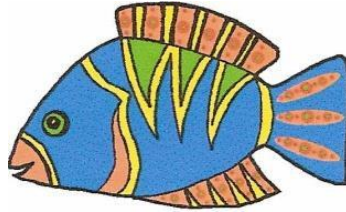


# *BIG-C*

## *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 Belleair Beach BIG C Meeting** **Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 9:00 a.m.**

President Alan Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

#### **1. Roll Call.**

##### **Council:**

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

Mayor Dave Gattis  
Mayor Bob Schmidt  
Councilmember Lina Teixeira  
Mayor Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy, Treasurer  
Mayor Patrick Soranno  
Mayor Bill Queen  
Mayor David Will  
Mayor MaryBeth Henderson, Vice President  
Mayor John Hendricks  
Mayor Alan Johnson, President  
Mayor Tyler Payne

##### **Guest Speakers:**

Julie Marcus, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections  
Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas Executive Director

##### **Attendees from the Sign-In Sheet:**

Town of Belleair Shore  
City of Belleair Beach  
City of Belleair Beach  
City of Dunedin  
Town of Indian Shores  
Town of Indian Shores  
Town of Indian Shores  
City of Madeira Beach  
City of Madeira Beach  
Town of Redington Shores  
Town of Redington Shores  
City of St. Pete Beach

Barbara Colucci, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Leslie Notaro, Councilmember  
Jody Shirley, Councilmember  
John Tornga, Commissioner  
Diantha Schear, Vice Mayor  
Mike Hackerson, Councilor  
Freddie Lozano, Town Clerk  
Robin Gomez, City Manager  
Ray Kerr, Commissioner  
"Cinda" Krouk, Vice Mayor  
Jennie Blackburn, Commissioner  
Rita Bishop, Executive Assistant

Duke Energy  
Forward Pinellas  
Pinellas County  
Pinellas County  
Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue District  
Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue District  
Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue District  
SPC

Chiquita Clark, Gov't & Community Relations  
Sandra Knoebel, Planner  
John Bishop, Coastal Management  
Rick Walker, Emergency Management  
Jeff Davidson, Fire Chief  
John Mortellite, Deputy Chief  
Larry Schear, Commissioner  
Sam Jenkins, Project Coordinator

RGA Network  
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Seaside Seabird Sanctuary  
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Seaside Seabird Sanctuary  
Tampa Bay Beaches CC  
Tampa Bay Beaches CC  
Treasure Island/Madeira Beach Chamber  
Waterfront Realty

Matt Coots, CMO  
Missy Hahn, COO  
Alex Von Gontard, Vice President  
Misty Huckabey, Manager  
Christina Chilbert, Development & Marketing  
Jessica Morrow, Mktg & Community Relations  
Tina Abrahams, Sponsorship & Events  
Barry Rubin, President  
Gina Johnson, Owner

Becky Burgess, Belleair Beach Resident  
Gene Burgess, Belleair Beach Resident  
Rick Colucci, Belleair Beach Resident  
Rita Swope, Belleair Beach Resident

Amanda Makki, Candidate for Congressional District 13  
Brian Scott, Candidate for Pinellas County Commission District II

**2. Changes to the Agenda and Approval.**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Queen and duly seconded to approve the June 29, 2022, BIG C Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of the June 2022 Treasurer's Report.**

Treasurer Kennedy reviewed the June 2022 Report and will send a reminder letter to all for the \$100.00 BIG C Member Assessment Fee.

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Queen and duly seconded to approve the June 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Correspondence.**

None.

**6. New Business.**

**Julie Marcus, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections reviewed, in part:**

- 2021 was a very aggressive year for projects and legislation
  - GIS program for addresses
  - Software updates
  - New legislation
  - Redistricting
  - There is new information in the mail ballot kits based on the new legislation
  - Mail-in ballots must now be requested - with the new law there is also an extra step for authentication
  - Mail-in ballot return sites will no longer be open the Monday prior to the election
  - The SOE office will work on something as an overview of the new information for the municipalities to disseminate to Citizens

**Selection of Forward Pinellas Representative**

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Queen and duly seconded to nominate and elect Mayor Alan Johnson as the BIG C communities' Representative to Forward Pinellas for a two-year term.

Motion to elect carried unanimously.

The Council thanked Indian Rocks Beach Mayor Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy for serving as the Representative for the past 11 years.

**Whit Blanton, Forward Pinellas Executive Director reviewed, in part:**

- Support of the Safe Streets Pinellas Resolution
  - Statistics for fatalities and injuries on Pinellas roadways
  - Contributing factors such as non-local pedestrians and drivers who are unfamiliar with local rules, using crosswalks properly, etc
  - Future planning to help alleviate the contributing factors
  - Enhanced education and enforcement are needed for compliance with the safety systems that are already in place

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Queen and duly seconded to endorse the Safe Streets Pinellas resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business.**

None.

**7. Discussion Items.**

- **Caulin Donaldson, “Take a Toy, Leave a Toy”, reviewed, in part:**
  - Some of the beach communities participate in the program where visitors who leave toys on the beach to be discarded can now deposit them into the “Take a Toy, Leave a Toy” box on the beach for use by other visitors, and as an interactive educational experience for youth to get involved in their community
  - The public response has been very good
  - He would like to expand the program to other municipalities and gave his contact information – 727-742-2323 and [trashcaulin@gmail.com](mailto:trashcaulin@gmail.com)

**8. Legislative Update.**

None.

**9. Public Comments.**

Jessica Morrow, TBBCOC, invited the Mayors to their “Honoring Community Leaders Breakfast” on August 30th, at the Clearwater Beach Marriott Suites on Sand Key.

**10. City Events.**

Mayor Queen, North Redington Beach:

- Quiet in North Redington Beach

Mayor Gattis, Belleair Beach:

- All quiet in Belleair Beach

Mayor Schmidt, Belleair Shore:

- Quiet in Belleair Shore

Mayor Payne, Treasure Island:

- All quiet in Treasure Island

Mayor Henderson, Redington Shores:

- Redington Shores is quiet

Mayor Hendricks, Madeira Beach:

- All is good in Madeira Beach

Mayor Soranno, Indian Shores:

- All is good

Mayor Will, Redington Beach:

- All is well in Redington Beach

Commissioner Teixeira, Clearwater:

- Imagine Clearwater is on track to open next year
- A developer has been chosen for a boutique hotel and 600 units on the bluff

Mayor Kennedy, Indian Rocks Beach:

- Another beautiful day in paradise in Indian Rocks Beach

Mayor Johnson, St. Pete Beach:

- Working on the budget
- Hotel renovations are ongoing in St. Pete Beach
- Welcomed Mayor Soranno back
- Thanked Mayor Gattis for hosting

**11. Adjournment.**

The meeting was duly adjourned at 10:08am.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 9:00 A.M.

Hosted by the City of Clearwater

at the

Clearwater Beach Library & Recreation Complex

69 Bay Esplanade, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

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

Date Approved: 08/31/2022

ATTEST:



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

APPROVED:



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