

BIG C

Barrier Islands Governmental Council

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



Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2018

St. Pete Beach
Treasure Island

Mayor Patrick Soranno called the BIG C (Barrier Islands Government Council) meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Clearwater Sailing Center, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Mayor Cretekos welcomed attendees to the Sailing Center and thanked Clearwater Gas for hosting the breakfast catered by Clearwater Wine Bar and Bistro.

Present: Belleair Beach

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

Councilmember Wanda Schwerer

Mayor Bob Schmidt
Mayor George N. Cretekos
Mayor Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy
Mayor Patrick Soranno
Mayor Maggi Black
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor Nick Simons
Mayor MaryBeth Henderson
Mayor Alan Johnson
Mayor Lawrence Lunn

Guest Speakers:

Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
Forward Pinellas
Pinellas County Environmental Management
Disability Achievement Center

Commissioner Janet Long
Whit Blanton
Kelli Hammer Levy
Jody Armstrong

Guests:

Beach Bee
Beach Buzz
Beach Newsletters
City of Clearwater
City of Clearwater
City of Clearwater
City of Clearwater
City of Clearwater
Clearwater Gas System
Clearwater Gas System
Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce
Duke Energy
State of Florida House District 69 Aide

Brian Goff
Phyllis Johnson
Bob Griffin
Councilmember David Allbritton
Councilmember Bob Cundiff
Councilmember Hoyt Hamilton
Bill Horne
Patricia Sullivan
Lisa Friday
Chuck Warrington
Darryl Henderson
Jeff Baker
Sarah Maurer

State of Florida House District 69 Candidate	Ray Blacklidge
State of Florida House District 69 Candidate	Jennifer Webb
State of Florida Senate District 24 Candidate	Lindsay Cross
Forward Pinellas	Brett Burks
Forward Pinellas	Sandra Knoebel
Town of Indian Shores	Vice Mayor Diantha Schear
Town of Indian Shores	Councilor Mike Hackerson
Town of Indian Shores	Councilor Bill Smith
City of Madeira Beach	Commissioner Nancy Oakley
City of Madeira Beach	Curt Preisser
Pinellas County	Cynthia Johnson
Pinellas County	Brian Lowack
Pinellas County	Doyle Walsh
Pinellas County Emergency Management	David Halstead
Pinellas County Emergency Management	Joe Borries
Pinellas County Office of Human Rights	Mark Esparza
Pinellas County Judicial Candidate	Dave Ellis
Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue	Mike Burton
Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority	Bob Lasher
Town of Redington Beach	Vice Mayor David Will
Town of Redington Beach	Commissioner Tim Kornijtschuk
Town of Redington Beach	Commissioner Fred Steiermann
Town of Redington Shores	Commissioner Michael Robinson
City of St. Petersburg	Lendel Bright (ADA coordinator)
Sand Key Civic Association	Rebecca Carter
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy	Susan Glickman
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce	Doreen Moore
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council	Sean Sullivan
Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce	Missy Hahn
Waterfront Realty	Scott Amella
Waterfront Realty	Gina Johnson
Waterfront Realty	Tim Johnson
Waterfront Realty	Christian Smith
Waterfront Realty	Christa Ray

3. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Queen moved to approve the August 29, 2018 BIG C Meeting Agenda. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mayor Soranno said Jody Armstrong had requested to make a presentation that will be added to the agenda if time permits.

4. Approval of Minutes – July 25 meeting

Mayor Johnson said he was present at the July 25, 2015 meeting.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the regular BIG C (Barrier Islands Governmental Council) meeting of July 25, 2015, as submitted to each member. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

5. Approval of July 2018 Treasurer’s Report

Secretary/Treasurer Mayor Alan Johnson presented the July 2018 Treasurer's Report, stating there had been no activity.

Mayor Queen moved to approve the July 2018 Treasurer's Report. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

6. Correspondence: None.

7. New Business

- Mr. Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas Executive Director, Review of the Appointment Process for the Forward Pinellas Beach Communities Representative

Forward Pinellas Whit Blanton Executive Director discussed planned activities over the next 2 years. He reviewed the appointment process, noting the importance of BIG C input. He said the 2-year terms ran from January to December; representatives could serve up to 4 consecutive terms. He said all individual governments who wanted to nominate an elected official needed to forward names to the BIG C to appoint its representative. He said Forward Pinellas needed to know the name of the BIG C appointment by the end of December.

