

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

Town of Indian Shores BIG C Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Indian Shores Town Hall, 19305 Gulf Boulevard, Indian
Shores, FL 33785

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Roll Call

BIG C Representatives:

Mayor Dave Gattis	City of Belleair Beach
Councilmember Lina Teixeira	City of Clearwater
Vice Mayor Diantha Schear (present for Mayor Patrick C. Soranno)	Town of Indian Shores
Vice Mayor Doug Andrews	City of Madeira Beach
Mayor Bill Queen	Town of North Redington Beach
Mayor David Will	Town of Redington Beach
Mayor MaryBeth Henderson, BIG C Vice President	Town of Redington Shores
Mayor Alan Johnson, BIG C President	City of St. Pete Beach
Mayor Tyler Payne	City of Treasure Island

Absent

Mayor Bob Schmidt, Town of Belleair Shore
Mayor Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy, BIG C Treasurer and Secretary, City of Indian Rocks Beach

Guest Speaker:

Scott Dudley, Executive Director, Florida League of Mayors

Also Present from Sign-in Sheets:

Mike Zabel, Councilmember	City of Belleair Beach
Rita Swope, Resident	City of Belleair Beach
Belinda Livingstone, Council Member	City of Belleair Beach
Becky Burgess, Resident	City of Belleair Beach
John Pfanstiehl, Resident	City of Indian Rocks Beach
Kelly Asanik, Citizen	City of Indian Rocks Beach
Robin I. Gomez, City Manager	City of Madeira Beach
Rita Bishop, Executive Assistant	City of St. Pete Beach
Teri D. Lawson, Commercial Realtor	Coldwell Banker
Sandra Knoebel-Peeples, Planner	Forward Pinellas
Cassidy Mueller, Chief Financial Officer for State Fire Marshal Jimmy Patronis	MyFloridaCFO
Zach Westfall, Coastal Management	Pinellas County
Ashley Johnson, Communications Coordinator	Pinellas County
John Bishop, Coastal Management Coordinator	Pinellas County
Dawn Peters, School Board Member	Pinellas County
Jeff Davidson, Fire Chief	Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District (PSFRD)
John Mortellite II, Deputy Fire Chief	PSFRD
Larry Schear, Fire Commissioner	PSFRD
Jessica Morrow, Marketing	Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Barbara Colucci, Clerk/Treasurer	Town Belleair Shore
Cinda Krouk, District 2 Commissioner	Town of Redington Shores
Bill Krajewski, District 4 Commissioner	Town of Redington Shores
Jeff Shoobridge, Town Administrator	Town of Redington Shores
Barry Rubin, Pres. CEO	Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce (TIMB)
C. Cullbert	TIMB Chamber
Bonnie Dhonau, Town Administrator	Town of Indian Shores
Mike Hackerson, Councilor	Town of Indian Shores
Jenna Byrne, President	Water Warrior Alliance
Tim and Gina Johnson, Owners	Waterfront Realty
Chelsea Miller, Realtor	Waterfront Realty
Erik Willoughby, Realtor	Waterfront Realty
Kylyn Collins, Realtor	Waterfront Realty

3. Changes to the Agenda and Approval

Motion by Mayor Henderson – seconded by **Vice Mayor Schear** to approve the December 7, 2022, BIG C meeting agenda. **All ayes. Motion Carried 9-0.**

4. Approval of Minutes

- **Minutes for the Town of Belleair Shores October 26, 2022, BIG-C Meeting.**

Motion by Mayor Queen – seconded by **Councilmember Teixeira** to approve the meeting minutes of October 26, 2022. **All ayes. Motion Carried 9-0.**

5. Approval of the October 2022 Treasurer's Reports

Mayor Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report in Mayor Kennedy's absence. October 2022's opening balance was \$1,672.59. After receiving a \$100.00 assessment fee from the Town of Belleair Shore and a disbursement of \$266.67 to Digital Eel, the ending balance for the month was \$1,506.02.

