

BIG-C

Barrier Islands Governmental Council

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



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

Mayor Leslie Ford Notaro called the BIG C (Barrier Islands Governmental Council) meeting to order at 9:03 am at the City of Belleair Beach Community Center, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Mayor Notaro welcomed everyone to Belleair Beach.

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

Mayor Leslie Ford Notaro
Mayor Bob Schmidt was not present
Mayor George N. Cretekos
Mayor Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy
Mayor Patrick Soranno
Mayor Maggi Black
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor Nick Simons
Mayor MaryBeth Henderson
Mayor Alan Johnson
Mayor Lawrence Lunn

Guest Speaker:

United States Coast Guard

Lieutenant Robert "Robbie" List

Guests:

Belleair Beach
Belleair Shore
Town of Indian Shores
Town of Indian Shores
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Town of Indian Shores
City of Madeira Beach
City of Madeira Beach

Wanda Schwerer, Councilmember
Barb Colucci, Town Clerk
Diantha Schear, Vice Mayor
Mike Hackerson, Councilor
Bill Smith, Councilor
Bonnie Dhonau, Town Administrator
Freddie Lozano, Town Clerk
Jonathan Evans, City Manager
Curt Preisser, PIO

Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce
Duke Energy
FDOT
Florida Senate
Forward Pinellas
Forward Pinellas
Pinellas County
Pinellas County Emergency Management

Darryl Henderson, VP Government Affairs
Jeff Baker
Bob Espisito, Government Affairs
Melissa Meshil, Legislative Assistant
Sandra Knoebel, Planner
Bret Burks, Planner
Brian Lowack, Government Affairs
Cathie Perkins, Director

Pinellas County Emergency Management
Pinellas County Emergency Management
Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District
PSTA
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce

David Halstead
Rick Walker, Coordinator
Mike Burton, Fire Chief
Bob Lasher, External Affairs
Doug Izzo, Government Affairs

Church of the Isles
Citizens
CPWG
EXP US Services
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Ray Blacklidge Campaign
Ray Blacklidge Campaign
Waterfront Realty
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Marty Synnot, Citizen
Ron and Cindy Cain
Steve Tarte, Principal
Arne Lash, Project Manager
Porter Reed, Project Manager
David Ardman
Andy Martinez
Dylan Kirkhart, Campaign Assistant
Gina Johnson, Owner
Christian Smith, Associate

Beach Bee
Beach Newsletters

Brian Goff
Bob Griffin

3. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Notaro stated she would like to add newly appointed Pinellas County Emergency Management Director Cathie Perkins to the agenda so that she may introduce herself to the Council.

Motion was made by Mayor Queen to approve the October 31, 2018, BIG C Meeting Agenda to add Ms. Perkins. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mayor Queen to approve the September 26, 2018, BIG C minutes. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

5. Approval of September 2018 Treasurer's Report

Mayor Alan Johnson presented the September 2018 Treasurer's Report, stating there had been no activity.

Mayor Queen requested approval from Council of \$117.00 for payment of the plaque presented the prior week to outgoing County Administrator Mark Woodard at his retirement party.

Motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved for payment of \$117.00.

Motion was made by Mayor Kennedy to approve the September 2018 Treasurer's Report. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Mayor Notaro introduced Cathie Perkins. Ms. Perkins gave a brief overview of her experience and history, and stated she is "very happy to be part of the Pinellas County family", as she has been vacationing in the area for years. She looks forward to coming out to learn about each community's risks and concerns to continue to coordinate and work together.

6. Correspondence

Mayor Notaro advised that **Visit St. Pete/Clearwater** (VSPC) will pay the Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association (FSBPA) BIG C BeachWatch Membership fee of \$6,000.00. Council expressed their appreciation for the **Visit St. Pete/Clearwater** organization's contribution.

7. New Business

- Presentation by United States Coast Guard Lieutenant Robert "Robbie" List:
U.S. Coast Guard – America's Maritime Guardian

Lt. List gave a PowerPoint presentation overview of the USCG's 11 Statutory Missions under the Department of Homeland Security:

1. Drug Interdiction
2. Migrant Interdiction
3. Ports, Waterways, Coastal Security
4. Defense Readiness
5. Other Law Enforcement
6. Search & Rescue
7. Marine Safety
8. Marine Environmental Protection
9. Living Marine Resources
10. Aids to Navigation
11. ICE Operations (not in D7)

Lt. List: The increased enforcement of charter boats with unlicensed captains has been a "very large priority" in the last six to eight months. He advised that the best way for communities to help is to report any information they have to the USCG.

