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Barrier Islands Governmental Council

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North Redington Beach Redington Beach Redington Shores St. PeteBeach Treasure Island

City of Treasure Island
BIG C Meeting
Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Treasure Island City Hall
10451 Gulf Blvd, Treasure Island, FL 33706

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The BIG C Meeting was called to order by President Mayor David Will at 9:00 A.M. on August 28, 2024, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

The following BIG C Representatives were present:

- Belleair Beach Mayor Dave Gattis, Vice-President
- Belleair Shore Mayor Steve Blume
- Clearwater Mayor Bruce Rector
- Indian Rocks Beach Mayor Denise Houseberg
- Indian Shores Mayor Diantha Schear
- Madeira Beach Mayor Ann-Marie Brooks
- North Redington Beach Mayor Bill Queen
- Redington Beach Mayor David Will, President
- Redington Shores Mayor Lisa Hendrickson
- St Pete Beach absent
- Treasure Island Vice Mayor John Doctor

Also Present:

- Adriana Nieves, Town of Redington Beach, FL, Town Clerk, BIG C Coordinator
- Anne Marie Brooks, City of Madeira Beach, Vice Mayor
- Ashley Ierna, Town of Indian Shores, Administrative Asst.
- Barry Burton, Pinellas County, Administrator
- Celine Kidwell, City of Treasure Island, City Clerk

- Chuck Anderson, City of Treasure Island, City Manager
- Coleen Chaney, Aide to Pinellas County Commissioner Brian Scott
- Dr. Rene Flowers, Pinellas County Commissioner
- Freddie Lorenzo, Town of Indian Shores, City Clerk
- J. Tyler Payne, City of Treasure Island, Mayor
- Kelli Hammer Levy Pinellas County, Public Works Director
- Larry Schear, Town of Indian Shores, Resident
- Meghan Blanche, Tampa Bay Regional Planning L, Coastal Geologist
- Michael Howard, Town of Indian Shores, Council Member
- Nathan Bruemmer, State House District 6, Candidate
- Rich Cariello, Town of Redington Beach, Vice Mayor
- Stacy Boyles, City of Treasure Island, Assistant City Mgr. Public Works Dir.
- Tia Payton, City of Treasure Island, Deputy City Clerk
- Tina Jabon, Forward Pinellas, Executive Assistant

Mayor J. Tyler Payne of the City of Treasure Island welcomed attendees to our new City Hall, expressing excitement for the long-awaited opening and encouraging everyone to enjoy the beautiful views.

3. Changes to the Agenda and Approval

The agenda was reviewed, and no changes were proposed.

Motion to Approve: Mayor Queen; Seconded by Mayor Gattis. **Approved unanimously**.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on July 31, 2024, were reviewed and no proposed changes.

Motion to Approve: Mayor Queen; Seconded by Mayor Schear Approved unanimously.

5. Approval of the July 2024 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for July 2024 was presented and reviewed.

Motion to Approve: Mayor Houseberg, Seconded by Mayor Gattis. **Approved unanimously.**

6. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

7. New Business

• Pinellas County Director of Public Works Kelli Hammer-Levy will present the after-action report from Tropical Storm Debbie

The presentation provided a detailed overview of beach nourishment and coastal management efforts in Pinellas County, highlighting recent challenges. The county

manages 35 miles of beaches, with over 21 miles critically eroded and 12 miles regularly nourished. Federal authorization for these projects' dates to 1966, with the first Army Corps nourishment project in Florida occurring in Treasure Island. The authorization for the Sand Key Beach project is set to expire in 2043 unless reauthorized. Recent policy changes by the Army Corps of Engineers now require perpetual easements with public access, causing resistance from property owners and resulting in only 48% of necessary easements secured for the Sand Key Beach project. While nourishment was planned for 2023, complications with easements and historical erosion control lines have delayed progress on Treasure Island, Long Key, and Upham Beach. In contrast, the Pass-a-Grille project has advanced through a permit amendment. The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2022 is prompting a review of easement policies, with a recent Florida memo outlining conditions for non-conforming easements, although many local projects do not qualify. Future efforts include preparing an Engineering Design Report (EDR) to consider adjustments to project footprints, though significant challenges remain.

Appointment of Forward Pinellas Board Representative

Please bring your nominations from your respective cities or towns to the next meeting for approval to represent BIG C on the Forward Pinellas Board.

• ISPS at SPC Update - Presentation rescheduled to a future meeting.

8. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

9. Discussion Items

Mayor Hendrickson inquired about participation in the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program, a competitive initiative that provides funding to local governments for projects aimed at reducing or eliminating repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program. She noted the lack of responses from consultant services and observed that no representatives acknowledged participation from their respective municipalities.

10. Legislative Update

Rene Flowers, Pinellas County Commissioner, provided a legislative update, emphasizing her commitment to serving the entire county despite representing District 7. She reminded attendees of the upcoming meeting of the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation on September 13, 2024, at 1:00 PM at the St. Petersburg College Seminole campus, University Partnership Building. Registration to speak will close on September 6, and a Speaker Request Form is required. Commissioner Flowers highlighted the new leadership within the delegation, noting Senator Rouson as chair and Representative Anderson as vice chair. She discussed key issues such as beach renourishment and coastal flooding, urging community input for proposed legislative bills. Lastly, she encouraged engagement with the delegation to address ongoing concerns and thanked attendees for their support. For further inquiries, she can be reached at rflowers@pinellas.gov.

11. City Events

The following events are upcoming:

- City of Clearwater: XINSURANCE Clearwater Offshore Nationals Race World Offshore, Premier Sanctioning Body from Key West, FL will take place on September 27, 2024, through Sunday September 29, 2024.
- Town of Redington Beach: A 9/11 Ceremony will be held on September 11, 2024.
- **City of Treasure Island:** American Legion Post 158 will commemorate the 23rd anniversary of 9/11 with a remembrance ceremony on September 11.
- Town of Indian Rocks Beach: Oktoberfest, This event will be held at Kolb Park, located at 1508 Bay Palm Blvd, Indian Rocks Beach, FL.
- Town of Indian Shores: The 75th Anniversary Celebration will occur on September 14, 2024, from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM at Sharkey's Sea Pub, located at 19703 Gulf Blvd. Residents and employees are encouraged to attend.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 9:00 A.M., hosted by the City of Clearwater at the Clearwater Beach Library & Recreation Complex located at 69 Bay Esplanade, Clearwater, FL 33767

Respectfully submitted by: Celine Kidwell, CMC

City Clerk, City of Treasure Island, FL

Date Approved: 12 4 24

ATTEST:

Adriana Nieves, CMC, Town Clerk

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APPROVED:

David Will, President

Barrier Islands Governmental Council Mayor of the Town of Redington Beach