

BIG-C

Barrier Islands Governmental Council

Belleair Beach
Belleair Shore
Clearwater
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Redington Shores



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

MINUTES

BARRIER ISLANDS GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (BIG-C)

The Barrier Islands Governmental Council (BIG-C) Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at JD's Restaurant, 125 Gulf Boulevard, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida.

President Hamilton-Wollin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., followed by welcoming comments and the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hamilton-Wollin thanked the Downing Family for hosting the BIG-C Meeting at JD's Restaurant.

2. Roll Call.

Officers: President Indian Rocks Beach Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Vice President Madeira Beach Mayor Travis Palladeno
Secretary/Treasurer Belleair Beach Mayor Leslie F. Notaro

Present: Belleair Beach Councilmember Jeril S. Cohen (Alternate)
Belleair Shore Mayor Bob Schmidt
Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos
Indian Rocks Beach Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Indian Shores Councilor Bill Smith (Alternate)
Madeira Beach Mayor Travis Palladeno
North Redington Beach Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Beach Mayor Nick Simons
Redington Shores Mayor Bert Adams
St. Pete Beach Mayor Deborah Schechner
Treasure Island Mayor Robert Minning

Guest Speaker: Susan Myers, M.Ed., Chief Executive Officer, Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Board.

Guests Present: (According to the "Sign In Sheet")

Jan Ash, Manager, Ayres Associates
Brett Baker, Planner, Forward Pinellas
Brett Burks, Program Planner, Forward Pinellas
Julie "Jewels" Chandler, Councilmember Belleair Beach
Charles "Charlie" Crist, Former Florida Governor
Sandra Cuddington, Planner, Forward Pinellas
Sal A. D'Angelo, III, Fire Chief, Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District
Mark Deighton, Commissioner, Redington Beach
Eired Jackson Eddy, Legislative Aide, Representative Larry Ahern

Brooke Errett, Campaign of Jennifer Webb, FL House District 69
Donna Errett, resident of Belleair Beach
Robert Esposito, FDOT District & Government Affairs Liaison
Terri Finnerty, Vice Mayor, St.Pete Beach
Sara Goldman, Legislative Aide, Representative Kathleen Peters
Iris Gonzales, Senior Manager Government Affairs, Bright House Networks
Phil Hanna, Commissioner, Indian Rocks Beach
Mary Scott Hardwick, Intergovernmental Liaison, Office of Pinellas County Administrator
Lee Holmes, Vice Mayor, Indian Shores
Ed Hoofnagle, Commissioner, Indian Rocks Beach
R.B. Johnson, Mayor, Indian Rocks Beach
Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy, Commissioner, Indian Rocks Beach
Joanne Lentino, School Board Candidate
Janet Long, Pinellas County Commissioner
Doreen Moore, Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce
Deanne O'Reilly, City Clerk, Indian Rocks Beach
Kristi Cheatham Pettit, Sales Public Manager, Clearwater Gas
Shayra Rosarui, District Secretary, Representative Larry Ahern
Diantha Schear, Councilor, Indian Shores
Larry Schear, Commissioner, Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District
Wanda Schwerer, Vice Mayor, Belleair Beach
Jeffrey Siewer, Engineer, Ash Associates
Andy Squires, Section Manager Coastal Resources, Pinellas County Public Works
Rick Walker, Pinellas County Emergency Management
Jordan Doyle Walsy, Office of County Commissioner Janet Long
Sara Ward, Planner Division Manager, Forward Pinellas
Jennifer Webb, Candidate, Florida House District 69
Al Zimmerman, Sand Key Civic Association

(To provide continuity for research, items are listed in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

President Hamilton-Wollin stated she received an acknowledgment letter from Pinellas County Administrator Mark Woodard and would like to add and discuss this under "Correspondence."

MOTION MADE BY MAYOR QUEEN, SECONDED BY VICE PRESIDENT PALLADENO, TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 AGENDA AS AMENDED. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — JUNE 29, 2016 AND JULY 27, 2016.

MOTION MADE MAYOR SCHMIDT, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SMITH, TO APPROVE THE JUNE 29, 2016 AND JULY 27, 2016 BIG-C MINUTES.