Mayor Cretokos stated Clearwater would not participate as it had its own seat.

Mayor Queen moved for members to submit to the BIG C in November or December names of volunteer elected officials affirmed by their governmental councils for appointment as the BIG C Forward Pinellas Beach Communities' representative. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

- Ms. Kelli Hammer Levy, Pinellas County Environmental Management Division Director, Red Tide Outbreak – Monitoring, Cleanup, and Economic Relief Opportunities

Pinellas County Environmental Management Division Director Kelli Hammer Levy discussed red tide in Pinellas County; concentrations had increased off Ft. DeSoto where a fish kill was reported this morning. Concentrations were detected as far north as Indian Rocks Beach. She said agreements for County cleanup activities were being finalized. She said the County's 4-prong cleanup plan included: 1) off-shore harvesting before fish kills reached the shoreline; 2) beach raking; 3) Intracoastal harvesting; and 4) canal accumulation. She said the State would only pay for cleanup, not ancillary activities. She said municipalities would not be charged for dumpsters used for cleanups. She said the County's website's front page had red tide data reports and links to additional information. She said FWC (Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission) monitored red tide on Mondays; the County monitored it 5 days a week.

Dr. Cynthia Johnson with Pinellas County Economic Development said State bridge loans were available to businesses impacted by red tide. She said loan terms required payback within 180 days; loans were intended to keep businesses moving forward until money from insurance or other sources was received. She said loan information was on the County's website and at floridadisasterloan.org; a team of consultants was available to help fill out applications. She said completed applications were to be submitted to Pinellas County at the EpiCenter for loan committee review and processing.

Ms. Hammer Levy said a contractor would be activated for significant fish kills with municipalities cleaning up small fish kills. She encouraged municipalities to email the County re fish kills for quick response at redtide@PinellasCounty.org. She said contractors were staged countywide at boat ramps and beach access points. She said coordination with sea turtle monitors was necessary before equipment could be sent in to remove debris.

Ms. Hammer Levy was thanked for her efforts.

- Commissioner Janet Long, Board of County Commissioners, Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition (TBRRC)

Pinellas County Commissioner Janet Long said more than a year ago the idea was presented to TBRPC (Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council) to develop a Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition to help local governments collaborate on solutions re sea level rise and more frequent violent storms to make local communities more resilient, healthy and safe. She said rising sea levels would have a staggering economic impact on regional governments as most revenue and ad valorem activities were along the shore. She said BIG C municipal participation was important and encouraged governments to sign the compact by November to agree to work together. She said there was no cost to participate.

- Jody Armstrong, Disability Achievement Center Director of Outreach

Jody Armstrong, Director of Outreach for Disability Achievement Center, discussed the organization's activities and partnerships in Pinellas and Pasco counties. She reviewed appropriate language to use re people with disabilities, how best to interact with people with disabilities, and the need to make reasonable accommodations. She encouraged municipalities to have a staff member responsible for adherence to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements. She stated public right-of-way curb cuts were being targeted.

8. Old Business

Mayor Soranno reported the BIG C Beautification Subcommittee would meet on September 10, 2018 to discuss Penny for Pinellas 4 money and estimated costs to complete utility undergrounding on Gulf Boulevard.

9. Miscellaneous

Mayor Queen said the FLC (Florida League of Cities) had held excellent discussions and a panel re short-term rentals. Mayor Kennedy said she had a great meeting with Representative Chris Sprowls who wanted to be engaged and expressed interest in the plight of communities who lost grandfathered clauses prohibiting short-term rentals and those worried about losing them.

10. **Legislative Update:** None.

11. City Events

BIG C members reviewed upcoming events.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The next meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at Indian Rocks Beach, Civic Auditorium, 1507 Bay Palm Boulevard.

September 26, 2018
Date Approved

APPROVED: Leslie Ford Notaro
Leslie Ford Notaro, President

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