

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, July 31, 2019
Town of Belleair Shore
at the
City of Belleair Beach Community Center
444 Causeway Boulevard
Belleair Beach, FL
9:00am

The BIG C meeting was called to order by President Mayor Pat Sorranno at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, July 31, 2018, hosted by the Town of Belleair Shore, at the City of Belleair Beach Community Center, 444 Causeway Boulevard, Belleair Beach, FL.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Soranno.

2. Roll Call. (from audio recording)

Big C Representatives:

Belleair Shore	Mayor Bob Schmidt
Belleair Beach	Mayor Joseph Manzo
Indian Shores	Mayor Pat Soranno
Treasure Island	Mayor Larry Lunn
Clearwater Beach	Hoyt Hamilton Council
Indian Rocks Beach	Mayor Cookie Kennedy
Redington Beach	Mayor Nick Simons
Madeira Beach	Mayor Maggi Black
Redington Shore	Mayor Mary Beth Henderson
North Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
St. Pete Beach	Mayor Al Johnson

Guests:

Indian Shores	Council Bill Smith
Indian Shores	Council Mike Hackerson
Belleair Shore	Commissioner Deborah Roseman
Belleair Beach	Council Rita Swope
Belleair Beach	Rick Colucci

Forward Pinellas	Sandra Knoebel
Madeira Beach	Curt Preisser
Madeira Beach	Bob Daniels interim City Manager
Indian Rocks Beach	Kelly Cisarik
Clearwater Gas	Kristi Pettit
CPWG	Mr. McGovern
Pinellas County	Rick Walker
Belleair Beach	Leslie Notaro
Belleair Beach	Council Marv Behm
EXP	David Ardman
Waterfront Realty	Scott Raella
Waterfront Realty	Chris Kelly
Pinellas County	Mr. Landon
Pinellas County	Larry Burns
Pinellas County	Barbra Hernandez
Pinellas County	Barry Burton
Pinellas County	Hank Hodde
Pinellas County	Brian Lowack
Beach Bee	Brian Goff
Clearwater Reg Chamber	Darryl Henderson
Reddington Beach	Bruce McLaughin Town Planner
Reddington Beach	Commissioner David Will
Pinellas County	Grant Hall
Pinellas County	John Bishop
Redington Shore	Commissioner Mike Robinson
Belleair Beach	June VanScoyoc
Madeira Beach	Commissioner Deby Weinstein
Ofc of Sen. Brandes	Melissa Meshil
Tampa Bay Beaches Chmbr	Doug Izzo
Tourist Development Cncl	Doreen Moore
Rep. Webb's Ofc	Derek Tassore Intern
Beach Beacon	Brian Goff
Mr. Kaminski	
Mr. Messina	

3. Approval of Agenda.

President Pat Soranno changed procedure to include the name of the Mayor's that are making the motions and seconding. It was moved by Mayor Bill Queen and seconded by Mayor Cookie Kennedy to approve the agenda. The voice vote was unanimous.

4. Approval of June 2019, BIG C Meeting Minutes. at the City of St. Pete Beach.

It was moved by Mayor Bob Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Al Johnson to approve the Meeting Minutes from the June 2019 Big C meeting. The voice vote was unanimous.

5. Approval of the June 2019, Treasurer's Report.

The June 2019 Treasurer's Report was read by Mayor MaryBeth Henderson. It was moved to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mayor Bill Queen and seconded by Mayor Joseph Manzo. The voice vote was unanimous.

6. Correspondence

- It was moved to approve Digital Eel Invoice #25472 in the amount of \$11.09 and Invoice 25635 in the amount of \$15.83 as expenditures by Mayor Bill Queen and seconded by Mayor Joe Manzo. The voice vote was unanimous.

7. New Business

- Mr. Barry Burton presented a power point on "Transportation" in Pinellas County featuring connecting our community to link people to jobs, housing and training. Discussed how to address the transportation issues, funding options, priority corridors and steps forward.
- Hank Hodde was introduced as the new Pinellas County Sustainability Coordinator. Brian Lowack has been promoted to assistant county administrator.
- Mayor Al Johnson questioned whether the transportation issue is in part due to tourists and noted that possibly the gas tax would be a good option for the dollars needed for our transportation issues. Mayor Johnson also noted that the Pinellas County property values went up an average of 7.5% and that also helps with funding for the transportation issues.
- Mayor Bill Queen questioned if PSTA has a relationship now with Lyft or Uber. Mr. Landon noted that they do have a relationship and right now PSTA is subsidizing the cost. PSTA does not have the budget right now to expand this program. Discussion ensued and state and federal grants were mentioned.
- Mayor Kennedy discussed Gulf Blvd congestion. Requested that Gulf Blvd congestion be considered as 4th on the list of priorities for Pinellas County in the area of transportation issues.
- Mayor Pat Soranno requested copies of the presentation be sent to the Mayors present.
- Mayor Pat Soranno added the item of appointing a new representative for the Penny IV joint committee to the New Business agenda due to the fact that City Manager Jonathan Evans from Madeira Beach leaving. Bob Daniels interim City Manager Madeira Beach volunteered to fill this vacancy. It was moved by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Henderson to appoint Bob Daniels to fill this vacancy. The voice vote was unanimous.