President Hamilton-Wollin requested the following corrections be made to July 27, 2016 minutes:

- Correct the spelling of Penny for Pinellas throughout the minutes.
- Correct titles and spelling of elected officials.
- Vice Mayor Finnerty made the motion to nominate Building Official Bruce Cooper to the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board. . .

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

5. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT — JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST 2016.

Reports were deferred until the October 26, 2016 BIG-C Meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

A. Acknowledgment Letter from Pinellas County Administrator.

President Hamilton-Wollin stated she received a letter of acknowledgment from Mark Woodard, Pinellas County Administrator, thanking her and Vice President Palladeno for meeting with him. She stated the meeting identified areas where the BIG-C could work with the County in furthering items of mutual interest.

President Hamilton-Wollin stated the two items that were discussed were: Establishing a Penny for Pinellas Subcommittee and a Holiday Beach Cleanup Fact-Finding Committee. She stated she would like to establish these committees and have volunteers to fill the committee slots.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Guest Speaker: Susan Myers, M.Ed., Chief Executive Officer, Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Board.

Susan Myers, Chief Executive Officer, Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Board, provided a brief overview and initiatives of the Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Board, and stated their mission statement is "*to be the leadership organization in ending homelessness in Pinellas County.*"

Ms. Myers stated the Homeless Leadership Board is requesting that the BIG-C endorse its adoption of a Housing First Resolution, the implementation of a Coordinated Entry System, and other projects that make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring in Pinellas County.

Mayor Cretokos stated people want to help the street homeless people, but in Clearwater, they have been told it is not the best approach and to stop the street feedings and encourage the homeless to use the shelters and the programs. He inquired if the Homeless Leadership Board has taken a position on that or can give some guidance on this issue.

Ms. Myers stated the Homeless Leadership Board does not encourage street feedings or handouts on the streets. They feel the best way to help end homelessness is to provide funding to the agencies who help the homeless. She stated they need to find alternatives for people to help because they know people want to be compassionate and want to help.

Mayor Mining inquired if Ms. Myers has a sample resolution for the BIG-C to consider with Ms. Myers stating she will forward some to the President.

MOTION MADE BY MAYOR QUEEN, SECONDED BY VICE PRESIDENT PALLADENO, FOR THE PRESIDENT TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE HOMELESS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM.

Mayor Cretokos stated the Homeless Leadership Board needs, for HUD purposes, a resolution from each municipality and not from the BIG-C. In his opinion, if a resolution is drafted, it should be to encourage the individual municipalities to pass a resolution.

Ms. Myers agreed with Mayor Cretokos stating this is an unusual consortium and it is something that she will look into.

Mayor Creketos stated there is a possibility at some point where the municipalities will be asked for money, and he does not know if he wants to put the BIG-C in a position of having to support these programs if the BIG-C supports the Housing First Resolution as a corporate body.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

b. BIG-C Meeting Calendar.

- **November/December: Indian Shores: No action taken.**
- **2017 BIG-C Meeting Calendar**

Mayor Cretekos requested that Clearwater host the August BIG-C Meeting versus the July BIG-Meeting, with Mayor Schmidt stating Belleair Shore has no problem switching months with Clearwater.

MOTION MADE BY MAYOR QUEEN, SECONDED BY MAYOR SCHECHNER, TO APPROVE THE 2017 BIG-C MEETING CALENDAR, AS AMENDED. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

c. Appointment to the Tourist Development Council.

Mayor Queen nominated Vice President Palladeno to the Tourist Development Council.

Seeing no other nominations, President Hamilton-Wollin closed the nominations and entertained for a motion.

MOTION MADE BY MAYOR QUEEN, SECONDED BY MAYOR ADAMS, TO REAPPOINT VICE PRESIDENT PALLADENO TO THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

Mayor Creketos entertained the idea of having term limits in order to give other board members an opportunity to serve on BIG-C appointments to the PSTA, Forward Pinellas, and the TDC. There was no support for this idea.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

d. Appointments to the BIG-C Penny for Pinellas Subcommittee.

President Hamilton-Wollin stated the County Administrator recommended that the BIG-C appoint a committee to start working on the next Penny for Pinellas contract with Pinellas County.

