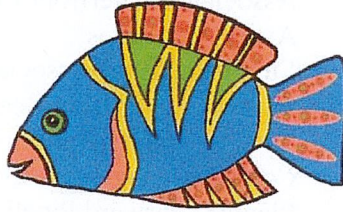


BIG-C

Barrier Islands Governmental Council

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Belleair Shore
Clearwater
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Madeira Beach



North Redington Beach
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Redington Shores
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Treasure Island

Indian Shores BIG C Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Indian Shores Town Hall, 19305 Gulf Boulevard, Indian Shores, FL 33785

1. The BIG C Meeting of December 1, 2021 was called to order by President Mayor Alan Johnson at 9:00 A.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

BIG C Representatives:

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

Absent
Mayor Bob Schmidt
Vice Mayor Dave Gattis
BIG C Treasurer Mayor Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy
Mayor Patrick Soranno
BIG C Vice President Mayor MaryBeth Henderson
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor David Will
Mayor John Hendricks
Mayor Tyler Payne
BIG C President Mayor Alan Johnson

Also present:

Jay Wheeler, Special Guest Speaker	CEO, Underground Refuse
Mike Hackerson	Vice Mayor, Indian Shores
Diantha Schear	Council Member, Indian Shores
Bonnie Dhonau	Town Administrator, Indian Shores
Darlyn Stockfisch	PIO/Public Services Supervisor, Indian Shores
Freddie Lozano	Town Clerk, Indian Shores
Glen Smith	Police Captain, Indian Shores
Lori Kaess	Assistant to Chief of Police, Indian Shores
Jennie Blackburn	Commissioner, Redington Shores
Cinda Krouk	Commissioner, Redington Shores
Rich Cariello	Commissioner, Redington Beach
Barb Colucci	Clerk, Belleair Shore
Bob Daniels	City Manager, Madeira Beach
Raul Perez	Fire Inspector, Madeira Beach Fire & Rescue Fire

Jeff Davidson	Fire Chief, Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District
John Mortellite	Asst. Fire Chief, Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District
Larry Schear	Fire Commissioner, Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District
Chiquita Clark	Government and Community Relations, Duke Energy
Chris Kelly	Associate, Waterfront Realty
Chris Martin	Ayres Associates
Chris Martin	Engineer, Ayres Associates
Tim and Gina Johnson	Owners, Waterfront Realty
Brian Lowack	Asst. to County Administrator, Pinellas County
John Bishop	Coastal Management Coordinator, Pinellas County
Sandra Knoebel	Planner, Forward Pinellas
Rick Colucci	Citizen
Eunic Ortiz	Citizen
Chirstopher Hollands	Citizen
Mike Zabel	Citizen, Belleair Beach
Lauren Peace	Reporter, Tampa Bay Times Newspaper
Jerry Stockfisch	Reporter, Tampa Bay Times Newspaper

3. Changes to the Agenda and Approval

Mayor Queen made a motion and seconded by **Mayor Kennedy** to approve the December 1, 2021, BIG C meeting agenda. **All ayes. Motion carried 10-0.**

4. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the Town of Belleair Shores October 27, 2021, BIG-C meeting

Mayor Queen made a motion and seconded by **Mayor Henderson** to approve the BIG C meeting minutes of October 27, 2021. **All ayes. Motion carried 10-0.**

5. Approval of the October 2021 Treasurer's Report

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the October 2021 Treasurer's Report. **All ayes. Motion carried 10-0.**

6. Correspondence

- Digital Eel Invoice #29978 in the amount of \$17.42 for updates to the BIG C website

7. New Business

- Guest Speaker, Jay Wheeler – President of Underground Refuse Systems “Underground Solid Waste Containment & Collection”

Mr. Wheeler made his presentation on the underground refuse containers currently being utilized in Clearwater Beach, Belleair Shores, Tampa, and other cities throughout North America noting that:

- the refuse containers are stored underground in a 12-foot vault
- they are animal and human proof and are climate change resistant
- specialized trucks collect the trash daily and other specialized trucks clean the containers
- the units are maintained by the purchaser and warrantied by Underground Refuse
- interlocal agreements can be done to share the cost between cities
- this refuse system is not recommended for areas that flood at least two or three times per year.

8. Old Business

Mayor Queen mentioned Senate Bill 280 and companion Senate Bill 620 regarding ordinances being passed and their impacts on businesses. These bills can be damaging to local cities.

Brian Lowack provided input stating that the bills essentially hold a city liable if a business is negatively impacted at a rate of 15% or more due to an adopted ordinance or legislation. Businesses can sue the city and also recover attorney fees if successful. The big problem with this is there is no defined way of measuring that can prove a loss. The bill's sponsor said he will work on it. The bill passed its first Senate committee and has two more committee stops in the Senate. He encouraged the Council to contact all Pinellas County senators to let them know their thoughts on the bills.

Mayor Kennedy suggested that each city and the BIG C contact the three Pinellas County senators on the Appropriations Committee to provide input on the bills. She will have her City Manager and Attorney craft a letter to send to them.

Mayor Queen made a duly seconded motion for a resolution to draft a letter from the BIG C opposing Senate Bills 280 and 620. **All ayes. Motion carried 10-0.**

John Bishop reported that the chief engineers signed off on the reauthorization study at the end of October, making Treasure Island and St. Pete Beach reauthorized for an additional 50 years. Once authorized, construction will begin in 2028 as a combined project for both cities. The 2022-2023 project under the old authorization is still waiting on funding and is expected to begin construction in spring of 2023.

He continued stating that all of Sand Key is authorized under the federal project. Some areas, such as North Redington Beach, need to set erosion control lines (ECL) and perpetual public access easements. A package regarding the project was sent to the Army Corps of Engineers. No response has been received, which may be due to the new Assistant Secretary to the Army Corps, Michael Connor, not taking command yet as he was just confirmed last November.

The discussion ensued, concluding with Mayor Kennedy, who reached out to the District Director of Congressman Charlie Crist, Steven Cary. She would like to see when Michael Connor will begin taking appointments to discuss the project, including the topic of the project requiring 100% of the easement being signed by the property owners.

Mayor Payne mentioned seeing a news article on the Piney Point facility. Manatee County is slated to approve their permit for a deep well injection that will eliminate 1 million gallons of water per day. One of the ponds has 250 million gallons of water. Manatee County is providing the public two weeks for comments. If there are no objections, permitting will move forward.

9. **Discussion Items.** None.

10. **Legislative Update.** No additional legislative updates.

11. **Public Comments.** None.

12. City Events

The BIG C Representatives listed their city's upcoming December Holiday events and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

13. Adjournment

9:53 A.M.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 9:00 A.M.

Hosted by Town of Redington Shores

Location: Madeira Beach City Hall | 300 Municipal Drive | Madeira Beach, FL 33708

Minutes Prepared by: Freddie Lozano
Town Clerk, Indian Shores, FL

Date Approved: 1/26/2022

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



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



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