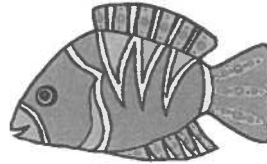


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Redington Shores
St. Pete Beach
Treasure Island

The BIG C meeting was called to order by President, Mayor Pat Soranno at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24th, 2021 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 Soranno.

2. Roll Call – Roll call was omitted to allow more time for the presentations.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Soranno asked for a motion to amend the agenda order to allow more time for the presentation from Edgewater Resources. Mayor Johnson made the motion and it was seconded by Mayor Queen. Approved by affirmation.

7. New Business

- Presentation on “Living Shoreline Solutions” by Jack Cox and Greg Weykamp of Edgewater Resources.

Mr. Cox began the presentation by explaining their company is active in determining new techniques on keeping the sand on the beach. He presented pictures of a marina in Ft. Pierce which they developed an array of islands to prevent damage to the marina. He explained that instead of one large structure, they followed a plan of creating an array of small islands that was more aesthetically pleasing while being configured to produce the desired result whether it was to keep the sand in place or redirecting the water and sand through the area.

Mr. Cox showed examples of different types of small, appropriately shaped breakwaters that can be visible and produce mangroves or that can be submerged and unseen. He explained that submerged breakwaters lose some effectiveness and need be made longer to compensate. He went through the physics of how breakwaters protect beaches with shadow zones as well as how to add details such as fish tails to accomplish the desired results.

He went on to explain how the offshore breakwaters are amenable to permitting organizations as they do not need easements and they also have a positive effect on the environment by creating habitats for fish and other marine life.

Answering questions about cost, Mr. Cox stated their current project, which is in Lake Michigan, is projected to cost \$44 million dollars to protect 6 miles of shoreline. He estimated the feasibility study for a six mile shoreline to cost \$300k with engineering costs estimates at \$1.8 million.

Discussion turned to available funds to help offset costs. Lisa Foster, Pinellas County Flood Plain Administrator, discussed different grants that were available from agencies. Mayor Soranno and Ms. Foster agreed to meet to discuss details on the grants.

- John E. Bishop, Ph.D., Coastal Management Coordinator of Pinellas County with an update on easements and beach renourishment.

Mr. Bishop stated he had met with the Army Corp of Engineers, in December, regarding easements and they will be giving the County a briefing in May or the need of easements. The County is working on an updates Q&A session with residents.

Resume Agenda Order

4. Approval of Minutes of Redington Shores January 27, 2021 Hybrid Meeting

It was moved by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Johnson to approve the January 2021 Minutes. The voice vote was unanimous.

5. Approval of January 2021 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not in attendance; therefore, the approval was tabled until the March meeting.

6. Correspondence

The only correspondence was concerning a Sunbiz charge, therefore due to the absence of the Treasurer, correspondence was tabled until the March meeting.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. Miscellaneous

There was no Miscellaneous.

10. Legislative Update

Mayor Queen spoke about the Senate and House bills that are currently proposed that would allow short term rentals and businesses in residential neighborhoods. He encouraged everyone to contact the legislators to voice their opposition to these bills.

11. Public Comments

12. City Events

Treasure Island - Garage Sale on Isle of Palms on March 6th.

Madeira Beach - Upcoming carnival being hosted by the City and the Rotary Club (no exact date)

St. Pete Beach – Spring Concert Series being held monthly on Friday night and Sunday afternoon easy listening gatherings.

Mayor Johnson also stated they had just been named the Best Beach in the US. He expressed that it was an award to be shared with all the local beaches and pointed out that Pinellas County had 4 of the top 20 beaches.

Indian Shores –Sunday morning market at Town Hall.


13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 31, 2021 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 of North Redington Beach, FL

March 31, 2021
Date Approved

APPROVED


Patrick C. Soranno, President,
Barrier Islands Governmental Council
Mayor, Town of Indian Shores

ATTEST


Freddie Lozano, CMC, Town Clerk
Town of Indian Shores