

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*

**City of Madeira Beach BIG C Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Madeira Beach City Hall, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708**

1. The BIG C Meeting was called to order by Vice President Mayor MaryBeth Henderson at 9:00 A.M. on April 26, 2023, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

BIG C Representatives:

Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor Adrian Petrila
Councilwoman Lina Teixeira
Mayor Mary Beth Henderson
Mayor David Will

Mayor Dave Gattis
Mayor Patrick Soranno
Mayor Tyler Payne
Mayor Jim Rostek

Also Present:

Sam Jenkins
Clint Belk
Tracy Campbell
Robin Miller
Ashley Johnson
Linda Newton
Doreen Moore
John Hurlburt
Sherry Hurlburt
Teri Lawson
Ben Poley
Chelsea Miller

Robin Gomez
Ray Kerr
Anne- Marie Brooks
Barbara Colucci
Rick Colucci
Megan Powers
Whit Blanton
Barry Rubin
Lisa Hendrickson
Lisa Reich
Chiquita Clark

3. Changes to the Agenda and Approval

Motion to approve: Mayor Bill Queen; 2nd: Mayor Gattis; Unanimous Approval

4. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Will: Error on Treasurer Report, would like to change the minutes to reflect the correct ending balance of \$1428.10.

Motion: to approve with change: Mayor Soranno, 2nd: Mayor Queen; Unanimous Approval

5. Approval of the March 2023 Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve: Mayor Queen; 2nd,' Mayor Soranno; Unanimous Approval

6. Correspondence

7. New Business

- Guest Speaker Whit Blanton
 - Forward Pinellas working on apportionment plan according to the 2010 census to send to the Governor that includes an expansion of the Forward Pinellas team from 13 to 15 members to account for the growth in Pinellas County. Proposal is to add a third seat to St. Petersburg. They will also break up some of the inland/northern communities to help alleviate six cities sharing one seat, they will use the additional seat to create two groups of three cities sharing a rep. Possibility to expand soon to 17 members giving Clearwater and Tarpon seats.
 - There is a bill in the legislature that would require Forward Pinellas to do a feasibility analysis and estimate of costs for creating a regional metropolitan planning organization in Tampa Bay that merges the Pinellas NPO with Hillsborough NPO by 2027. Forward Pinellas is for the bill to create more of a voice for our community. Means a whole new apportionment plan but that will still hopefully include a seat for the Big C. The issue is the plan deals with population which Hillsborough has more of. Would look at most likely have 8 seats on a regional NPO.
 - Mayor Queen Question: Is the population based on each city or can we lump in all the beaches. Mr. Blanton responded they would look at the beaches at a whole and that ends up being about 3% of Pinellas County.
 - Forward Pinellas is also working on the 2050 Advantage Pinellas- Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Items have to be in the long-range plan to get federal funding for the projects. This strategic plan is to improve mobility and economic opportunity county wide. This is where we justify the projects to the state for funding. Once a project is in the long-range plan priorities are set on how it will be completed in five years. Robust public engagement with two forms one is a mail out survey based on geography, age, race, ethnicity and income to hopefully mirror the demographics of Pinellas County. There is also an online survey anyone can fill out which will be compared with the first survey. Will also do focus groups and community outreach.
 - Timeline is to finalize population and employment projects Spring of 2023. Projection is an increase in population of 9.5% in 2050 and an increase in employment of 11.6%. It has been said that an increase in the Tampa Bay region could be upwards of 2.5 million. Since there is no beach to create, Forward Pinellas will have to plan for the increase in tourism.
 - Forward Pinellas is also working on the advantage Pinellas Housing Compact. This is a county wide partnership of local government working to find housing solutions and increase housing choice/affordability. Approach is try to link housing to transportation, jobs, healthy communities and resiliency.
 - Homes for Pinellas Summit will be at the Largo Performing Arts Center with a virtual component on April 28th, 2023. Working with partners on messaging/common set of terms, data, and tools. Goal is to build 10,000 affordable housing units in Pinellas over the next ten years just to meet the need we have today not to meet the need of the future growth. Housing is linked with transportation so having this plan along with the Long-Range Transportation plan is important.

