# BIG C Barrier Islands Governmental Council

Belleair Beach
Belleair Shore
Clearwater
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores

Madeira Beach



North Redington Beach Redington Beach Redington Shores St. Pete Beach Treasure Island

The BIG C meeting was called to order by President, Mayor Bob Minning at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Town of North Redington Beach, 190 173rd Avenue, N Redington Beach, FL.

Mayor Queen welcomed everyone.

Mayor Mining and Mayor Adams spoke about it being their last meeting as they were retiring as Mayor of their respective cities.

### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Minning

#### Roll Call

### Big C Representatives

Belleair Beach Mayor Leslie Notaro Mayor George Cretekos Clearwater Mayor R.B. Johnson Indian Rocks Beach Mayor Pat Soranno Indian Shores Mayor Bill Queen N. Redington Beach **Redington Shores** Mayor Bert Adams St. Pete Beach Mayor Alan Johnson Treasure Island Mayor Bob Minning Madeira Beach Mayor Maggie Black

#### **Guests**

Candidate Circuit Judge Dustin Anderson
TI & MB Chamber of Commerce Missy Hahn

Madeira Beach City Manager Jonathan Evans

Madeira Beach Lucy Lafave

Madeira Beach Chief Derryl O'Neal

Charter/Spectrum Iris Gonzalez
Clearwater Gas Kristi Pettit
FDOT Bob Esposito
TB Beaches Chamber of Commerce Doug Izzo

District 69 Candidate

Ray Blacklidge

Forward Pinellas

Brett Burks

Indian Shores

Councilor Mike Hackerson

**Indian Shores** 

Councilor Bill Smith

**Indian Shores** 

Vice Mayor Diantha Schear

**Redington Shores** 

Commissioner Mary Beth Henderson

Redington Beach

Commissioner David Will

Belleair Beach

Vice Mayor Wanda Schwerer

Duke Energy

Jeff Baker

Redington Beach

Vice Mayor Fred Steierman

Forward Pinellas

Sandra Knoebel

North Redington Beach

Commissioner Gary Curtis

Beach Beacon

Brian Goff

## 3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor A. Johnson to approve the agenda. The voice vote was unanimous.

### 4. Approval of January 2018, Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Notaro to approve the January 2018 Minutes. The voice vote was unanimous.

## 5. Approval of January 2018, Treasurer's Report

The February Treasurer's Report was read by Mayor Sorrano. It was moved to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mayor Queen and seconded by Mayor Simons. The voice vote was unanimous.

#### 6. Correspondence

An email from Joseph Wong, regarding a storm workshop being held in St. Petersburg, was read.

#### 7. New Business

Robert C. Meador, P.E., Pinellas County Public Works Transportation, to Discuss "Doing Things"
 Gulf Boulevard ATMS Improvements

Mr. Meador gave an overview of the Gulf Boulevard ATMS Improvements. He stated the last presentation was in April 2016 and they were at 60% plan phase at that time. They are now finished with the design phase and have been implementing the intelligent transportation systems throughout Pinellas County. He showed maps of

where the ground work has been completed stating the goal was to improve traffic flow and make the roads safer.

Mr. Meador went over the plans for Gulf Boulevard. He indicated there would be a number of closed circuit cameras to monitor traffic in real time along with dynamic message boards to relay information to drivers. He stated there are 2 message board per crossing to the mainland planned.

Mr. Meador stated construction is slated to start on Gulf Boulevard this year however, it would be a moving project so no section of the road will be impacted for an extended period of time. Each phase will be completed along the entirety before the next implementation would take place. Construction is expected to take one year. He showed examples of the sign sizes indication those on Gulf Boulevard are planned at 12'5" wide by 4'11" high. He also added the planners had added an ornamental feature to the posts making it blend more with the beach atmosphere.

#### 8. Old Business

The Mayors discussed the offshore drilling resolutions. Most of the municipalities have approved the resolution with the others indicating it was on upcoming agendas.

#### 9. Miscellaneous

Mayor Queen read the nominating committee's slate of officers:

Mayor Leslie Notaro- President Mayor Pat Soranno – Vice President Mayor Alan Johnson - Secretary/Treasurer

Mayor Queen made a motion to approve the nominations, Mayor Simons seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

## 10. Legislative Update

Mayor Cretekos spoke regarding the effects of an unfunded mandate to place school resource officers, stating it would cost the City of Clearwater one million dollars a year.

#### 11. City Events

Mayor Queen made a presentation to Mayor Adams, acknowledging his years of service as Mayor of Redington Shores and to the BIG C.

Mayor Soranno invited everyone to the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Indian Shores. He also made a presentation to Mayor Johnson acknowledging his years of service as Mayor of Indian Rocks Beach and to the Big C.

Mayor Notaro made a presentation to Mayor Minning acknowledging his years of service as Mayor of Treasure Island and to the Big C.

Mayor Johnson spoke regarding the effectiveness of the BIG C and that he was honored to have been a part of it.

Mayor Johnson stated spring break was in full swing and they had hired extra patrol.

Mayor Cretekos stated Clearwater had been named the #1 beach in the country and applauded the people working in the tourist industry.

Mayor Black introduced their new City Manager, Jonathan Evans. She went over a list of events.

Mayor Minning asked everyone to get out and vote and thanked everyone for the opportunity to have served and been a part of the BIG C.

## 12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Town of Redington Beach Town Hall, 105 164th Avenue, Redington Beach, FL.

APPROVED:

AFFROVED.

ATTEST:

Patricia A. Gentry, City Clerk