

# *BIG-C*

## *Barrier Islands Governmental Council*

*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 meeting was called to order by President, Mayor Alan Johnson at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023 at the Madeira Beach City Hall, 300 Municipal Dr, Madeira Beach, FL 33708.

### **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Johnson.

### **2. Roll Call**

#### **Big C Representatives**

##### **BIG C Representatives:**

**Mayor Alan Johnson**  
**Mayor MaryBeth Henderson**  
**Mayor Joanne “Cookie” Kennedy**  
**Mayor Dave Gattis City**  
**Mayor Pat Soranno**  
**Mayor John Hendricks**  
**Mayor Tyler Payne**  
**Mayor Bill Queen**  
**Vice Mayor Kathleen Beckman**  
**Mayor David Will**

**City of St Pete Beach**  
**Town of Redington Shores**  
**City of Indian Rocks Beach**  
**City of Belleair Beach**  
**Town of Indian Shores**  
**City of Madeira Beach**  
**City of Treasure Island**  
**Town of North Redington Beach**  
**City of Clearwater**  
**Town of Redington Beach**

#### **Guests**

Janet Long  
Robin I Gomez, City Manager  
Larry Schear  
Diantha Schear  
Tim & Gina Johnson  
Rita Bishop  
Zach Westfall  
Alex Harsha  
Christina Chilbert  
Clint Belk  
Chiquita Clark  
Megan Powers

Pinellas County Commissioner  
Madeira Beach  
PSFRD Commissioner  
Indian Shores Councilor  
Waterfront Realty  
St. Pete Beach  
Pinellas  
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber  
CMC Synergy Fundraising  
Fire Chief, Madeira Beach  
Duke Energy  
Madeira Beach

Mike Hackerson  
Dawn Peters  
Bob Griffin  
Melissa Hill  
Barbara Colucci  
Meredith & Mike Johnson  
John Mortellite II  
Teri Lawson  
Jessica Morrow  
Jill Dunavin

Indian Shores Councilor  
Pinellas Co School Board  
Beach Newsletters  
National Wildlife Foundation  
Clerk, Belleair Shore  
Redington  
PSFRD Asst. Chief  
Caldwell Banker  
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber  
TIMB Chamber

### **3. Changes to Agenda and Approval**

Mayor Queen made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

### **4. Approval of Minutes of Redington Shores January 25, 2023 Meeting**

Mayor Queen made a motion to approve the January minutes. Mayor Will seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

### **5. Approval of January 2023 Treasurer's Report**

Mayor Kennedy reported the current balance of \$1498.10. Mayor Queen made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Beckman. Motion approved unanimously.

### **6. Correspondence**

Mayor Will asked if Olivia Carson, who was attending on behalf of Representative Anna Paulina Luna could be moved up on the agenda due to another appointment. Ms. Carson stated that Rep. Luna was very interested in working with the coastal communities. She gave her cell phone to the members, stating they were welcome to contact her at any time.

Mayor Johnson indicated that Mayor Kennedy would be filing the Sunbiz annual report in the amount of \$70.

### **7. New Business**

Melissa Hill, Program Manager for the National Wildlife Federation, presented "Dear Tampa Bay". The presentation highlighted coastal work in the Gulf. Ms. Hill stated the NWF had been founded in 1936 and their mission is to help wildlife thrive.

Ms. Hill went over the project goals and presented a 2-minute trailer of a film produced by Wildpath which shows five different communities along the Gulf of Mexico. She stated this film is being shown at public gatherings to educate people about the issues facing wildlife. She added that surveys are done following the viewing to assess how much knowledge is being gleaned from the footage.

Pinellas County Commissioner Janet Long spoke regarding the Tampa Bay Resiliency Summit. She stated they had begun with 24 local governments involved and now have 30<sup>th</sup>. She added the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summit would be held at the Clearwater Hilton on May 3-5<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Johnson asked for 3 volunteers for a nominating committee who will provide a report at the April meeting. Mayors Queen, Gattis and Soranno volunteered.

Mayor Johnson asked for 2 volunteers for an audit committee which will provide a Treasurer's report at the April meeting. Mayors Queen and Soranno volunteered.

## **8. Old Business**

Mayor Kennedy informed the members that they are waiting on a date to travel to D.C. to meet with Senators Rubio and Scott regarding the beach renourishment. She expects it be in the next few weeks.

Mayor Queen stated he was meeting with Commissioner Long regarding the beach renourishment following today's meeting.

## **9. Discussion Items**

Mayor Will discussed HB41, which he stated was currently going through committee meetings. He stated the bill would prohibit referendums on land use items. He added that such prohibition is taking away the people's voice.

Mayor Queen asked if any of the communities present have ordinances that address artificial turf. Mayor Johnson stated that St. Pete Beach looks at it as a way to conserve water and there are several places that have it. Mayor Payne stated that Treasure Island had just added it to a playground. Mayor Will stated Redington Beach had also added it to a playground. Mayor Hendricks stated that Madeira Beach is installing artificial grass in their dog park. All indicated Mayors stated they had heard no complaints about artificial grass being used.

Mayor Kennedy said that she, Mayor Payne and Vice Mayor Beckman had visited Sanibel Island to speak with them about the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. Discussion ensued on the different topics that were discussed and the pros and cons of the processes they had in place. There was discussion of those that visited putting together a presentation for a future meeting. Mayor Payne indicated there could be a presentation given at the Florida League of Cities by representatives of Sanibel which could be recorded and shown or possibly a zoom presentation. Mayor Kennedy also suggested to contact the City of Ft. Myers Beach about visiting or setting up a type of meeting as where Sanibel is 2/3<sup>rd</sup> conservation land, Ft. Myers Beach is built out and much more similar to our beach communities.

## **10. Legislative Update**

Mayor Kennedy stated that Florida Senator DiCeglie had presented a bill to legislators that would restrict municipalities from adding certain requirements for short term vacation rentals. She indicated she was upset with this proposed bill. Mayor Will stated he had attempted to contact Sen. DiCeglie with compromise suggestions, but has received no response from him.

## **11. City Events**

North Redington Beach – Mayor Queen thanked Mayor Hendricks for serving on the BIG C.

Clearwater – Phillies opening day on Saturday

Redington Shores – Community Garage Sale March 24-25.

Belleair Beach – Pinellas Suncoast “Beach Safety and Beyond” February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Indian Shores – St. Patrick's Day Festival - beginning at 11:00 am.

Treasure Island – Spring it On Music in the Park – March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Suncoast League of Cities Meeting in Dunedin - this Friday

Mayor Payne added that Treasure Island passed the micromobility ordinance the preceding night.

Madeira Beach – The new City store opened in town hall.  
Final Friday at Johns Pass – February 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Spring Softball Games – February 24<sup>th</sup>  
Trash Pirates Beach Cleanup – March 9<sup>th</sup>  
Fishing Tournament – March 23-25<sup>th</sup>

St. Pete Beach – Spring Concert series starting Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

## 12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Hosted by Town of Redington Beach at Madeira Beach City Hall, 300 Municipal Dr. Madeira Beach, FL 33708.

Minutes Prepared by: Mari Campbell  
Town Clerk, Town of North Redington Beach, FL

Date Approved: 3/29/2023

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Amber LaRowe, MMC, City Clerk  
City of St. Pete Beach



Mary Beth Handerson  
Barrier Islands Governmental Council Vice  
President Mayor of the Town of Redington  
Shores, FL