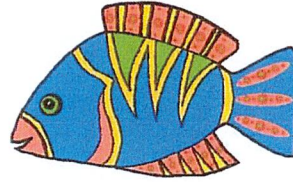


BIG-C

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 Pat Soranno at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 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 Soranno.

2. Roll Call

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

Mayor Kennedy
Mayor Soranno
Mayor Henderson
Mayor Queen
Mayor Will
Mayor Johnson
Mayor Hendricks
Mayor Payne
Vice Mayor Gattis
Mayor Schmidt
Council Member Hamilton

Attendees:

Madeira Beach
Madeira Beach
Chris Kelley
Gina Johnson
Tim Johnson
Mary Palmer
Bob Esposito
Robin Miller
Ginny Bodkin
Amber LaRowe
Mary Burrell
Barb Colucci
Michael Robinson
Richard Cariello
C.R. Hollands
Ray Kerr

Megan Powers, Asst. to City Manager
City Manager, Bob Daniels
Waterfront Realty
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Town Clerk, Redington Shores
FDOT
Tampa Bay Beached Chamber of Commerce
Deputy Clerk, St. Pete Beach
Clerk, St. Pete Beach
Pinellas County
Clerk, Belleair Shore
Vice-Mayor, Redington Shores
Commissioner, Redington Beach
Resident, St. Pete Beach
Resident, Madeira Beach

3. Approval of Agenda –

- Mayor Soranno would like to make changes to the agenda under New Business. Change is Swearing in to 3. A.
- Mayor Soranno would like to delete the following items from Correspondence
 - 6.D Emails to White Blanton and County Commissioner Karen Seel regarding pedestrian safety and sidewalks.
- Mayor Queen motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Hendricks. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Swearing in Ceremony & Changing of the Guard

- Swearing in of: President: Mayor Johnson, Vice President: Mayor Henderson, Treasurer: Mayor Kennedy
- Handover of the gavel from Mayor Soranno to Mayor Johnson

4. Approval of Minutes

- Mayor Kennedy moved to approve, seconded by Mayor Payne. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of the March 2021 Treasurer's Report.

- Mayor Henderson reported March 1 opening balance was \$1,462.83. Two disbursements to Pieczonka Trophy. One for Mayor Soranno and the other for Nick Simons. Closing balance March 31st of \$1,322.21.
- Mayor Queen moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Mayor Will. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Correspondence

- A. Digital Eel Invoice #29085 in the amount of \$26.91 for updates to the BIG C webpage.
- B. BIG C letter to U.S. Representative Charlie Christ Supporting funding request for the design of the Pinellas County Shore Protection Project
- C. Follow up emails from Jack Cox regarding Edgewater Resources' presentation on "Living Shoreline Solutions".
- ~~D. Emails to White Blanton and County Commissioner Karen Seel regarding pedestrian safety and sidewalks.~~ Taken off correspondence during agenda approval, item was placed on agenda by mistake.

7. New Business

- A. Presentation on "Flood Plain Management" by Linda Portal, CFM.
 - Linda presented on floodplain management and an overview of what this means to the barrier islands pointing out wave runup that can occur on the bayside. Also pointed out the storm surge issues with the beach side properties which can occur on top of the base flood like and waves brought in by the flood. Update on how Pinellas county updates the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). Collecting data since 2012, allowed governments to submit data and own studies. Obligated to adopt the new FIRM maps by August. Look back at flood plain ordinance to make sure it is updated by August. New map will include a lined barrier outlining the newly termed coastal A zone. These are the areas that will most likely get the low to moderate wave run up on the bayside and the beach side. Those properties will now be built regulated as they are in the coastal A zone. Mayors need to be aware that some areas will be allowed to build on the ground floor as long as it is flood proof but there are some areas that will not be able to build on the ground floor in coastal A. Will be getting with the floodplain managers on a united front to make sure community and economic development to protect the interest of the islands.
 - Spoke on Hurricane Eta and the repeat flooding areas which were the majority of areas where permits were pulled. Need to collect the data from these types of storms on flood levels, what was the damage and to what degree. This is what the County needs to submit to FEMA for financial and logistical help. For Eta because

we didn't collect enough data we could not get FEMA help. Governor didn't declare us a disaster and because of that we were not eligible for resources.

