

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

The BIG C meeting was called to order by President, Mayor Dave Will at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29th, 2026 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 Will.

2. Roll Call

Big C Representatives

Mayor Lan Vaughan
Mayor Tom Kapper
Mayor Dave Gattis
Mayor Steve Bloom
Mayor Diantha Schear
Mayor Anne-Marie Brooks
Mayor Jay Super
Mayor Bruce Rector
Mayor Scott Tate
Mayor David Will
Mayor John Doctor

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

Guests

Michael Pardish
David Southeria
Kathy Thornsberry
Adriana Nieves
Doug Linder
Barry Rubin
David Glenn
Hilary King
Jan Wilson
Kellee Watt
Nick Furentino
Danielle Tucker
Ken Grimes

Spectrum
Spectrum
City Clerk, Belleair Beach
Town Clerk, Redington Beach
DR Mold Solutions
Pinellas Beaches Chamber
Candidate Pinellas County Commission District 6
Commissioner, Indian Rocks Beach
Vice Mayor, Indian Rocks Beach
Commissioner, Indian Rocks Beach
Candidate Pinellas County Judge
Valley Bank
Fire Chief Suncoast Fire Rescue

Carla Bolling
Sam Jenkins
Megan Powers
Theresa Crane
Amy Davis
Mike Helfrich
Michelle Lowe
Margaret Carey
CJ Hoyt
Lee Jacobs
Karen Miller
Lisa Repetto
Erin Schoos
Larry Maynard
Eddie McGeehen
Christopher Hollins
Charlie Justice
Bobby Shay lee
Ashley Overon
Stanly Silverstien
Ryan Linder
Ellen Bauer
Tina Porter
Gina Johnson
Tim Johnson
David Garcia

Resident, Indian Shores
ISPS, SPC
Assistant to the City Manager, Madeira Beach
Duke Energy
Pinellas County
City Manager, Madeira Beach
Town Clerk, Redington Shores
Town Manager, Redington Shores
Commissioner, Redington Shores
Resident, Redington Beach
Coast Guard Auxiliary
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Vice Mayor, Redington Shores
Commissioner, Redington Shores
Vice Mayor, Madeira Beach
Resident, Pass-a-grille
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Resident, Treasure Island
Representing Office of Kathleen Peters
Gulf Beaches Librarian
DR Mold Solutions
Councilor, Indian Shores
Town Administrator, Indian Shores
Waterfront Realty
Waterfront Realty
Spectrum

3. Changes to Agenda

Mayor Gattis made a motion to amend the agenda. Mayor Brooks seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Schear made a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Gattis seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Approval of March 2026 Treasurer's Report

Mayor Brooks stated the opening balance was \$540.54. There were \$75.28 in expenses to Digital Eel for Website work. Closing balance was \$465.26.

Mayor Schear made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mayor Gattis seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. New Business

- **Consideration of Nominating Committee's Recommendations for BIG-C officers.**

Mayor Will introduced topic. Mentioned topic was discussed at a previous meeting. It is the end of Mayor Wills last term so the Vice President moves to President, the Treasurer moves to Vice President, and John Doctor was nominated for Treasurer.

- **Administer Oath of Office to incoming BIG-C officers**

Oath of office administered by Clerk Kathy Thornberry:

- Mayor Gattis: President
- Mayor Brooks: Vice President
- Mayor Doctor: Treasurer

Mayor Gattis presented an appreciation gift to Mayor Will on behalf of the Big C.
Mayor Gattis took over the President spot on the dais

- **Presentation by Captain Karen Miller – USCG Auxiliary**

Karen Miller spoke to the Big C on USCG Auxiliary and how they can partner together. Purpose of program is to promote efficiency in the operation of motorboats, sailboats, and yachts. To foster a wider knowledge of and better compliance with laws, rules, and regulations governing the operation of recreational boats to Facilitate other operations of the US coast Guard. Motto is Semper Paratus- Always Ready. Founded 6/23/1939.

In 1996 Auxiliarists were permitted to assist the Coast Guard in any duty function, role, or operation authorized by the Commandant. Under the Department of Homeland Security the Coast Guard Auxiliary is the smallest of the of the five US armed services and increases the Coast Guard Forces personnel by an additional 55% and the largest volunteer organization in marine safety.

