

# *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*

The Barrier Islands Governmental Council (BIG-C) Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at the Indian Rocks Beach Civic Auditorium, 1507 Bay Palm Boulevard, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida.

President Minning called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance followed by welcoming comments by Indian Rocks Beach Mayor R.B. Johnson.

### **Present:**

Belleair Beach	Councilmember Wanda Schwerer
Belleair Shore	Mayor Bob Schmidt
Clearwater	Councilmember Hoyt Hamilton
Indian Rocks Beach	Vice-Mayor Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Indian Shores	Mayor Jim Lawrence
Madeira Beach	Mayor Travis Palladeno
North Redington Beach	Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Beach	Mayor Nick Simons
Redington Shores	Absent
St. Pete Beach	Mayor Maria Lowes
Treasure Island	Mayor Robert Minning

### **Guest Speaker:**

No Tax for Tracks	Betsi Burgess
-------------------	---------------

### **Guests Present:**

Belleair Beach	Vice Mayor Leslie Notaro
Belleair Beach	Michael Notaro, Resident
Indian Rocks Beach	Mayor R.B. Johnson
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy
Indian Rocks Beach	Commissioner Phil Hanna
Indian Rocks Beach	Brently Gregg Mims, City Manager
Indian Rocks Beach	Deanne B. O'Reilly, City Clerk
Indian Rocks Beach	Calvin Warren, Interim Public Services Director
Indian Rocks Beach	Jose Coppen, Resident
Indian Rocks Beach	David Gardella, Resident
Indian Shores	Vice Mayor Joan Herndon
Indian Shores	Councilor Mike Petruccelli
Indian Shores	Matt Towson, Resident
Redington Beach	Commissioner Mark Deighton
Treasure Island	Deputy City Clerk Pam Middleton
FL House of Rep.- Dist. 66	Representative Larry Ahern
FL House of Rep.- Dist. 66	Jim Brown, Legislative Assistant
FL House of Rep. -Dist. 69	Representative Kathleen Peters
FL House of Rep. -Dist. 69	Eired Jackson, District Secretary

FL Senate - District 22	Bobby Combs, Legislative Assistant
Pinellas Co.	Mary Scott Hardwick
Pinellas Co. Brd-Co Commissioners	Ralph Reid, Aide to Commissioner Justice
Pinellas Co. Communications	Mary Burrell, Public Information Officer
Pinellas Co. Communications	Irena Milasinovic, Public Information Specialist
Pinellas Co. Emergency Mngmnt	Rick Walker
Pinellas Co. Env/Infrastructure	Ivan Fernandez, Section Manager
Pinellas Co. Env/Infrastructure	Paul Giuliani, P.E., Section Manager
Pinellas Co. Env/Infrastructure	John M. Linton, Senior Engineer
Pinellas Co. MPO	Sandra Knoebel, Planner
Pinellas Co. MPO	Sarah Ward, Interim Executive Director
Pinellas Planning Council	Linda Fisher, Principal Planner
PSTA	Bob Lasher, External Affairs Officer
Redington Beach POA	Walt Knepper, Treasurer
SWFWMD	Estella Gray, Government Affairs
Tampa Bay Newspapers	Bob McClure, Editor

**CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE:**

FL House of Rep.-Dist. 69	Scott Orsini, Candidate
FL House of Rep.-Dist. 69	Meagan Salisbury, Campaign Staff/Orsini
FL Senate - Dist. 22	Judithanne McLaughlan, Candidate

*(To provide continuity for research, items are listed in agenda order although not necessarily discussed in that order.)*

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion made by Mayor Queen, seconded by Mayor Palladeno, to approve the September 24, 2014 Agenda as presented. Unanimous approval by acclamation.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — AUGUST 27, 2014.**

Motion made by Mayor Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, to approve the August 27, 2014 minutes as submitted. Unanimous approval by acclamation.

