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Barrier Islands Governmental Council

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Indian Shores
Madeira Beach



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Redington Beach
Redington Shores
St. Pete Beach
Treasure Island

City of Belleair Beach BIG C Virtual Zoom Meeting Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Mayor Pat Soranno called the BIG C meeting, hosted by the City of Belleair Beach, to order at 9:00 am. Mayor Soranno asked Mayor Hendricks to speak regarding the unexpected passing of Mayor Maggi Black. Mayor Hendricks also asked that everyone keep her husband Jim in their prayers. A moment of silence was observed for Mayor Black.

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Mayor Joseph A. Manzo
Mayor Bob Schmidt was not present
Mayor Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy was not present
Mayor Patrick Soranno
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor Nick Simons
Mayor MaryBeth Henderson
Mayor John B. Hendricks
Mayor Alan Johnson
Mayor Lawrence Lunn
Councilmember Hoyt Hamilton arrived at 9:24am

Attendees:

Town of Indian Shores
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Diantha Schear, Vice Mayor
Bonnie Dhonau, Town Administrator
Freddie Lozano, Town Clerk

Clearwater Gas
Pinellas County
Pinellas County Emergency Management
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Tampa Bay Newspapers
Waterfront Realty

Kristi Cheatham Petit
Brian Lowack
Rick Walker
Robin Miller
Doug Izzo
Chris George
Tim Johnson

David Ardman
Jennie Blackburn
Missy Hahn
Albie Kaminsky
Melissa Meshil
Jennifer Webb

All others signed by telephone number or initials only

Guest Speaker:

Presentation on "Legislative Priorities & Earmarks" by Forward Pinellas Executive Director Whit Blanton, FAICP.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION was made by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Johnson to approve the Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION was made by Mayor Manzo and seconded by Mayor Henderson for approval of the September 30, 2020 City of Indian Rocks Beach BIG C Virtual Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of September 2020 Treasurer's Report

MOTION was made by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Manzo for approval of the September 2020 Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Correspondence

- **Digital Eel Invoice #28319 in the amount of \$263.40 for 1 year of Web Hosting for the BIG C website from November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021.**

Mayor Henderson advised that she had paid the invoice on October 5, 2020 to avoid a late notice. This is the same amount as the previous year.

MOTION was made by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Hendricks for approval of the Digital Eel invoice.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. New Business

Presentation on "Legislative Priorities & Earmarks" by Forward Pinellas Executive Director Whit Blanton, FAICP.

Mayor Soranno introduced Mr. Blanton and gave an overview of his extensive background.

Mr. Blanton stated that the job of Forward Pinellas is to bring state and federal transportation funds to our local government partners. His PowerPoint presentation included:

- Multimodal Projects
- Transportation Alternatives
- Complete Streets Program

8. Old Business

Mayor Hendricks stated that the City of Madeira Beach will be having a meeting on November 6th at 3:00pm regarding the shoaling and filling at John’s Pass Village. He asked for the BIG C’s support to reach out to County Commissioners, Senators, Representatives and up to the federal level to speak on their behalf as the City is on the verge of losing businesses at one of the most popular tourist destinations. He acknowledged Representative Jennifer Webb for her help.

Consensus of Council to send a letter from the BIG C endorsing the project.

Mayor Soranno advised that he and Mayor Johnson had attended a presentation at the FSBPA Conference on strategies to harden beaches and prevent erosion. He will be having that engineering firm make their presentation to the BIG C in January or February of next year.

9. Miscellaneous

Mayor Soranno stated that the December BIG C meeting at Indian Shores may be an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting.

10. Legislative Update

Senator Brandes stated that they are continuing to monitor the John’s Pass Village issue and work with the City and State. The City and County are doing a study to develop a plan. With regard to Mr. Blanton’s presentation, he advised everyone to be looking towards next year’s legislative cycle and, that Pinellas County must ask for the earmarks or the funding would go to others.

Representative Jennifer Webb stated she felt that the economic importance and regional impact of loss of businesses at John’s Pass Village is being underestimated. She reminded everyone of early voting, completing the Census, and that there will be an upcoming meeting on 5G.

11. Public Comments

None.

12. City Events Announced:

Mayor Queen:

- Redington Village is open
- Dunkin’ Donuts has opened
- Burrito Social to open in November

Mayor Simon:

- The Assembly Hall has been remodeled and they have had two in-person meetings

Mayor Henderson:

- The Town-Wide Garage Sale will be November 13 - 14

Mayor Hendricks:

- John's Pass Grille will be opening at John's Pass Village
- The Kingfish Tournament is in two weeks

Mayor Johnson:

- Yesterday was the groundbreaking for the major sewer expansion
- The Miramar Resort is being redeveloped and adding additional rooms
- The Corey Avenue Sunday Afternoon Market is open

Mayor Lunn:

- Sanding Ovations will have the Sandhenge Exhibition November 19 - 22

Councilmember Hamilton:

- They are ready to start "moving dirt" at the Coachman Park area

David Ardman for Mayor Kennedy:

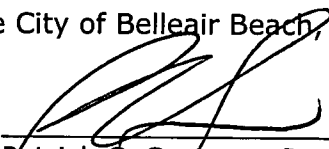
- The City-Wide Garage Sale is November 21 - 22
- There will be a Zoom meeting for upcoming ordinances on November 10

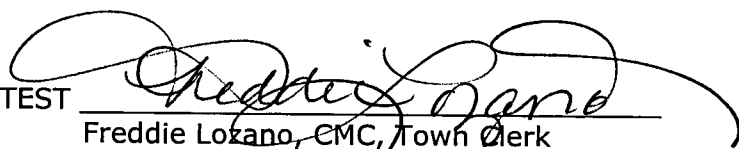
13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:01am. The next meeting will be at 9:00am on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, hosted by the Town of Indian Shores.

Minutes Prepared by:
Patricia A. Gentry, CMC, City Clerk of the City of Belleair Beach, FL

12/2/2020
Date Approved

APPROVED 
Patrick C. Soranno, President,
Barrier Islands Governmental Council
Mayor, Town of Indian Shores

ATTEST 
Freddie Lozano, CMC, Town Clerk
Town of Indian Shores