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**Alan Johnson**  
President  
Mayor, St. Pete Beach

**MaryBeth Henderson**  
Vice President  
Mayor, Redington Shores

**Joanne “Cookie” Kennedy**  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Mayor, Indian Rocks Beach

**MEETING MINUTES  
August 31, 2022**

BIG C President Alan Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Clearwater Beach Library and Recreation Complex, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and welcoming comments by Clearwater Mayor Frank Hubbard re beach renourishment and thanks to caterer, Clear Sky Café.

<p>Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Belleair Beach</li> <li>Belleair Shore</li> <li>Clearwater</li> <li>Indian Rocks Beach</li> <li>Indian Shores</li> <li>Madeira Beach</li> <li>North Redington Beach</li> <li>Redington Beach</li> <li>Redington Shores</li> <li>St. Pete Beach</li> <li>Treasure Island</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayor Dave Gattis</li> <li>Mayor Robert E. Schmidt Jr.</li> <li>Councilmember Lina Teixeira</li> <li>Mayor Joanne “Cookie” Kennedy</li> <li>Mayor Patrick Soranno</li> <li>Mayor John B. Hendricks</li> <li>Mayor Bill Queen</li> <li>Mayor David Will</li> <li>Mayor MaryBeth Henderson</li> <li>Mayor Alan Johnson</li> <li>Mayor Tyler Payne</li> </ul>
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<p>Guest Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council</li> <li>Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council</li> <li>Pinellas County Parks</li> <li>Seaside Seabird Sanctuary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sean Sullivan</li> <li>Sarah Vitale</li> <li>Paul Cozzie</li> <li>Christina Chilbert</li> </ul>
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<p>Also Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Version Media</li> <li>City of Clearwater</li> <li>City of Clearwater</li> <li>Coldwell Banker Realty</li> <li>Duke Energy</li> <li>State of Florida Chief Financial Officer Representative</li> <li>State of Florida Governor Regional Representative</li> <li>Forward Pinellas</li> <li>Town of Indian Shores</li> <li>Town of Indian Shores</li> <li>International Association of Firefighters Local 1158</li> <li>City of Madeira Beach</li> <li>Pinellas County</li> <li>Pinellas County Administration</li> <li>Pinellas Suncoast Fire &amp; Rescue District</li> <li>Pinellas Suncoast Fire &amp; Rescue District</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kathleen Blackburn</li> <li>Rosemarie Call</li> <li>Patricia Sullivan</li> <li>Tevi D. Lawson</li> <li>Chiquita Clark</li> <li>Cassidy Mueller</li> <li>Cherie Denham</li> <li>Sandra Knoebel Peoples</li> <li>Councilor Mike Hackerson</li> <li>Vice Mayor Diantha Schear</li> <li>David Sowers</li> <li>Commissioner Ray Kerr</li> <li>John Bishop</li> <li>Brian Lowack</li> <li>Jeff Davidson</li> <li>John Mortellite II</li> </ul>
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Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District  
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce  
RGA Network  
Town of Redington Beach  
Town of Redington Shores  
Town of Redington Shores  
St. Petersburg College/Inst. Strategic Policy Solutions  
Treasure Island & Madeira Bch Chamber of Commerce  
Waterfront Realty  
Waterfront Realty

Larry Schear  
Jessica Morrow  
Matt Coots  
Commissioner Rich Cariello  
Commissioner Jennie Blackburn  
Vice Mayor Cinda Krouk  
Sam Jenkins  
Barry Rubin  
Gina Johnson  
Tim Johnson

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

3 – Changes to the Agenda and Approval

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

4 - Approval of Minutes – July 27, 2022 meeting

Mayor Queen moved to approve the minutes of the regular BIG C (Barrier Islands Governmental Council) meeting of July 27, 2022, as corrected. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

5 - Approval of the July 2022 Treasurer’s Reports.

BIG C Secretary/Treasurer Joanne “Cookie” Kennedy reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for July 2022; the balance was \$672.59.

Mayor Soranno moved to accept the July 2022 Treasurer’s Report. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

6 - Correspondence:

6a. BIG C Assessment Application

BIG C Secretary/Treasurer Kennedy said she had spoken to the BIG C representative for the municipality that had not paid the Assessment Fee.

