

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 Minning called the January 27, 2016 meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1) Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Minning.

2) Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Councilmember Wanda Schwerer
Mayor Bob Schmidt
Mayor George Cretekos
Vice Mayor Tery Hamilton-Wollin
Mayor Jim Lawrence
Mayor Travis Palladeno
Mayor Bill Queen
Mayor Nick Simons
Mayor Bert Adams
Mayor Maria Lowe
Mayor Bob Minning

GUESTS' SIGN IN:

Clearwater
Pinellas Planning Council
Deputy City Clerk
Pinellas Co. Appraiser
FDOT
Clearwater Marine Aquarium
Indian Shores
Indian Shores
Indian Shores
Clearwater
Pinellas County
Indian Rocks Beach
Pinellas County
Pinellas County
Colleen Hartman

Al Zimmerman, Pres. SKCA
Sandra Cueldington, MPO Planner
Pam Middleton, Treasure Island
Mike Twitty
Bob Esposito
Lindsey Flynn, Associate Sea Turtle Biologist
Diantha Schear, Councilor
Bill Smith, Councilor
Pat Soranno, Vice Mayor
John Thomas, SKCA Director
Mary Scott Hardwick
R. B. Johnson
Andy Squires
John Bishop

3) Approval of Agenda

Mayor Queen moved to approve the Agenda; seconded by Mayor Palladeno. Roll call all yes.

4) Approval of Minutes

Mayor Adams moved to approve the Minutes for October 28, 2015 and December 2, 2015; seconded by Mayor Schmidt. Roll call all yes.

5) Approval of November 2015 and December 2015 Treasurer's Reports.

Mayor Palladeno said the balance as of December 31, 2015 is \$1,808.59. Mayor Queen moved to approve the Treasurer's report; seconded by Mayor Lowe. Roll call all yes.

6) Correspondence

Discussed by Mayor Palladeno in the Treasurer's Report

7) New Business

Ms. Lindsey Flynn, Associate Sea Turtle Biologist with Clearwater Marine Aquarium, gave a slide presentation about nesting sea turtles in Florida. Of the 3 types found most in Florida (green, leatherback, loggerhead), the loggerhead is most prevalent. Florida is one of the 2 largest nesting locations in the world for loggerhead turtles. Out of 80 to 120 eggs per nest, only 1 in 1,000 will survive to adulthood. The 2015 nesting season saw a record 27,975 nests. CMA released 6,000 hatchlings.

The main problems that turtles face are storms, obstructions on the beach, and artificial lighting. The Aquarium is working with beach communities to distribute information and help reduce the problems during nesting season.

8) Old Business

Mayor Lawrence said a nominating committee for new positions was formed in December with Mayor Lawrence, Mayor Queen and Mayor Lowe as members. It was decided to retain Mayor Queen and Mayor Lawrence.

9) New Business

In September 2015 the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco wanted to change the interpretation given to municipalities as not for profit organizations with regard to obtaining temporary liquor licenses (HB1337). Representative Kathleen Peters introduced HB 645 to reverse that interpretation, since many municipalities use temporary licenses for town events during the year. Everyone is encouraged to contact representatives. BIG-C members unanimously voted to support Rep. Peters' bill.

Mayor Cretkos said that Tourist Development Funds are being discussed to eliminate their use for sports promotions. The Committee was meeting today for further discussion.

Cookie Kennedy participated in an FDOT discussion regarding safety and traffic issues along the beaches. The next meeting will be February 18 at 9:00 a.m. at Madeira Beach City Hall.

10) City Events

Madeira Beach will host Division I Women's Softball Tournament on February 19.

Mayor Lowe encouraged everyone to come to St. Pete Beach to support the many specialty shops for Valentine's Day gifts. Sunset Fest on Upham Beach is coming.

Indian Shores will hold a St. Patrick's Fest on March 12 from 11-4 p.m. Coastal Cleanup Café will be held March 19.

Councilmember Wanda Schwerer said the Belleair Beach elections are over, and she was re-elected.

Soccer spring training with Montreal, D.C. and Philadelphia teams among the participants will be held in Clearwater. Clearwater will also host the 2017 World's Women Fast Pitch Softball tournament.

In Redington Beach the Gulf Blvd. Beautification subcommittee has been comprised of Mayor Adams, Mayor Simons, Mayor Queen and Mayor Lawrence. Since Indian Shores has completed their beautification projects, Mayor Lowe offered to be on the committee instead of Mayor Lawrence.

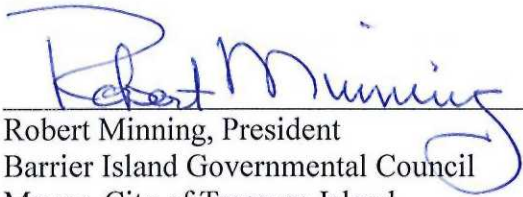
Indian Rocks Beach has an over 55 Senior Softball League, and encourages anyone interested to participate. Winterfest will be held outdoors on February 6 from 10-4 p.m. at the Episcopal Church, and benefits the Food Pantry. Monte Carlo Night will be held at the Beach Arts Center on February 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Treasure Island will hold a city wide meeting on January 30 to discuss issues/projects and is open to all residents. The Treasure Island Beach Resort opens in March.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Next Meeting

February 24, 2016
North Redington Beach
190 173 Ave.-33708
9 a.m.



Robert Minning, President
Barrier Island Governmental Council
Mayor, City of Treasure Island