

*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*

Mayor Minning called the October 28, 2015 meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1) The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Minning followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Belleair Beach Councilmember Wanda Schwerer  
Belleair Shore Mayor Bob Schmidt  
Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos  
Indian Rocks Beach Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton-Wollin  
Indian Shores Mayor Jim Lawrence  
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 Maria Lowe  
Treasure Island Mayor Bob Minning

**GUESTS' SIGN IN:**

Belleair Beach Leslie Notaro, Vice Mayor  
Belleair Beach Nancy Gonzalez, City Manager  
Belleair Beach Patricia Gentry, City Clerk  
Indian Rocks Beach R.B. Johnson, Mayor  
Indian Shores Bill Smith, Councilor  
Indian Shores Patrick Soranno, Vice Mayor  
Indian Shores Michael Petruccelli, Councilor  
Indian Shores Diantha Schear, Councilor  
Treasure Island Pamela Middleton, Deputy City Clerk  
Duke Energy Darren Davis, Business Development  
Duke Energy Jeff Baker, Community Relations  
FDOT Bob Esposito, Government Affairs  
PSF&RD Sal D'Angelo III, Fire Chief  
PSTA Bonnie Epstein  
RBPOA Ken Sulewski, President  
RBPOA Walt Knepper, Treasurer  
SKCA Al Zimmerman  
State of Florida Eired Eddy, Legislative Aide, Representative Ahern

Tampa Bay Estuary Program Lindsay Cross, Scientist  
TBCC Doug Izzo  
Beach Newsletters Bob Griffin  
Tampa Bay Newspapers Bob McClure, Editor

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Palladeno for approval of the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Approval of Minutes from September 30, 2015, Meeting**

Motion was made by Mayor Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Adams for approval of the September 30, 2015, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Approval of September 2015, Treasurer's Report**

Mayor Palladeno stated the beginning balance on September 1, 2015, was \$2,072.67, with no deposits and one disbursement of \$7.92 to Digital Eel, invoice number 19639, leaving a remaining balance of \$2,064.75 on September 30, 2015. Motion was made by Mayor Queen and seconded by Vice Mayor Hamilton-Wollin for approval of the September 2015, Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

### **6. Correspondence**

#### **a) Discuss FY 2015/16 BIG-C Dues-October 13, 2015, letter from Deborah E. Flack, President, Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association, including Invoice # 2016-1002**

Mayor Palladeno advised there had been a \$500.00 increase in FS&BPA BeachWatch membership dues. Rather than charging an assessment Mayor Palladeno suggested the \$500.00 be paid from the existing balance of \$2,064.75, which did not include \$1,100.00 which would be coming from BIG-C members.

Motion was made by Mayor Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Lawrence to pay the dues from the existing balance. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Palladeno stated that he would approach the County next year to request an increase in the sponsorship to cover the increased amount in dues, as there was not sufficient time this year due to the short notice of the increase.

### **7) New Business**

#### **a) Lindsay Cross, Environmental Science and Policy Maker for the *Tampa Bay Estuary Program* to discuss Unified Projection of Sea Level Rise.**

Mayor Minning introduced Ms. Cross to present the latest information on Sea Level Rise. [PowerPoint presentation attached] She stated the report is available on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's website.

### **8) Old Business**

#### **a) Determine the dates/times of the November & December 2015 Meetings.**

Mayor Lawrence advised that as the Mayors' Council December meeting will be moved to Friday, December 4, 2015, the BIG-C November/December meeting will be hosted by the Town of Indian Shores on Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

## **9) Legislative Update**

Representative Ahern's office reported that two bills had been filed – one relating to incrementally eliminating sales tax on commercial leases in ten thousand dollar increments over time; and the second bill relating to oversight of professional guardians, as abuses of the guardian system had been brought to their attention.

## **Subcommittee Update**

Mayor Simons advised that Mayor Queen, Mayor Adams, and he had reviewed the Town of Indian Shores Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project and submitted it for approval and reimbursement.

## **10) City Events**

**Indian Rocks Beach:** Vice Mayor Hamilton-Wollin stated there had been in excess of 7,000 visitors to the Annual Oktoberfest; the Annual Taste of IRB would be November 7th, and the History Museum will be open from 6-8pm during that time, and November 14th is the semi-annual pot luck luncheon.

**St. Pete Beach:** Mayor Lowe invited everyone to the Promotion Ceremony for Chief Jim Kilpatrick and the Oath of Service to the City for the Firefighters of the City of St Pete Beach on October 30th, and the Friday in the Park Concert.

**Belleair Beach:** Councilmember Schwerer announced the City-Wide Yard Sale on November 7th.

**Redington Shores:** Mayor Adams stated all was quiet in Redington Shores.

**Redington Beach:** Mayor Simons reminded everyone that the Redington Beach/Indian Shores Boat Parade would be Sunday, December 20th; and the Redington Beach Wine Fest on November 7th.

**Indian Shores:** Mayor Lawrence stated the Sunday Open Air Market opened in October and would be through the end of April from 9:00am until 1:00pm, has had a very good turnout, and that every third Sunday the town library has a book sale at the Market; and the Property Owners' Association would be having a Halloween party.

**Clearwater:** Mayor Cretkos announced the city is hosting the Annual International Shuffleboard Association Championship beginning October 25; and the Turkey Trot will be on Thanksgiving Day.

**Belleair Shore:** Mayor Schmidt stated all was quiet in Belleair Shore.

**Madeira Beach:** Mayor Palladeno stated last weekend was the John's Pass Seafood Festival with 80,000 people coming through Madeira Beach; the 26th Annual King of the Beach Fishing Tournament begins November 5th, with a \$50,000.00 grand prize; and the City of Clearwater, Madeira Beach, and the Pinellas County Sports Commission would be working together with the European Softball League. Mayor Cretkos advised Clearwater would be

hosting the International Softball Federation Junior Women's World Championship in July, 2017.

**Treasure Island:** Mayor Minning announced they would be hosting the 7th Annual Sanding Ovations sand sculpting competition beginning November 18th, with ten international sand sculptors competing for the \$12,000.00 prize, and there would be music and fireworks in the evening; and that the Children's Halloween Spooktacular and Fall Festival had been on October 24th.

11) **Adjourn**-Meeting adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING**

November/December Meeting  
Wednesday, December 2, 2015  
Indian Shores Town Hall  
19305 Gulf Boulevard



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Robert Minning, President  
Barrier Island Governmental Council  
Mayor, City of Treasure Island