- Christina Mendoza, with Forward Pinellas, presented on St Pete Beach & Treasure Island Gulf Blvd. Safety Studies were performed to focus on improvements including existing conditions analysis and safety analysis resulting in corridor conceptual alternatives. The team noticed that in St. Pete Beach the sidewalks and bike lanes conflict driveways, sidewalks flush with roadway, and painted bike lanes conflicting with pedestrians. Hot spot crash sites were looked at with 75th and Gulf Blvd having the highest number of crashes. The safety analysis will tell us why these crashes are happening. Looking at crash type from 2017 to 2022 the most common type of crash was a rear end with most crashes happening near signalized intersections or mid-block crossings. In Treasure Island the hot spot for crashes is 107th Ave and Gulf Blvd. The most common crash type is rear end crashes. Next steps are to develop and finalize concept alternatives and recommendations, identify preferred alternatives, incorporate findings into a report, and begin to implement once projects are identified and funded. Workshops have been held in both cities and plan to do second workshop in St. Pete Beach later this year.
- Mayor Queen: Whatever you implement as far as changing the way things look. It needs to be consistent throughout the beaches.
- Mayor Soranno: We have a situation where everything you identified here is also in Indian Shores. It is an expensive project but overdue, we want to make sure we are part of the project.
- Whit Blanton: all cities are in the que to make sure things are as consistent as possible.
- Audit Committee's Report
 - Mayor Queen: the books look great except for what Mayor Will is recommending on changing, final balance of \$1428.10.
- Selection of Forward Pinellas Rep
 - Mayor Queen: The big C previously voted for Mayor Will to be the representative.
 - Mayor Payne: Each city needs to formally vote via resolution at a BOC meeting.
 - Mayor Payne to send Treasure Island's resolution for reference. All cities who need to adopt resolution looking to do so before next Big C Meeting.
 - Nominating Committee decided to redo the vote for Forward Pinellas Representative
 - Mayor Queen made the motion, Mayor Soranno 2nd, Unanimous Approval
- Nominations for TDC
 - Nominating Committee would like to include: Mayo Payne, Mayor Gattis, and Mayor Schmidt
 - Mayor Queen made the motion, Mayor Soranno 2nd, Unanimous Approval
- Consideration of Nominating Committee's Recommendations for BIG C Officers
 - Mayor Queen: You move up as the seats become vacant, so Mayor Henderson is now the President, Mayor Kennedy is not the Vice President, and we nominated Mayor Will to be the secretary. Voting happened at the last meeting.
- Administer Oath of Office to incoming BIG C officers
 - Postponed to May Big C Meeting
- 8. Old Business**
 - Nothing
- 9. Discussion Items**
 - State of the beaches is tomorrow night Treasure Island City Hall. Talking about beach renourishment, undergrounding, and legislation that is pending against us.