8. Old Business

- Beach Easement Process: John Bishop gave updates on the Beach Easements letters for Clearwater and Belleair Beach sent in late May 2019. He has received 10 of the 21 sent. Redington Shore letters were just sent, Indian Rocks Beach and Indian Shores letters will be sent soon.
- Mayor Queen questioned whether there would be a change in the perpetuity clause. John Bishop stated 'No', the Corps will not change this clause but they added a clause that includes 'temporary' structures and also added a clause that says that the easements will not be used to build new systems, along with other modifications to the letter.

- Mayor Soranno noted that the erosion control line in Indian Shores and possibly Indian Rocks Beach runs through the dune line, so most of the renourishment would not be on private land. Questioned whether easements would be required for those areas and where the Corps is on this. John Bishop noted that he has still not received that information from the Army Corps. It was noted Easements obtained go to the county, not to the city or Army Corps.
- Brian Lowack spoke regarding the Gulf Blvd undergrounding. They are awaiting the final report on what has been done, where we are now and what happens moving forward. They are currently operating on Penny III dollars that are set to expire on September 30, 2019. They are taking a resolution to the board at the August 20 meeting that will extend the period to September 30, 2021. Mayor Queen questioned if Brian Lowack needed Big C representation at this August 20th meeting and will compile information and try to attend.

9. Miscellaneous

- Mayor Manzo noted that he toured the Pinellas County Utilities facility with his assistant June and it was a beneficial tour regarding the increase in rates. Mayor Queen questioned Mayor Manzo as to what the increases will be and then Mayor Queen added specifics on percentages etc. Big C will try to have Pinellas County Utilities come for a presentation.
- Mayor Lunn questioned if the Big C will continue to take a position on short term rentals and legislation on this. Mayor Queen noted that we have taken multiple positions on this and will continue. The Big C will take a position in the form of a Resolution and believes there is already a Resolution on the books that will be revisited. Treasure Island is spending money to make sure the legislature knows their position on short term rentals. Mayor Queen, Mayor Kennedy and Mayor Soranno noted incidents on how the Big C has already been involved in this issue. Mayor Queen noted that Dunedin passed a restriction on Air BNB's.
- Mayor Soranno would like to identify the core purposes of the Big C to make them a stronger body for our communities.

10. Legislative Update

- Melissa Mehlis from Senator Brandes office gave an update. Noted this is the summer down time. Session starts in January, so in September they will start compiling things they can work on for the January session

11. City Events

- Mayor Henderson, Redington Shores, noted all is quiet.
- Mayor Manzo, Belleair Beach, announced September 28, 2019 Festival by the Sea open to the general public.
- Mayor Lunn, Treasure Island, noted all is quiet.
- Mayor Black, Madeira Beach, noted Madeira Beach Dog Park grand reopening set for Friday Aug. 2nd. Coastal clean up first Saturday of every month, from 8am-11am. Movie on the beach, August 9th Archibald Park and Kids Fishing Tournament Sat Aug. 10 at 10am.
- Council Hoyt Hamilton, Clearwater Beach noted that the Clearwater Super Boat races are the same date and weekend of the Belleair Beach Festival Sept. 28.

- Mayor Queen, North Redington Beach, noted all is quiet.
- Mayor Schmidt, Belleair Shore thanked the City of Belleair Beach for allowing Belleair Shore to host the Big C in their facility and thanked clerk, Barb Colucci for putting the meeting together.
- Mayor Simons, Redington Beach, noted the incident of beached whales and commended the volunteers that helped in rescuing them.
- Mayor Kennedy, Indian Rocks Beach, noted November 2, 2019 at the Church of the Isles they will be having a Women's Tea. Mayor Kennedy also updated the Big C on the condition of the town employees after an unfortunate incident that happened in her town. Mayor Kennedy noted that state Representative Jennifer Webb was a hero for the Big C in the short-term rental fight in the House and the Senate.
- Mayor Al Johnson, St. Pete Beach noted that all is mostly quiet, and they are having Friday night Children's Movies in August on Upton Beach. August 1, 2019 the city will be cutting the ribbon on the Pass a Grille Way construction project that has been in the works for 2 years. 10am
- Mayor Soranno, Indian Shores, noted that Indian Shores will be celebrating 70 years as a town. They will be having a Gala on September 14.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at 9:00 AM, at the City of Clearwater Community Sailing Center, 1001 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater, FL.

Minutes Prepared by:
Barb Colucci
Town Clerk / Treasurer
Town of Belleair Shore

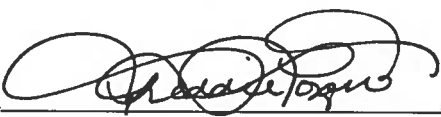
August 28, 2019

Date Approved

APPROVED: _____


Patrick C. Soranno, President

ATTEST: _____


Freddie Lozano, Town Clerk
Town of Indian Shores, FL