

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

The BIG C meeting was called to order by President, Mayor Pat Soranno at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26th, 2020 at the Town of North Redington Beach, 190 173rd Avenue, N Redington Beach, FL.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Soranno.

2. Roll Call

Big C Representatives

Belleair Beach	Mayor Joseph Manzo
Clearwater	Mayor George Cretekos
Indian Rocks Beach	Mayor Cookie Kennedy
Indian Shores	Mayor Pat Soranno
N. Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Beach	Mayor Nick Simons
Redington Shores	Mayor Mary Beth Henderson
St. Pete Beach	Mayor Alan Johnson
Treasure Island	Mayor Larry Lund

Guests

TI & MB Chamber of Commerce	Missy Hahn
TB Beaches Chamber of Commerce	Doug Izzo
Forward Pinellas	Sandra Knoebel
North Redington Beach	Commissioner Gary Curtis
Tourist Development Council	Doreen Moore
FDOT	Bob Esposito
Waterfront Realty	Tim and Gina Johnson
Indian Rocks Beach	Kelly Cisarik
Madeira Beach	Commissioner Deby Weinstein
Pinellas Suncoast Fire	Commissioner David Ardman
Waterfront Realty	Chris Kelly
Clearwater Gas	Kristi Pettit
Belleair Beach	June Van Scoyoc
KCI/Duke Energy	Stephen Maniaci
Pinellas County	Brent Hall

CDM Smith
Madeira Beach
SKCA
Madeira Beach
Pinellas Suncoast Fire
Madeira Beach
Indian Shores
Waterfront Realty
Belleair Shore
Duke Energy
Spectrum
CPWG

Kathleen Ruvaroc
Jay Hatch
Susan MacLeod
Bob Daniels
Chief Mike Burton
Gary Hughes
Councilor Mike Hackerson
Christian Smith
Barbara Colucci
Susan Price
Albic Kaminsky
Cory Carnes

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Henderson to approve the agenda. The voice vote was unanimous.

4. Approval of January 2020 Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Johnson and seconded by Mayor Henderson to approve the January 2020 Minutes. The voice vote was unanimous.

5. Approval of January 2020 Treasurer's Report

The February Treasurer's Report was read by Mayor Henderson. It was moved to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Simons. The voice vote was unanimous.

6. Correspondence

Mayor Henderson explained there was an expenditure for Digital Eel and Sunbiz that is due. Mayor Queen made a motion to approve the expenditures. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. The voice vote was unanimous.

7. New Business – Presentation by Linton Williams of Duke Energy

Mr. Williams went over the projects that Duke Energy is currently working on to strengthen the system, reduce outages and increase restoration times with emphasis on service to the beach communities. The projects include moving overhead systems underground via directional boring, small wire upgrades, back lot to front lot conversions, a submersible program, reducing pole spacing/pole girth to better withstand storms and adjusting feeder ties.

He went over the current status of ongoing and proposed projects affecting the beach communities. He explained there is a plan for a reconfiguration that would strip some of the mainland loads from the wires servicing the beach communities. They are also looking at the last 3-5 years of reliability data to determine future areas of improvement. He stated the goal is to be on an automated service which would be real time and would not require as much human intervention.

The Board members had questions specific to their cities which Mr. Williams answered to the best of his ability. When asked what Duke felt was currently the weakest link, Mr. Williams answered the small conductors which is being upgraded.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. Miscellaneous

Mayor Queen spoke about an article in the Sun Sentinel regarding short term rentals. The article indicates that Governor DeSantis is against the state regulating such rentals and feels they should be regulated by the local governments. Mayor Queen stated some of the Mayors had suggested travelling to Tallahassee to speak with Governor DeSantis to encourage this train of thought. Mayor Kennedy stated they were working on getting a date for a meeting. The Mayors present were all interested in making this trip.

Mayor Kennedy invited Whit Blanton, Executive Director of Forward Pinellas, to speak regarding pending legislation regarding the crosswalk signals. Mr. Blanton stated that legislation moving through the House and Senate would greatly damage the use of crosswalks. The legislation wants to replace the flashing yellow beacons with red beacons. However, the highway department is against the use of the red lights. He added the legislation would limit the current crosswalk/light configuration only if the speed limit was under 20 miles an hour nor would it allow them on 4 lane roads. He stated with the current lights, the compliance rate is 85-90%; without the lights compliance is 2-5%. He encouraged all to contact their legislators to oppose these bills.

Mayor Kennedy asked Representative DiCeglie's aide for information on the short term rental bills. She responded Representative DiCeglie knew the issue would be raised and wanted to express the bills were complex and complicated. Mayor Kennedy responded that Rep. DeCeglie knew very well how all of the Mayors felt about the bill.

Mayor Soranno handed out a suggested idea for a new letterhead that Mayor Queen had brought to the meeting. He said the Indian Shores clerk was working on a new letterhead and he would have examples for the next meeting.

10. Legislative Update

Congressman Crist's aide gave an update on ongoing legislation. He stated he would like to go over the bills in detail at a future meeting if the Board so wished.

11. City Events

Mayor Johnson inquired if any of the municipalities were planning for the upcoming Super Bowl to be held in Tampa. He also stated he had attended the FBSPA technical conference and based on the 50 year history, the forecast doesn't look as bad.

Each City gave an update on their upcoming events.

Belleair Beach - Car show at their Town Hall on March 22nd.

Redington Beach - 75th anniversary celebration in April.

Indian Rocks Beach - Safety Summit on March 31st held by Forward Pinellas at the Epicenter in Clearwater.

Treasure Island – Prayer Lunch March 6th at the Bilmar; Friday Morning Market through April at the City Park and the TI/MB Chamber is hosting a Ladies for Liberty night on March 6th.

Indian Shores – St. Patrick’s Day Celebration March 14th; Sunday morning market at Town Hall.

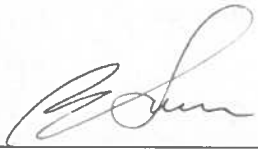
12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Town of Redington Beach Town Hall, 105 164th Avenue, Redington Beach, FL.

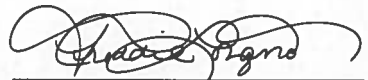
Minutes Prepared by:

Mari Campbell, Town Clerk
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190 173rd Avenue
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APPROVED: _____


Patrick C. Soranno, President

ATTEST: _____


Freddie Lozano, Town Clerk

Date Approved: _____

April 29, 2020