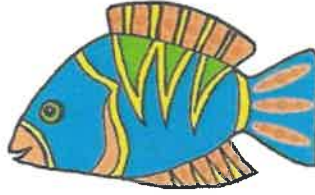


BIG-C

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

The BIG C Meeting was called to order by Vice President Mayor Anne-Marie Brooks at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. FL 33706.

1. Pledge Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Anne-Marie Brooks.

2. Roll Call

BIG C Representatives:

Commissioner Rick Nagrabski
Mayor Anne-Marie Brooks
Mayor Bruce Rector
Mayor David Will
Mayor Diantha Schear
Mayor Lan Vaughan
Mayor Scott Tate
Mayor Steve Blume
Mayor Tom Kapper
Vice Mayor Lloyd Roberts
Vice Mayor Tammy Vasquez

Town of North Redington Beach
City of Madeira Beach
City of Clearwater
Town of Redington Beach
Town of Indian Shores
City of Indian Rocks Beach
City of St. Pete Beach
Town of Belleair Shore
Town of Redington Shores
City of Belleair Beach
City of Treasure Island

Also Present:

Ashley Giovannetti
Tina Porter
C.R. Hollands
Margaret Carey
Erin Schoos
Kellee Watt
Brian Lowack
Theresa Crane
Kathy Thornsberry
Claude Walker
Rene Flowers
Laura Canary
Hilary King

Comms Project Coordinator, Pinellas County
Town Administrator, Indian Shores
Resident of St. Pete Beach
Town Manager, Redington Shores
Vice Mayor, Redington Shores
Commissioner, Indian Rocks Beach
President/CEO of Visit St. Pete Clearwater
Duke Energy
City Clerk, Belleair Beach
Resident of St. Pete Beach
Commissioner, BOCC
Community Dev. Director, St. Pete Beach
Commissioner, Indian Rocks Beach

Kathy Garchow
Shannon Wilson
Jerry Sacca
Ashley Overend
Larry Schear
John Mortillite
Meghan Blancher
Larry Maynard
CJ Hoyt
Leela Gray
Amy Davis
Barry Rubin
Gina Johnson
Tim Johnson
Charlie Justice
Scott Oberly
Marc Portugal
Frances Robustelli
Al Causey
Renee Rose
Ariana Wilson-Romo

Resident of St. Pete Beach
Community Relations, Duke Energy
Sand Key Civic Association
Representing Office of Kathleen Peters
Indian Shores
Deputy Fire Chief, Madeira FD
TBRPC
Commissioner, Redington Shores
Commissioner, Redington Shores
Candidate, Florida District 13
Community Coordinator, Pinellas County
Pinellas Beaches Chambers
Waterfront Realty
Waterfront Realty
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Communications Manager, St. Pete Beach
City Manager, St. Pete Beach
Commissioner, St. Pete Beach
City Clerk St. Pete Beach
Clerks Office, St. Pete Beach

3. Changes to the Agenda

Motion: Mayor David Will moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mayor David Will moved to approve the April 29, 2026, meeting minutes hosted by the City of Madeira Beach, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of the April 2026 Treasurer's Report

Vice Mayor Tammy Vasquez stated an opening balance of \$465.26. There were no revenues or expenses.

Motion: Mayor Schear moved to approve the April Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. New Business

a. Sheriff Gualtieri – PCSO

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri was present and gave a brief overview of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) and safety measures that are taken for the communities. He advised that PCSO services 13

municipalities of the 24 in the county. Property crime, specifically stolen vehicles, is the number one crime committed in Pinellas County. He touched on the efficiency of today's technology and rapid DNA databases, adding how the decisions that PCSO makes affect the quality of life for residents, tourists, and businesses across all communities. He opened the discussion for questions. The following was reviewed and briefly discussed:

