

BIG-C

Barrier Islands Governmental Council

Belleair Beach
Belleair Shore
Clearwater
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Redington Shores



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

The April 27, 2016 BIG C Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Mayor Minning at the City of Treasure Island Auditorium, 120 108th Avenue, Treasure Island, FL 33706.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Minning.

2. Roll Call (According to the "Sign in" Sheet)

Present:

Belleair Beach	Mayor Leslie Notaro
Belleair Shore	Mayor Bob Schmidt
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Indian Shores-	Councilor Bill Smith
Madeira Beach	Mayor Travis Palladeno
N. Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Beach	Mayor Nick Simons
Redington Shores	Mayor Bert Adams
St. Pete Beach	Vice-Mayor Terri Finnerty
Treasure Island	Mayor Bob Minning

Guest Speaker:

Rob Meador, VIBE, Project Manager for Pinellas County

Guest Present:

Jim Frishe, Candidate for Property Appraiser
Sandra Cuddington, Planner, Pinellas MPO
Phil Collins, Commissioner, Treasure Island
Al Zimmerman, President, Sand Key Civic Association
Fred Steiermann, Vice-Mayor, Redington Beach
Patrick Soranno, Vice-Mayor, Indian Shores
Diantha Schear, Councilor, Indian Shores
Mark Hubbard, CEO, Hubbard Marina
Bob Bekoff, CEO, Bob Bekoff Consulting
Edward Hoofnagle, Commissioner, Indian Rocks Beach
Mike First, Sand Key Presidents Alliance
Trent Phillips, Legal Aide, Senator Brandes
Rhonda Sandborn, Hospitality Education Director, Visit St. Pete/Clearwater
R.B. Johnson, Mayor, Indian Rocks Beach
Sea Marshall-Barley, Support Specialist, Madeira Beach
Cookie Kennedy, MPO/PPC
Doug Izzo, Government Affairs, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Eired Eddy, Legal Assistant, Representative Ahern
Bob McClure, Tampa Bay News Papers
Reid Silverboard, City Manager, Treasure Island
Ben Rogers, Transcare
James Fogarty, President, JRB Solutions
Greg Mims, City Manager, Indian Rocks Beach
Laura Write Supervisor, Clearwater Marine Aquarium
Larry Ahern, State Representative, Florida House

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mayor Queen to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Councilor Smith. The voice vote was unanimous.

4. Approval of Minutes from the March 30, 2016 BIG C held at Redington Beach.

Councilor Smith stated there was a correction on item number eight. Councilor Smith said that he spoke on behalf of Mayor Lawrence, but he was not part of the nominating committee. The correction was made. It was moved by Mayor Queen to approve the amended minutes and seconded by Mayor Palladeno. The voice vote was unanimous.

5. Approval of March 2016 Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Mayor Palladeno read the March 2016 BIG C Treasurer's Report. It was moved by Mayor Queen to approve the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Councilor Smith. The voice vote was unanimous.

6. Discuss Fiscal Year 2017 Proposed Budget

The discussion about Fiscal Year 2017's Proposed Budget would be rescheduled to the May 25, 2016 meeting due to the absence of the in-coming Secretary/Treasurer Mayor Lowe.

7. Correspondence

- a) Letter from North Redington Beach to Jack Trainer of Pinellas County Office of Management & Budget concerning the Interlocal Agreement for Gulf Blvd. Beautification Project
- b) Letter to Secretary Foxx, Support for Tiger VIII Application for the Tampa Bay Regional Revenue Collection and Inter-Jurisdictional Mobility Project

8. New Business

- a) Robert Meador, VIBE, Project Manager for Pinellas County, Gulf Blvd. ATMS

Mr. Meador began his presentation. He thanked the council. He gave an explanation of ITS –Intelligent Transportation Systems, ATMS –Advanced Traffic Management Systems, the intent of the project, project funding and other aspects. (Please contact Rob Meador at VIBE Engineering for full presentation www.vibengineering.com)

A member of the audience asked if there was anything in the works to prevent the traffic lights changing so quickly. Mr. Meador said it isn't going to be eliminated, but they will make adjustments to the traffic signals. The camera can detect cars that approach so that they can work to provide the stream of traffic to continue moving. The fire departments have the ability to change the signal to green so that they can go through. Mr. Meador discussed smaller arms for two lane highways on Gulf Blvd. It was explained that signs would be placed at the north and south end of the causeway. It was asked if it coordinated with emergency operations. Mr. Meador explained they would work with emergency operations but not with the coast guard. The electrical system cannot be protected by a storm surge. Certain scenarios were acted out in the hurricane plan, and they have the ability to turn it off prior to any anticipated storm. It was estimated that the project would cost about \$2.5 million.

