

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

April 30, 2014

Mayor Cretekos called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at Treasure Island's City Hall, 120 108th Avenue, Treasure Island, Florida, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Mayor Nick Simons
Councilmember Wanda Schwerer
Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Mayor Jim Lawrence
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor Bert Adams
Mayor Bob Minning
Mayor Maria Lowe
Mayor Travis Palladeno
Mayor George Cretekos

GUESTS PRESENT:

FDOT
Treasure Island
MPO
Indian Shores
Treasure Island
Redington Beach
Redington Shores
Redington Shores
Commissioner Long's Office
Indian Shores
Pinellas County
Belleair Beach
Tampa Bay Newspapers
Indian Rocks Beach
PPC
TBBCoC
Office of Comm. Justice

Bob Esposito
Commissioner Phil Collins
Sandra Knoebel, PC
Bonnie Dhonau, Director of Administration
Commissioner Carol Coward
Commissioner Fred Steiermann
Commissioner MaryBeth Henderson
Vice-Mayor John Branch
Mary Scott Harwich
Councilor Michael Petruccelli
Andy Squires, Coastal Manager
Vice-Mayor Leslie Notaro
Bob McClure
Gregg Mims
Linda Fisher
Robin Sollie
Ralph Reid

PSTA
TBBCoC
MPO
RBPOA
Duke Energy
St. Pete Beach
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores

Bob Lasher
Doug Izzo
Sarah Ward
Linda McIlroy
Melissa Seixas
Commissioner Terri Finnerty
Mayor R.B. Johnson
Councilor Bill Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mayor Queen to approve the agenda and duly seconded by Mayor Palladeno and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 26, 2014

A motion was made by Mayor Lawrence to approve the March 26, 2014 minutes and duly seconded by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Wollin-Hamilton read the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Mayor Adams to accept the treasurer's report as presented and duly seconded by Mayor Queen and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Cretekos received a correspondence from St. Pete Beach Commissioner Parent concerning his resignation from the St. Pete Beach Commission. Mayor Cretekos stated the former Commissioner Parent was the liaison for Digital Eel, and a new volunteer was needed. Mayor Lowe suggested St. Pete Beach Commissioner Teri Finnerty. Commissioner Finnerty is the BIG-C alternate. Digital Eel is in Commissioner Finnerty's district. All members of the board agreed that Commissioner Finnerty would be the liaison.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Phil Collins introduced his son, Meteorologist Mark Collins. Mr. Collins shared with the audience a new storm surge map. He stated that a lot of people feel they don't need to evacuate. Flooding is the leading cause of fatalities. The rule of thumb is hide from wind and run from the water. People need to know their elevation. There are many homes built with solid foundations. Mr. Collins gave several examples of different storm surges with past hurricanes. The surge is related to the size of the storm and the size of the coastline.

There is a new storm surge graphic. Tropical Storm Debbie eroded Pinellas beaches. The new map's surge is based on the height above ground. He spoke briefly about Hurricane Sandy's impact on New York.

Mr. Collins shared a map of storms that impacted the Tampa Bay area. He said the population in the Tampa Bay Area has risen quite a bit since the 1960's. The buildings built before the 1960's are not up to code. There will be an El Nino this year and it may make the storms smaller here. Members of the BIG C and the audience asked Mr. Collins several questions. He concluded his presentation.

b) Review and Accept Audit Committee Report re State of Big C Finances and Financial Record Keeping

Mayor Lawrence said he did not get a chance to take care of this and asked that it be moved to the next meeting.

c) MPO/PPC Appointment

A motion was made by Mayor Palladeno to nominate Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy as the BIG C's representative on the Pinellas County MPO and duly seconded by Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Both Mayors Simons and Cretekos thanked Sandy Knoebel for the County Commission Presentation on funding for Gulf Blvd. Beautification project.

Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin stated that as of today the Senate Bill will be read for the third time which will put a hold onto local short term rentals. There is some concern there will be more amendments. They need to send a message to the House Members to let them know they will oppose any other amendments. Mayor Queen said Senator Brandes was having issue understanding where the city was coming from. They weren't sure what bill they were referring to. He may have any answer. Mayor Cretekos stated Representative Ahern and Peters represent the beach areas.

MISCELLANEOUS

a) Accept Nominating Committee Report recommending Mayor Robert Minning for President, Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin for Vice-President, and Mayor Travis Palladeno for Secretary/Treasurer.

A motion was made by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Simons and carried unanimously.

Mayor Cretekos swore in Mayor Minning in as President, Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin as Vice-President and Mayor Travis Palladeno as Secretary/Treasurer.

The new BIG C President, Mayor Minning asked if any of the representatives had comments about their communities.

Mayor Paladeno said Madiera Beach will be having its annual King of the Beach Festival with food vendors from around the area.

Mayor Lowe complimented the Sheriff's department for the St. Pete Beach pedestrian safety program. It has made a huge impact on the area.

Mayor Lawrence said Indian Shores will be having its Memorial Day celebration chicken dinner for residents. The BIG C members are invited. Then on June 24th the city will hosting a debris management summit.

Commissioner Hamilton-Wollin said Indian Rocks Beach will be hosting the biggest beach bash and Hands Across the Sand on May 17th.

Mayor Cretekos invited Andy Squires from Pinellas County to comment on the Beach Renourishment. Mr. Squires stated they will be starting on July 19th in Treasure Island and finishing at Pass-a-Grille in September. He briefly spoke about the State's manatee management plan and the Florida Fish and Wildlife evaluation of the data. Proposed protection measures were discussed and a group from the county met and are looking at the protection plan. They have sixty days to provide comments to the FFWC (by June 21, 2014). This is a state process. Mayor Queen asked if there has been an increase in the manatee population. Andy Squires said he believes it is moving up. There will be a public on May 2 at Wheaton Island. It is for slow boating zones. Mr.

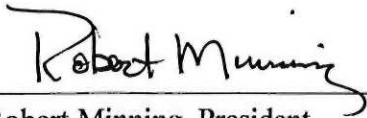
Squires also mentioned that turtle season starts May 1st. Any nests in the area of the renourishment project will be moved.

Mayor Minning said some comments about the contributions Mayor Cretekos made while acting as the BIG President. Mayor Minning thanked Mayor Cretekos for his assistance and presented him with a plaque for his services.

Commissioner Kennedy said she is very proud to represent the BIG C on the MPO and wants to serve as best she can. This is the first time the beaches have a representative.

The next meeting is May 28th Madeira beach. Mayor Palladeno stated that it is an outside meeting and asked that you dress appropriately.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert Minning", written over a horizontal line.

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