

# *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*

President Hamilton-Wollin called the December 7, 2016, meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

### **MEMBERS:**

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

Mayor Leslie Ford Notaro  
Absent  
George Cretekos  
Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton-Wollin  
Mayor Jim Lawrence  
Mayor Travis Palladeno  
Mayor Bill Queen  
Mayor Nick Simons  
Mayor Bert Adams  
Mayor Deborah Schechner  
Mayor Bob Minning

### **GUESTS – FROM SIGN IN SHEET:**

Belleair Beach  
Clearwater Gas  
FDOT  
Forward Pinellas  
Indian Rocks Beach  
Indian Rocks Beach  
Indian Shores  
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Pinellas County  
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Pinellas County  
Pinellas County Sheriff Dept.  
Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue  
Sand Key Civic Association  
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber  
Tampa Bay Ferry  
Tampa Bay Newspapers

Wanda Schwerer, Vice Mayor  
Kristi Pettit, Sale/Public Affairs Manager  
Bob Esposito, Government Affairs  
Sandra Cuddington, Planner  
R. B. Johnson, Mayor  
Deanne O'Reilly, City Clerk  
Patrick Soranno, Vice Mayor  
Bill Smith, Council Member  
Diantha Schear, Council Member  
Bonnie Dhonau, Town Administrator  
Terry Hughes, Police Chief  
Mary Scott Hardwick  
Andy Squires  
John Bishop, Coastal Management  
Bob Gualtieri, Sheriff  
Sal D'Angelo, Fire Chief  
Al Zimmerman, President  
Doug Izzo, Government Affairs  
Robin Myers, Liaison  
Bob McClure, Editor

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes: October 26, 2016.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously

**5. Approval of Treasurer's Report: October/November 2016.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Correspondence.**

President Hamilton- Wollin reported the County has paid the Florida Shores and Beaches Preservation Association (FSBPA) invoice for Beach Watch dues and the Big-C has received a Christmas card from Digital Eel.

**7. New Business:**

**Guest Speaker: Sheriff Bob Gualtieri.**

Sheriff Gualtieri reported last year there were over 171,000 people who were Baker Acted in the State of Florida, with over 10,000 in Pinellas County alone. He discussed the complex mental health system and the great challenge for law enforcement to identify people dealing with mental health crises, who do not necessarily belong in jail, but should be directed to proper treatment centers for assessment, intervention and then released on the right path. He proposed a new adult pre-arrest diversion program which would help manage the jail population, and eliminate arrest records for those who make wrong decisions, have errors in judgement and are in a crisis situation, especially young people. Implementing a pilot program would mean taking case management to the street, partnering up a deputy with a licensed social worker for on-site assessment, taking the person to a central reception facility, directing them to the right services and mandatory community service instead of jail.

**Presentation by Dr. John Bishop, Pinellas County Coastal Management Coordinator on "Sand Key Easements."**

Dr. Bishop's stated the project for the Sand Key beach renourishment by the Army Corps of Engineers includes obtain 126 mandatory easements for five beach communities. The easements would be perpetual, allow for construction of the project and allow for public access. The easement packages will be distributed to the participating cities and the city staff will distribute them to property owners. The easements need to be obtained as soon as possible. In the future, an additional 356 easements will be required.

**8. Committee Updates:**

**Appointment to the By-Laws Committee.**

Vice Mayor Hamilton-Wollin stated the Council has had a discussion in the past relative to whether or not the Big-C is subject to the Sunshine Law. She reported she has spoken to the Attorney General's office regarding this matter, and they requested that she submit the question in writing. She stated the only thing that might be questionable is the number of people specified in our By-Laws to sit on committees, so we need to revise our By-Laws to reflect a committee of one until we receive a ruling.

Motion was made and duly seconded for appoint Mayor Notaro to the By-Laws Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Old Business**

Mayor Minning reported a request will be made to Pinellas County for reimbursement of clean-up costs each city incurs cleaning the beach or their cities, due to holiday events, fish kills, etc. Hopefully this request will be submitted the first quarter of next year.

Mayor Palladeno spoke relative to the proposed Interlocal Agreement layout for the Penny for Pinellas. It is basically the layout of the original agreement for \$45 million. It is anticipated that the new Penny for Pinellas will produce \$2 billion. The only change in it, to give it a little more flexibility, is we will be able to use the funds for infrastructure projects.

Bonnie Dhonau, Indian Shores Town Administrator reported discussion at a City Managers' meeting focused on the need to put language in the agreement that, rather than revert unused portion of a municipality's portion back to the County, that the funds go to the Big-C and be distributed to another beach community.

Mayor Queen stated that language has been placed in the agreement.

**10. Legislative Updates.**

Representative Kathleen Peters' office requested that legislative requests be submitted to her office before January 2017, and that presently she is working on short-term vacation rental issues.

Mayor Palladeno stated there is a push in Tallahassee to not funding Visit Florida.

President Hamilton-Wollin stated Ft. Lauderdale has passed their short-term rental legislation and we will all watch and see if it becomes litigious.

Mayor Lawrence reported Indian Shores has two Committees: one Gulf Blvd Beautification landscaping project and one Arts Council which has contracted the construction of five new signs. Construction has started on the signs already. The Landscaping team has been soliciting easements from private property owners for planting along Gulf Blvd., and the goal is to spend every penny of the Penny for Pinellas allotment.

Mayor Cretekos stated January is blood donor month and if the Big-C wanted to donate as a group, he could arrange for the Blood Mobile to be in Redington Shores at the next Big-C meeting. However, there was no response.

Mayor Lawrence reported Redington Shores has passed an ordinance relative to Amendment 2, and asked if this is common among the town and whether Indian Shores should consider it.

Mayor Adams stated Redington Shores has placed a one-year moratorium on medical marijuana, in order to work out zoning issues.

**11. City Events**

Representatives from each city announced the numerous events coming up for the holiday season, including boat parades, street parades, tree lighting ceremonies, and festivals

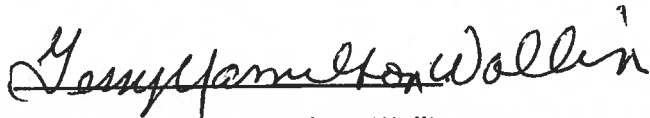
**12. Adjournment.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 A.M.

**NEXT MEETING**

**January 25, 2017**

**Town of Redington Shores**



Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton-Wollin

President