

# *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*

**June 24, 2015**

Mayor Bob Minning called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. in the Boca Ciega Room of the City of St. Pete Beach Community Center, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

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

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

FDOT  
Deputy Clerk, Treasure Island  
Indian Shores  
Redington Shores  
Indian Rocks Beach  
Beach Beacon  
PPC  
TBBCOC  
Office of Comm. Justice  
Indian Shores  
Indian Shores  
MPO  
VSPC  
TBBCOC  
State Representative  
St. Pete Beach City Clerk

Bob Esposito  
Pam Middleton  
Councilor Mike Petruccelli  
Commissioner John Branch  
Mayor R.B. Johnson  
Bob McClure  
Linda Fisher  
Doug Izzo  
Ralph Reid  
Vice Mayor Patrick Soranno  
Bill Smith  
Sarah Ward  
Rhonda Sanborn  
Robin Sollie  
Kathleen Peters  
Rebecca Haynes

St. Pete Beach Deputy City Clerk  
Valbridge Property Advisors  
Pinellas BOCC  
FL House of Representatives, D. 66  
FL House of Representatives, D. 69  
FL Senate  
Sand Key Civic Association  
Matt Powers  
Kristi Cheatham  
Melissa Seixas

Mary Jo Murphy  
Mike Twitty  
Charlie Justice  
Eired Eddy  
Colleen Hartman  
Trent Phillips  
Al Zimmerman  
Duke Energy  
Clearwater Gas  
Duke Energy

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 27, 2015**

A motion was made by Mayor Jim Lawrence to approve the May 27, 2015 minutes and duly seconded by Mayor Bert Adams and carried unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS**

Mayor Palladeno read the treasurer's report for May 2015. A motion was made by Mayor Bill Queen to accept the treasurer's report as presented and duly seconded by Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin and carried unanimously.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Robert Minning reviewed the correspondence from Commissioner John Morroni, Mayor George Cretekos and the BIG-C in regard to shore protection projects.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Robert Minning introduced the newly appointed executive director, Whit Blanton, of the Pinellas Planning Council.

Mr. Blanton provided his background and reviewed the following goals:

- plan to visit cities, communities and elected officials
- integrating MPO and PPC
- specific area planning along Gulf Boulevard corridor
- accessibility: produce walkable and bikeable communities but not at the expense of automobiles
- balance the pattern of development
- set framework of the first unified board meeting of the MPO and PPC
- work with a shared vision and a clear sense of direction

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Nick Simons, Redington Beach, discussed Gulf Boulevard beautification and informed the members that Redington Beach, Redington Shores and North Redington Beach will meet with Duke Energy representatives.

**9. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Kathleen Peters, State Representative, reviewed the following topics: homeless funding, education funding, Duke Energy bond debt for the Crystal River facility, Visit Florida campaign's funding increased, alcohol permits, mental health training for police officers, and enterprise zones.

There was discussion in regard to the need for increased funding for the following:

- T-groins project at Upham Beach
- competition for beach re-nourishment projects between beach communities

**10. CITY EVENTS**

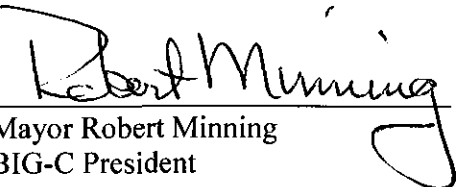
Indian Shores	Station 26 re-born
Madeira Beach	concert on 7/4/15
Indian Rocks Beach	60 <sup>th</sup> birthday as a city
St. Pete Beach	fireworks at Upham Beach
Clearwater Beach	traffic will be heavy on 7/4/15
Treasure Island	Sea Oats planting and 5K run

The other cities reported no big news or events.

Rebecca Haynes, City Clerk, thanked everyone for attending the BIG-C meeting and informed attendees of the state-mandated ethics training sponsored by the Suncoast League of Cities will be held at the St. Pete Beach Community Center in the fall.

**11. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

  
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Mayor Robert Minning  
BIG-C President