



Council Minutes

May 13, 2013
10:00 a.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Chair, Mayor Bob Minning, City of Treasure Island
Vice Chair, Mr. Andy Núñez, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Secretary/Treasurer, Commissioner Victor Crist, Hillsborough County
Past Chair, Commissioner Larry Bustle, Manatee County
Commissioner Nina Bandoni, City of Safety Harbor
Councilman Gene Brown, City of Bradenton
Vice Mayor Woody Brown, City of Largo
Councilman Chopper Davis, City of New Port Richey
Commissioner Jonathan Davis, City of Palmetto
Mayor Sam Henderson, City of Gulfport
Vice Mayor Lorraine Huhn, City of St. Pete Beach
Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Janet Long, Pinellas County
Commissioner Jack Mariano, Pasco County
Councilor Bob Matthews, City of Seminole
Councilwoman Mary Mulhern, City of Tampa
Vice Mayor Gail Neidinger, City of S. Pasadena
Council Member Wengay Newton, City of St. Petersburg
Mr. Tim Schock, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Ms. Kim Vance, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. Waddah Farah, Alt., Ex-Officio, Florida Department of Transportation
Ms. Michelle Miller, Ex-Officio, Enterprise Florida
Mr. Todd Pressman, Ex-Officio, Southwest Florida Water Management District

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Mayor David Archie, City of Tarpon Springs
Commissioner Ron Barnette, City of Dunedin
Commissioner Scott Black, City of Dade City
Council Member Bob Boss, City of Temple Terrace
Council Member Doreen Hock DiPolito, City of Clearwater
Commissioner Bill Dodson, City of Plant City
Vice Mayor Janice Miller, City of Oldsmar
Councilman Ed Taylor, City of Pinellas Park
Councilwoman Jodi Wilkeson, City of Zephyrhills
Ms. Pamala Vazquez, Ex-Officio, FDEP

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrea Zelms, Attorney, Fowler White Boggs
Tim Butts, Planner, EHA
Brad Cornelius, Planner, Wade Trim
Will Augustine, Sr. Planner, Hillsborough County Planning Commission
Jessica Eilerman, Market Manager, CFO Jeff Atwater's Office, Dept. Of Financial Service
Trisha Neasman, Planner, SWFWMD

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Manny Pumariega, Executive Director
Mr. Don Conn, Legal Counsel
Ms. Suzanne Cooper, Principal Planner
Ms. Lori Denman, Recording Secretary
Mr. Marshall Flynn, IT Director
Mr. John Jacobsen, Accounting Manager
Ms. Betti Johnson, Principal Planner
Ms. Wren Krahl, Director of Administration/Public Information
Mr. John Meyer, Principal Planner
Mr. Patrick O'Neil, Senior Planner
Mr. Brady Smith, Senior Planner
Mr. Avera Wynne, Planning Director

Call to Order – Chair Minning

The May 13, 2013 regular meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Andy Núñez, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call -- Recording Secretary

A quorum was present.

Voting Conflict Report -- Recording Secretary - None

Announcements: - Chair Minning

- Councilor Bob Matthews was thanked for providing refreshments.
- Councilman Chopper Davis, City of New Port Richey was introduced and welcomed.

1. Approval of Minutes – Secretary/Treasurer, Commissioner Crist
The April 8, 2013 minutes were approved. (Mariano/Comm. J. Davis)

2. Budget Committee – Secretary/Treasurer, Commissioner Crist

A. Financial Report for the period ending 3/31/13.

Highlights of the Agency-wide Revenue & Expenditure Report are as follows:

- Federal Grants - Current month reflects the February billing for the Energy Assurance project.
- Fees/Contracts - Includes \$85,000 for the GIS Broadband Transition project that was not anticipated in the initial budget.
- Contract Services & Administrative In-Kind exceed the year to date proportionate amount compared to the budget because they reflect charges to projects that will be completed in less than twelve months.
- Printing/Graphics, Tenant Rent & Capital Outlays - These line items will be adjusted for the Mid-year budget. A detailed explanation has been provided in the attached Notes to Financial Statements.