10. Legislative Update

- Mayor Kennedy and Mayor Wills went to Tallahassee last week and spoke with two different committees on SB714 and the goal was to expose that this bill does not help us nor provides tools. All sides involved in the industry were there to speak against the bill. Unfortunately, the bill passed through both committees. Town of Redington Beach Commissioner Murray spoke at the final senate committee, he mentioned VRBO was there to speak and was ok with the bill. Commissioner Murray was asked a few questions including if the current ordinances would be able to keep them, answer is absolutely not. Current ordinances were gone over including noise and occupancy. Senator Mayfield did single Commissioner Murray out after the vote, stating this bill was important and they would like to work with Redington Beach to come up with a solution. The obstacle seems to be educating legislators where we are right now. They have forgotten the 2014 legislation let us regulate more. One thing to remember is things in place prior to 2011 will stay intact with the grandfathering provision. Mayor Payne mentioned there is a statement that no ordinance adopted prior to June 1st, 2011, the grandfather provision, they have added on to that paragraph does not apply to any such law or ordinance amended to be less restrictive. So that is something that Treasure Island would like to see, currently we have no power to change anything at all so it is something. The other thing seen with the changed language in the bill is that currently if an ordinance was passed on June 1st 2011 and the ordinance was less restrictive than the state, the city would be able to go back and put it in place instead of having nothing. It is not giving home rule, but it is giving something communities can put into place where they have nothing because it was ruled you made changes when you weren't supposed to so everything got wiped away. Mayor Will stated the bill also mentions it cannot be solely targeted to short term rentals. Short term rentals have created regulations on parking and occupancy of the home. It would have to be the same for any rental, short or long term and they would lose their ordinance on parking. With the 2014 SB356 and HB307 we have the ability to distinguish between residential homes and short-term rentals with this bill take that away. Mayor Payne would like to take what we can get and work with the legislators, just asking to restore home rule is not going to happen. Mayor Payne went to Tallahassee in support of the bill and this does give more tools for Treasure Island to regulate. Mayor Queen mentioned only two cities have lost the rights entirely right now Redington Beach and Indian Rocks Beach. Everyone else is able to control like before. Mayor Payne stated the State would have more of a backing with this bill. We would be able to hold them to the codes, if violated revoke their registration and the state would back us up. Mayor Soranno clarified that this registration would be in addition to a business tax license. Mayor Payne stated you are able to charge a \$150 registration fee on top of a reasonable charge to have an inspection. Mayor Will stated with current code enforcement at Redington Beach they are not in the hotel business and not able to absorb in our normal code enforcement. This also creates more noise ordinances in the evening when code enforcement has left. The larger cities have the larger code enforcement already due to the larger business and hotels. The smaller cities do not, and this would be a brand new thing for us. What happens to ordinances in 2014 to regulate short term rentals, they lose them with this bill. This bill states what you can do, anything outside of that you cannot. Mayor Queen would like a attorney from FLC to have an overview on the bills. Mayor Paynes message to the public is that not every city is opposed to this and there are pros to this and different approaches rather than to deny it. He would like to work with the legislators to make changes and work together. Mayor Will would like to educate the legislators of what the residents wants and educate residence on what these bills mean.

11. City Events

- Quiet in North Redington Beach
- Clearwater is going to have a market on Cleveland Street
- St Pete Beach
 - April 28th Tom Petty tribute band
 - May 13th Fire Operations 101
 - Next week starting business spotlight on Facebook
- Quiet in Redington Beach
- Quiet in Belleair Beach
- Quiet in Indian Shores
- Treasure Island
 - Friday Morning Market
- Madeira Beach
 - Wednesday Markets throughout May
 - King of the Beach Fishing tournament
 - Final Friday in John's pass
 - Sea Turtle Season Starts May 1st
 - May 6th Dog walk and 5k
 - May 6th Trash Pirates Monthly Clean Up
 - May 6th Grouper Gala- Madeira Beach Founders Day
- Quiet in Redington Shores

12. Adjournment 10:00am

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 9:00 A.M.

Hosted by the City of St. Pete Beach

Location: St. Pete Beach Community Center | 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, | St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

Minutes Prepared by: Megan Powers

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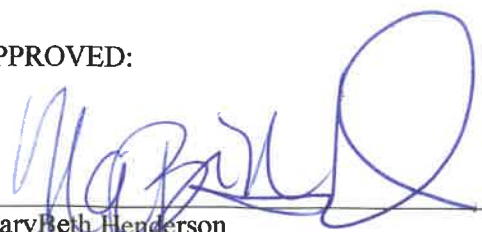
Date Approved: 5-31-23

ATTEST:



Tracy Campbell, Town Clerk
Town of Redington Shores

APPROVED:



MaryBeth Henderson
Barrier Islands Governmental Council President
Mayor of Town of Redington Shore