

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

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 9:00AM
Town of Indian Shores 4th Floor Community Center
19305 Gulf Boulevard, FL 33785

Mayor Patrick C. Soranno called the BIG C (Barrier Islands Governmental Council) meeting to order on December 4, 2019, at 9 AM at the Town of Indian Shores Community Center, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Patrick C. Soranno.

2. Roll Call

Present:

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

Clearwater

Mayor Joseph Manzo
Mayor Robert E. Schmidt, Jr.
Mayor Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy
Mayor Patrick C. Soranno
Mayor Maggi Black
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor Nick Simons
Mayor MaryBeth Henderson
Mayor Alan Johnson
Mayor Lawrence Lunn

Mayor George N. Cretekos was unable to attend this meeting.

Guest Speaker:

FSBPA

Pepper Uchino, President

Guests:

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

Marv Behm, Council Member
June VanScoyoc, Chairwoman
Jay Hatch, Recreation Director
Curt Preisser, PIO
Bonnie Dhonau, Town Administrator
Diantha Schear, Vice Mayor
Freddie Lozano, Town Clerk

Town of Indian Shores
Town of Indian Shores
Town of Redington Beach
Town of Redington Beach

Mike Hackerson, Councilor
Glen Smith, Police Captain
David Will, Commissioner
Bruce McLaughlin, Planner

Beach Newsletters
CPWG Engineering
CPWG Engineering
Duke Energy
Duke Energy
Florida Senate
Florida Senate
Forward Pinellas
Office of Representative Jennifer Webb
Office of Representative Jennifer Webb
Pinellas County Coastal Management
Pinellas County Coastal Management
Pinellas County Emergency Management
Pinellas Suncoast & Fire Rescue District
Pinellas Suncoast & Fire Rescue District
PSTA
Sand Key Civic Association
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce
Tampa Bay Newspapers
Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce
Utility Consultants of Florida
Waterfront Realty
Waterfront Realty
Waterfront Realty

City of Indian Rocks Beach Resident
St. Pete Beach Resident

Bob Griffin, Publisher
Cory Carnes
Jason McDarby
Leanne Haely
Susann Price, Real Estate Rep.
Jeff Brandes, Senator
Zach Hubbard, Legislative Aide
Sandra Knoebel, Planner
Neisha-Rose Hines, Legislative Assistant
Jessica Lewis, Legislative Assistant
John Bishop, Coastal Manager
Andy Squires
Rick Walker
David Ardman, Commissioner
Larry Schear, Fire Commissioner
Nicole Dufva, Public Engagement
Irmhild Karpinski
Doug Izzo, Government Affairs
Jannie Carlson, Correspondent
Missy Hahn, President
Mark Porter, COO
Chris Kelly, Realtor
Christian Smith, Assistant
Tim Johnson, Realtor

John Pfanstiehl
C. R. Hollands

3. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Soranno amended the agenda by removing the November 2019 Treasurer's Report as it was not ready. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

- **Minutes for the October 30, 2019 BIG C Meeting at the City of Belleair Beach.**

Mayor Queen moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 30, 2019. The motion was duly seconded by **Mayor Kennedy** and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of the October and November 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Mayor Henderson reported that the opening and closing balance for October was \$1,071.88.

Mayor Queen moved to approve the October 2019 Treasurer's Report, and duly seconded by **Mayor Johnson**. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Correspondence

- **Email from Coastal Management Coordinator of Pinellas County, John Bishop, sharing a Perpetual Storm Damage Reduction Easement template.**

There were no comments on the correspondence.

7. New Business

- **Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association (FSBPA) President, Pepper Uchino, to discuss:**
 - **Technology available to slow down or prevent shore erosion**
 - **Customary use vs. beach easements issues**

Mr. Uchino mentioned that sea level rise, weather events, red tide and blue-green algae blooms are fundamental issues for the beaches. He mentioned the FSBPA Tech Conference at the Hyatt in Sarasota, February 5-7, 2020, for those interested in learning more about the issues facing Florida shores and waters.

There are not a lot of innovative methods that yield results when dealing with shore erosion. Those that have yielded results were cost-ineffective when applied to a larger scale. Hardening structures, proper beach design and construction works with proper supports for dune structures that can withstand forces that cause beach erosion. Drone technology can help to survey beaches. Sand plantings also help at a smaller scale. The last resort would be seawalls and other types of armoring to protect structures.

Mr. Uchino briefly touched on the process of beach funding that is received from the Federal Government. He also noted that funds allocated for a project that is not completed may be re-allocated for another project.

In 2018 the Florida legislature passed a bill approving customary use. The four customary use elements used by courts to determine the use are: Is the use ancient, is it reasonable, is it without interruption, and is it free from dispute?