- E-bikes, all bikes must abide by traffic laws, they are all considered vehicles.
- An update was requested on abandoned/derelict boats. Sheriff Gualtieri stated this process is still being reviewed. He added that state statutes allow shipowners a certain amount of time to address or remove their derelict boats after an emergency event.
- There was a request to address the re-entry process after emergency evacuations. Sheriff Gualtieri stated that after the 2024 hurricane season, PCSO recognized areas that needed direct work. Since then, PCSO has entirely revamped their emergency response efforts including the re-entry process. He invited everyone out to the emergency driving facility (across from Solid Waste) on June 18 at 10am where PCSO will have a special demonstration showcasing the new processes. Formal invitation to follow.
- Vice Mayor Vasquez stated that Treasure Island specifically had issues with homeowners passing their re-entry tags to contractors. This caused an influx of people to have access to the area and ultimately increased crime. There was a request that PCSO check divers licenses, however Sheriff Gualtieri advised that it is the homeowners' responsibility to be responsible with their re-entry tags.
- City Manager Robustelli questioned how waterways were being managed during evacuations as St. Pete Beach faced issues with people using boats, paddleboards, and kayaks to access the City. Sheriff Gualtieri could not recall this specifically; however, he stated that if it is reported, they will try to address the situation immediately.
- There was a request to share more real time updates that include photos to the communities for future emergency events. He agreed, adding the importance of communicating the severity and complexity of the unsafe roadways and debris.

b. Brian Lowack – President/CEO of Visit St. Pete Clearwater “Benefits of Tourism in Pinellas Co.”

Mr. Lowack was present and gave a presentation which is made part of the meeting record. He stated that Visit St. Pete/Clearwater is the official tourism, marketing, and management organization for Pinellas County. The presentation included a video of Pinellas County's top 10 best tourist attractions, as voted by Pinellas Co. He reviewed the origin market which showed Florida as the #1 state and the Pinellas County/Clearwater area as the #1 area to visit with 15,100,000 visitors visiting Pinellas County last year. Pinellas County is one of the 11 counties in the state of Florida that is considered a high tourism impact destination, allowing a 6% tourism tax to be collected. He added that today there is a \$1.5B annual accommodation of revenue, and a large majority of that money goes towards marketing to drive more tourism to our destinations. He clarified that while they are named “Visit St. Pete/Clearwater” they do represent all 24 municipalities and use statistics from all visitors. Mr. Lowack concluded by announcing that all presentations can be coordinated by him, should representatives like a presentation at their respective commission meetings.

Council representatives requested a copy of the presentation be distributed to all members.

8. Old Business

None.

9. Discussion Items

None.

10. Legislative Update - Pinellas County Commissioner Rene Flowers

- Announced there was a press conference that was called at 9:15 AM this morning by the governor regarding property tax. She did not have an update to share yet but will forward any official communications.
- She touched on the EOC center and encouraged guests to take a tour of the facility. She also encouraged attendees to sign up for alerts through Pinellas.Gov for any County updates. You can also text 43362 to sign up for text alerts.
- Budget discussions will take place in June. She briefly reviewed current proposed bills, such as the general appropriation bill.
- She briefly touched on schools closing in the County and added that some schools have gone back to the K-8 program.

11. City Events

Town of North Redington Beach – Announced a new Country western music bar has recently opened.

Town of Redington Shores – Nothing to report.

Town of Redington Beach – Nothing to report.

City of Belleair Beach – Nothing to report.

City of Madeira Beach – Today is the last market of the season, open till 2PM. This Friday is Village Friday at John's Pass 'kick off to summer' event from 6-9PM. June 6: Trash Pirates monthly cleanup also June 6: Night market from 5-11PM.

City of Treasure Island – June 13: Classic car parade for Americas 250th from 9-12PM at the Community Center Park. There will be a DJ and food trucks post parade. The event is free to attend.

City of St. Pete Beach – June 12-14: Seafood Festival on Corey Avenue July 4: Red, White, and BBQ 4th of July Party at Horan Park, with events scheduled from 5-9PM. Event includes obstacle courses, yard games, a dunk tank and more.

City of Clearwater – This weekend: Hurricane Preparedness Expo; this Saturday they are hosting the largest open water polo tournament in the country at the Sailing Center.

City of Indian Rocks Beach – June 13: Florida Explorers at the Public Library. June 16: Coffee with Neighbors.

Town of Indian Shores – Sunday Morning Market from 9-1PM the month of June. June 21: Library book sale.

12. Adjournment

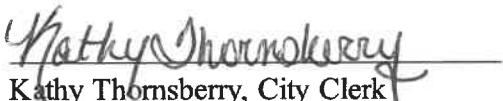
The meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM hosted by Indian Rocks Beach, City Hall, 1507 Bay Palm Blvd, Indian Rocks Beach.

Minutes Prepared by: Ariana Wilson-Romo – Executive Assistant
Clerk's Office, City of St. Pete Beach

Date Approved: 6/24/2026

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Kathy Thomsberry, City Clerk
City of Belleair Beach


David Gattis, BIG C President
Mayor, City of Belleair Beach