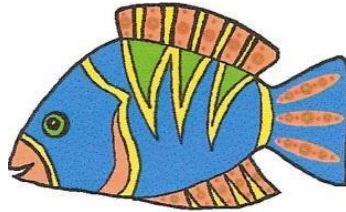


BIG-C

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 St. Pete Beach BIG C Meeting
Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 9:00 a.m.**

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

- 1. The BIG C Meeting was called to order by President Mayor Alan Johnson at 9:00 A.M. on May 25, 2022, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 2. Roll Call**

BIG C Representatives:

Belleair Beach	Mayor Dave Gattis
Belleair Shores	Mayor Bob Schmidt
Clearwater	Mayor Frank Hibbard
Indian Rocks Beach	Mayor Cookie Kennedy
Indian Shores	Vice Mayor Diantha Schear
North Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Beach	Mayor Dave Will
Redington Shores	Mayor Marybeth Henderson
St. Pete Beach	Mayor Alan Johnson
Treasure Island	Mayor Tyler Payne
Madeira Beach	Mayor John Hendricks

Also Present:

Ariana Wilson	City of St. Pete Beach
Ginny Bodkin	City of St. Pete Beach
Amber LaRowe	City of St. Pete Beach
Mike Clarke	City of St. Pete Beach
Kaitlyn Roy	City of St. Pete Beach
Rita Bishop	City of St. Pete Beach
Mark Grill	City of St. Pete Beach
Claude Walker	Resident - City of St. Pete Beach
Larry Schear	Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue
Jeff Davidson	Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue
John Mortellite	Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue
Barbara Colucci	Town of Belleair Shore
Mike Hackerson	Town of Indian Shores
Bill Krajewski	Town of Redington Shores
Jennie Blackburn	Town of Redington Shores

Cinda Krouk	Town of Redington Shores
Nancy Obarsk	Resident - Indian Rocks Beach
Robin Gomez	City of Madeira Beach
Chiquita Clark	Duke Energy
Cassandra Hadad	Pinellas County
David Connor	Pinellas County
Brian Lowack	Pinellas County
Nicolas Eddy	Pinellas County
Sandra Knoebel	Forward Pinellas
Shigetomo Hiram	FWC - FWRI
Lindsey Flynn	Clearwater Marine Aquarium
Theresa Arenholz	Sea Turtle Trackers
Teri Lawson	Coldwell Banker
Gina Johnson	Waterfront Realty
Tim Johnson	Waterfront Realty
Jessica Murrow	Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Barry Rubin	Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce

3. Changes to the Agenda and Approval

Mayor Payne requested to add a discussion item regarding next month's meeting location.

Motion: Mayor Payne moved, Mayor Queen seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the May 25, 2022 BIG-C Agenda with the addition of a discussion item.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mayor Queen moved, Mayor Gattis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the April 27, 2022, BIG-C Minutes.

5. Approval of the April 2022 Treasurer's Report

Mayor Johnson stated the opening balance as of April 1st, 2022 was \$764.76 with no disbursements.

Motion: Mayor Queen moved, Mayor Will seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the April 2022 Treasurer's Report.

6. Correspondence

Mayor Johnson reviewed two invoices that were received this month. One for Digital Eel for updates to the BIG C website for \$14.25 and one for SunBiz for the 2022 Annual Report for \$70.00.

Mayor Kennedy entered the room at 9:07 AM.

7. New Business

Guest Speaker, Dr. Tomo Hiram from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, gave a presentation on Light Pollution and hatchling orientation on Pinellas County Beaches. Dr. Hiram showed a series of photos taken from multiple Barrier Island Cities with similar coordinates. These photos were taken in August-October 2021 to conduct a hatchling study and showed how hatchlings can become easily disoriented by light pollution. Dr. Hiram indicated white lights can be bad but overall, they are a much better choice compared to the green, purple, and blue lights that are commonly used. Lindsey Flynn from Clearwater Marine Science Center stated that Loggerhead Turtles have a nesting cycle of 2-4 years. Nesting is

currently above State average, but hatchling disorientation is at an all-time high. Some ways to mitigate light pollution, besides changing the lights, are by planting sea oats and having sand dunes. A brief Q&A followed the presentation.

8. Old Business

No old business

9. Discussion Items

- Mayor Gattis requested an update on the beach nourishment project on Sand Key and suggested the possibility of Pinellas County utilizing reserve funds to get it started. Brian Lowack, Assistant to County Administrator, commented on this situation and gave an update. The County is still waiting on headquarters in Washington, and they believe the reason it is taking so long for a response, is that they are working on a solution. Mr. Lowack urged the Council to be patient and understand that this County is using all of the resources they can at this time. They're putting pressure on them to indicate that time is of the essence with this project since it is scheduled for 2024.
- Mayor Hendricks commented on John's Pass dredging and stated that they are currently waiting on the State for the \$1.55 million funding to start this project. He asked Mr. Lowack if he had any updates from the County since they were testing the sand from Johns Pass in hopes to use it for beach nourishment. Mr. Lowack informed him that the sand is of good quality and can be used. Mayor Hendricks informed the Council of an unfortunate accident that happened in this area last week when a young man drowned.

Mayor Hibbard exited the room at 10:05 AM.

- City of Gulfport Councilmember Michael Fridovich was present and stated that the City of Gulfport has a lot of the same issues as the Barrier Islands and would like the possibility of joining the BIG C since it could be very resourceful for them. Mayor Queen stated that he could see pros and cons to this, mainly being that the City of Gulfport is not a Barrier Island. He indicated the Mayor's Council was designed for this purpose. Mayor Payne also added that he felt if membership was granted for Gulfport, an invitation should be extended to other cities as well such as South Pasadena and Seminole. The Council decided that this item should be further discussed at a workshop. Mayor Johnson asked the Council to send him items that they would want to be discussed at this workshop and then arrangements would be made at a later date.
- Mayor Payne announced that he would like to switch meeting dates with another City for next month's meeting. The City of Treasure Island would like to host the BIG C in their new City Hall which will be completed later in the year. Indian Rocks Beach will now be hosting in June and Treasure Island will be hosting in September.

10. Legislative Update

None

11. Public Comments

None

12. City Events

Each City reported their upcoming events.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 29, 2022, 9:00 A.M.

Hosted by City of Indian Rocks Beach

Location: Indian Rocks Beach Commission Chambers | 1507 Bay Palm Blvd. | Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785

Minutes Prepared by: Ariana Wilson
Administrative Assistant to the Clerk's Office
City of St. Pete Beach

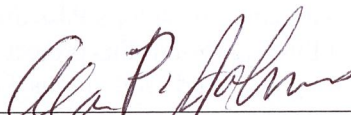
Date Approved: 06/29/2022

ATTEST:



Amber LaRowe, MMC, City Clerk
City of St. Pete Beach

APPROVED:



Alan Johnson
Barrier Islands Governmental Council President
Mayor of the City of St. Pete Beach, FL