

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

The BIG C was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor Soranno on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at Town of Redington Shores, Town Hall, 17425 Gulf Blvd., Redington Shores, FL.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call (according to the Sign-In-Sheet)**

BIG Representatives

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

Mayor Joseph Manzo
Mayor George Cretekos
Mayor Cookie Kennedy
Mayor Pat Soranno
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor Nick Simons
Mayor MaryBeth Henderson
Mayor Alan Johnson
Mayor Larry Lund
Mayor Bob Schmidt
Mayor Maggi Black

GUESTS:

Town of Indian Shores
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CMA
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Beach Beacon
Pinellas County
PSFRD
Belleair Beach
Utility Consultant of Florida
Utility Consultant of Florida
Residents, Redington Shores
Ayers Associates
Duke Energy
CPWG
Waterfront Realty
Forward Pinellas
Citizen

Mike Hackerson, Councilor
Bill Smith Councilor
Dinntha Schear, Vice Mayor
Lindsey Flynn, Supervisor
Laura Dell, Senior Biologist
Yvete Fernandez, Biologist
Brian Goff, Reporter
Brian Lowack, Asst. To County Admin.
David Ardman
Marv Behn, Councilor
Mark Porter
Melanie Porter
Bill and Jennie Blackburn
Zachery Teter
Leanne Haely
Jason McDarby
Tim Johnson
Rob Feigel
C. R. Hollands

**BIG C Meeting
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Representative Webb's Office
Pinellas County Emerg. Mgmt.
Representative Charlie Crist
Resident, Indian Rocks Beach
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CMA
TBBCOC
Madeira Beach
TI MB Chamber
Pinellas County Emerg. Mgmt.
Candidate CO-13
Duke
PSFRD
CPWG
Redington Beach
One Board Rentals
Pin. Cty. PW
Belleair Beach
Forward Pinellas
Pin. Cty. Coastal Mgmt.

Jennifer Griffin
Jess McCraclian
Steven Cary
Kelly Cisanik
John Pfanstiehl
Kelly Martinl, Director
Doug Izzo
Bob Daniels, City Manager
Missy Hahn
Rick Walker
Amanda Maklw
Stephen Maniasi, Const. Manger
Mila Burton, Fire Chief
Cory Carnes
Bruce McLaughlin, Planner
Ryan Forbes
Brent Hall
June Van Scoyoc, Chairwomen
Sandra Knoebel, Planner
John Bishop

Guest Speaker

Attorney Jay Daigneault

3. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Soranno amended the agenda by removing Duke Energy under New Business and replaced with Attorney Jay Daigneault with an update on HB 519 Bert Harris Property Rights Act. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously

4. Approval of Minutes - Minutes for the December 4, 2019, BIG C Meeting at the Town of Indian Shores.
Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of December 2019 Treasurer's Report

Mayor Henderson reported the balance of \$803.73 ending December 31, 2019. Motion to accept and duly seconded to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Correspondence

- Mayor Henderson stated Digital Eel was paid prior to approval, as they would not host the web site any longer if the \$9.50 was not paid right away.
- Mayor Kennedy spoke of the Red Tide Roundtable herself and Mayor Soranno attended. The panel included several experts. Also, in attendance was Matt Loder of Crabby Bills, who was affected and Rodney Finky, a businessman and who knows the waters very well. Both contributed valuable information at the meeting. This round table is a second part of the original summit put together last March. The group discussed where the program is at now, how the money that NOAA has (10.5 million) will be distributed throughout the county. Further meetings will discuss, is there a cure, how to find a cure, why at times there are significant out breaks of red tide. Congressman Crist was very impressed with the group. Mayor Soranno credited Kelley Hammer at the County for hiring fishermen to go out and net the dead fish before they came on shore. Mayor Kennedy mentioned this action has never been done before and was a very innovative idea.

