

*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*

**MEETING**

Wednesday, June 27, 2018  
City of St. Pete Beach  
Community Center  
7701 Boca Ciega Drive  
St. Pete Beach, FL  
9:00 a.m.

The BIG C meeting was called to order by Mayor Leslie Notaro, President, at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at the City of St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach, FL.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Notaro.

2. Roll Call. (from the sign-in sheet)

**Big C Representatives:**

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

Mayor Leslie Notaro  
Mayor George Cretekos  
Mayor Cookie Kennedy  
Mayor Pat Soranno  
Mayor Maggi Black  
Mayor Bill Queen  
Mayor Nick Simons  
Mayor Bob Schmidt  
Mayor Alan Johnson  
Mayor Larry Lunn

**Guest Speaker:**

Pinellas County Property Appraiser

Mike Twitty, MAI

**Guests:**

Madeira Beach  
House District 69, Candidate  
Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce

Deby Weinstein, Vice Mayor  
Ray Blacklidge  
Doug Izzo

Florida Senate  
Legislative Aide  
Planner, Forward Pinellas  
Pinellas County  
Fl. House of Representatives  
Tampa Bay Ferry  
Fl. Department of Transportation  
Indian Shores  
Indian Shores  
House District 69, Candidate  
Redington Beach  
Redington Beach  
St. Pete Beach  
St. Pete Beach  
St. Pete Beach  
St. Pete Beach  
House District 69  
Forward Pinellas, Planner  
Gulfport  
SD-24  
Madeira Beach  
Treasure Island, Commissioner  
Pinellas Suncoast Fire

Jeff Brandes  
Melissa Meshil  
Brett Burks  
Rick Walker, Emergency Management Coordinator  
Kathleen Peters  
Corey Hubbard  
Bob Esposito, Government Affairs Liaison  
Diantha Schear, Vice Mayor  
Bill Smith, Councilor  
Jennifer Webb  
Nick  
Fred Steiermann  
Mike Clarke  
Rachel Winter, Secretary  
Rebecca Haynes, City Clerk  
Mary Jo Murphy, Deputy City Clerk  
Mike Reyes  
Sandra Knoebel  
Michael Fridovich  
Brian Doheny  
Curt Preisser  
Tyler Payne  
Mike Burton, Fire Chief  
Linda Vanino  
C.R. Hollands  
Doreen Moore

3. Approval of Agenda.

It was moved by Mayor Bill Queen and seconded by Mayor Pat Soranno to approve the agenda. The voice vote was unanimous.

4. Approval of May 30 2018, BIG C Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by Mayor Cookie Kennedy and seconded by Mayor Bob Schmidt to approve the May 30 2018, minutes. The voice vote was unanimous.

5. Approval of the May 2018, Treasurer's Report.

The May Treasurer's Report was read by Mayor Alan Johnson. It was moved to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mayor Bill Queen and seconded by Mayor Nick Simons. The voice vote was unanimous.

6. Correspondence

- Discussion on letter from Florida VRMA (Florida Vacation Rental Management Association)

In regard to the letter from Florida Vacation Rental Management Association, Mayor Leslie Notaro informed the Council that the association asked to attend a Big C meeting and take part in any panels of discussion. It

was the consensus of the Council to invite the association, and Mayor Notaro stated she would contact the association and invite them to attend the next meeting.

## 7. New Business

- Mike Twitty, MAI, Pinellas County Property Appraiser – Property Valuations

Mr. Mike Twitty gave a presentation entitled “2018 Constitutional Amendments Affecting Assessments & Taxes” and discussed the following items:

- Constitutional Amendments on the Ballot in 2018 Impacting Taxing Authorities
  1. Amendment 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Homestead Exemption (additional \$25,000)
  2. Amendment 2 – Removes the scheduled repeal language of the 10% non-homestead property cap (will currently sunset at end of 2018)
- Homestead Exemptions – History, Eligibility, Impact, Exemption Estimator
- Assessment Caps
- Assessed Value
- Market Value
- Residential Households
- Value Trends
- Non-Homestead properties
- Tax Estimator

## 8. Old Business

Mayor Cookie Kennedy spoke in regard to a letter that was received from Fifty Gulfside Condominiums in Indian Rocks Beach. Ms. Kennedy stated there was a meeting with the County and, via speaker phone, the Corps of Engineers, in regard to easements. The Corps agreed to change some verbiage, and there will be a second meeting.

Mayor Alan Johnson, St. Pete Beach, spoke in regard to Penny for Pinellas money being used to underground utilities and a letter stating that the City of St. Pete Beach will receive the same amount of money as before for the beautification of Gulf Boulevard, which will be disseminated by the Big C. The City of St. Pete Beach is currently in the process of undergrounding, and the Penny for Pinellas money covered only about half of the expenses. The City of St. Pete Beach will have to borrow money to complete the project. To proceed with the project, Mayor Johnson asked if there could be an Interlocal agreement with the Big C and the County to have some guarantee about receiving the Penny for Pinellas money.

Mayor Bill Queen stated he will follow up to see what can be accomplished and added he needed the total estimate for the undergrounding.

## 9. Miscellaneous

Mayor Cookie Kennedy informed the Council that on August 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. there will be a Florida League of Cities meeting in Hollywood, Florida, and the discussion will be in regard to short term rentals. Ms. Kennedy encouraged everyone to attend.

Mayor Cookie Kennedy spoke about congestion on Gulf Boulevard and requested there to be a future discussion about ferries and different ways to combat congestion problems on Gulf Boulevard.

Corey Hubbard, Tampa Bay Ferry, thanked the Council for their support and spoke in regard to the ferries and the beaches and expressed a desire to be involved.

10. Legislative Update

Mr. Jeff Brandes, Senator, 24<sup>th</sup> District, spoke in regard to the tourist development tax and vacation rentals.

11. City Events

Mayor George Cretekos of Clearwater reported that there will be 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities in Coachman Park with an orchestra and fireworks.

Mayor Cookie Kennedy of Indian Rocks Beach reported there will be a second clean beach initiative on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mayor Larry Lunn of Treasure Island reported there will be fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mayor Maggi Black of Madeira Beach reported there will be fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Causeway Park, and Friday night there will be a showing of the movie *Jaws*.

Mayor Leslie Notaro of Belleair Beach reported that they are now offering standup paddle board lessons.

Mayor Alan Johnson of St. Pete Beach reported that there will be fireworks on Upham Beach.

Mayor Pat Soranno of Indian Shores Beach reported there will be a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration and on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. there will be a beach cleanup.

Mayor Nick Simons of Redington Beach reported that a short-term rental house sold for 7.5 million dollars and is now a second home for the new owners.

Mayor Bill Queen of N. Redington Beach reported they were doing a fireworks show with Redington Shores on the beach.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at 9:00 AM, hosted by the Town of Belleair Shore, at the City of Belleair Beach Community Center, 444 Causeway Boulevard, Belleair Beach, FL.

July 25, 2018  
Date Approved

APPROVED: Leslie Notaro  
Leslie Ford Notaro, President

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