

BIG-C

Barrier Islands Governmental Council

Belleair Beach
Redington Beach
Belleair Shore
Clearwater
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Madeira Beach

North



Town of Redington Shores BIG C Meeting
Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
Madeira Beach City Hall, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708

1. The BIG C Meeting was called to order by President Mayor Will at 9:00 A.M. on January 29, 2025, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call

BIG C Representatives:

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

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

Absent:

Mayor Steve Blume

Town of Belleair Shore

Also Present:

Barry Rubin, CEO
Heather Davidson

Jill Dunavin

Joan Goodrich

Jan Wilson, Vice-Mayor
Harvey Johnson
Carla Bowling
Tina Johnson
Jim Johnson
Pat O'Neil
Margaret Antio
Alendra Harsha

Pinellas Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Vice President of Membership of Pinellas
Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Director of Operations for Pinellas Beaches
Chamber of Commerce
City of Treasure Island Economic
Development
Rocks Beach
Resident of Indian Rocks Beach
Titan Home Lending
Waterfront Realty
Waterfront Realty
Resident of Madeira Beach
Resident of Madeira Beach
Marketing and Communications Manager
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce

RJ Meyers, President

RJ Meyers Consulting Group

Suzy Sofer, Commissioner
Stan Sofer
Renee Rose
Larry Schear, Resident
Dr. John Bishop, Coastal Mgmt. Coordinator
Kelli Hammer Levy, Director of Public Works
Coleen Chaney, Executive Aide

CJ Hoyt, Commissioner
Michael Howard, Councilor
Tina Porter, Town Administrator
Tony Fabrizio, Sr. PR Coordinator
Ashley Giovannetti
Tom Washburn, Transportation Division Director
John Rieman, Program Specialist
Gina Harvey, Section Manager
Cameron Bradburn
Mike McGlothlin, Town Administrator
Adriana Neives, Town Clerk
Jolie Patterson, Deputy Clerk
Megan Powers, Assistant to the City Administrator
Robin Gomez, City Administrator
Sam Jenkins

Town of Belleair Bluffs
XXI Management
City of Belleair Beach
Town of Indian Shores
Pinellas County
Pinellas County
Board of County Commissioners,
Chair Scotts Office
Town of Redington Shores
Town of Indian Shores
Town of Indian Shore
Pinellas County
Pinellas County
Pinellas County
Pinellas County
Pinellas County
Resident of Redington Beach
Town of Redington Shores
Town of Redington Beach
Town of Redington Shores
City of Madeira Beach
City of Madeira Beach
Institute for Strategic Policy
Solutions

3. Changes to the Agenda and Approval

Motion by Mayor Queen – Seconded by **Mayor Gattis** to approve the January 29, 2025, Meeting Agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried 10-0.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mayor Gattis – Seconded by **Mayor Brooks** to approve the December 4, 2024, BIG-C Meeting Minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried 10-0.

5. Approval of the November 2024 and December 2024 Treasurer's Reports

Mayor Hendrickson Reported:

- **November-** ending balance of \$1,100.44
- **December-** ending balance of \$1,100.44

6. Correspondence

- None

7. New Business

- **Dr. John Bishop**, Pinellas County Coastal Manager- Update on beach renourishment:
Dr. Bishop gave the council background on the renourishment projects in the past and discussed various options for beach and dune renourishment or just beach renourishment moving forward. He stated that the county is waiting on guidance from the Army Corps on future renourishment projects. Dr. Bishop reviewed an example of what a cross section of an easement would look like. Dr. Bishop informed the council of a project information meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Mayor Gattis asked why the Army Corps of Engineers only allows the permits to last 6 months. Dr. Bishop says he is hopeful to get this time extended. Mayor Gattis asked how long the easement would last with a county-led project. Dr. Bishop says the easement will not expire but the county's easement will not allow public access. Kelli Hammer Levy, Director of Public Works for Pinellas County, added that the Board of County Commissioners has recently adopted a dune protection ordinance that allows cities to opt in. Mayor Bruce

Rector shared the feedback he has received from residents of Clearwater regarding the renourishment projects. Mayor Hendrickson asked for the due date for the easements to be returned. Dr. Bishop responded that they are due by the end of February. Mayor Will asked for clarification on the required dune heights. Dr. Bishop responded that it would be designed by the engineers of the project. Kelli Hammer Levy gave insight on the difference between past Army Corps renourishment projects and county-led renourishments.

