

BIG C

Barrier Islands Governmental Council

Belleair Beach
Belleair Shores
Clearwater
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Madeira Beach



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

The Big C was called to order at 9:02 AM by Mayor Leslie Notaro, President, on Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at the City of Treasure Island, 120 108th Avenue, Treasure Island, FL 33706.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Notaro.

Mayor Lunn of Treasure Island welcomed everyone to City of Treasure Island.

2. Roll Call. (*according to the Sign-In Sheet*)

Big C Representatives:

Belleair Beach
Clearwater
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Madeira Beach
N. Redington Beach
Redington Beach
Redington Shores
St. Pete Beach
Treasure Island

Mayor Leslie Notaro
Mayor George Cretekos
Mayor Cookie Kennedy
Mayor Pat Soranno
Mayor Maggi Black
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor Nick Simons
Mayor Mary Beth Henderson
Mayor Alan Johnson
Mayor Larry Lunn

Guest Speaker:

UF / IFAS, Extension Pinellas County Lara Milligan, Natural Resource Agent

Guests:

Pinellas County
Belleair Beach
Indian Shores
Redington Beach
Madeira Beach
House District 69, Candidate

John Bishop, Coastal Manager
Commissioner Wanda Schwerer
Vice Mayor Diantha Schear
Commissioner Fred Steiermann
Commissioner Deb Weinstein
Ray Blacklidge

Indian Shores
Indian Shores
Pinellas Suncoast Fire
Redington Beach
Governmental Affairs, CRCC
Treasure Island
PSTA External Affairs
Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce
FDOT Governmental Affairs
Circuit Judge, Candidate
Forward Pinellas
Beach Newsletters
TBBOC
Pinellas County Emergency MGT

Councilor Bill Smith
Councilor Mike Hackerson
Chief Mike Burton
Commissioner Tim Kornijtschnk
Darryl Henderson, Vice President
Bob Minning, Past Mayor
Bob Lasher
Doug Izzo, Governmental Affairs
Bob Espostio
Dustin Anderson
Brett Burks, Planner
Bob Griffin
Robin Miller
Rick Walker, Coordinator
Mike Reyes
Carrie Pilon
Brian Doheny
Brian Goff
Melissa Meshil
Sydney Safko

3. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION: Upon a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously carried, the Council approved the agenda as presented.

4. Approval of April 25, 2018, Minutes.

MOTION: Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Council approved the minutes from the April 25, 2018 Big C meeting as written.

5. Approval of April 2018, Treasurer's Report.

Mayor Notaro, President, read the April 2018 Treasurer's report to the Council.

MOTION: It was moved to accept the April 2018 Treasurer's Report by Mayor Bill Queen and seconded by Mayor Alan Johnson. The voice vote was unanimous.

6. Correspondence.

Request Approval of \$71.26 Digital Eel Invoice for Website Information Update

Mayor Notaro, President, presented details from the Digital Eel invoice #23700.

MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Johnson and seconded by Mayor Mary Beth Henderson to approve the \$71.26 Digital Eel Invoice for website information update. The voice vote was unanimous.

Letter from Fifty Gulfside Condominiums, Inc., Regarding Easement Permits Required

Mayor Natoro advised there was a letter from Fifty Gulfside Condominiums, Inc., 50 Gulf Boulevard Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785 regarding the Sand Key Beach Nourishment Project and concerns about easement permits for privately owned beach front property.

Request Endorsement Letter from Big C to the Federal Transit Administration for a federal grant to help PSTA buy electric buses.

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), External Affairs Officer, Bob Lasher asked if Big-C would agree to write a letter in support of the Low or No Emission (Low-No) Program grant to expand PSTA fleet of electric buses. Mr. Lasher reported that the buses would replace older diesel models and will help cut use of fossil fuels. The application is due June 18, 2018.

MOTION: Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Council approved to sign an endorsement letter of support to the Federal Transit Administration for a federal grant to help Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) buy electric buses.

7. New Business.

Lara Milligan, Natural Resources Agent for UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County – Microplastics 101

Ms. Milligan's work focuses on enhancing and conserving Florida's natural resources and protecting water quality and supply through environmental education programs to teach members of the community about the environment, from water resources to local wildlife.