The Financial Report for the period ending 3/31/13 was approved. (Mulhern/Long)

B. 2012/2013 Mid-Year Budget Amendment

The Budget Committee previously met & was presented with the 2012/2013 Mid-Year Budget Amendment. The overall budget increased by slightly more than \$318,000 primarily due to the following:

Federal revenue increased \$171,000. Energy Resiliency Strategy increased \$117,000 due to less spending in prior year than originally anticipated and the project was extended one year. Energy Assurance Strategy increased \$85,000. This project was scheduled to start in FY 11/12 but was delayed until November of FY 12/13 requiring entire project to be completed this year. Also, Targeted Industry GIS Mapping decreased \$42,000 because the grant was not awarded.

Fees/Contracts increased \$95,000. GIS Broadband DMS Transition Agreement increased \$48,000 due to a time extension with additional funding. Also, an additional \$41,000 was added for new projects not included in the initial budget. They are Broadband Florida Apple Mobile Device & St. Pete Beach Catalyst Technical Assistance.

Appropriated Fund Balance increased \$120,000 resulting primarily from additional capital expenditures and a reduction in tenant rental income.

In-Kind Services increased \$39,000. Standard Statewide Broadband Planning decreased \$11,000 as a result of more in-kind being provided in the previous fiscal year than anticipated. Energy Resiliency Strategy increased \$50,000 because less in-kind was provided in prior fiscal year than anticipated. This project was extended for an additional twelve months.

Rental Income decreased \$106,000 – reflects the loss of Suncoast Center effective 1/31/13 and the addition of Ready for Life effective 5/01/13.

The Budget Committee unanimously approved the proposed Mid-Year Budget amendment.

Motion to approve the 2012/2013 Mid-Year Budget Amendment (Todd/Mariano).

3. Consent Agenda – Chair Minning

A. Budget and Contractual - None

B. Intergovernmental Coordination & Review (IC&R) Program

1. IC&R Review by Jurisdiction - April 2013
2. IC&R Database - April 2013

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

C. DRI Development Order Reports (DOR) - None

D. DRI Development Order Amendment Reports (DOAR)

DRI # 148 - The Pavilion, Hillsborough County

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

E. Notice of Proposed Change Reports (NOPC)

1. DRI # 139 - Tampa technology Park West, City of Tampa

2. DRI # 260 - Wiregrass Ranch, Pasco County
Action Recommended: Approve staff reports.
Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

F. Annual Report Summaries (ARS) / Biennial Report Summaries (BRS)

1. DRI # 65 - Tampa Palms, RYs 2010-12 ARS, City of Tampa.
2. DRI #105 - Sunforest, RYs 2011-13 ARS, Hillsborough County
3. DRI #106 - Corporex Park, RY 2012-13 ARS, Hillsborough County
4. DRI #240 - Heritage Harbour, RY 2012-13, Manatee County
5. DRI #259 - Lake Hutto, RYs 2010-12 ARS, Hillsborough County
6. DRI #273 - Wingate Creek Mine S/D, RY 2012-13 ARS, Manatee County

Action Recommended: Approve staff reports.
Staff Contact: John Meyer, ext. 29.

G. DRI Status Report

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.
Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29

H. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments (LGCP)

Due to statutory and contractual requirements, the following reports have been transmitted to the State Land Planning Agency and the appropriate local government in accordance with Rule 29H-1.003(3), F.A.C. No Report is prepared for adopted amendments that do not require Council comments.

1. DEO # 13-02ESR, Pasco County (proposed)
2. DEO # 13-2ESR, Hillsborough County (proposed)
3. DEO # 13-1ESR, Town of Longboat Key (proposed)
4. DEO # 13-1ESR, Town of Kenneth City (proposed)

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.
Staff contact: Avera Wynne, ext. 30

I. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments (LGCP)

The following report(s) are presented for Council action:

1. DEO # 13-2ESR, City of Indian Rocks Beach (proposed)

Action Recommended: Approve staff report.
Staff contact: Brady Smith, ext. 42

J. Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) Activity Report

Staff contact: Manny Pumariega, ext. 17

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. (Neidinger/Mulhern)

4. **Item(s) Removed from Consent Agenda and Addendum Item(s) - None**

5. **Review Item(s) or Any Other Item(s) for Discussion - None**

TAKEN OUT OF ORDER:

7. **Council Members' Comments - None**

8. Program Reports

A. Agency on Bay Management (ABM) – Chair, Mayor Minning

There will be a RESTORE Act Ad Hoc Committee meeting immediately following the Council meeting. All were invited to attend.