7. New Business

- Presentation by Attorney Daigneault and Patrick Perez – updates on the HB 519 Bert Harris Property Rights Act. - Attorney Daigneault stated the Act is in the process of being amended at this time. The act was passed in 1995 intended to protect private property rights. To protect those unique circumstances that the county or municipality does that might impact the property in a unique way, devaluing the property and does not devalue other properties. In these circumstances the owner can gain compensation from the local government for causing inordinate burden to their property. It was a good idea; but was written poorly. In the 25 years of its inception only one case has found a government liable. The courts have had a hard time understanding what the Act means. How it has been used in the last several years is to attack ordinances and regulations that apply to the entire zoning district in the exact same way, deviating from the intent of the Act. Essentially targeting local governments by arrogating their liability. HB519 seeks to change the act in three ways; which he reviewed with the members. This is a preemption bill, it is not titled that way, but that is what it is. Going to expose the governments to liability that has no limit. Patrick Perez addressed the committee updating them on the status on HB 519 and SB 1766. HB 519 passed the first committee by 10 to 5, but those who voted for it stated if they don't see changes, they will not vote for it the next time. SB 1766 has not been heard in any committee yet, which usually is a good sign. Attorney Daigneault encouraged everyone not to assume the bill will fail, be very careful. On a local level it is not good for local zoning and land use regulations. Attorney Daigneault stated most insurance companies have a Harris Acts riders' coverage available. Mayor Queen asked if passed what would you tell the town's you represent. Attorney Daigneault, stated, to stop legislating in the area of Land Use immediately.

8. Old Business

- Discussion on the term limit of "two (2) years" for elected BIG C officials as sated in the BIG C By-Laws under Article IV. Officers, Section 2. Election and Term (pgs. 1113) - Mayor Soranno stated he thought the terms were for one year. The By-Laws state two years. Mayor Queen stated this is the way it has always been. At this time no nominating committee is needed at this time.

9. Miscellaneous

Mayor Queen asked Kelly Cisarik to read an editorial she wrote and will be published in the Beach Beacon. The editorial is about Vacation rental bills. Mrs. Cisarik read the editorial in its entirety.

John Bishop – updated the committee on the easement acquisitions for beach renourishment. Public meetings are scheduled in Indian Rocks Beach on February 12th, at 6:00 pm and Indian Shores on March 3rd at 6:00 pm

Sandra Knowbel from Forward Pinellas reported she has finished up the end of the year crash data and there were 90 fatalities in Pinellas County this year, which was 30 below from last year.

Bob Daniels from Madeira Beach reported he has approached the County regarding live-a-board vessels, derelict vessels, etc. He is working on putting together a committee and will be sending out an invitation to any communities that deal with this and will be looking over all the ordinances other cities have. Hopefully looking at dealing with these issues on the county wide basis.

Rick Walker, PCEM reported today is Weather Awareness Day for tornados. Hurricane Season is coming up, keep aware.

Doug Izzo of Tampa Bay Beach Chamber reported the Annual Dinner will be February 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Trade Winds.

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10. Legislative Update

Crist office, Doing everything he can on the appropriation committee for funding for the Red Tide research. Continuous funding is needed. 10 million for this year, nationwide. With county on easement issued, continuing to work with army corps on needing 100 percent of the easements. 2020 priorities flood insurance affordability and then number one issue for the beach's permanent moratorium on Offshore Drilling.

Jennifer Griffin from Representative Webb's Office relayed that Rep. Webb understands the implications of the Harris Act and is strongly in support of the cities.

Mayor Soranno stated we need all the help we can get obtaining the easements for the beach renourishment. If we lose it, we may never get it back. Mayor Queen stated there is always going to be someone who is not going to do the right thing. We are all in need these easements and we need to be dependent on each other to obtain them.

11. City Events

Each City gave an update on their upcoming events.

12. Adjourn

Mayor Queen moved to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Kennedy. Motion carried unanimously

NEXT MEETING


Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Town of North Redington Beach North Redington Beach Town Hall 190 173rd Avenue East 9:00am

Minutes Prepared by:

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Town of Redington Shores
17425 Gulf Boulevard
Redington Shores, Florida 33708

February 26, 2020
Date Approved

APPROVED: 
Patrick C. Soranno, President

ATTEST: 
Freddie Lozano, Town Clerk