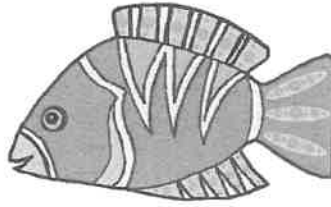


BIG-C

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

BIG C Meeting Minutes
Town of Indian Shores
Wednesday, December 4th, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Indian Shores Town Hall
19305 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores, FL 33767

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The BIG C meeting was called to order by BIG-C President Mayor David Will at 9:00 A.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call:

BIG C Representatives:

Mayor Dave Gattis, BIG-C Vice President
Vice Mayor David Allbritton
Mayor Denise Houseberg
Mayor Diantha Schear
Mayor Anne-Marie Brooks
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor David Will, BIG-C President
Mayor Lisa Hendrickson
Mayor John Doctor

City of Belleair Beach
City of Clearwater
City of Indian Rocks Beach
Town of Indian Shores
City of Madeira Beach
Town of North Redington Beach
Town of Redington Beach
Town of Redington Shores
City of Treasure Island

Absent:

Vice Mayor Joe Moholland
Mayor Steve Blume

City of St. Pete Beach
Town of Belleair Shore

Also Present (from meeting sign-in sheets):

Simon Amesbury, Owner
Christopher Hollands
Renee Rose
Janet Wilson, Vice Mayor
C. R. Hollands, Citizen
Hailie Mondoux, Dist. Aide to State Rep. Kim Berfield
René Flowers, Commissioner
Barry Burton, County Administrator

Alair Homes
Citizen
City of Belleair Beach
City of Indian Rocks Beach
City of St. Pete Beach
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John Bishop, Coastal Mgmt. Coordinator	Pinellas County
Doug Abate, Exec. Aide to Commissioner Chris Scherer	Pinellas County
Coleen Chaney, Exec. Aide to Commissioner Brian Scott	Pinellas County
Tony Fabrizio, Sr. PR Coordinator	Pinellas County
Ashley, Overend, Exec. Aide to Commissioner Kathleen Peters	Pinellas County
Matt Spoor, Legislative Affairs	Pinellas County
Fred Irwin	Sand Key Civic Assoc.
Robin Miller, CEO	Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Tina Abrahams, Events and Sponsorships	Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Ellen Bauer, Vice Mayor	Town of Indian Shores
Christina Porter, Town Administrator	Town of Indian Shores
Amy Lockhart, Finance Director	Town of Indian Shores
Freddie Lozano, Town Clerk	Town of Indian Shores
Ashley, Ierna, Assistant to Town Clerk	Town of Indian Shores
Carla Bolling, Resident and Volunteer	Town of Indian Shores
Richard Swann, Police Chief	Town of Indian Shores
Brian Rusu, Building Official	Town of Indian Shores
Larry Schear, Resident	Town of Indian Shores
Mike McGlothlin, Town Administrator	Town of Redington Shores
CJ Hoyt, Commissioner	Town of Redington Shores
Barry Rubin, CEO	Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce (TIMB)
Christa and Mike Ray, Realtors	Waterfront Realty

3. Changes to the Agenda and Approval

Motion by Mayor Queen – seconded by **Mayor Gattis** to approve the December 4, 2024, BIG-C Meeting agenda. **All ayes. Motion carried 9-0.**

4. Approval of City of Treasure Island, August 28, 2024, BIG-C Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Mayor Gattis – seconded by **Mayor Houseberg** to approve the City of Treasure Island, August 28, 2024, BIG-C Meeting Minutes. **All ayes. Motion carried 9-0.**

5. Approval of the August, September, and October 2024 Treasurer’s Report

Mayor Hendrickson reported:

- **August** – ending balance of \$1,393.
- **September** – no deposits or disbursements for this month
- **October** – ending balance of \$1,393.

Motion by Mayor Schear – seconded by **Mayor Queen** to approve the August, September, and October 2024 Treasurer’s. **All ayes. Motion Carried 9-0.**

6. Correspondence. None

7. New Business. None

8. Unfinished Business

- **Appointment of Forward Pinellas Board Representative**

The Council unanimously approved the reappointment of Mayor Will as the BIG-C Representative to the Forward Pinellas Board.

9. Discussion Items

Mayor Will opened the floor to discuss the positive things that have occurred post-hurricanes.

Robin Miller of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce shared that they've remained focused on spreading positivity and celebrating progress by supporting local businesses and communities. This included participating in nearly 89 business re-openings and ribbon cuttings from Tierra Verde to Clearwater Beach. She thanked the City of Madeira Beach for helping the Chamber host an event where \$30,000 in \$100 gift cards were distributed to unemployed hospitality workers.