Ms. Milligan presented Microplastics 101. "Microplastics" are plastic particles less than 5mm in size. "Nurdles" are small pellets of plastic that are used in manufacturing of plastic products. Another group of primary plastics is commonly called "Microbeads". These are often used in personal care products such as facial scrubs, deodorants and make-up products to serve as a filler or exfoliation agent. Secondary plastics are the result of larger plastic products, such as water bottles and plastic ware, breaking down into smaller pieces. The issue with these plastics are ending up in our oceans. The most common type of plastic that researchers are finding are "fibers" from the synthetic clothing we all love in Florida- the quick-dry, moisture wicking, ultra-lightweight material. These fibers are shed in the washing process and the resulting thread-like plastics are sent to the wastewater treatment plant. Because they are too small to be filtered and removed from the system, many of them end up in our local water bodies. Once there, they are impossible to take out without removing all the organisms like phytoplankton and zooplankton. Research about the impacts of plastics on aquatic organisms is very new; few studies have been published to date. So far negative impacts have been documented with oysters and larval fish. No studies have been published on the impacts of plastics to human health yet. There is concern over how these toxins may impact the marine life living among and ingesting these plastics.

Ms. Milligan shared information that the Council could educate oneself and their communities to help stop plastic pollution.

- Environmental Preservation Initiative for our Communities (EPIC) – Treasure Island and Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce developed a voluntary program to engage businesses and citizens in maintaining our clean air, clean water, and clean beaches.
- The Florida plastic Awareness Project (FMAP); you can find out more at plasticaware.org.

- Participate in Citywide beach clean-ups to help reduce secondary plastics.
- Refuse to use one-use plastics like plastic bags, plastic straws (No More Plastic Straws), water bottles, cups, utensils, etc.
- Take the FMAP pledge online to help encourage these small actions.
- UF / IFAS, Extension Pinellas County also runs two state-wide programs focused on water, so you can encourage your elected officials to attend Water Schools if your local county extension office offers them and/or you can request for your county to offer the new Florida Waters Stewardship Program.

Mayor Notaro, President, thanked Ms. Milligan for her presentation.

Discussion of Short-Term Rentals

Multiple Council members voiced their communities' concerns about the proposed SB 1400, Florida Vacation Rental Act. SB 1400 Bill did not pass on March 2018.

A few concerns mentioned:

- Home Rule
- Vacation Rental regulations (duration, occupancy, zoning, etc.)
- Commercial activity / "Mini Hotels" in neighborhoods
- Safety
- Noise
- Parking
- Homes intended for residential now used as a commercial

Following discussion, the Council agreed that it would be best to set up a round table meeting with Florida Senator Jeff Brandes who co-introduced this bill to discuss the beach communities short term rentals concerns:

MOTION: It was moved by Mayor Kennedy and seconded by Mayor Queen to set up roundtable meeting with Florida Legislators to discuss beach communities short term concerns. The voice vote was unanimous.

8. Old Business.

Gulf Boulevard Beautification subcommittee reported that the costs of undergrounding of Gulf Blvd is an additional estimated \$75 million. It was to be requested that the Penny for Pinellas funds continue the underground work.

9. Miscellaneous.

Mayor Cookie Kennedy advised that in lieu of flowers, Pinellas County Commissioner John Morroni's family suggested donations in his memory to the Moffitt Cancer Foundation.

MOTION: Upon a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously carried, the Council approved donating \$100.00 to the Moffitt Cancer Foundation in memory of Commissioner John Morroni.

10. Legislative Update.

None.

11. City Events.

Mayor George Cretekos of Clearwater reported that the City of Clearwater Council approved an Executive Strong Mayor Task Force, which will meet for the purpose of creating proposed charter language for the executive strong mayor system in Clearwater.

Mayor Lunn of Treasure Island reported that the American Legion Post 158 & City of Treasure Island Memorial Parade was canceled due to Tropical Storm Alberto. The American Legion has scheduled a Veterans Day Parade for Sunday, November 11, 2018. The parade will follow the same route as the Memorial Day parade leaving Treasure Bay at 9:00 AM and ending in Treasure Island Community Park.

Mayor Johnson of St Pete Beach reported that the City of St Pete Beach in preparation of Hurricane season held a Fire Rescue and Hurricane Preparedness Expo.

Mayor Queen of North Redington Beach reported that the Town of North Redington Beach approved to adopt the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement which authorizes the State of Florida to provide emergency aid and assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency.

12. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at 9:00 AM, at the City of St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach, FL.

June 27, 2018

Date Approved

APPROVED:

Leslie Ford Notaro

Leslie Ford Notaro, President

ATTEST:

Patricia A. Gentry

Patricia A. Gentry, City Clerk