

*BIG C*

*Barrier Islands Governmental Council*

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



*St. Pete Beach*  
*Treasure Island*

**MEETING**

Wednesday, July 25, 2018  
Town of Belleair Shore

at the  
City of Belleair Beach Community Center  
444 Causeway Boulevard  
Belleair Beach, FL  
9:00am

The BIG C meeting was called to order by President Mayor Leslie Ford Notaro at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, hosted by the Town of Belleair Shore, at the City of Belleair Beach Community Center, 444 Causeway Boulevard, Belleair Beach, FL.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Notaro.

2. Roll Call. (from sign-in sheet)

**Big C Representatives:**

Belleair Beach	Mayor Leslie Notaro
Indian Shores	Mayor Pat Soranno
Treasure Island	Mayor Larry Lunn
Clearwater Beach	Hoyt Hamilton Council
Indian Rocks Beach	Mayor Cookie Kennedy
Belleair Shore	Mayor Bob Schmidt
Redington Beach	Vice-Mayor David Will
Madeira Beach	Mayor Maggi Black
Redington Shore	Mayor Mary Beth Henderson
North Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen

**Guests:**

TB Beaches Chamber	Doug Izzo
Clearwater Reg Chmbr	VP Darryl Henderson
Indian Rocks Beach	Bob Griffin
Belleair Beach	Council Wanda Schwerer
Forward Pinellas	Brett Burks
House Dist #69 Candidate	Jennifer Webb

Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Nick Palomba
Gulfport	Michael Fridovich
Redington Shores	Commissioner Michael Robinson
Redington Shores	Commissioner Patrick Drumm
Pinellas County	Andy Squires
Indian Shores	Council Mike Hackerson
Indian Shores	Council Bill Smith
Belleair Beach	Pamela Gunn
Pinellas County	Emergency Manager David Halstead
Belleair Beach	Vice Mayor Nicolas Pavouris
Pinellas Suncoast Fire	Doreen Moore
Pinellas Suncoast Fire	Chief Mike Burton
Pinellas County	Emergency Manager Richard Walker
Belleair Beach	Commissioner Glenn Gunn
Indian Shores	Vice Mayor Diantha Schear
Pinellas Suncoast Fire	Commissioner Larry Schear
Beach Bee	Brian Goff
Redington Beach	Commissioner Fred Steiermann
Forward Pinellas	Sandra Knoebel
Judicial Candidate	Dave Ellis
Waterfront Realty	Tim Johnson
Waterfront Realty	Gina Johnson
Redington Beach	Commissioner Tim Kornistschuk
TI & MB Chamber	President Missy Hahn
House Dist #69 Candidate	Ray Blacklidge
Legislative Aide	Vanessa Thompson
Sand Key Civic Assoc	Rebecca Carter
Pinellas County	Brian Lowack, Govt Affairs
Madeira Beach	Curt Preisser
Corey Hubbard	
Kathleen Peters	
Bill Dudley	

### 3. Approval of Agenda.

It was moved by Mayor Pat Soranno and seconded by Mayor Bill Queen to approve the agenda. The voice vote was unanimous.

### 4. Approval of June 2018, BIG C Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by Mayor Bill Queen and seconded by Mayor Pat Soranno to approve the June 2018, Minutes. The voice vote was unanimous.

### 5. Approval of the June 2018, Treasurer's Report.

The June Treasurer's Report was read by Mayor Alan Johnson. It was moved to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mayor Bill Queen and seconded by Mayor Leslie Notaro. The voice vote was unanimous.

## 6. Correspondence

- None

## 7. New Business

- Ms. Jackie Larson, Executive Director of the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association (FSBPA), presented an overview of the Association and information on the September 2018 Annual Conference being held at Clearwater Hyatt Beach Resort. Presented this as an opportunity, with the Conference Agenda, for all present to hear the latest news and details regarding Florida's beaches. Dates September 19 – 21, 2018. Conference was last in our local area in 2010 per Bill Smith/Council Indian Shores.
- Andy Squires, Pinellas County gave an update on rock structures St. Pete Beach and ongoing beach re-nourishment. October is proposed finish date of Sand Key re-nourishment. All big rocks and shells are being sifted out of the sand before re-nourishing the beaches. Also update was given to Mayor Cookie Kennedy, Indian Rocks Beach regarding Happy Fiddler complex.

## 8. Old Business

- Mayor Leslie Notaro, noted that County Building Construction board is looking for a board member. Conditional Motion made by Mayor Alan Johnson, seconded by Mayor Leslie Notaro to appoint Steve Andrews as beach representative on this board. The voice vote was unanimous.
- Mayor Leslie Notaro presented a request about the Big C sending a letter to the county for additional money for undergrounding along Gulf Blvd. Mayor Bill Queen feels it is premature at this time to write this letter, based on the ongoing discussions with the county and obtaining additional information from the county.
- Mayor Pat Soranno cited the Battle for The Beaches article from Wall Street Journal July 2018 and noted we need to preserve the sand that we have.

## 9. Miscellaneous

- Mr. Denis Hanks was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Tom Holevas attended to apologize for this inability to attend. Had no presentation.
- Mayor Bill Queen noted that the Big C communities are not against VRBOs in our communities, but the zoning ordinances need to be adhered to. Mayor Cookie Kennedy and Mayor Bill Queen will be meeting with the Florida League of Cities to discuss legislation on this issue. Mayor Larry Lunn noted that possibly limiting 'changes of occupancy' per year should be part of legislation vs 'number of months' occupancy. Mayor Lunn to provide information to Belleair Beach City Clerk/ Patricia Gentry for dissemination.
- Mr. Bob Griffin Indian Rocks Beach noted the need to eliminate plastics in our environment ie...move to eliminate plastic straws.
- Mayor Cookie Kennedy requested any information that attendees might be able to provide regarding new recycling methods due to large increases in recycle costs coming up in the next fiscal year. Also, Forward Pinellas has formed a legislative committee with 5 of Big C members on this committee. Mayor Kennedy would like all on the Big C Board to supply concerns, needs and thoughts to her from each of these towns to be presented to legislation of Florida.

## 10. Legislative Update - None

## 11. City Events

- Mayor Treasure Island, Larry Lunn noted a Monte Carlo Casino Night 'The Club at Treasure Island' August 4, 2018 6:00pm – 10:00pm.
- Mayor Belleair Beach, Leslie Notaro noted that Belleair Beach has a 'new' beach. Re-nourishment is complete.
- Mayor St. Pete Beach, Alan Johnson noted that lawsuit on north sewer project has been dismissed. This will allow St. Pete Beach to continue progress in construction of the Sugar Sands Hotel starting in October 2018. Previous Mayor of St. Pete Beach, Steve McFarland has taken his own life. Memorial will be August 4, 2018 at the Warren Webster building at Pass-a-grille.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at 9:00 AM, at the City of Clearwater Community Sailing Center, 1001 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater, FL.

August 29, 2018  
Date Approved

APPROVED: Leslie Notaro  
Leslie Ford Notaro, President

ATTEST: Patricia A. Gentry  
Patricia A. Gentry, City Clerk