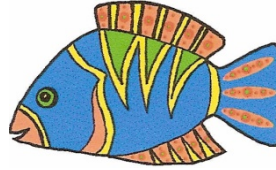


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Barrier Islands Governmental Council

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Clearwater
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Madeira Beach



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City of Belleair Beach **Wednesday, July 28, 2021**

President Alan Johnson called the BIG C meeting to order at 9:00am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Council:

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Councilmember Leslie Notaro
Vice Mayor Deborah Roseman
Vice Mayor Hoyt Hamilton
Mayor Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy, Treasurer
Mayor Patrick Soranno
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor David Will
Mayor MaryBeth Henderson, Vice President
Mayor John B. Hendricks
Mayor Alan Johnson, President
Mayor Tyler Payne

Attendees from the Sign-In Sheet:

Town of Belleair Shore
Town of Indian Shores
Town of Indian Shores
City of Madeira Beach
Town of Redington Beach
Town of Redington Shores
City of St. Pete Beach

Barbara Colucci, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Mike Hackerson, Vice Mayor
Diantha Schear, Councilor
Bob Daniels, City Manager
Richard Cariello, Commissioner
"Cinda" Krouk, Commissioner
Jennifer McMahon, Park & Recreation Director

FDOT
Forward Pinellas
Pinellas County
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Pinellas County Economic Development
Pinellas Suncoast Fire Rescue District
SPC

Bob Esposito, Government Affairs
Sandra Knoebel, Planner
Carolyn Murray, Business Specialist
Zach Westfall
John R.
Debra Schweikowsky, BDM
Larry Schear, Commissioner
Sam Jenkins, Project Coordinator

Belleair Living Magazine
Tampa Bay Beaches CC
Tampa Bay Newsletters
Treasure Bay Resort & Marina
Waterfront Realty

“Jewels” Chandler, Contributing Writer
Robin Miller, CEO
Bob Griffin, Publisher
Nigel Duffett, VP/GM
Chris Kelly, Associate

Vince Barnes, Citizen
Debbie Buschman, Citizen
Rick Colucci, Citizen
Chelly Conley, Citizen
Lindsay Cross, Conservation Advocate
Allison Miller, Attorney
Dan Parri, Attorney

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Changes to the Agenda and Approval

MOTION was made by Mayor Queen and duly seconded to approve the Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION was made and duly seconded for approval of the June 30, 2021, BIG C Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of the June 2021 Treasurer’s Reports

MOTION was made by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Soranno for approval of the June 2021 Treasurer’s Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Correspondence

None

7. New Business

- **Eric Sutton, FWC Executive Director re: Red Tide**
 - He is working closely with DEP Secretary Shawn Hamilton, Pinellas County, PCSO, and the USCG
 - Additional staff has been redirected for expanded water sampling
 - Aviation has been deployed for monitoring

- The offshore bloom is being monitored
- The top world scientists are in the area working on this
- **Shawn Hamilton, DEP Secretary**
 - Over two million dollars in funding has been committed to Pinellas County for fish cleanup activity with additional funds available
 - The impact to businesses and tourism, and long-term impact
- **Dr. Cynthia Johnson, EDFP, Center Director, Pinellas County Office of Small Business and Supplier Diversity "Inclusive Economic Development: How can the County support your city's economic development initiatives?"**

Dr. Johnson stated one the purposes of this visit is to identify and discuss how the County can help grow and support the economic development initiatives of the businesses of the BIG C communities.

 - The County will have a follow up meeting in September with people the beach communities have identified as their contacts, followed by smaller group meetings
 - The County is looking for commercial and office space land for business sustainability
 - The County is currently taking an inventory of properties they own and how efficiently they are being used - they would like an inventory of any possible surplus BIG C community properties – what they are, addresses, etc, for the September small group meetings
- **John Bishop, Pinellas County Coastal Management re: Beach Easements Update:**
 - There is no new information from the Army Corp of Engineers on the easements at this time but hopefully by the end of year
 - They will know by February if there will be Long Key and Treasure Island nourishment funding
 - He advised that the County is considering implementing a County sea turtle lighting ordinance

The Council stated that several of them had spoken with Kelly Hammer Levy of Pinellas County Environmental Management about solutions for sand erosion, different types of barriers to slow the erosion, the shoaling at John's Pass Village causing loss of businesses there, and the overall effect on the local economy.

8. Old Business

None

9. Discussion Items

- **Red Tide**
 - Council suggested that a type of boom with nets be tried at the outfalls and passes to keep some of the dead fish from entering the waterways and minimize the cleanup in the canals and docks and around boats
 - Discussion of what role the Piney Point leak/spill may have played in the current Red Tide, that the focus is on response, while also working on the legal front and other fronts to make sure it is permanently abated. Council congratulated and thanked the County for their outstanding response to the Red Tide.
- **Surfside Condo Collapse**
 - Monitoring the State for what their plan will be
 - Consideration of periodic inspections

- System for accountability and action
- Recommendation to have a BIG C/County workshop to develop a consistent ordinance for the beaches

10. Legislative Update

None

11. Public Comments

None

12. City Events Announced:

Mayor Hendricks, Madeira Beach:

- There will be a remembrance service at the Causeway Park 9/11 Memorial on September 11th

Vice Mayor Hamilton, Clearwater:

- Schools will be back in session soon – be alert on the roadways

Mayor Payne, Treasure Island:

- The City will be hosting a Flood Insurance Seminar on August 18th at 6:00pm at City Hall with Mike Twitty, PCPAO; and an update on the new flood rate maps

Mayor Kennedy, Indian Rocks Beach:

- The City and the County are assembling an outline of the steps that have been taken and what has been done regarding beach nourishment

Mayor Johnson, St. Pete Beach:

- The Sunday Morning Market on Corey Avenue from 9:00am until 1:00pm has been extended through the summer, along with the Saturday Craft Fair at Pass-A-Grille Beach

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:18am. The next meeting will be at 9:00am on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, hosted by the City of Clearwater.

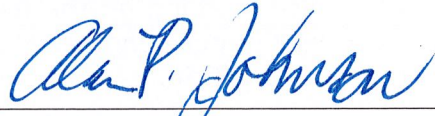
Minutes Prepared by:

Patricia A. Gentry
City Clerk Belleair Beach, FL

Date Approved: 8/25/2021

ATTEST: 

City Clerk

APPROVED: 

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