

BIG-C

Barrier Islands Governmental Council

Belleair Beach

Belleair Shore

Clearwater

Redington Shores

Indian Rocks Beach

St. Pete Beach Indian Shores

Treasure Island Madeira Beach

North Redington Beach

Redington Beach



1. The BIG C Meeting was called to order by President Mayor Gattis at 9:00 A.M. on June 24, 2026, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call

BIG C Representatives:

Mayor Lan Vaughan	City of Indian Rocks Beach
Mayor Erin Shoos	Town of Redington Shores
Mayor Dave Gattis	City of Belleair Beach
Mayor Diantha Schear	Town of Indian Shores
Mayor Anne-Marie Brooks	City of Madeira Beach
Mayor John Doctor	City of Treasure Island
Mayor Jay Super	Town of North Redington Beach
Vice Mayor Ryan Cotton	City of Clearwater
Mayor Scott Tate	City of St. Pete Beach

Guests:

Linda Newton, Indian Rocks Beach resident

Jerry Newton, Indian Rocks Beach resident

Beth McMullen, Indian Rocks Beach resident

Tom McMullen, Indian Rocks Beach resident

Kelly Cisarik, Indian Rocks Beach resident and Hurricane Task Force Member

John Phanstiehl, Indian Rocks Beach resident

John Bigelow, Commissioner, City of Indian Rocks Beach
Janet Wilson, Commissioner, City of Indian Rocks Beach
Hilary King, Commissioner, City of Indian Rocks Beach
Kellee Watt, Commissioner, City of Indian Rocks Beach
Ryan Henderson, City Manager, City of Indian Rocks Beach
Ken Grimes, Fire Chief, PSFRD
Amy Davis, Big C liaison from Pinellas County
Kevin McAndrew, Director of Building and Development Review Services, Pinellas County
Marcy Forbes, City of Madeira Beach Community Development Director
Larry Shear, Indian Shores resident
David Glenn, candidate for Pinellas County Commission District 6
Colleen Cheney, Office of County Commissioner Brian Scott
Mark Bryan, Operations Director for Duke Energy
Teresa Crane, Duke Energy
Mike Howard, Vice Mayor of Indian Shores
Tina Porter, Town Administrator, Indian Shores
Ellen Bauer, Town Counselor, Indian Shores
Danny Doherty, Captain, Indian Shores Police Department
John Mortellitet, Deputy Chief , Madeira Beach Fire Department
Christy Herrick, Resident Redington Shores
John Carkeet, Public Information Coordinator, Pinellas County Government Communications
Samantha Moullet, Office of Representative Berfield
Bobby Shaley, City of Treasure Island
Jerry Sacca, Sand Key Civic Association
Fred Irwin, Sand Key Civic Association
Bill Lusk, Belleair Beach Resident
Christopher Hollins, Citizen Pass Girl
Laura Canary, Community Development Director with the City of St. Pete Beach
Jennifer Walsh, Executive Assistant Belleair Beach
Kathy Thornsberry, Clerk, Belleair Beach
Kyle Reefler, Belleair Beach City Manager
Chikri Gandhi, Structural Engineer, Penoni Associates, Clearwater

Larry Maynard, Commissioner, Redington Shores

Tom Capper, Retired Mayor of Redington Shores

CJ Hoyt, Commissioner of Redington Shores

Margaret Carey, Town Manager, Redington Shores

Ashley Giovannetti, Pinellas County Communications

Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas

Sydney Gruders, running for Congress District 16

Johnny, Campaign Team Member

Michael Ballard, senior administrative assistant with the Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions at Saint Petersburg College

Megan Blanchard, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

3. Changes to the Agenda and Approval

Mayor Anne-Marie Brooks made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Diantha Schear seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Diantha Schear made a motion to approve the May minutes. Mayor Anne-Marie Brooks seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Approval of the May 2026 Treasurer's Report

Mayor John Doctor reported that the statement ending May 31st, 2026 showed a beginning balance of \$465.26, no deposits or other credits, a withdrawal of \$119.49, and an ending balance of \$345.77.

Mayor Scott Tate made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report. The motion was seconded by Mayor Jay Super. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Correspondence - None

7. New Business

Pinellas County Building Development Services-Forerunner Platform for Floodplain Management

Presented by: Kevin McAndrew, Director of Building and Development Services, Pinellas County

Presentation Topics:

- Lessons learned from Hurricanes Helene and Milton
- On-call post-storm recovery services agreement
- Forerunner platform features and benefits
- Substantial damage assessment process improvements
- Technology interface and data management
- Public-facing tools and communication
- Phased implementation timeline
- Interlocal agreement availability for municipalities

Council Discussion:

Mayor Tate, requested a copy of the presentation and asked about data migration from the old system to Forerunner. Mr. McAndrew responded that the interface took approximately 2-3 months to complete with support from Forerunner and county IT teams. Mayor Tate also asked about customizations; Mr. McAndrew confirmed that Forerunner is open to customization and works with municipalities on their specific needs.

