

**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 was hosted by **Belleair Shore**. The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Mayor Pat Sorrano on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at Belleair Beach Town Hall, 444 Causeway Blvd., Belleair Beach, FL.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Sorrano.

**2. Roll Call** *(according to the sign-in sheet)*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Belleair Beach	Mayor Leslie Notaro
Belleair Shore	Mayor Bob Schmidt
Indian Rocks Beach	Mayor R.B. Johnson
Indian Shores	Mayor Patrick Soranno
Madeira Beach	Mayor Maggi Black
North Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Beach	Mayor Nick Simons
St. Pete Beach	Mayor Alan Johnson
Treasure Island	Vice-Mayor Larry Lunn

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Clearwater Marine Aquarium	Lindsey Flynn, Supervisor of Nesting
Clearwater Marine Aquarium	Yvette Fernandez, Sea Turtle Biologist
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber	Doug Izzo, Government Affairs
Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue	Larry Schear, Commissioner
TI/Mad Beach Chamber	Missy Hahn, President
Belleair Beach	Jewels Chandler, Councilmember
Indian Shores	Mike Hakerson, Councilor
Indian Shores	Diantha Shear, Vice-Mayor
Indian Shores	Bill Smith, Councilor
Redington Beach	David Will, Commissioner
Belleair Beach	Wanda Schwerer, Vice-Mayor
Clearwater Marine Aquarium	Kelly Martin, Director of Animal Care
Pinellas County	Andy Squires, Coastal Resources Manager
Madeira Beach	Derryl O'Neal, Acting City Manager
Tampa Bay Newspapers	Bob McClure, Editor
Sand Key Civic Association	Patti Thompson
Clearwater Gas	Kristi Pettit, Government Relations
Forward Pinellas	Bret Burks, Planner
The Connection Partners	Sharon Joy Kleitsch, Founder
Treasure Island	Cassidy McGrane, Intern
Indian Shores	Terry Hughes, Chief of Police
FL House of Representatives	Shayra Rosario, District Secretary
FL House of Representatives	Kathleen Peters, Representative

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Pam Middleton, Deputy City Clerk  
Rick Walker, Emergency Management  
Nancy Gonzalez, City Manager  
Bob Griffin, Publisher  
Stacy Boyles, Assistant Public Works Director  
Bob Myers, Consultant  
Cookie Kennedy, Vice-Mayor

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the agenda. The voice vote was unanimous.

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the June 2017 Minutes. The voice vote was unanimous.

### **5. Approval of June 2017 Treasurer's Report**

Secretary/Treasurer Mayor Soranno read the June 2017 Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve. The voice vote was unanimous.

### **6. Correspondence**

None

### **7. New Business**

Bob Esposito, Government Liaison with FDOT to discuss ***"Local Governments Working with FDOT"***

Mr. Esposito explained FDOT was there to help the Barrier Islands with all their renovation and building projects that affected Gulf Blvd. Mr. Esposito urged everyone to call his office well before starting any work so his office could coordinate efforts to assess any impact to traffic on Gulf Blvd.

Lindsey Flynn, Acting Supervisor of Sea Turtles at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium to discuss ***"The 2016 Sea Turtle Nesting Season"***

Ms. Flynn reviewed the Sea Turtle Nesting Season explaining it was a very good year for state with a record number of nests including to three false crawls for rarely seen turtles in the area. Ms. Flynn explained there were still lighting issues both on the beach and Gulf Blvd.

The Mayors discussed better ways to inform tourists about the care of nests including flyers at the local hotels and seasonal rentals reminding guests not to leave beach chairs, umbrellas or anything lying on the beach overnight. These items hinder hatchlings from getting to the gulf. The Aquarium's contact information was included.

### **8. Old Business**

Pam Middleton, BIG-C Assistant requested funds to fix BIG C website/email. A motion was made and duly noted. The voice vote was unanimous.

Sharon Wise from St. Pete College spoke to the Council about her admiration for the structure and leadership of the BIG C and expressed her desire to have a conversation about how the BIG-C's formats could work in her groups.

### **9. Miscellaneous**

None

### **10. Legislative Update**

Representative Kathleen Peters spoke to the Council about the next legislative session which include the Home Rule debate. Ms. Peters expressed the need for Barrier Island representation in the legislature. The Council discussed reviewing candidates for the future election.


Mayor Queen stated the Big C needed to do their due diligence and look at candidates. Mayor Soranno suggested a subcommittee for this purpose and to hold a candidate's forum. Mayor Johnson spoke on holding the candidate's feet to the fire and not accept lip service,

### **11. City Events**

Representatives from each municipality reviewed their upcoming event schedules.

### **12. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at the Clearwater Sailing Center, 1001 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater, FL

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Minning". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "M" at the end.

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Mayor Robert Minning  
BIG C President