

# *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 October 26, 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  
Mayor George Cretekos  
Vice Mayor Terry Hamilton-Wollin  
Councilor Bill Smith  
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  
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Indian Rocks Beach  
Indian Shores  
Indian Shores  
St. Pete Beach  
Charter Communications  
Duke Energy  
Excalibur Consulting  
Florida House of Representatives  
Forward Pinellas  
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Pinellas County

Wanda Schwerer, Vice Mayor  
Jewels Chandler, Councilmember  
Nancy Gonzalez, City Manager  
Patricia Gentry, City Clerk  
Deanne O'Reilly, City Clerk  
Patrick Soranno, Vice Mayor  
Diantha Schear, Councilor  
Terri Finnerty, Commissioner  
Iris Gonzalez, Sr. Manager State Government Affairs  
Jeff Baker, Community Relations  
Denise Fougere, Managing Member  
Sarah Goldman, District Aide  
Whit Blanton, Executive Director  
Brett Burks, Program Planner  
Sandra Cuddington, Planner  
John Bennett, Assistant County Administrator

Pinellas County	Rod Fischer, Exec Director Construction Licensing Board
RBPOA	Ken Sulewski, President
RBPOA	Walt Knepper, Treasurer
RBPOA	Steve Miller
SKCA	Al Zimmerman, President
Resident of IRB	Kelly Cisarik
Resident of IRB	John Pfanstiehl
TBBCC	Doug Izzo, Governmental Affairs
Tampa Bay Ferry & Taxi	Bob Myers, Liasion
Candidate, Pinellas Cty Commission	Mike Mikurak
Candidate, State Representative	Jennifer Webb
Beach Newsletters	Bob Griffin
Tampa Bay Newspapers	Bob McClure, Editor

**3. Approval of Agenda.**

Motion was made and duly seconded for approval of the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes: September 28, 2016.**

Motion was made and duly seconded for approval of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Treasurer’s Reports: June through September 2016.**

Treasurer Leslie Ford Notaro reviewed the reports.

Motion was made by and duly seconded for approval of the reports. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Correspondence.**

- a. Florida Shore and Beaches Preservation Association.  
BIG-C dues would be paid by Pinellas County.
- b. Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.  
Discussion followed regarding the Pinellas County Wastewater/Stormwater Task force meetings.

**7. New Business:**

- a. **Guest Speaker:** John Bennett, Assistant County Administrator.

Mr. Bennett distributed literature and reviewed the BOCC strategic plan for EMS services to the entire County.

- b. **Appointment** of Indian Rocks Beach City Commissioner Joanne “Cookie” Kennedy to Forward Pinellas as the Barrier Islands Governmental Council’s representative.

President Terry Hamilton-Wollin advised that Commissioner Finnerty had withdrawn her name for consideration.

Motion was made and duly seconded to reappoint Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy, Commissioner of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, as the BIG-C representative to Forward Pinellas, serving as the Pinellas Planning Council and the Metropolitan Planning Organization, for a two-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding the BIG-C committees.

Motion was made and duly seconded to reduce the BIG-C Penny for Pinellas subcommittee and the Holiday Beach Cleanup fact-finding committee to one-person committees with Mayor Minning sitting on the Holiday Beach Cleanup fact-finding committee and Mayor Palladeno sitting on the Penny for Pinellas subcommittee. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken on the Gulf Boulevard Beautification Committee.

## **8. Old Business**

### **a. Nominations** to the Pinellas County Construction and Licensing Board.

Motion was made and duly seconded to nominate Frank DeSantis and Sprague Owings, in addition to Bruce Cooper, as the BIG-C representatives to the Pinellas County Construction and Licensing Board. Motion carried unanimously.

## **9. Legislative Updates.**

Representative Peters' office reported meetings regarding the recent sewer issues, and that Representative Peters would like to schedule meetings with each Mayor to discuss any appropriations requests.

Representative Ahern's office would be having a breakfast meeting with his constituents, if any would like to attend, and would also be asking cities for any appropriations requests.

Representative Jolly spoke regarding beach nourishment. He stated that he had asked the Army Corp of Engineers to do a walkthrough of the beaches post Hurricane Hermine and Hurricane Matthew to assess the deterioration and erosion, and they had agreed. The date for the next nourishment had not been determined.

## **10. City Events.**

**Belleair Beach:** Mayor Notaro announced the City-Wide Yard Sale.

**St. Pete Beach:** Mayor Schechner announced the City's Concert Series.

**Indian Shores:** Councilor Smith announced the December BIG-C meeting would be in Indian Shores.

**Redington Beach:** Mayor Simons stated they had been dealing with an ongoing short-term rental problem.

**N. Redington Beach:** Mayor Queen stated all was quiet in North Redington Beach.

**Redington Shores:** Mayor Adams stated all was quiet in Redington Shores.

**Treasure Island:** Mayor Minning announced the Annual Sanding Ovations sand sculpting competition. He advised that they had also instituted a Gulf Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Program.

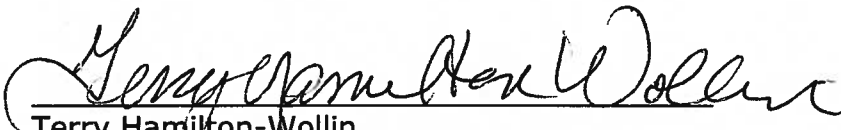
**Clearwater:** Mayor Cretekos thanked the Tampa Bay Newspapers and the Beach Newsletters for their coverage of each cities' events. He stated that the Chalk Art Festival was still going on at Clearwater Beach.

**Madeira Beach:** Mayor Palladeno announced the John's Pass Seafood Festival, which would be the kickoff for the new Tampa Bay Ferry & Taxi waterborne transportation.

**Indian Rocks Beach:** Mayor Hamilton-Wollin announced the Annual Taste of IRB and History Museum semi-annual pot luck luncheon.

## **11. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned.



Terry Hamilton-Wollin  
BIG-C President

### **NEXT MEETING**

November/December Meeting  
Wednesday, December 7, 2016  
Indian Shores Town Hall  
19305 Gulf Boulevard