- **Tom Washburn**, Pinellas County Public Works- Update on damages from 2024 hurricanes: Mr. Washburn explained to the council that 35 traffic control cabinets were damaged as a result of the 2024 hurricanes. Moving forward, the county is looking into various options to reduce saltwater intrusion for future storms. This project has been added to the county LMS priority list and federal hazard mitigation grant funding is being explored. Mayor Bruce Rector emphasized the importance of maintaining an aesthetic appearance to our beach communities. Mr. Washburn agreed and explained several options to improve the appearance of the cabinets.

8. Old Business

- None

9. Discussion Item

- **Letter to President / State and County Leadership for assistance-** Mayor Petrila explained his letter that was sent to President Trump and Senator Rick Scott's office on behalf of the City of St. Pete Beach and encouraged the BIG-C to come together and send one letter to both offices on behalf of the council encouraging assistance for the barrier islands post-hurricane. Mayor Gattis agreed and asked that the BIG-C meet in a week via web conference to discuss the most effective way to communicate the area's needs. Mayor Brooks agreed and explained the challenges Madeira Beach has faced in the permitting and substantial damage assessment processes. Mayor Gattis agreed and informed the council that his City Clerk would schedule the meeting. Mayor Rector encouraged the council to be clear and reasonable in the desired expectations. Mayor Doctor spoke to the letter that he wrote to President Trump on behalf of the City of Treasure Island. Mayor Queen suggested that we take Mayor Doctor's letter and send it on behalf of the BIG-C. Mayor Schear stated that the president and leadership should be made aware of how long these processes are taking and how long it takes for funding to be received by the residents. Mayor Doctor explained the conditions that the City of Treasure Island received from FEMA regarding their processes for getting residents back into their homes.

Motion by Mayor Queen to move forward with drafting and sending Mayor Doctor's letter to the President's office and Senator Rick Scott's office. **Seconded by Mayor Petrila.**

Mayor Rector explained that the City of Clearwater does not have the same issues with permitting as many of the smaller municipalities do and while he believes it is more effective to speak as a council, he would like to review the letter before signing and sending. Mayor Gattis requested that Mayor Doctor send a copy of his letter to the Councilmembers to review prior to a web meeting to discuss and finalize.

10. Legislative Update

- None

11. Public Comments

- None

12. City Events

- **City of St. Pete Beach-** The weekly Sunday Market on Corey Ave. has returned from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **City of Treasure Island-** Parks and beaches are almost back to normal so events are expected to return in March. The city has recently hired an Economic Development Director, Joan Goodrich and Mayor Doctor is excited to see what she offers to Treasure Island.
- **City of Madeira Beach-** Monthly trash cleanup with Trash Pirates on Saturday, Feb 1st meeting at Saltwater Hippie. The Public Library is re-opening on February 10th.

- **Town of Redington Shores-** None
- **Town of North Redington Beach-** None
- **Town of Indian Shores-** The Annual St. Patrick's Day Festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 15th.
- **City of Indian Rocks Beach-** Winterfest on the Rocks is scheduled for Saturday, February 15th, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **City of Clearwater-** The City is preparing for the arrival of the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team for spring training. The city is excited to offer more musical acts at the Sound Amphitheater in the coming months.
- **City of Belleair Beach-** The monthly beach cleanup is resuming and is scheduled for Saturday, February 1st. The city is turning 75 in March and will be celebrating the anniversary all year.

13. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment by **Mayor Queen. Seconded** by **Mayor Hendrickson**. All Ayes. Motion Carried 10-0.
Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

Hosted by the Town of Redington Beach

Location: Madeira Beach City Hall, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708

Minutes Prepared by: Jolie Patterson

Deputy Town Clerk, Town of Redington Shores, FL

Date Approved: 2/26/25

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Adriana Nieves



Adriana Nieves, City Clerk
Town of Redington Beach, FL

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