President Minning called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Councilmember Wanda Schwerer
Mayor Bob Schmidt
Mayor George Cretekos
Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Mayor Jim Lawrence
Mayor Travis Paledeno
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor Nick Simons
Mayor Bert Adams
Commissioner Terri Finnerty
Mayor Bob Minning

GUESTS PRESENT:

PCBOCC
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Belleair Beach
Belleair Beach
Belleair Beach
Belleair Beach
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Indian Shores
Indian Shores
Redington Shores
Treasure Island
BCC Engineering
Duke Energy
Pinellas County

Karen Seel, Commissioner
John Morroni, Commissioner
Ken Welch, Commissioner
Leslie Notaro, Vice Mayor
Nancy Gonzalez, City Manager
Patricia Gentry, City Clerk
Paul J. Marino, City Attorney
R.B. Johnson, Mayor
Bill Smith, Councilor
Patrick Soranno, Councilor
Bonnie Dhonau, Town Administrator
John D. Branch, Vice Mayor
Pamela Middleton, Deputy City Clerk
Angelo Rao, P.E., Director of Local Government Services
Melissa Seixas
Ralph Reid, BOCC Justice's Office
3. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Mayor Simons and seconded by Mayor Palledeno for approval of the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2014 meeting

Motion was made by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Schmidt for approval of the September 24, 2014, meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of September 2014 Treasurer’s Reports

Motion was made by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Lawrence for approval of the September 2014, Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Correspondence

a) October 3, 2014 letter to PSTA Commissioner Mark Deighton as Representative.

7. New Business

a) Jeff Danner, from Greenlight

Mr. Danner gave a presentation regarding Greenlight Pinellas. He advised that:

- It is an increase in bus service with 80% more weekend and night service
- It is a 24-mile light rail line for the cities with buses, trolleys and circulators
- It is ready to implement
- It does work and has proven successful in other cities
- There will be a citizen oversight committee
- This is a fair way to pay – through a sales tax as opposed to a tax to property owners only

b) David Downing, Interim Director of Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater
(presentation was given following Agenda item number 10)
Mr. Downing gave a presentation for Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater. He reviewed:

- The concept of a destination experience of the St. Pete/Clearwater area and how visitors are treated
- He stressed the number of international visitors and their expectations
- The number-one holiday visitor is from the United Kingdom. With the amount of time they are on a flight – they can choose to go anywhere and that determines who this area is competing with to be their destination
- Meeting and convention centers; sports and thinking differently, such as a sailing competition
- The Latin American potential is important and is being actively developed
- The importance of beach nourishment
- Creating a cohesive brand with the diversity that all of the 24 cities encompass

8. Old Business

a) Discussion posting the BIG C Agenda and back-up on the BIG C website.

Discussion followed regarding the hourly cost for Digital Eel and the content to be posted by them.

b) Public Records Discussion.

Motion was made by Mayor Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Palledeno that any future presentations must be submitted in digital form. Motion passed unanimously.

c) Determine the dates/times of the November & December 2014 Meetings.

It was agreed to combine the November and December meetings. The Town of Indian Shores will host the BIG-C meeting on Wednesday, December 3rd. The Mayors’ Council Annual Holiday Luncheon will be December 5th, at the Salt Rock Grill in Indian Shores.

d) Other

Discussion followed regarding the RESTORE Act and for each city to check for projects; the September Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association Annual Conference; the impact of Amendment 1 and documentary stamps for environmental programs and beach nourishment; and the 2015 National Conference on Beach Preservation Technology to be held February 4-6 at the Clearwater Beach Marriott Suites on Sand Key.

9. Legislative Update

Commissioner Morroni thanked everyone for their support in his reelection.

10. City Events

**Indian Rocks Beach:** Taste of IRB on November 8, and the Harvest Ball on November 22.

**Clearwater:** The Youth World Windsurfing Championships were on Clearwater Beach in October.

**Belleair Beach:** Reminder for the November 11th Bay Pines Veterans Day Ceremony.
Redington Shores: Everything quiet.
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St. Pete Beach: New City Manager David “Wayne” Saunders and City Attorney Andrew Dickman.
Belleair Shore: All quiet.
Indian Shores: The Town of Indian Shores Library will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on November 15th.
Madeira Beach: The 21st Annual King of the Beach and Mad Beach Food Festival will be November 6,7,8; the new City Hall is on schedule.
Treasure Island: The 6th Annual Sanding Ovations will be November 19-23.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Next meeting to be hosted by the Town of Indian Shores.

Robert Minning, President
Barrier Islands Governmental Council