He proceeded to speak on easements stating that it is fundamentally different than customary use. An easement is a non-possessory property right. It is a use right. Courts address perpetual easements. Ways easements are extinguished include reaching their expire date or their time limit, a release from the Army Corps of Engineers, and the third is abandonment where no action has been taken to legitimize the easement's existence.

Conversation ensued regarding beach erosion prevention and easements.

8. Old Business

None

9. Miscellaneous

John Bishop mentioned the Redington Shores Easement Meeting that was held on November 14. The video will be posted on Pinellas County's website soon for those who wish to view the meeting. Thirty-one signed easements have been received since May. They are still working on verifying addresses for Indian shores. They are also planning on future meetings for Indian Shores and Indian Rocks Beach in January and February.

Sandra Knoebel brought traffic, personal, mile marker, and trail maps for those would like to make them available for the public.

Bob Griffin mentioned the billboards in Indian Rocks Beach. They are paid for by citizens, businesses, and organizations. Anyone interested in the billboards can contact him.

An audience member mentioned there was a meeting at Indian Rocks Beach with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) regarding coyotes.

10. Legislative Update

Senator Jeff Brandes mentioned that the Legislative Session will start in January and advised everyone to submit their appropriations. This year, there is not a lot of discretionary dollars that are going to be spent. A significant portion of the budget will be allocated for increasing teachers' salaries. Another large portion will be allocated for environmental funding. Affordable housing and transportation continue to be consistent issues due to population growth. There is a push for more affordable housing. The increase in insurance litigation costs is another concern as insurance rates for the state of Florida could increase 15% to 20% over the next two years. Senator Brandes also touched on the unemployment rate of 3.5%.

Mayor Soranno asked for a status on the private insurers that were encouraged to enter the flood insurance market.

Senator Brandes thinks that 85% of the policies written in Florida could be written at a lower rate in the private market. Policies for heavily subsidized areas such as the beaches continue to be a challenge.

Legislative Assistants Neisha-Rose Hines and Jessica Lewis provided their updates from the Office of Representative Jennifer Webb.

11. City Events

Mayor Henderson:

- The Sea Turtle Conservatory will be attending the December 10th, 6:00 p.m. meeting at Redington Shores. She encouraged everyone to attend.
- Santa Parade, December 14th
- Indian Shores and Redington Shores Boat Parade on December 22nd

Mayor Schmidt stated all is quite in Belleair Shore.

Mayor Kennedy mentioned the passing of former Indian Rocks Beach Mayor Robert DiNicola. The viewing will be at Serenity Gardens in Largo, Sunday, December 8th, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The service will be at St. Jerome's on Monday, December 9th, 1:00 p.m. She added that she was blessed to have him as her mentor.

The Indian Rocks Beach December events include:

- Annual Tree Lighting, December 6th, 7:00 p.m.
- City Parade, December 8th, 1:00 p.m.
- Boat Parade, December 21st

Mayor Queen wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday.

Mayor Manzo wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year:

- Children's Holiday Party with Santa, December 7th, 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Black wished everyone Happy Holidays:

- John's Pass Tree Lighting with Santa, December 7th
- The inaugural Beach Market, December 14th, followed by the Boat Parade.

Mayor Lunn wished everyone a Happy Christmas:

- 34th Annual Lighted Boat Parade, December 13th.

Mayor Simons mentioned it will be quite in Redington Beach. He also mentioned that the Redington Shores and Indian Shores Boat Parade on December 22nd will have a cash grand prize of \$2,500. Caddy's also provided an additional \$2,000 worth of products and services bringing the grand prize total to \$4,500. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mayor Johnson wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas:

- The Festival of Trees, Saturday, December 7th, followed by the Tree Lighting
- Pass-A-Grille Boat Parade, December 7th
- Pass-A-Grille Bonfire, December 12th
- Land Parade, December 14th
- Lighted Golf Cart Parade

Mayor Soranno wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year:

- Indian Shores Property Owners Association Christmas Party, December 4th
- Indian Shores Women's Club Christmas Potluck, December 5th
- Mayors' Council Luncheon, December 6th

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., at the Town of Redington Shores Town Hall, 17425 Gulf Boulevard, Redington Shores, FL.

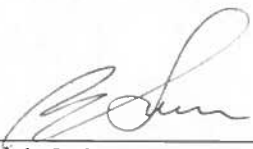
Minutes Prepared by:

Freddie Lozano, Town Clerk
Town of Indian Shores
19305 Gulf Boulevard
Indian Shores, Florida 33785


January 29, 2020

Date Approved

APPROVED:


Patrick C. Soranno, President

ATTEST:


Freddie Lozano, Town Clerk