- B. Clearinghouse Review Committee (CRC) - No Report**
- C. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – No Report**

TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

- E. Legislative Committee - Chair, Commissioner Scott Black**
Vice Chair Núñez presented the Legislative Report. The FRCA Legislative Update #7, dated May 6, 2013 was provided. A few bills of interest include:

1). HB-319 Growth Management

Transportation concurrency is a growth management strategy aimed at ensuring transportation facilities and services are available concurrent with the impacts of development. Implementing transportation concurrency is optional for local governments. Local governments that choose to implement transportation concurrency are required to follow the guidelines set forth in s. 163.3180, F.S. The guidelines dictate standards local governments must follow when setting level of service (LOS) standards and proportionate share contributions. Local governments may implement development regulations similar to transportation concurrency, such as mobility plans.

2). HB-357 Local Manufacturing Development Programs

The bill directs the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to create a model ordinance for local governments to use as a guide to establish local manufacturing development programs which grant master development approval for manufacturers. For manufacturers participating in a local manufacturing development program, the bill creates an expedited state development and permit approval process which DEO is directed to coordinate with the cooperation of any involved state agencies.

The bill directs DEO to develop materials that identify each local government with a local manufacturing development program, and for those materials to be distributed by Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) to prospective, new, expanding, and relocating businesses.

3). SB-364 Consumptive Use Permits for Development of Alternative Water Supplies

Revises conditions for issuance of permits; provides for the issuance, extension, and review of permits approved on or after a certain date. Some of the provisions of the bill includes:

- A permit for the development of alternative water supplies shall be granted for a term of at least 30 years if there is a reasonable assurance that the conditions for permit issuance will be met for the duration of the permit.
- A permit issued under this law may not authorize the use of non-brackish groundwater supplies or non-alternative water supplies.

4). HB-537 Local Government Initiative or Referendum

This bill prohibits the initiative or referendum processes for all development orders, and prohibits the local government initiative or referendum processes for local comprehensive plan

and map amendments affecting more than five parcels, except for those processes in effect as of June 1, 2011 and specifically authorized by charter language.

5). HB-713 Water Quality

Water quality credit trading (WQCT) is a voluntary, market-based regulatory program aimed at reducing pollution to Florida's impaired rivers, lakes, streams, and estuaries in the most cost-effective manner possible. Trading is based on the economic principle that businesses, industries, wastewater treatment facilities, and others that discharge the same pollutants to a waterbody face substantially different costs to control those pollutants. Financial savings accrue to parties that buy trading credits (pollutant reductions) from others for less than the cost of implementing the reductions themselves.

The bill expands statewide the water quality credit trading program currently occurring only in the Lower St. Johns River Basin as a pilot project. The bill authorizes DEP to implement water quality credit trading in adopted basin management action plans.

6). HB-85 Public-private Partnerships

The bill authorizes public-private partnerships to contract for public service work with not-for-profit-organizations, and adds provisions for contracts for park land and public education facilities; creates an alternative procurement process and requirements for public-private partnerships to facilitate the construction of public-purpose projects, and creates a Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Task Force to make recommendations guidelines for the Legislature to consider for public-private partnerships to foster uniformity across the state.

7). SB-1808 Numeric Nutrient Criteria

The full Senate overwhelmingly voted to enact the agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to rely on Florida's tough and scientifically-backed water regulations in protecting waterways from excess nitrogen and phosphorus pollution. This bill will improve our water quality and make Florida more competitive. The Legislature needs to continue to act quickly so FDEP can implement Florida's state-adopted numeric nutrient criteria (NNC) standards. Florida's tough standards accomplish the same goal as the EPA rules at a fraction of the cost to taxpayers.

