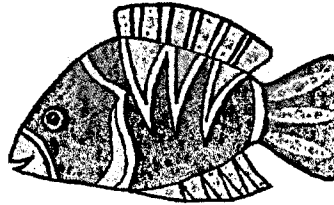


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Barrier Islands Governmental Council

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Belleair Shore
Clearwater
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Madeira Beach



North Redington Beach
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Redington Shores
St. Pete Beach
Treasure Island

Town of Indian Shores BIG C Hybrid Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Patrick C. Soranno called the BIG C Hybrid meeting to order on December 2, 2020, at 9:00 AM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Patrick C. Soranno.

2. Roll Call

Present at Town Hall:

Council:

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

Mayor Joseph Manzo (via Zoom)
Councilmember Hoyt Hamilton
Mayor Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy
Mayor Patrick C. Soranno
Mayor John Hendricks
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor Nick Simons
Mayor MaryBeth Henderson (via Zoom)
Mayor Alan Johnson
Mayor Lawrence Lunn

Belleair Shore

Mayor Robert E. Schmidt., Jr. (not present)

Guest Speaker (via Zoom):

Steve Hayes

President & CEO of Visit St. Pete/Clearwater

Attendees:

Indian Shores
Indian Shores
Madeira Beach
Redington Shores
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce

Vice Mayor Diantha Schear
Fire Commissioner Larry Schear
City Manager Robert Daniels
Commissioner Bill Krajewski
Robin Miller
Doug Izzo

Attendees via Zoom:

Bob Esposito	Jeannie Blackburn	Michael Robinson
Chris Kelly	John Bishop	Missy Hahn
Chris George	Jp Geller	Nancy Izor Obarski
Christopher Hollands	KC	Proofer1
Cory Carnes	Kelli Hammer Levy	Richard Walker
David Ardman	Kristi Cheatham Pettit	Sandra Knoebel
Diana Fuller	Leanne Haely	Senator Jeff Brandes
Doyle Walsh	Matt Svede	Steven Cary
Hugh	Melanie Porter	Tim Johnson
Jeff Baker	Melissa Meshil	Zach W

3. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

- **Minutes for the City of Belleair Beach October 28, 2020, BIG C Virtual Meeting.**

MOTION was made by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Johnson for approval of the October 28, 2020, City of Belleair Beach BIG C Virtual Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of the October 2020 Treasurer's Reports.

Mayor Henderson reported that the BIG C account has an ending balance of \$369.16 after a payment for web hosting services was made to Digital Eel, and that there should be at least \$1,000.00 in the account to cover upcoming expenses.

A MOTION was made, duly seconded for the approval of the October 2020 Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Simons to assess each City \$100 for the BIG C dues.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Correspondence

- **John's Pass Inlet Sand Problem letters from Mayor Soranno to Mayor Hendricks and to Pinellas County Chairperson Commissioner Dave Eggers.**

The BIG C Cities will be sending their own letters to the County to support Mayor Hendricks.

- **Letter from John E. Bishop, Ph.D. of Pinellas County to Army Corps of Engineers Senior Project Manager Brenda Calvente regarding the 2024 Sand Key Nourishment Project.**

Kelli Hammer Levy, Pinellas Public Works Director, mentioned that they are working hard on getting the necessary easements required by the Army Corps of Engineers. Belleair Shore, Indian Rocks Beach and Indian Shores have not been able to reach the required number of easements.

They were asked by the Army Corps to provide an easement update by spring of 2021. On November 6, the Army Corps advised them that they needed the update now for budgeting purposes for the project's design process. The update letter has been sent and it essentially asked that the Army Corps move forward with a project in those areas where 100% of the easements

have been secured; Clearwater, Belleair Beach, North Redington Beach, and two parcels in Redington Beach. Although those segments encompass at least 55% of the sand volume that was placed in 2018, the Army Corps advised of the strong possibility that the 2024 nourishment would be canceled. If canceled, eligibility for renourishment will not be available until 2030.

A rebuttal letter to address some of the claims in a mailer that went out to property owners regarding the beach easements will be sent to all property owners. The mailer has caused some property owners to rescind their signed easement forms.

She shared the correspondence letter to the Army Corps that she, Brian Lowack, John Bishop, and Congressman Charlie Crist's office worked on. They are requesting that the Army Corps review the policy again as it is asking for easements over the dunes where there is no intent to place sand in 2024. They are working hard to protect the project. She wanted everybody to be aware of the high risk of losing the entire project for the 2024 cycle.

Steve Cary, District Director for Congressman Crist, mentioned he is working with the County specifically on the issue with the Army Corps' timeline being moved up to acquire the easements. The letter from Congressman Crist went out this week with a request for a reply by December 8. Mr. Cary will provide updates as they become available.

7. New Business

- **Steve Hayes, President & CEO of Visit St. Pete/Clearwater, with a presentation on "Tourism – Looking Forward to 2021."**

Mr. Hayes gave his presentation on Tourism noting it's value, Coronavirus impacts on the number of visitors, daily/monthly occupancy numbers, room revenues, spending, and plans for advertising and marketing campaign efforts to increase tourism.

- **Discussion of Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.**

There was no further discussion on the Budget.

- **Consideration of the Tentative 2021 BIG C Meeting Schedule.**

Some of the cities are unable to host their upcoming BIG C meetings due to capacity limitations.

Therefore, the tentative meeting venues for the January and February BIG C are as follows:

- January 27, 2021: Hosted by Redington Shores and meeting venue at Madeira Beach
- February 24, 2021: Hosted by North Redington Beach and meeting venue at Indian Shores

Mayor Lunn stated that Treasure Island can also host.

Motion was made by Mayor Kennedy and seconded by Mayor Queen to approve the tentative BIG C Meeting Schedule as assigned.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Old Business

None.

9. Miscellaneous

None.

10. Legislative Update

Senator Brandis stated that they are preparing for a legislative session and bills have begun to be filed. They are working on a variety of issues, and that December is the perfect time for the BIG C Representatives to meet with him for discussions. A delegation hybrid meeting will be scheduled in January.

11. Public Comments

None.

12. City Events

The BIG C Representatives mentioned their city's upcoming events for December.

Mayor Hendricks thanked everyone for their support with the John's Pass Inlet issue.

13. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 A.M.

NEXT MEETING

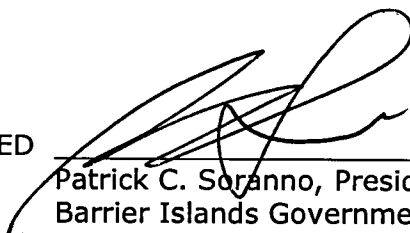
Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 9:00 A.M.
Town of Redington Shores (Meeting venue at Madeira Beach.)

Minutes Prepared by:
Freddie Lozano, CMC
Town Clerk of the Town of Indian Shores, FL

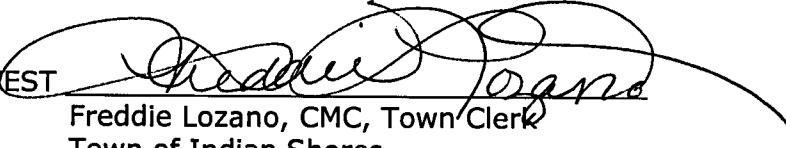
1/27/2021

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