

BIG-C

Barrier Islands Governmental Council

Belleair Beach

Belleair Shore

Clearwater

Redington Shores

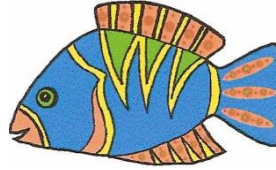
Indian Rocks Beach

St. Pete Beach Indian Shores

Treasure Island Madeira Beach

North Redington Beach

Redington Beach



The BIG C meeting was called to order by Vice President, Mayor Dave Gattis at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26th, 2025 at the Madeira Beach City Hall, 300 Municipal Dr, Madeira Beach, FL 33708.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gattis.

2. Roll Call

Big C Representatives

Mayor Denise Houseberg

Mayor Lisa Hendrickson

Mayor Dave Gattis

Mayor Diantha Schear

Mayor Anne-Marie Brooks

Mayor John Doctor

Vice Mayor Keving Kennedy

Mayor Bruce Rector

City of Indian Rocks Beach

Town of Redington Shores

City of Belleair Beach

Town of Indian Shores

City of Madeira Beach

City of Treasure Island

Town of North Redington Beach

City of Clearwater

Guests

Bill Queen

Robin I Gomez, City Manager

Tim & Gina Johnson

Clint Belk

Megan Powers

Jessica Morrow

Mike McGothlin

Barry Rubin

Barry Burton

John Mortellite

Charlie Justice

Megan Wepfer

Renee Rose

Seminole

Madeira Beach

Waterfront Realty

Fire Chief, Madeira Beach

Madeira Beach

Aide to Kathleen Peters

Town Administrator – Redington Shores

CEO- TI/MB Chamber of Commerce

County Administrator – Pinellas County

Dep Fire Chief, Madeira Beach

Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce

PW Dir, Madeira Beach

City Clerk, Belleair Beach

Tina Porter
Rick Swann
Mike Twitty
Brian Scott
C.R. Hollands
Gary Curtis
Jan Wilson
Peg Shannon
Dan Caldwell
David Connor
Jay Super
Helen Roldan

Town Administrator, Indian Shores
Chief of Police, Indian Shores
Pinellas County Property Appraiser
Pinellas County Commissioner
St Pete Beach
Commissioner, North Redington Beach
Vice Mayor, Indian Rocks Beach
Resident
Resident
Communications, Pinellas County
Mayor Elect, North Redington Beach
Ballyhoo Media

3. Changes to Agenda and Approval

Mayor Schear made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Doctor seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes of Redington Shores January 29th, 2025 Meeting

Mayor Brooks made a motion to approve the January minutes. Mayor Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Approval of January 2025 Treasurer's Report

Mayor Hendrickson reported the current balance of \$1100.44. Mayor Rector made a motion to approve the treasurer report. The motion was seconded by Mayor Houseberg. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. New Business

Commissioner Scott spoke regarding the CDBG-DR Action Plan process and the need to get money into people's hands in a timely fashion. He introduced the consultants from HORNE, Ryan Flannery and Jenna Abbey who has been hired to navigate the block grant program for the County.

Mr. Flannery and Ms. Abbey gave a brief background on themselves and Horne. They presented slides detailing the process for the HUD CDBG-DR grant. The grant is a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery grant. They stated the program began in 1993 with Hurricane Andrew and has grown into its current form. They describe the program as flexible but compliance is challenging.

They broke down the amount available and the distribution percentages. Of the total grant, which is \$813 million, \$707 million will go for unmet disaster recovery needs and the remaining \$106 million to mitigation projects. They added that 70% of the funds must go to low to middle income households which in Pinellas is \$76,000 for a family of four.

Mr. Flannery and Ms. Abbey stated they are now in the planning stages and as there are various steps to implement it, they expect the agreement to be presented to the County Commission in the third quarter of this year.

Mike Twitty, Pinellas County Property Appraiser, spoke regarding processes implemented by his office to help with storm recovery. The processes include the ability to apply for a partial tax refund when certain qualifications are met, a revaluation process for those who disagree with their building value, a trust verification letter for those properties that are held in trust but want to pull a owner/builder permit and information on how to keep your homestead exemption when your property is demolished.

9. Discussion Items (out of order)

Mayor Gattis moved discussion items up due to a board member needing to leave early. There was no discussion items from the Board, however Mayor Gattis had two items:

- He stated the letters regarding storm recovery and beach renourishment had been sent to the President and would arrive on Thursday. He added that Rep. Luna had immediately forwarded a digital copy.
- Mayor Gattis read a letter of appreciation for Mayor Bill Queen, congratulating him on his retirement. The Board also presented a glass fish sculpture in appreciation for his two decades of serving on the BIG C.

New Business Resumes

Ryan Chatman, of Forward Pinellas, spoke regarding the multimodal impact fee. He explained how the fee is applied, based on new development. He went over the current fee schedule for Pinellas County compared to neighboring counties, showing Pinellas' fee is considerably lower.

Mr. Chatman went over how the fees are distributed and the various projects that have been funded by the funds. He indicated they would be meeting with the County Commissioners in the coming months for direction how to move forward.

10. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

11. Legislative Update

There were no legislative updates.

12. City Events

Indian Rocks Beach – Rotary Runs the Beach coming up in March.

Clearwater – Spring training has begun.
Sugar Sands festival coming up.
Most of their hotel and restaurants open so hope people will stay in Pinellas County and return next year.

Madeira Beach – Beach Cleanup – March 1st
Seafood Festival – March 28th
Grunt Hunt – March 20th – 22nd

North Redington Beach – No events but would like to thank Mayor Queen for his service and also recognize Commissioner Curtis and Bennett on their retirement after 20 plus years serving NRB as Commissioners.

Redington Shores – Recognized Helen Roldon, of Ballyhoo Enterprises, for her help with free messaging on such topics as filling holes in the sand, dogs on the beach and e-bike safety.

Treasure Island – Mayor Doctor spoke regarding the businesses coming back and the need to support them as they are the backbone of the beach communities' economy.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Hosted by Town of Redington Beach at Madeira Beach City Hall, 300 Municipal Dr, Madeira Beach, FL 33708.

Minutes Prepared by: Mari Campbell
Town Clerk, Town of North Redington Beach, FL

Date Approved: 3/26/25

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Adriana Nieves

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Town of Redington Beach



David Will
Barrier Islands Governmental Council President
Mayor of the City of Redington Beach