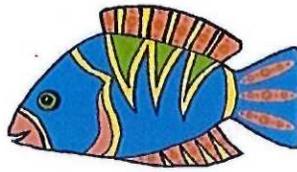


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Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Madeira Beach*



*North Redington Beach
Redington Beach
Redington Shores
St. Pete Beach
Treasure Island*

**Meeting Minutes
Clearwater
August 27, 2014**

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

Councilmember Wanda Schwerer
Mayor George N. Cretekos
Commissioner Terry Hamilton Wollin
Mayor Jim Lawrence
Mayor Travis Palladeno
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor Nick Simons
Vice Mayor John Branch
Mayor Maria Lowe
Mayor Robert Minning

Guest Speakers:
Clearwater Marine Aquarium
Pinellas County Planning

Lyndsey Flynn
Michael Crawford

Guests Present:

City of Clearwater
City of Clearwater
Clearwater Gas
Clearwater Gas
Clearwater Marine Aquarium
Clearwater Marine Aquarium
City of Belleair Beach
State of Florida – District 22
State of Florida – District 22
State of Florida – District 66
State of Florida – District 69
State of Florida – District 69
City of Indian Rocks Beach
City of Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Rocks Beach/Newsletter
Town of Indian Shores
Town of Indian Shores
Town of Indian Shores
Indian Shores
Aide to PC Commissioner Charlie Justice
Aide to PC Commissioner Janet Long
Pinellas County

Vice Mayor Doreen Hock-DiPolito
City Manager Bill Horne
Kristi Cheatham
Chuck Warrington
Mike Anderson
Kevin Sanchez
Councilmember John Pietrowski
Senator Jeff Brandes
Legislative Assistant Caitlin Murray
Legislative Assistant Jim Growne
District Secretary Eired Jackson
Legislative Assistant Nicholas Eddy
Mayor R.B. Johnson
Commissioner Cookie Kennedy
Bob Griffin
Vice Mayor Joan Herndon
Councilor Mike Petruccelli
Councilor Bill Smith
Matt Jonson
Ralph Reid
Doyle Walsh
Glenn Bailey

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Pinellas County	Mary Scott Hardwick
Pinellas County	Irena Milasinoic
Pinellas Planning Council	Linda Fisher
Pinellas County MPO	Sandra Knoebel
Town of Redington Shores	Commissioner Mary Beth Henderson
City of St. Pete Beach	Chelsey Welden
Sand Key Civic Association	Al Zimmerman
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce	Doug Izzo
Tampa Bay Newspapers	Melissa Lattman
City of Treasure Island	Pam Middleton
City of Clearwater Board Reporter	Patricia O. Sullivan

BIG C President Robert Minning called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Clearwater Sailing Center, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and welcoming comments by Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos.

3 - Approval of Agenda

Mayor Queen moved to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

4 - Approval of Minutes – July 30, 2014 meeting.

Mayor Queen moved to approve the minutes of the regular BIG C (Barrier Islands Governmental Council) meeting of July 30, 2014, as submitted in written summation to each member. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

5 - Approval of Treasurer's Reports.

BIG C Secretary/Treasurer Travis Palladeno reviewed the Treasurer's Reports; the July 31, 2014 balance was \$240.89 and the August 18, 2014 balance was \$1,230.89.

Commissioner Hamilton Wollin moved to approve the Treasurer's Reports as submitted. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

6 - Correspondence:

6a. BIG C Letter to DT Minich

Mayor Minning said BIG C's letter to former Visit St. Pete/Clearwater CEO/Executive Director DT Minich thanked him for his efforts on behalf of area tourism and said he would be missed.

7 - New Business:

7a. Proper Turtle Lighting - Clearwater Marine Aquarium

Clearwater Marine Aquarium Associate Biologist Lyndsey Flynn provided a PowerPoint presentation on the consequences of artificial lighting, light pollution, and obstructions to endangered sea turtle nesting efforts and steps necessary to minimize those negative effects.

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Information re appropriate wavelength for lights near the beach was on the FWC (Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission) website.

In response to questions, Ms. Flynn discouraged use of white light near the beach and recommended minimizing voltage, shielding all lights so none shined directly on the beach, and encouraging residents and visitors to remove all obstructions from the beach at night. Turtles can crawl to the vegetation line. She commended Belleair Shore, Redington Beach, and Pass a Grille re community efforts to protect these endangered species.

In response to questions, Clearwater Marine Aquarium's Supervisor of Marine Turtle Program Mike Anderson said new protected dunes and vegetation were good for turtles and slow beach erosion. He did not know how effective snow drift fences were; they may require FDEP (Florida Department of Environmental Protection) approval and could obstruct nesting activities. He encouraged BIG C representatives to take turtle nesting educational samples, order door hangars for hotels and cards for rental properties, and distribute them to property owners.

Clearwater Marine Aquarium staff members were thanked for their efforts.

7b. Proposed Countywide Plan Map – PPC Representative

PPC (Pinellas Planning Council) Interim Executive Director Michael Crawford discussed the ongoing merger of the PPC and MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization). He provided a PowerPoint presentation re the proposed Countywide Plan Map. The number of plan map categories was reduced from 38 to 11. The map identified future activity centers, transportation corridors, target employment overlays, and associated development and reflects connectivity, public realm enhancements, and transitions to neighborhoods. The new map will help local governments streamline their planning changes. The plan will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in September to begin the public hearing process. Information on the plan was available on the County's website.

In response to a question, Mr. Crawford said the plan map did not reduce the ability of local governments to modify their future land use plans and did not propose to restrict density on barrier islands where the State required local government level review for all increases.

8 - Old Business: None.

9 - Miscellaneous:

Indian Shores Councilor Bill Smith said BIG C members had time to attend the September BIG C meeting before driving to the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association annual conference in Bonita Springs.

Ralph Reid, Aide to Pinellas County Commissioner Charlie Justice, said the Tampa Bay Estuary Program was offering \$5,000 mini-grants.

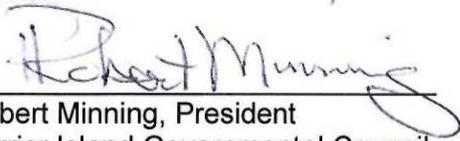
In response to an audience concern re proposed boating restrictions due to manatees, it was stated the FWC was working with local governments re wake zone modifications in the Intracoastal. The Pinellas County website had information re the Manatee Management Plan.

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10 - Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

September 24, 2014 BIG C meeting - 9:00 a.m.
City of Indian Rocks Beach Civic Auditorium
1507 Bay Palm Boulevard



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