8). Funding for Regional Planning Councils

Lawmakers came to a \$74 billion budget deal which included funding for Regional Planning Councils as follows:

FROM GENERAL FUND \$2,500,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 2226A are provided to the Regional Planning Councils, 75 percent of which must be divided equally among the councils, and 25 percent of which must be allocated according to population. The funds must be used to implement the Florida Five-Year Strategic Plan for Economic Development, address problems of greater than local concern, and provide technical assistance to local governments, economic development organizations, and other stakeholders.

In your folders for your use is a Draft Resolution for your local government to use in support of RPC funding and a draft letter for the gubernatorial appointees to send to the governor on the same subject.

Mr. Pumariega: I would like for our elected officials to walk through the resolution at your next scheduled commission or council meeting and send it to the Governor's office. The Governor received the budget on May 9th and May 24th is the day he has to act on the budget.

Chair Minning: For those of you who are gubernatorial appointees please sign the letter and send to the Governor's office.

F. Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) - No Report

G. Economic Development - No Report

H. Regional Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF) - No Report

9. Other Council Reports

Statewide Energy Assurance Plan - Patrick O'Neil

Recently we completed the Energy Assurance Study. We received two grants, one from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for Energy Resiliency. We have been working on this project for 2 years and will conclude in September 2013. While we were working on this we contacted the Florida Office of Energy and the US Department of Energy to let them know of this element to make sure it is used. They were looking for certain tasks to be performed and expand our scope. We received a grant from them for the Energy Assurance. That project lasted from November 2012 - March 2013. We are working with all of the RPCs in the state and taking the lead for this statewide project.

The Energy Report Structure - we did surveys from households and businesses on how they use energy and what would help them with their energy needs. We looked at a number of scenarios. For instance, replacing regular gas with compressed natural gas and how that would make the economy change. We held a number of workshops across the state and had a Confab with all of the RPCs in attendance. We then tried to figure out what needed to be done to achieve these things and came up with strategies and findings. We were able to finish the Energy Structure Report and now we will meet again to try and figure out how to complete the energy strategy.

The Energy Assurance Study represents a comprehensive approach to assure the availability of energy, and how it affects the economy if we do make changes with energy usage, how it is built or charged. If you were going to get away from gasoline, you don't get the tax revenue that comes with it. So, if you are changing there would be an offset, and what would that do to the economy? We split the state into five different sections with different energy planning areas. We tried to split them with the way they use energy and it made it easier for data. We also did a number of base studies looking at some businesses that have switched to solar panels and no longer pay an electric bill. We also have a number of strategy recommendations that either apply throughout the state or just in certain areas and we used different energy resiliency elements. This Energy Assurance Study will be used in the Florida Energy Assurance Plan that the Florida Energy Office does every year.

The Energy Resiliency Strategy is the larger, EDA funded portion, and the one that will have a comprehensive energy resiliency strategy for the state. Again, all of the RPCs are working together. We will incorporate the energy assurance work that we have done and will meet later this month and hold our second confab. We expanded our case studies, scenarios, and strategies and it will be completed in September 2013. For more information: www.florida-energy.org

Questions & Comments:

Councilman Newton: You touched upon the loss of tax revenue. Is there any correlation between the job creation and energy jobs?

Mr. O'Neil: We talked about that. Obviously if you are installing electric chargers like we have in the front of the building, they are phased construction, people buy new cars and they actually have more income, more discretionary income to buy things. You have to balance both sides to figure out how the economy does.

Commissioner Mariano: Do you have a list of the 20 strategies that you recommended?

Mr. O'Neil: It is in the report and will be expanded for the report in September. We have strategies that have ease into implementation and some are easy to do. Some take a lot of work. It is important to look at some of the low end strategies which can be accomplished very quickly, versus some of the ones that will take five or ten years where we have to plan and put a lot of resources to, to deal with them.

Councilwoman Mulhern: The implementation you are recommending, is it for businesses or for citizens or for government/municipalities?

Mr. O'Neil: It's all three. The energy office decides if they like something and then try to encourage that to happen.

Councilwoman Mulhern: So this is coming down from the energy office and what they are encouraging?

Mr. O'Neil: We are sending it up to them and they decide. That was the Energy Assurance Report. For the Energy Resiliency Strategy, the overall comprehensive one, will be the one that is for businesses, residents, the state or even the feds because that is where that strategy is being sent to.