Barry Rubin of the Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce (TIMB) mentioned the recent Beach Aid event, also hosted by Madeira Beach, where meals were provided to approximately 2,000 people. He is looking forward to spreading more positivity at the Beach Markets happening on December 13th and 14th.

Madam Mayor Schear praised the Public Services Department for their cleanup efforts in Indian Shores, highlighting significant progress in improving the Town's appearance. Despite initial challenges with FEMA regulations due to the Town's makeup of condominiums and townhouses, the community has overcome them.

Mayor Will expressed that it was nice to the Redington Beach community's positivity and support for each other during the recent storms. He also praised the dedication of the Town's Staff for their hard work and efforts to find solutions. He thanked the County Officials for their quick actions on the cleanup efforts.

Mayor Gattis mentioned that Belleair Beach has made significant progress in its recovery, with 97-98% of homes cleaned through the efforts of city staff, organizations, and residents. The community has shown strong cooperation, noting one citizen who made trips to Costco and Sam's to purchase supplies and dropping them off at their City Hall. While challenges persist, particularly with permitting delays due to complex damage assessments, the collective effort has been effective in addressing immediate needs and moving forward.

Vice Mayor David Allbritton commented that in times of tragedy, communities often come together, as seen in Clearwater Beach, where the staff has worked diligently to clean up and restore the area, particularly Gulf Boulevard, despite ongoing challenges like permitting for damaged homes. Residents have maintained a positive attitude and unity by supporting each other. He appreciated the practical advice shared in past meetings on flood preparedness, which proved invaluable during the recent disaster, and suggested bringing such educational sessions to the community annually to help homeowners better protect their properties.

Madam Mayor Brooks praised the Madeira Beach community's resilience and collective efforts after the hurricane but expressed concern about residents struggling to rebuild their homes due to inadequate FEMA assistance and loan agencies' depleted funds. She emphasized the importance of advocating for support from state and federal governments to help homeowners stay in their community.

Mayor Doctor emphasized the importance of working together and presenting a strong front to determine what can be done. He referenced the new administration in Washington who made a promise to address substantial damage and restore affected communities. He commended the city staff and volunteers for their extraordinary efforts, highlighting that the permitting department, typically handling 13 permits annually, processed over 1,200 permits in four weeks, even working through Thanksgiving. He acknowledged the challenges faced by employees and residents and was thankful for their dedication in supporting the Treasure Island's recovery efforts.

Madam Mayor Houseberg reported that Indian Rocks Beach has done a great job cleaning up debris. They are now focused on helping everyone get pre-approval for their permits. Vice Mayor Jan Wilson partnered with the Red Cross to bring in truckloads of supplies and personally delivered them across the city, even while dealing with their own cleanup.

10. Legislative Update:

An audience member asked about the beach nourishment and wanted to know whether the county or the respective communities will address the issue.

A discussion ensued amongst the BIG-C Council Members, Pinellas County Administrator Barry Burton, Pinellas County Coastal Management Coordinator John Bisho, and audience members, which was centered on post-disaster recovery efforts, highlighting challenges and progress in debris management, beach restoration, housing support, and community communication. Speakers emphasized the importance of collaboration among municipalities, state, and federal agencies to streamline processes, secure funding, and address urgent needs like substantial damage determinations and FEMA compliance. Beach renourishment efforts and sand contouring were debated, with concerns about resources, safety, and scheduling. Officials acknowledged the stress on residents and staff, committed to improving communication, and underscored the need for after-action reviews to refine procedures and enhance preparedness for future events.

11. City Events.

Although some had to cancel their annual holiday events because of the storms, many of the Barrier Island cities are moving forward with theirs. The BIG C Representatives listed their city's upcoming December Holiday events, which included tree lightings, Christmas street parades, boat parades, and toy drives. The Council Members wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

12. Adjournment. 9:39 A.M.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

Hosted by the Town of Redington Shores

LOCATION:

Madeira Beach City Hall

300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708

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

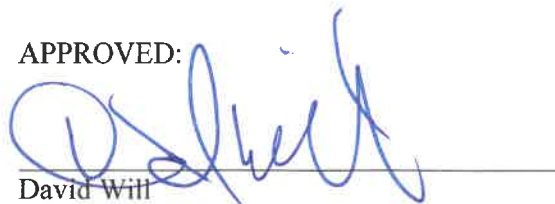
Date Approved: 1/29/25

ATTEST:



Adriana Nieves, Town Clerk
Town of Redington Beach, FL

APPROVED:



David Will
Barrier Islands Governmental Council Vice President
Mayor of the Town of Redington Beach, FL