

# *BIG-C*

## *Barrier Islands Governmental Council*

*Belleair Beach*  
*Belleair Shore*  
*Clearwater*  
*Indian Rocks Beach*  
*Indian Shores*  
*Redington Shores*



*North Redington Beach*  
*Redington Beach*  
*Madeira Beach*  
*St. Pete Beach*  
*Treasure Island*

### **MINUTES**

#### **BARRIER ISLANDS GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (BIG-C)**

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The Barrier Islands Governmental Council (BIG-C) Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at North Redington Beach Town Hall, 190 173<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East, North Redington Beach, FL.

President Hamilton-Wollin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., followed by welcoming comments and the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **2. Roll Call.**

<b>Officers:</b>	President Secretary/Treasurer	Indian Rocks Beach Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton-Wollin Belleair Beach Mayor Leslie F. Notaro
<b>Present:</b>	Clearwater Indian Rocks Beach Indian Shores Madeira Beach North Redington Beach Redington Beach Redington Shores Treasure Island	Mayor George Cretekos Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton-Wollin Mayor Pat Soranno Vice Mayor Housh Ghovae Mayor Bill Queen Mayor Nick Simmons Mayor Bert Adams Mayor Robert Minning

**Guest Speaker:** Mark Woodard, Pinellas County Administrator

#### **Guests Present:**

Mike Hackerson, Councilor, Indian Shores  
Larry Schear, Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District  
Doug Izzo, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber  
Bob Myers, Madeira Beach Ferry  
Jeff Siewert, Ayres Associates  
Mary Scott Hardwick, Intergovernmental Liaison, Office of Pinellas County Administrator  
Sandra Cuddington, Planner, Forward Pinellas  
Caraan McGoslin, Pinellas County  
Gary Curtis, Commissioner, North Redington Beach  
Bill Smith, Councilor, Indian Shores  
Mike Hackerson, Councilor, Indian Shores  
Diantha Schear, Councilor, Indian Shores  
Bob McClure, Tampa Bay Newspapers

R.B. Johnson, Mayor, Indian Rocks Beach  
Wanda Schwerer, Belleair Beach  
Doreen Moore, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber  
Sonny Flynn, UPVA  
Miranda R. Borchardt, City of Madeira Beach  
Iris Gonzalez, Charter Communication/Spectrum  
Michael Petruccelli, Councilor, Indian Shores  
Bonnie Dhonau, Indian Shores  
Jeff Baker, Duke Energy

*(To provide continuity for research, items are listed in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.)*

3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT.** Commissioner Cookie Kennedy of Indian Rocks Beach has been appointed as the new representative to the Tourism Development Council (TDC). President Hamilton-Wollin thanked previous representative Mayor Palladeno for his great service.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR QUEEN, SECONDED BY MAYOR ADAMS, TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 22, 2017 AGENDA. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES — JANUARY 25, 2017.**

**MOTION MADE MAYOR MINNING, SECONDED BY MAYOR SORANNO, TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 25, 2017 BIG-C MINUTES. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.**

6. **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT — JANUARY 2017.**

**MOTION MADE MAYOR QUEEN, SECONDED BY MAYOR ADAMS, TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.**

7. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

A. **SB 586, CREATING THE "ADVANCED WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT ACT".** President Hamilton-Wollin stated that this bill adversely affects our beach cities.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Guest Speaker: Mark Woodard, Pinellas County Administrator** President Hamilton-Wollin asked pass to the next item on the Agenda and Mr. Woodward had not arrived.

b. **Appointment(s) to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA).** President Hamilton-Wollin stated that at the last meeting she ask for any interested persons to submit a CV. Melinda Fletcher showed interest, but as she and Terri Finnerty are not present today, they will table this for the March 2017 meeting.

9. **Committee Update:**

Mayor Minning spoke on behalf of the Beach Clean-Up Committee. Mayor Minning distributed a copy of special event clean-up costs that were submitted after the January Meeting. Mayor Minning asked that each municipality please go back and add in all costs for everything; i.e. raking, garbage clean up, cleaning etc. Please submit via email to Pam Middleton. Vice Mayor Ghovae of Madeira Beach stated that there was a change with their City Clerk and he will ask her to submit the information.

Commissioner Kennedy, the new TDC representative, stated that she will be meeting with the

Executive Director and she will report at the March meeting.

Mayor Simmons reminded the board about their Gulf Boulevard Beautification updates.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Guest Speaker: Mark Woodard, Pinellas County Administrator**

Mr. Woodard distributed Pinellas County's "Doing Things For You!" brochure and gave an update from the recent citizens survey and statistical report. The survey results were very positive for both the county and the local governments. The county is striving to close the gap between our citizen's expectations and actual experiences. The recent results showed high levels of confidence in our governments.

Mr. Woodward also discussed the Penny for Pinellas referendum. Pinellas County will be having citizen input meetings across the county to discuss what has been done and will be done with the Penny for Pinellas money. Penny for Pinellas is a 1% sales tax paid by everyone who spends money in the county and 1/3 is paid for by tourists and visitors. The county is estimating 2 billion dollars in the next 10 years from Penny for Pinellas; 1.77 billion of that will be split with the local cities.

**10. OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Queen of the Audit Committee will have an update at the April Meeting.


**11. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: none.**

**12. CITY EVENTS:**

Board members reviewed recent and upcoming events in their cities.

**13. ADJOURN.**

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR QUEEN, SECONDED BY MAYOR MINNING, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:09 A.M. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.**



Mayor Bob Minning (Treasure Island)  
President of the BIG C