Lt. List advised that Air Station Clearwater is a Training Center, which is why there are the number and frequency of training flights observed in this area.

- Consideration of the Tentative 2019 BIG C Meeting Schedule

Following discussion, motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the tentative schedule as presented. [The Town of Indian Shores date of Dec 4 was corrected to reflect December 5 following the meeting, and a revised schedule was emailed to the BIG C mailing list]

- Discussion of Undergrounding of Utilities on Gulf Boulevard

Mayor Soranno: After having had several meetings with former County Administrator Mark Woodard he believes it makes sense for the County to take over the project in the interest of "efficiency and economies of scale". The exact dollar number is not known yet; \$35MM has been allocated in Penny IV. The estimate as of today is \$38.2MM. The funding needed to complete the Town of Indian Shores (\$500K) and the City of Clearwater (\$750K) are still an open issue at this time. With the exception of those two projects, supporting the project as presented by the County makes sense.

Mayor Queen: We won't really know anything until we let the project move forward and get a binding estimate for the costs.

Mayor Soranno: After discussion with Brian Lowack of Pinellas County, funds may be available from other sources in addition to the Penny money – tourist development money, state money – so it should not be an issue. His concern is that there may be unknown costs once ground is broken and the project begins. It makes sense to do the project with the County.

Mayor Queen: The next step is for the BIG C to draft a resolution to the County.

Motion was made by Mayor Queen with proposed language for the resolution stating:

The Barrier Islands Governmental Council supports the undergrounding project of Gulf Boulevard as one consolidated project with Pinellas County acting as the project coordinator supplemented by representatives from each participating municipality. After the binding estimates are established all savings below the Penny IV funds will be distributed with \$500,000.00 to Indian Shores and \$750,000.00 to Clearwater for additional beautification projects.

Motion was seconded by Mayor Cretekos.

Following discussion of what funds would be available to Indian Shores and Clearwater at the completion of the project, what additional funds are able to be secured from other sources, that the intent of the resolution is to protect the interests of Indian Shores and Clearwater and to support the County's coordination of the project - the consensus was to amend the language to read:

After the binding estimates are established, the understanding is that Penny IV money will also be distributed with \$500,000.00 to Indian Shores and \$750,000.00 to Clearwater for additional beautification projects.

Motion was made by Mayor Queen and duly seconded for the amendment to the resolution as stated. Motion and second were carried unanimously.

The vote to approve the resolution as amended was carried unanimously.

Council thanked Mr. Lomack.

8. Old Business

- None

9. Miscellaneous

Mayor Kennedy announced there will be an event at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort regarding the Red Tide Outbreak once the outbreak has dissipated. Ms. Kelli Hammer Levy, Pinellas County Environmental Management Division Director, will be presenting facts, and have a question and answer session. When a date is confirmed, notice will be sent to all.

Legislative Update

- None

City Events

Indian Rocks Beach: Hosting First Women’s Tea at Church of the Isles on Saturday.

Belleair Beach: City-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday; Church of the Isles is interested in obtaining information in establishing a seniors’ program at their facility.

Madeira Beach: Wild West Kingfish Tournament this week; 25th Annual King of the Beach Tournament next week; Annual Veterans Boat Parade on Saturday.

Treasure Island: Sanding Ovations is November 14th through the 18th.

Indian Rocks Beach: Taste of IRB on November 10th; Former Mayor R.B. Johnson will be speaking about the historical Indian Rocks Beach fishing pier at the Historical Society on November 17th.

Clearwater: Remember to vote on Tuesday, it is a long ballot.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:53am. The next meeting will be at 9:00am on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at the Town of Indian Shores Municipal Center, 19305 Gulf Boulevard, Indian Shores, FL 33785.

December 5, 2018
Date Approved

APPROVED: Leslie Ford Notaro
Leslie Ford Notaro, President

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