Mayor Vaughan, asked about public access to the online platform and app. Mr. McAndrew clarified there are both internal and public-facing dashboards. Mayor Vaughan also inquired about the launch date; Mr. McAndrew stated phase one will be live within several weeks.

Mayor Schear asked about integration of town-specific information. Mr. McAndrew confirmed Forerunner works with each municipality to interface with their specific permitting platforms.

Resident of Indian Rocks Beach, Kelly Cicarik, asked how Forerunner would select properties for physical inspection, referencing issues with Tidal Basin issuing substantial damage letters without physical inspections. Mr. McAndrew acknowledged this as a lesson learned and emphasized the need for ongoing resident education about allowing inspectors access to properties and documenting conditions before and after storms.

Mayor Gattis praised the county for taking the lead on this initiative and emphasized the importance of improved communication and consolidation of services.

Tampa Bay Coastal Master Plan Regional Coastal Resilience Planning Update

Presented by: Megan Blanchard, Coastal Ecologist, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Presentation Topics:

- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council overview
- History of resilience work since 2010
- Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition
- Coastal flooding risks and economic impacts
- Need for regional adaptation plan
- Louisiana Coastal Master Plan as model
- Tampa Bay Coastal Master Plan goals and scope
- Flood types addressed
- Project phases and timeline
- Listening sessions and public outreach
- Funding sources and community involvement opportunities

Mayor Brooks, commented that she serves on Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and announced a Project Phoenix Zoom webinar scheduled for Friday She encouraged attendance, describing it as an emotional presentation showing barrier island impacts from a Category 5 hurricane. Webinar link is available on Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council website.

Duke Energy Operations and Storm Response Update

Presented by: Mark Bryan, Duke Energy Local Operations Director

Mark Bryan introduced himself as the new Local Operations Director for Duke Energy. He oversees a team of 60 employees including engineers and line technicians responsible for power restoration, construction, and resolving reliability issues. He offered his contact information for any issues, particularly regarding underground conversion process challenges and end-customer concerns. Mr. Bryan mentioned storm protection plans including submersible equipment, stronger poles and wires for hurricane resilience, and noted reliability improvements in the area over the past five years.

8. Old Business- None

9. Discussion Items- None

10. Legislative Update – None

11. Pinellas County Commissioner – None

12. City Events

Redington Shores: Open Commissioner seat for District 3. Movie in the Park on Saturday June 27th at 7:00 PM at Constitution Park showing Dolphin Tale.

North Redington Beach: No events reported

Madeira Beach: Red, White and Blue on the Bay celebration July 4th starting at 5:00 PM with live music, fireworks at 9:00 PM, food, games, drinks. Trash Pirates cleanup on July 5th morning. Budget meeting scheduled for tonight at 2:00 PM.

Belleair Beach: No events reported

Indian Rocks Beach: Thanked attendees for coming. Food provided by local restaurant, Crabby Bills. Coffee with the Neighbors Friday at 8:30 AM at Pepo and Betty's. Hurricane Expo Saturday June 27th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM with free food, giveaways, and raffle for 2 generators.

St. Pete Beach: Flood listening session tomorrow evening at 5:30 PM at Cory Ave. July 4th celebration called Red White and BBQ with live music and community events. Commissioner will be in dunk tank for resident feedback.

Treasure Island: Fireworks at dusk around 9:00 PM on July 4th. Beach trash pickup following morning at 8:30 AM.

Clearwater: June 28th Clearwater Wedding Expo on the beach. Two-day event celebrating America's 250th including drone show Friday July 3rd. July 4th events: Moccasin Lake Park first-come-first-serve barbecue, table tennis tournament at Long Center 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, fireworks show in evening. Events listed on City of Clearwater event calendar.

Indian Shores: Police Department preparing for beach week. Boy Scout troop cleanup scheduled for July 18th after July visitor crowds.

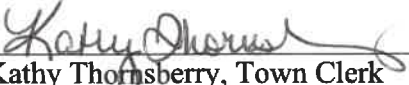
13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Hosted by Belleair Beach Community Center, 444 Causeway Boulevard, Belleair Beach, FL 33708.

Minutes Prepared by: Lorin A. Kornijtschuk, CMC, City Clerk, Indian Rocks Beach, FL

Date Approved: 7/29/2024

ATTEST:


Kathy Thornberry, Town Clerk
City of Belleair Beach, FL

APPROVED:


Dave Gattis
Barrier Islands Governmental Council President
Mayor of the City of Belleair Beach, FL