With 56 members the local divisions are Division 11 running from Madeira Beach on the south to Hudson in the north and Division 7 which covers both sides of Tampa Bay. Celebrating 75 years in 2025 the Coast Guard Auxiliary continues to be active in surface operations, public education, vessel examination, and other services to the Coast Guard.

Auxiliary typically preforms 1.2 million vessel safety checks annually heling reduce fatalities from 10.2 to 5.9 per 100,000 costing taxpayers less than 1 penny per year. Funded by member dues and education classes.

National Safe Boating week is May 16-22, 2026. Objectives of week are to wear a life jacket, properly equip boat, check weather, use engine cut off switch, boat sober, and file a float plan.

- **David Garcia – Spectrum Government Affairs**

David introduced Spectrum and played a commercial that was aired during the Superbowl. From infrastructure to local news and disaster recovery, Spectrum plays a big role in how folks live and are informed. Spectrum has invested more than \$51 Billion in infrastructure and technology, more than 1 millions miles of network, 31 million customers, and 12 million mobile lines. In Florida alone Spectrum has serviced 2.9 million customers, and 1.1 million mobile lines while supporting \$903 million in capital investment in 2025.

Key Piece of community impact is local journalism with Spectrum Bay news 9. From 24 hour reporting, news and weather updates spectrum keeps residents informed and safe.

Disaster Preparedness and response, in 2024 Spectrum deployed pre staging crews, rapid deployment teams, around the clock repair teams. Spectrum knows this isn't just convenience it is important for emergency communications. There are plans to keep maintaining and improve infrastructure via network evolution. This will help ensure the needs are met in the future not just now. Spectrum is prepared for long term digital growth nation wide.

Spectrum is on the verge of acquiring Cox Communications. This acquisition does not have a timeline but it should happen this year. Spectrum brand will still remain. When completed it will expand service capabilities due to accelerated upgraded infrastructure technology for expanded broadband reach. The goal is to build a bigger stronger continuity platform for all.

9. Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

10. Legislative Update

There was not a legislative update.

11. City Events

- Redington Beach
 - Sat, May 23rd 4pm- Property owners Assn Party
- North Redington
 - Coconut Charlie's opening
 - Crusty pelican opening
 - Music city beach bar and grill opening
 - The Wave gas station reopened
- Redington Shores
 - April 30th, 5pm- Wahoos ribbon cutting
 - Workshop at Indian Shores Town Hall
- Indian Shores
 - May 11th, 7pm- Storm Ready Event
 - May 25th -Residents Memorial Day Picnic
- Indian Rocks Beach
 - Saturday and Sunday City Wide Garage Sale
 - Last Friday of Month- Coffee with the City
 - May 13th- Florida Hurricane Task Force
- Madeira Beach
 - Madeira Way Wednesday Market
 - Thursday King of the Beach Captains Party
 - Friday King of the Beach and Founder's Day

- Saturday- King of the Beach weigh in
 - Saturday- Trash Pirates Clean Up 8am -10am.
 - Today at City Hall 1st Budget Meeting
- Belleair Beach
 - May 6th, 6pm-8pm- Hurricane Expo- Belleair Beach Community Center
 - Treasure Island
 - 5,000 people on the beach for corporate sports fest last week
 - Visit for Byron Donalds- candidate for governor
 - May 23rd- Memorial Day Boat Parade
 - Belleair Shores
 - Lots of construction and remodeling
 - Clearwater
 - Next weekend- Country Thunder at Coachman Park
 - Memorial Day ceremony at Crest Lake Park
 - May 24th- Decades by the Doc
 - St. Pete Beach
 - Just finished Spring Concert Series
 - May 22nd- Blood Drive
 - May 14th- AARP smart Driver's Course

12. Adjournment


The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 27th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Hosted by City of St. Pete Beach, 77 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach 33706.

Minutes Prepared by: Megan Powers
Assistant to the City Manager, Madeira Beach

Date Approved: 5/27/2026

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Kathy Thomsberry, Clerk
City of Belleair Beach



David Gattis
Barrier Islands Governmental Council President
Mayor of the City of Belleair Beach