- County needs to be the entity collecting Data for FEMA so all data gets to FEMA. It is important all cities collect the data and send to the county. Madeira Beach is producing training and will provide the training to other cities.
- This is the time to look at the flood plain ordinance in each city to make sure they are up to date.
- Recommendation of the Big C to have all flood plain managers attend Forward Pinellas to give the Barrier Islands a voice.

B. Audit Committee's report on the State of the BIG C finances and Financial Report Keeping.

- Not discussed

C. Consideration of Nominating Committee's recommendations for appointment of the BIG C President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer for a 2-year term

- This item was moved to after Item 2. Roll Call.

D. Administer Oath of Office to incoming BIG C Officers

- This item was moved to after Item 2. Roll Call.

8. Old Business – None

A. Correspondence with Jack Cox on Living Shoreline Solutions- Mayor Soranno

- Next step as Big C to partner with the County. Look for other partners, see what is already working, and extrapolate on that. Redington Shores is a perfect example on how it's working.
- Need more data on how it works to support or proves the concept.
- Mayor Queen's objection to the project is that it is not comparable to what we have here and doesn't want to spend the \$20 million on a prototype that we don't know is going to work. Take a look at what we already have like Madeira Beach's jetty system. Work with the County to get already existing systems going.
- Mayor Johnson likes the idea of using Shore Line Solutions as they use mother nature to keep the sand on the beach although Fort Pierce isn't configured like us. Might need Edgewater to do a study to see what it would take with our configuration. What is it going to look like conceptually to see how much it is going to cost.
- Mayor Johnson will contact the County to set up a meeting with Kelli Levi in Public Works.

9. Miscellaneous –

A. Flood Plain Management Presentation with Lisa Foster, Pinellas County to be on the next agenda.

10. Legislative Update –

A. Short Term Rental Bill- Mayor Johnson

- Died in Committee
- Robin from Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce, Yes vacation rentals is dead

B. Electric Motorized Bicycles ban on shoreline- Robin from Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce

- This is not regarding e-scooters

C. Home Based Business- Robin from Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce

- Senate has possession of bill, lobby firm (Suskey Consulting) is expecting to lay the senate bill on the table and pass out today.
- If you have a home based business ordinance in place this bill will not impact your ordinance. Will need to verify.

D. Cross Walk Legislation- Robin from Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce

- Senate Bill is dead but the House Bill passed on floor yesterday, it is to be determined if the Senate will hear this bill. Belief is that it will most likely not move.

E. Shoreline Preservation- Robin from Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce

- The State of Florida has been awarded money towards projects, so it is important to have a conversation with the County and the State level to get some of that funding.

- Robin to forward list of proposed budgets items and the amount.

11. Public Comments –

- A. Robin from Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce- Having a Legislative Round Up on May 13th at the Cambria Madeira Beach 3pm. Brandes, Chaney, and Diceglie will be in attendance.

- B. Mayor Johnson is part of a group call with Forward Pinellas called Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). St. Pete Beach charter has been changes to coincide with state law which means an elected official cannot be part of the committee. Looking for someone to represent the South Beaches on the committee (Redingtons on south locations)

- C. Robin from Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce- Red Tide Monitoring on the beaches. Need a volunteer from St. Pete Beach, Madeira Beach, and Treasure Island to do the beach condition reporting via app on phone. Contact Robin directly with volunteer.

- D. Mary Burrell with Pinellas County Emergency Management- Barrier Island Hurricane Summit. Trying to involve all municipalities on the beaches on our panel and addresses the basic preparedness and what people can do after with storms like Eta to rebuild stronger. Summit is May 19th 6-7:30pm at Madeira Beach City Hall. Please contact if you would like to participate.

- E. Ray Kerr, Madeira Beach- House Bill 1377 & 1379 incentive for homes to be rebuilt based on FEMA standards and having the property taxes assed on the pre-mitigated value. It is restrictive on size on that incentive, should have as much incentive as possible with no restriction. In long tern if restriction was removed it would help the first responders and government as far as their tax base. It is 110% increase, it is the size of your home with a 110% increase.

12. City Events –

- A. Each city reported their upcoming events.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 26th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Hosted by City of Treasure Island, 120 108th Ave., Treasure Island, FL 33706.

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Date Approved : May 25, 2021

ATTEST



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

APPROVED:



Alan Johnson, President,
Barrier Islands Governmental Council
Mayor, City of St. Pete Beach