

# 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*

**City of St. Pete Beach BIG C Meeting  
Wednesday, May 29, 2024, 9:00 a.m.**

**St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706**

- 1. The BIG C Meeting was called to order by President Mayor David Will at 9:00 A.M. on May 29, 2024, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

- 2. Roll Call**

**BIG C Representatives:**

Mayor Lisa Hendrickson  
Mayor Bill Queen  
President, Mayor David Will  
Treasurer, Mayor Jim Rostek

Vice Mayor Rich Lorenzen  
Vice Mayor Jan Wilson  
Mayor Tyler Payne  
Vice Mayor David Albritton

**BIG C Representatives Absent:**

Vice President, Mayor Dave Gattis  
Vice Mayor Dan Storie  
Mayor Diantha Schear

**Also Present:**

Amber LaRowe  
Ariana Wilson-Romo  
Marc Portugal  
Nicole Kurant  
Mike Clarke  
Bob Schmidt  
Mike McGlothlin  
CJ Hoyt  
Rich Carillo  
Tim Johnson  
Gina Johnson

Lou Stoneburg  
C.R. Hollands  
Meghan Blancher  
S. Amesbury  
V. Nowicki  
James Corti  
Bob Kyle  
Jeff Fuller  
Hendrik Bisanz  
Ashley Giovannetti

- 3. Changes to the Agenda and Approval**

**Motion: Mayor Queen moved, and Mayor Rostek seconded to approve the May 29, 2024 BIG C agenda as presented; the motion carried unanimously.**

- 4. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion: Mayor Queen moved, and Vice Mayor Albritton seconded to approve the April 24, 2024 BIG C Minutes as presented; the motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Approval of the April 2024 Treasurer’s Report**

Mayor Rostek reviewed April's finances. He stated at last month's BIG C meeting, the Council decided each municipality would make a \$100 donation to the BIG C. He is still awaiting donations from five cities.

**6. Correspondence**

Mayor Will reviewed a letter he sent to Senator DiCeglie regarding Senate Bill 280, concerning vacation rentals. He stated he invited Senator DiCeglie to a debate that would take place in a public forum on the Pinellas Beaches. He requested this debate occur in the following two weeks. If he receives a response, he will inform the Council.

**7. New Business**

*Presentation by Jeff Fuller and Bob Kyle – Flood Protection Workshop Information*

Mayor Will introduced today's presenters, Jeff Fuller and Bob Kyle, who are both residents of Redington Beach and are helping neighbors prepare for Hurricane season.

Mr. Fuller stated he experienced minor flooding some storms ago and decided to dedicate time to waterproofing strategies for his home. He met Mr. Kyle and they brainstormed different ways to prepare for storm season. He reviewed some products that they’ve found helpful, as well as some products that they wouldn’t recommend with one main goal of sealing your home. Mr. Fuller stated he completely sealed his home and during last year's storms, he experienced zero flooding. Now they are helping senior residents and neighbors who cannot install these flood barriers themselves. He encouraged those present to contact their neighbors and lend a helping hand where needed.

Mr. Kyle spoke about a website they created where you can find step-by-step instructions, items to purchase, where to purchase said items, and some helpful resources. He stated they are frequently asked “When should I floodproof my home?” and the answer is always as soon as possible. He reminded everyone hurricane season starts June 1<sup>st</sup>. You don’t want to wait for a storm to quickly approach. He suggested people walk their properties to see if they need any proofing or preparation as soon as possible. He recommended municipalities look into placing some information on their respective websites with a link to their website as a resourceful tool. [Disclaimer \(weebly.com\)](https://www.weebly.com)

**8. Old Business**

Mayor Queen announced that his Town Clerk is helping him in preparing a letter that will be sent to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the renourishment project phase 2. He stated the Clerk would like all 11 municipalities representatives to review the said letter and make any comments or modifications prior to sending it in. He stated since feedback is being required, they will be circulating the letter for review soon.

**9. Discussion Items**

None

**10. Legislative Update**

None

**11. Public Comments**

None

**12. City Events**

- Clearwater – Vice Mayor Albritton reported Clearwater had a great Memorial Day weekend. They have a scheduled event for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and they expect a big turnout. He thanked the presenters for

the presentation and for dedicating time to speak to the BIG C.

- Redington Beach – Mayor Will announced the Town of Redington Beach will be doing a free movie in the park on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.
- Madeira Beach – Mayor Rostek announced Madeira has their Final Fridays in Johns Pass Village this Friday (5/31) from 6-9 PM. They also have their monthly beach cleanup with the Trash Pirates on Saturday (6/1) at 8 AM.
- Treasure Island – Mayor Payne announced Treasure Island has their Hurricane Expo tonight at City Hall from 6-8 PM. Chief Meteorologist Mike Clay from Spectrum Bay News 9 will be present and will speak on what to expect this hurricane season.
- St. Pete Beach – Vice Mayor Lorenzen announced they will have a Boat Ramp Town Hall tonight at 6 PM. They also have their Hurricane Expo on Saturday (6/1) from 10 AM – 12 PM. He also announced the Renourishment Project that will start with phase 1, on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Indian Rocks Beach – Vice Mayor Wilson announced they will have their rotary flag day and memorial service, on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM.

### 13. Adjournment

President Will adjourned the meeting at 9:40AM.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 9:00 A.M.

Hosted by City of Indian Rocks Beach

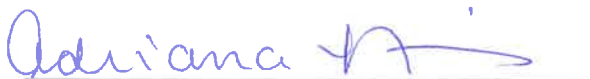
Location: Madeira Beach City Hall | 300 Municipal Drive | Maderia Beach, FL 33708

Minutes Prepared by: Ariana Wilson-Romo

Admin. Assistant-Clerk's Office, City of St. Pete Beach, FL

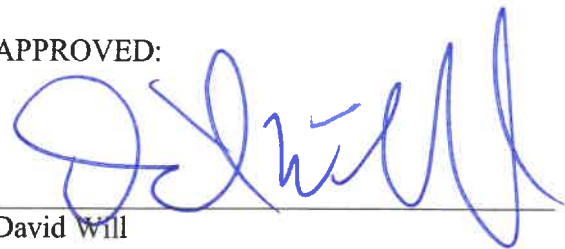
Date Approved: 6/26/24

ATTEST:



Adriana Nieves, CMC, Town Clerk  
Town of Redington Beach

APPROVED:



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