The following Board Members volunteered to serve on this committee:

- Vice President Palladeno (Madeira Beach)
- Mayor Queen (North Redington Beach)
- Mayor Mining (Treasure Island)

Mayor Palladeno stated the mission of this committee would be to look at the new Penny coming up that will bring in approximately \$2.2 billion. The County Administrator stated the last time, the beach municipalities received approximately \$3.4 million for Gulf Boulevard beautification; undergrounding of utilities. He stated for the upcoming Penny money, the County Administrator is talking about using some of the funding for maintenance for the undergrounding of utilities. He stated a lot of the maintenance for the undergrounding is covered by Duke Energy, but some of it will be the responsibility of the municipalities. He stated these are some items that need to be in the next contract with Pinellas County.

Mayor Creketos stated it is his understanding that Penny money cannot be used for operations, so the BIG-C needs to be careful, and he does not know if that applies in this particular case.

County Commissioner Long clarified that the BIG-C is forming a committee to work on Pinellas for Penny. She would like to strongly suggest that the BIG-C may want to delay this type of conversation until the BIG-C has had a chance to work with Pinellas County on the messaging. The County Commission has been talking about Penny for Pinellas, they have been very sensitive to their constituency and how they feel on any taxes. The messaging on Penny for Pinellas is going to be absolutely critical, so local officials need to speak with a message that is strong and shares with the electors on how the Penny for Pinellas is going to be spent.

County Commissioner Long stated that those monies are prescriptive, so it is important to understand that as well before the BIG-C starts moving on.

Mayor Queen stated this subcommittee can be part of the messaging that County Commissioner Long referred to and also to research exactly what the money can be used for.

MOTION MADE BY MAYOR QUEEN, SECONDED BY VICE PRESIDENT PALLADENO, TO ESTABLISH A BIG-C PENNY FOR PINELLAS SUBCOMMITTEE. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

E. APPOINTMENTS to Holiday Beach Clean Up Fact-Finding Committee.

President Hamilton-Wollin stated this was another endeavor that was discussed with the County Administrator, stating maybe some of the bed tax money could be used for cleaning up the beaches after holidays and special events.

MOTION MADE BY MAYOR QUEEN, SECONDED BY MAYOR MINING, TO ESTABLISH A HOLIDAY BEACH CLEAN UP FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

The following board members volunteered to serve on this committee:

- Mayor Simons (Redington Beach)
- Mayor Queen (North Redington Beach)
- Mayor Adams (Redington Shores)

8. OLD BUSINESS: None.

9. MISCELLANEOUS: None.

10. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

County Commissioner Long stated County Commissioner Charlie Justice is forming a countywide task force to discuss stormwater management and Pinellas County sewer systems.

Mayor Palladeno recommended a letter be forwarded to County Commissioner Justice that two members of the task force should be from the beach communities.

County Commissioner Long stated she would like to discuss with the BIG-C local issues on transportation and transportation options within Pinellas County.

Shayra Rosarui, District Secretary for Representative Larry Ahern, stated the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation held a workshop to discuss sewage dumping in Pinellas County and stated the delegation will hold another meeting in two months to continue the discussion on sewage dumping.

Sara Goldman, Legislative Aide for Representative Kathleen Peters, stated Representative Peters is working on notification requirements for dumping any toxins in the bay.

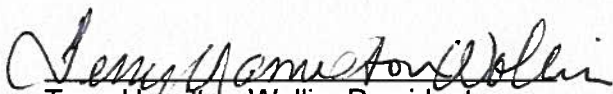
Sandra Cuddington, Forward Pinellas, stated the Waterbourne Transportation Technical Forum is October 7, 2016, at Madeira Beach from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and stated the new Discovery Pinellas Maps have been printed and are ready for distribution.

11. CITY EVENTS:

Board members reviewed recent and upcoming events in their cities.

12. ADJOURN.

MOTION MADE BY MAYOR PALLADENO, SECONDED BY MAYOR QUEEN, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:10 A.M. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.



Terry Hamilton-Wollin, President
Barrier Islands Governmental Council
Vice Mayor, City of Indian Rocks Beach