9. Old Business

Cookie Kennedy said there is a listening session on May 3rd in Mad Beach. All are invited to express their concerns.

Mayor Minning discussed the draft resolution that was emailed to the BIG C members earlier in the week. The resolution is for the support of future water taxi transportation. It will be up for discussion at the next meeting. Mayor Minning said he personally thinks it is a good idea and should be considered. St. Petersburg and Tampa are moving forward with a pilot project. Mark Hubbard was in the audience and said he will stay after in the meeting if anyone has any questions.

Mayor RB Johnson discussed the limitations on home rule especially regarding Airbnb and the effects of short term rentals. He suggested passing a resolution to show unanimity. Mayor Queen stated that the issue is going to be brought up at the Mayor's Council. Mayor Simons said it would be appropriate to repeal the 2011 legislative act and amend the 2014 legislative act that removes the home rule aspect of the individual towns and cities ability to regulate "short term rentals". It was moved by Mayor Adams and seconded by Mayor Notaro. The voice vote was unanimous. A resolution would be written.

10. Miscellaneous

- a) Accept Nominating Committee Report recommending Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin for President, Mayor Travis Palladeno for Vice-President, and Mayor Maria Lowe for Secretary/Treasurer

Councilor Smith stated that the Nominating Committee recommended Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin for President, Mayor Travis Palladeno for Vice-President, and Mayor Maria Lowe for Secretary/Treasurer.

- b) Accept Nominations from the floor and elect a President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer for 2-year term

Mayor Minning asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

It was moved by Mayor Queen to accept the nominations and seconded by Mayor Adams. The voice vote was unanimous.

c) Administer Oath of Office to incoming officers

Mayor Minning administered the oath of office to incoming President Commissioner Terry Hamilton Wollin and incoming Vice-President Mayor Palladeno. Mayor Marie Lowe's oath of office will be postponed to the May 26, 2016 BIG C due to her absence.

New President Hamilton-Wollin presented Mayor Minning with a plaque and thanked him for his leadership for the past two years. Mayor Minning thanked his fellow BIG C members for the honor of being part of such a wonderful council. President Hamilton-Wollin said she hopes to continue to help the BIG C move forward and continue to do great things.

11. Legislative Update

Representative Ahern said it was a successful ending to the session this year. He spoke about economic development. There is now funding for the Everglades in the amount of \$200 million. Pinellas County is number two for manufacturers and the jobs that come with it. There will no longer be any sales tax for veterans at VFW posts, and they have rolled back on the property tax for veterans. Education funding is the highest it has been and there is an increase in graduation status. Unemployment is down.

Representative Peters stated that college student will not have taxes on their text books. The sale tax holiday will be August 5-August 7th. They are short staffed in corrections. Senator Brandes has been working hard on that. Representative Peters spoke about substance abuse and mental illness. She said there is a stigma and many will not seek treatment. They are self-medicating themselves with drugs and alcohol. Many people are getting arrested and bogging up the judicial system. Florida has done more reform than any other state. She gave a brief explanation about the new infrastructure for a person dealing with mental illness and substance abuse. She is recommending that someone from the Mayor Council or the BIG C get involved. She believes it will take about 3 years to get it fully underway. Pinellas County will have the best system, but only if the city representative participate. There are no Marchman Act Facilities in Pinellas County. The only thing the sheriff can do is let a person dry-out and put them out on the street. In Hillsborough County, people who are arrested for alcohol and drug offenses are given an examination and assessment before they are put out on the street.

Representative Peters stated that the municipalities are allowed to get up to 12 alcohol permits a year. If a profit is generated it must be donated to a charity.


Trent Phillips from Senator Brandes' office suggested that the BIG C cities meet with the Senator so they can discuss appropriations.

12. City Events

Treasure Island-has a new resort and it is a beautiful facility. Madeira Beach-Thursdays April 28, 2016 is the start of The King of the Beach Fishing Tournament. Madeira Beach is also underway to have water stations on the beach in an effort to eliminate plastic on the beaches. Indian Shores is having a Memorial Day picnic. There will also be a hurricane awareness event on June 7, 2016, The Florida Shores and Beach Preservation Association sent out its Save the Date cards for the annual conference in September in Naples. Redington Beach Mayor Nick Simons read a resolution pertaining to the short term rental problem. St. Pete Beach will be having Party under the Lights on May 7th. Indian Rocks Beach will be having Beach Fest which is a family friendly event.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 the next BIG C meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday May 25, 2016 at the City of Madeira Beach, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708


Commissioner Terry Wollin-Hamilton
BIG C President