Motion by **Mayor Queen** – seconded by **Mayor Henderson** to approve the October 2022 Treasurer's Report. **All ayes. Motion Carried 9-0.**

6. Correspondence

- **Forward Pinellas Board Workshop Invitation 12/14/2022 (Pgs. 6-7)**
[Forward Pinellas Board Workshop Tickets, Wed, Dec 14, 2022 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Mayor Johnson announced that the Forward Pinellas Board invited the BIG C Representatives to a Workshop scheduled on December 14, 2022. He will attend the workshop. He added that he is the incoming BIG C Representative on the Board in place of Mayor Kennedy, who has completed her term.

7. New Business

- **Consideration of the Tentative 2023 BIG C Meeting Schedule (Revised)**

The revised tentative BIG C meeting schedule for 2023 was presented. Any scheduling or venue changes that may develop in the future will be addressed as necessary.

- **Guest Speaker Scott Dudley, Executive Director, Florida League of Mayors – What Happened? Understanding the Impacts of the 2022 Elections and What It Means for the 2023 Session.**

Mr. Dudley gave his presentation on the 2022 Midterm General Election impacts touching on the following events:

- Typical off-year dynamics including off-year elections, the economy, voter registration, party enthusiasm, campaign money, quality of candidates, reapportionment, and unknown factors.
- Factors not anticipated were negative effect of election denialism, "Trumpism", abortion, youth vote, and candidate quality.
- Factors that impacted Florida included voters moving to areas of the same party majority choice, election denialism, abortion, money, and the former president.
- The numbers for the Hispanic Community show that voter registration is down.
- Mr. Dudley provided percentages of Democrat and Republican seats currently in the U.S. and Florida House and Senate.
- He mentioned the subject of unfunded mandates that imposes a cost or takes away revenue from a local government.

Mr. Dudley concluded his presentation with a brief question and answer session.

Conversation ensued regarding open primaries, governor's veto power with unfunded mandates, home-based businesses and zoning, vacation rentals, and citizens meeting state and local representatives to voice concerns over issues such as short-term rentals.

8. Old Business

Many people ask what the BIG C does. Mayor Queen provided the following BIG C accomplishments over the last 20 years:

- Worked with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to reduce the speed limit on Gulf Boulevard from 40 to 35 miles an hour.
- Worked with FDOT to establish consistent crosswalks on Gulf Boulevard.
- Lobbied against oil drilling off the coast of our beaches.
- Work with the Army Corps of Engineers for beach renourishments for 20 years.
- Worked with the state on the Horizon oil spill in the Gulf and reparations to businesses lost as a result.
- Worked with Clearwater Marine Aquarium on turtle protection.
- Opposed Florida legislation of short-term rentals and Home Rule erosion.
- Supported waterborne transportation in the beaches in the Bay Area.
- Established the hurricane re-entry program with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.
- Worked with Pinellas County on red tide and fish kills.
- Obtained \$70 million over a 15-year program for Gulf Boulevard Beautification and undergrounding utilities.

The above list of accomplishments will be posted on the BIG C website.

9. Discussion Items

None.

10. Legislative Update

Cassidy Mueller, Chief Financial Officer for the office of State Fire Marshal Jimmy Patronis, advised the meeting attendees to contact her with questions or help with regards to unclaimed property and or insurance regulations.

Mayor Queen and **Mayor Gattis** advised the citizens to take back their power by expressing to their legislators that they should represent and listen to the constituents, not the party.

11. City Events

The BIG C Representatives listed their city's upcoming December Holiday events and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

12. The Meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 25, 2022, 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, Indian Shores, FL

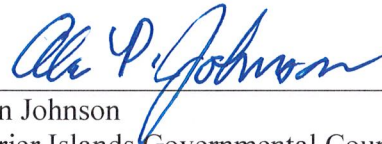
Date Approved: 1/25/2023

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



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



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