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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



MINUTES

BARRIER ISLANDS GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (BIG-C)

The Barrier Islands Governmental Council (BIG-C) Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at Redington Shores Town Hall, 17425 Gulf Blvd., Redington Shores, FL.

President Hamilton-Wollin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., followed by welcoming comments and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

Officers: President Indian Rocks Beach Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Vice President Madeira Beach Mayor Travis Palladeno
Secretary/Treasurer Belleair Beach Mayor Leslie F. Notaro

Present: Belleair Beach Councilmember Pamela Gunn
Belleair Shore Mayor Bob Schmidt
Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos
Indian Rocks Beach Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton-Wollin
Indian Shores Mayor Pat Soranno
Madeira Beach Mayor Travis Palladeno
North Redington Beach Mayor Bill Queen
Redington Beach Vice Mayor Fred Steierman
Redington Shores Mayor Bert Adams
St. Pete Beach Mayor Deborah Schechner
Treasure Island Mayor Robert Minning

Guest Speaker: Whit Blanton, Executive Director, Pinellas Forward.

Guests Present:

Brett Burks, Program Planner, Forward Pinellas
William Morelli, City of Seminole Fire Rescue
Sandra Cuddington, Planner, Forward Pinellas
Sal A. D'Angelo, III, Fire Chief, Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District
Mary Scott Hardwick, Intergovernmental Liaison, Office of Pinellas County Administrator
Lee Holmes, Vice Mayor, Redington Shores
R.B. Johnson, Mayor, Indian Rocks Beach
Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy, Commissioner, Indian Rocks Beach; Forward Pinellas
Deanne O'Reilly, City Clerk, Indian Rocks Beach
Diantha Schear, Councilor, Indian Shores

Mike Hackerson, Councilor, Indian Shores
Bill Smith, Councilor, Indian Shores
Rick Walker, Pinellas County Emergency Management
Rebecca Carter, Sand Key Civic Association
Gary Curtis, Commissioner, North Redington Beach
Bob Griffin, Beach News Letters
Doyle Walsh, Commissioner Janet Long's Office
Bob McClure, Tampa Bay Newspapers
Doug Izzo, Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber
Jacob Labutka, PSTA
Jeff Baker, Duke Energy
Wanda Schwerer, Belleair Beach
MaryBeth Henderson, Commissioner Redington Shores
Sara Goldman, Representative Peters Office
Michael Fittro, Representative Peters Office

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

President Hamilton-Wollin stated Richard Walker asked to speak in regard to the Great Tornado Drill, so President Hamilton- Wollin, would like to add an item to number seven on the agenda.

MOTION MADE BY MAYOR PALLADENO, SECONDED BY MAYOR QUEEN, TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 25, 2017 AGENDA AS AMENDED. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — December 7, 2016.

MOTION MADE MAYOR MINNING, SECONDED BY MAYOR ADAMS, TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 7, 2016 BIG-C MINUTES. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

5. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT — DECEMBER 2016.

MOTION MADE MAYOR QUEEN, SECONDED BY MAYOR ADAMS, TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2016 TREASURER'S REPORT. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

A. BeachWatch Update: Week of January 9 Legislative Meetings

President Hamilton-Wollin stated the correspondence has been included in the agenda packet and asked for any comments. No comments were brought forward.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Guest Speaker: Whit Blanton, Executive Director, Pinellas Forward.

Mr. Blanton has provided the board with a packet to review at their pleasure. Mr. Blanton stated since the merger of the MPO and PPC, now referred to as Forward Pinellas, there has been discussion between the Legislative Delegation and County Commissioners on both sides of bay in regard to regionalizing our metropolitan planning organization. The general sentiment is that we are falling behind on transportation as a region. Forward Pinellas have been giving the charge in how to strengthen our regional transportation planning process.

Mr. Blanton explained Forward Pinellas is embarking on a process to evaluate different options that may be applicable to the Tampa Bay Area and will initiate a collaborative workshop on May 12, 2017, at St. Petersburg College, EPIC Center, followed by a six to nine-month research effort, funded by FDOT, to look at best practices around the country. He stated after the research, there will be a second workshop toward the end of 2017 or early 2018 to bring back those findings, match them up with the guiding principles from the first workshop and see what is the best fit for the culture of Tampa Bay. He stated at that time, they will be looking at governance options, such as which communities would have seats on this new board. Mr. Blanton addressed the boards concerns and questions.

b. Appointments to the Tourism Development Council (TDC).

President Hamilton-Wollin explained to the council that since last meeting when Vice President Palladeno was appointed as representative to the TDC she had received a phone call from County Commissioner Long explaining two to three names need to be submitted for consideration for the appointment. Following discussion, Mayor Bob Schmidt and Commission Cookie Kennedy each volunteered to be appointed. **Motion made by Mayor Minning, seconded by Mayor Queen to approve the additional names. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.**

c. Appointment(s) to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA).

President Hamilton-Wollin explained she had sent out a request asking for names to be considered. Two responses were from the City of St. Pete Beach; Terri Finnerty and Melinda Pletcher. Mayor Cretokos asked since the city does not pay into the PSTA tax, why would they be considered for appointment. It was stated that the city does pay into the system. After discussion, it was decided to give more time for the consideration and to place this item on the next agenda.

d. Richard Walker, Pinellas County EOC

Mr. Walker spoke to the council about Severe Weather Week, and today there will be a County Wide Tornado Drill at 10:00 a.m. This drill is to encourage residents to think about where and what they should plan for. If the meeting is still going on, hopefully all will stop and participate in the drill.

8. Committee Update:

Vice President Palladeno asked each city to please send to the County information showing what we are using the Penny for Pinellas monies for. Vice President Palladeno extended an invitation to anyone that would like to meet with him to see how Madeira Beach is sending this information. Sandra will send the updated spreadsheet.

Mayor Minning asked each beach community to enumerate the monies spent on clean-up from public events, normal maintenance of beach, fish kills, storms, etc. Send the info in spreadsheet form to Mayor Minning via email. This information will be sent to the County to show monies spent, local public tax dollars.

9. OLD BUSINESS: None.

10. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Sara Goldman, Legislative Aide for Representative Kathleen Peters, introduced Michael Fittro, Legislative Intern to Representative Peters. Ms. Goldman announced the next Legislative Delegation meeting will be held next Tuesday, January 31st, encouraging all to attend. All projects submitted to Representative Peters are being submitted slowly.

11. CITY EVENTS:

Board members reviewed recent and upcoming events in their cities.

12. ADJOURN.

MOTION MADE BY MAYOR QUEEN, SECONDED BY MAYOR ADAMS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:10 A.M. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.



Terry Hamilton-Wollin, President
Barrier Islands Governmental Council
Vice Mayor, City of Indian Rocks Beach