**5. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT — AUGUST 2014.**

Motion made by Mayor Queen, seconded by Mayor Hamilton-Wollin, to accept the August 2014 Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Unanimous approval by acclamation.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Betsi Burgess from “No Tax for Tracks”**

Betsi Burgess from “No Tax for Tracks” made a PowerPoint Presentation encouraging voters to vote no to the PSTA Greenlight Pinellas Rail Plan on November 4, 2014.

**8. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Appointment:**

Mayor Minning stated that BIG-C members have one joint appointment to the governing board of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA), and the renewable term for the appointment on the PSTA Board of Directors that started on October 1, 2011, and will expire on September 30, 2014.

Mayor Minning stated that Redington Beach Commissioner Mark Deighton is the current appointee, and has requested that he be considered for reappointment.

Motion made by mayor queen, seconded by Mayor Palladeno, to reappoint Redington Beach Commissioner Mark Deighton to the PSTA Board of Directors for a term beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2017. Unanimous approval by acclamation.

**b. Metropolitan Planning Organization:**

Indian Rocks Beach City Commissioner Kennedy stated she would like to be proactive with the cities that she represents at the MPO, and she would like to make a brief presentation on the role and duties of the MPO at one of their City Commission Meetings.

Indian Rocks Beach City Commissioner Kennedy requested that each city contact her at 727-560-7565, so that she can be scheduled for a City Commission Meeting in the near future.\

Indian Rocks Beach City Commissioner Kennedy stated PSTA Executive Director Brad Miller is working on a seamless connection from St. Petersburg/Clearwater to St. Pete Beach, and there is another quarter through Park Boulevard. She stated the beaches will directly have a benefit from the transit.

**c. Pinellas County Projects Update:**

Paul Giuliani, P.E., Construction Management Section Manager, of Pinellas County Environmental and Infrastructure/Engineering and Technical Support, provided a brief update of Pinellas County projects affecting the beach communities, specifically the Park Boulevard Bridge Project and the Gulf Boulevard Paving Project.

**d. Manatee Protection Zones:**

Mayor Minning advised that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on potential manatee protection zones on Thursday, September 25, 2014, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, 120 108th Avenue, Treasure Island.

**e. Legislative Reports:**

Representative Ahern advised that Congressman Jolly established a Fishing Advisory Council to address fishing problems in the State of Florida.

Representative Peters stated regarding the Manatee Protection Zone Meeting on September 25, 2014, there will be an informal question and answer period from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., then the commission will provide a short presentation at 6:30 p.m., followed by an additional opportunity for questions and input.

Representative Peters announced the Bayway Bridge Grand Opening is October 17, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

**9. MISCELLANEOUS — City Reports:**

**CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH:**

Bayway Bridge Bash on October 17, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. Speeches will be from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., with the Bayway Bridge Run beginning at 7:30 p.m. A new City Manager will be appointed in October. The City has hired a new City Attorney, Andrew Dickman, Esquire.

**CITY OF CLEARWATER:**

Motor boat racing this weekend on Clearwater Beach. Jazz Holiday begins October 16th. Wholesale Foods is now opened at Countryside Mall.

**CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH:**

Oktoberfest, October 11, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., in Kolb Park. Indian Rocks Historical Society Semi-Annual Potluck Luncheon on October 18th at noon. The guest speaker will be Cathy Salustri who revisits "Old Florida" places on U.S. 19.

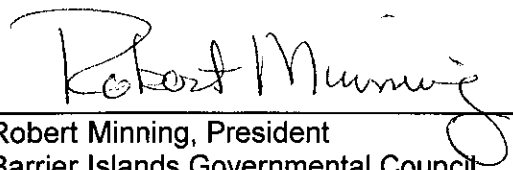
**TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES:**

On October 9th at noon, a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place behind the municipal center commemorating their new pavilion, and the renaming of the park area behind Town Hall in honor of Chief E.D. Williams, who was police chief and administrator for 24 years.

**10. ADJOURN.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING**  
October 29, 2014  
City of Belleair Beach  
Belleair Beach City Hall  
444 Causeway Boulevard



Robert Minning

---

Robert Minning, President  
Barrier Islands Governmental Council