7 - New Business:

7a. Guest Speakers, Sean Sullivan and Sarah Vitale, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Resilient Ready Project

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Sean Sullivan and Sarah Vitale of the TBRPC (Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council) provided a PowerPoint presentation. TBRPC and the City of Tampa were selected and funded by the FDEP (Florida Department of Environmental Protection) Resilient Florida Grant Program FY 2021-22 to implement a Resilient Ready Tampa Bay project and work with consultant Waggoner & Ball to consider impacts of flooding and sea level rise. Design charrettes were part of the process. Study areas: 1) North Tampa Closed Basin; 2) Oldsmar R.E. Olds Park; and 3) St. Pete Beach Pass-A-Grille. The report assumed no big storm changing the dynamic.

Pass-A-Grille, a narrow relatively dense community on a shifting sandbar with water hazard from all sides and below, was modeled for conceptual scenarios to adapt to existential risks. Sea level and groundwater rise will radically change barrier island life. Even with constant daily pumping, it is anticipated the island will have substantial overtopping by 2080. Near term defenses include a 10-foot dune on the gulf, raising the road, drainage, houses on stilts, a conservation easement, and a channel side 5-foot sea wall. The long-term concept will require 20-foot dunes and a dune loft on the gulf, an elevated interior with houses on stilts, drainage, and a channel side intertidal zone with stormwater runoff, a living edge of seagrass and mangroves, and no seawall. Long term conceptual cost estimates are \$6.9 million per block for development adaptation, \$4.1 million per block for edge adaptation, and \$9.9 million for beach adaptations.

The full report is available on the TBRPC website. In response to a comment, Ms. Vitale said King Tides cause monthly flooding on Pass-A-Grille's east side. Barrier islands should consider short term strategies.

7b. Parks & Conservation Resources Director, Paul Cozzie, Smoking on County Beaches and Parks

Pinellas County Parks & Conservation Resources Director Paul Cozzie said House Bill 105 which allows counties and cities to ban smoking at beaches and parks will be discussed at a September 15 work session to consider a plan to ban smoking at 3 Pinellas County beach parks and dunes and implement \$118 fines. He said it was up to municipalities to ban smoking on beach accesses. Park Rangers and Code Enforcement will have enforcement authority in the County. In response to a question, he said the smoking ban would cover water at Ft. Desoto's beach as the Federal government had transferred much of the submerged lands to the County.

7c. Seaside Seabird Sanctuary, Christina Chilbert

Christina Chilbert, representing the Seaside Seabird Sanctuary, said red tide and monofilament fishing lines were responsible for most local bird injuries. She said the sanctuary has rehabbed almost 4,000 birds. To save birds, she encouraged people to remove trash from waterways and purchase or make containers for disposing monofilament fishing lines. She said the Chamber of Commerce is donating \$1,000 toward the containers and requested the BIG C make a similar contribution. She announced the Sanctuary was releasing 75 rehabbed birds today.

8 - Old Business: None.

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9 – Discussion Items: None.

10 – Legislative Update:

State of Florida Chief Financial Officer Representative Cassidy Mueller and State of Florida Governor Regional Representative Cherie Denham invited residents to contact their offices for help and to request event attendance.

11 – Public Comments:

Concerns were expressed that an Army Corps of Engineer ruling that has stymied beach renourishment. State Attorney General assistance to overcome this impasse has been requested.

12 – City Events:

BIG C members reviewed recent and upcoming events.

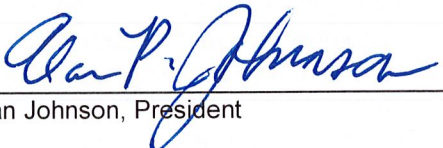
13 - Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Next BIG C meeting:  
September 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.  
City of Indian Rocks Beach Civic Auditorium,  
1507 Bay Palm Boulevard

Minutes Prepared by:  
Patricia Sullivan  
Board Reporter  
City of Clearwater

10/26/2022  
Date Approved

APPROVED   
Alan Johnson, President

ATTEST:   
Amber LaRowe, City Clerk  
City of St. Pete Beach, Florida