinellas County. Season starts May 1<sup>st</sup>, ending October 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Flynn spoke the nesting process of the sea turtle. Florida host 90% of all loggerhead nesting activities in the U.S. Sea turtles help stabilize the beach, the eggs provide vital nutrients to beach vegetation, which vegetation stabilizes the sand and builds up dunes. Clearing beach obstructions and reducing lighting help with the nesting process. The Sea Turtle Conservancy Retrofit Program has received funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundations Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund to replace artificial lights on Florida properties with wildlife friendly alternatives. Using the amber lighting helps bring beachfront properties into compliance and saves approximately 75% in energy cost. Ms. Flynn announced there will be a meeting on March 21, 2019 at Belleair Beach City Hall. This meeting will be hosted by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission giving more information on Sea Turtle-Friendly Lighting. Ms. Flynn gave information on who to contact for help with sea turtle, as it is a state and federal offense to interact with sea turtles or their next.

**8. Old Business**

- Update from Penny for Pinellas IV Joint Review Committee Representative Jonathan Evans  
Mr. Evans reported all representatives have been selected for the committee. A letter will be sent out and a schedule will be set for the meetings. Mr. Evans stated he will keep the BIG-C informed and will send a copy of the letter to each. Mayor Queen read a proposal to the board regarding the 9 cities participating to contribute \$138,888.89 to the undergrounding project if the estimates for completion exceeds \$35,000,000.00. This

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investment from each city will send a clear message to the county of its importance to the competitive nature of the tourism industry and commitment to the project. Mayor Queen stated he has been talking with Brian Lowack and asked Mr. Lowack to comment. Mr. Lowack explained this stems from the resolution adopted at the October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting. The language bothered him and wanted to make sure when it is taking to the County Board of Commissioners everyone is protected, making sure the additional funding is there and for the County to be covered for any additional cost that they have not committed to. Mayor Queen asked Jeff Baker to comment on the maintenance of the undergrounding. Mr. Baker commented on the way Duke prices things has many variables, one variable considered is the expected repair cost over the life of the equipment. The undergrounding equipment is an estimated 30-year life cycle. With the recent hurricanes, fresh data has been gathered. The cost to repairs of the underground system is far less than the over-head system. Mr. Soranno asked Mr. Baker if the capital cost will be reduced in lieu of the fact that the repair cost is lower. Mr. Baker stated yes but does not know the exact ratio. Mr. Johnson asked if there is any type of incentive to the cities who are contemplating undergrounding. Mr. Baker stated this will have to go through the Public Service Commission first. Mayor Queen will send out information to each city explaining the contribution of \$138,888.89.

**9. Miscellaneous**

Mayor Notaro brought forward two possibilities for speakers at the meetings. One being an Active Shooter Presentation from Pinellas County Sheriff and the other from Representative Charlie Crist who has offered to address the BIG-C in April as he is on the Appropriations Committee. He would like to have a wish list from the BIG-C prior to the meeting. It is the consensus of the members to have a workshop do discuss and put together a wish list as a total package to send to Representative Crist. The board discussed when the Active Shooter is scheduled the meeting will start earlier and pick a venue that is conducive for the program.

**10. Legislative Update**

Senator Brandes stated legislative session is starting soon. It is imperative to get your appropriations bills in to the house as they have a very tight deadline.

**11. City Events**

Each City gave an update on their upcoming events.

**12. Adjourn**

Mayor Queen moved to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Kennedy. Motion carried unanimously

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Town of North Redington Beach North Redington Beach Town Hall 190 173rd Avenue East 9:00am

Prepared by:

Mary Palmer, Town Clerk  
Town of Redington Shores

February 27, 2019  
Date Approved

APPROVED: Leslie Ford Notaro  
Leslie Ford Notaro, President

ATTEST: Patricia A. Gentry  
Patricia A. Gentry, City Clerk