

# *BIG-C*

## *Barrier Islands Governmental Council*

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



*North Redington Beach*  
*Redington Beach*  
*Redington Shores*  
*St. Pete Beach*  
*Treasure Island*

### **City of Treasure Island BIG C Meeting**

**June 30, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m.**

Mayor Alan Johnson called the BIG-C Meeting to order at 9:01 AM at the City of Treasure Island Auditorium 120 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue Treasure Island, FL 33706

Mayor Johnson led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **1. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** St. Pete Beach Mayor Al Johnson, Madeira Beach Mayor John Hendricks, Treasure Island Vice-Mayor Saleene Partridge, Belleair Beach Vice-Mayor Dave Gattis, Belleair Shore Mayor Robert Schmidt, Clearwater Vice-Mayor Hoyt Hamilton, Indian Rocks Beach Mayor Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy (arrived at 9:13am), Indian Shores Mayor Pat Sorrano, North Redington Beach Mayor Bill Queen, Redington Beach Mayor Dave Will

21 other individuals were in attendance.

#### **2. Changes to the Agenda and Approval**

Mayor Johnson announced that the Presentation on "Community Beach Cleanup Awareness Program" has been tabled to a meeting at a later date. Mayor Hendricks requested a discussion regarding the building collapse in Surfside be added to the agenda.

**Mayor Sorrano moved to approve the changes to the Agenda. Mayor Queen seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

*The motion carries.*

#### **3. Approval of Minutes**

**Mayor Queen moved to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2021 St. Pete Beach BIG-C Meeting. Mayor Sorrano seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

*The motion carries.*

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#### 4. Correspondence

- **Digital Eel Invoice Pg. 7**

Mayor Johnson explained the attached invoice is for continued updates to the website.

#### 5. New Business

- **Presentation on “2021 Property Values, Legislative Update, and New PAO Website” by Pinellas County Property Appraiser, Mike Twitty**

Mayor Johnson introduced Pinellas County Property Appraiser Mike Twitty.

Mr. Twitty provided an update on 2021 property values and a Legislative Update. His update included a review of: the impact of COVID-19 on commercial property, value trends from 2005-2021 and the current effect on Real Estate Transactions, taxable value of new construction – 23.3% Commercial – 26.4% Multifamily & Rentals – 50.3% Residential, taxable value by municipality, active real estate listings – 50% lower than normal, Amendment #5 – limitation on homestead exemption, Amendment #6 – homestead exemption for surviving spouses – combat veterans – 100% disability, 2021 limitations on the assessment of real property, land use restrictions for affordable housing owners, tax roll records for protected persons, new website and new office locations, hybrid meeting Lunch & Learn Course and the free fraud alert service.

Mr. Twitty’s slide presentation is attached and is a part of this permanent record.

- **Presentation on “Community Beach Cleanup Awareness Program” by Cindy Cockburn and Robin Miller (pgs.8-18) TABLED**

#### 6. Approval of the May 2021 Treasurer’s Reports

Secretary/Treasurer Cookie Kennedy provided the May 2021 Treasure’s Report. No receipts with one disbursement of \$112.32.

**Mayor Queen moved to approve the May 2021 Treasurer’s Report as presented. Mayor Hendricks seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

*The motion carries.*

#### 7. Old Business

Mayor Johnson informed the board that an ordinance is being drafted regarding the use and care of electric scooters. Currently St. Pete Beach, Treasure Island and Madeira Beach intend to adopt the ordinance. Mayor Johnson invited the other jurisdictions to be included, recommending this be a joint project.

St. Pete Beach Transportation Director Michelle Gonzalez provided an overview of the draft ordinance. She affirmed that this is not about being against the use of electric scooters, but rather controlling the use. Ms. Gonzalez will provide a copy of the draft ordinance via email to all members of the board.

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### **8. Miscellaneous**

Mayor Hendricks pointed out that we should all be working together to be proactive in making sure old buildings are inspected and safe. We need to be serious about it and not put it off.

Conversation took place regarding the recent building collapse in Surfside, FL. The board agreed that this has been a horrific event and as soon as direction is given from Tallahassee, a prompt response will be put in place. Members of the Board provided suggestions and opinions on what can be done to prevent such a tragedy in the future.

### **9. Legislative Update**

Forward Pinellas Representative Sandra Knoebel announced that expenditures for Penny III have been extended until September 30, 2021. There are monies still there and this will not be extended again. Ms. Knoebel reminded members that their letters must contain a timeline and scope when submitted for Penny IV.

Legislative Aide Lauren Wilson announced that Senator Brandes will hold office hours at the Beach Chamber in early August.

### **10. Public Comments**

None

### **11. City Events**

**Indian Rocks Beach** has no scheduled events.

**Treasure Island** will be providing a firework display at 9PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Madeira Beach** will be providing a firework display on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Belleair Beach** has no scheduled events.

**Redington Shores** will be providing a firework display on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Indian Shores** has no scheduled events.

**Redington Beach** is hosting a beach picnic on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Clearwater** will be providing a firework display at 9:15PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:06AM

Minutes Prepared by:  
Ruth Nickerson  
City Clerk Treasure Island, FL

Date Approved July 28, 2021

ATTEST



Amber LaRowe, CMC, City Clerk  
City of St. Pete Beach

APPROVED:



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