Councilwoman Mulhern: You are talking about resiliency, but are you also talking about reduction in greenhouse gas outputs? I don't know if everyone saw the front page story on Saturday but we've hit 440 parts per million of carbon in the atmosphere. We're at a place that is really, really bad. The idea of resiliency is important but there's also the idea that we also have to reduce our carbon output. You can't be resilient without doing that.

Mr. O'Neil: Right. We looked at this more from the angle of price competition so if we are dependent upon oil from the middle east and prices spiked then you can't spend money on different things because of what you are paying for gasoline.

Councilwoman Mulhern: I guess it depends on the length of your study. How far ahead are you looking?

Mr. O'Neil: We didn't try to forecast but we can look at going back 50-100 years, and what the prices of these commodities were and how it has changed, and how it has spiked and hurt the economy. We would be able to track correlation between the GDP decreasing and the price of oil.

Councilwoman Mulhern: We need to look at alternatives, like solar panels. Those costs are going down. Are you looking at that?

Mr. O'Neil: We are looking at that. Again, we aren't trying to forecast but it is nice knowing exactly what it's going to cost every month as opposed to - cheaper today, more expensive tomorrow.

Councilwoman Mulhern: That's a matter of the technology being developed so its actually getting more expensive to create.

Mr. O'Neil: We did some work with the solar office at the University of Central Florida. They do a lot of those models for forecasting out, decreasing price and technology.

Councilwoman Mulhern: I think USF is doing a lot of that.

Mr. O'Neil: I believe so.

Councilwoman Mulhern: Is there a list when you were talking about the things that we can do right away for us as county and city?

Mr. Wynne: The recommendations, the report is voluminous and then when we get to the report due in September it is even larger. We've broken down 20 recommendations and we will be adding to that list to bring it closer to 30. There is a meter in the recommendations that talks about what you will be doing and which branch of local government should be responsible, be it local, state, or federal to advocate for it. That's in the report. One

of the things that probably should have been highlighted. EDA funded the vast majority of the study and that part of it was jobs oriented. The tag-line for that is “domestic energy equals domestic jobs.” We looked at case studies - solar panels are installed by local workers. Mr. O’Neil talked about the five energy assurance areas. Bio mass may not be as viable in our area as it is in north or south Florida, dependent upon switch grasses or pulp and those types of things. We have case studies throughout the state of Florida based on the energy assurance areas, and we have scenarios. When we talk about scenarios going out using natural gas, prices spike. It was \$12 a billion cubic thermal units and now its down to \$3. What happens if we put all our eggs in the natural gas basket and it spikes back to \$12? We looked at the ramifications of that. That’s an example of the scenario. Ultimately what we are trying to look at as a general policy, should we go and try to have our energy provided as close to home as possible? Domestic jobs equals domestic energy. Greenhouse gas and those types of things can be evaluated in those scenarios and in some cases we looked at that a little bit. There’s a bit of bias towards green energy or cleaner energy in the report.

Councilwoman Mulhern: If you look at economics in any kind of modeling, five years, ten years, renewable isn’t economically advantageous. I would hope to see with these recommendations that you’re recommending renewal. Oil and gas and coal are not going to last forever. We need to start saying this and that its crucial. Economic benefit is always going to be tied to renewability.

Mr. Wynne: We will come back with a more detailed report in August and go through the specific recommendations as we get closer to finalizing the report. One of the things we are going to be doing during the summer is some type of an outreach where we try to get people to go and look at the report and make those recommendations like you are doing now.

Commissioner Mariano: The Tampa Times had a report looking at what Progress Energy should do as far as the nuclear / gas plant. Any recommendations?

Mr. O’Neil: We were going to do a scenario on that nuclear plant because it is the one that’s supposed to be re-performed and pulled out so we stayed away.

Commissioner Mariano: When do you submit the report?

Mr. O’Neil: We submitted it to the State of Florida but again, our comprehensive one will be submitted in September.

Commissioner Mariano: I would think that would be a critical part, to try to figure out as a recommendation which way they should go and as far as on an economic basis, it would affect everybody.

TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

D. Emergency Management

June 1st will mark the beginning of the 2013 Hurricane Season and the time again to initiate a public awareness campaign to alert the region’s citizens to get prepared. The Tampa Bay Disaster Planning Guide shares information about the steps you can take in your home, business and community to be safer and more resilient. It was produced for eight counties and in two languages. Resolution #2013-02 has been prepared declaring the month of June as Hurricane Awareness Month in the Tampa Bay region.

Motion to adopt Resolution #2013-02, declaring the month of June as Hurricane Awareness Month in the Tampa Bay Region, and forward to the Governor’s Office, Florida Division of Emergency Management, and the local governments in the Tampa Bay region. (Matthews/Newton)

Chair Minning complimented Betti Johnson for hosting the Big C Hurricane Awareness, and the potential impacts of cat 5 storm hitting our area. A video was shown that was an eyeopener.

TAKEN OUT OF ORDER:

6. Tampa Gateway Rail Terminal, Port of Tampa: 2012 Winner of the Future of the Region's Charles A. McIntosh, Jr. Award

Ms. Rebecca Valone, Project Manager for the Tampa Port Authority, provided a presentation on the project.

Project management services were done by the Tampa Port Authority. Our design and construction services team were Moffatt & Nichol with the design oversight and electrical engineering; Stantec provided civil site and environmental permitting; HDR, working for CSX did the rail design; URS did the mechanical engineering; and the project was constructed by The Batson Cook Company.

The Tampa Gateway Rail was a public/private partnership that was two years in the making. From the time negotiations began, to developing the scope of work, to preparing the design plans for submittal for permitting,

Partners were the Tampa Port Authority, the Florida Department of Transportation, and CSX Transportation division of TransFlo which handles their product deliver services. The storage and distribution of the ethanol that is delivered to the facility is done by Kinder Morgan, their subsidiary Central Florida Pipeline. The ethanol, when it is offloaded at the facility, goes through a 12 inch stainless steel pipeline to Kinder Morgan's tank farms and from there it is distributed throughout the west central region of Florida. This is the first port "rail to pipeline" facility in the United States. The Gateway Rail is located just west of the container yard facility. One of the biggest things this project accomplished was "the loop" connection. Since the early 1970s the Port and CSX acknowledged that they needed to connect the east and western portions of the Hooker's Point Peninsula to allow for more cost effective movements of goods by rail. This project completed that loop and connected the east and west portions of the port. The other portion of this project was the "on dock rail service," over 1100 linear feet of rail was constructed to allow direct load-out of containers for the container yard to the rail and out.

Project Facts:

Over 13,883 linear feet of rail was constructed; the 12 inch pipeline is over 2,720 linear feet; and ethanol, once it is offloaded to the railcars and goes to the control center is pumped at a rate of 3,000 gallons per minute to the tank farm.

This facility is capable of handling over 300 million gallons of ethanol each year, with the ability to handle 3 times that much, thereby reducing dependence on foreign energy sources. This facility will replace enough gasoline to reduce co2 emissions by 1.1 billion pounds in the first year alone. Over 44,000 trucks will be diverted from the regional highways in the first year of operation; highway delays will be reduced by 24,000 hours; and the U.S. EPA review of the environmental assessment resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). This projects stormwater facility is constructed in a series of containment cells. In addition to the stormwater runoff these cells are capable of handling the volume of four rail cars. If there were ever to be a de-rail at the facility during offloading there is an outfall structure that is closed so that if there is a spill it is contained within the container chambers and will never reach the bay. There is also a state of the art foam fire suppression system.

The project was completed on time and on budget. The year that it was constructed, Tampa Bay had the highest rainfall it had experienced in 30 years. Thank you for the award that the project received.

Questions & Comments:

Commissioner Mariano: You mentioned the kind of emissions you save with ethanol. Did you contemplate how many gallons of oil and gasoline that are going through the state as well?

Ms. Valone: No.

Councilwoman Mulhern: Has this just been completed?

Ms. Valone: Yes. It became operational November 1, 2012.

Councilwoman Mulhern: How long was the project?

Ms. Valone: From the moment of conception or the moment we started construction? We started construction in February 2012 and completed November 1, 2012.

Councilwoman Mulhern: I'm curious because I'm on the Tampa Council and we took all of our stimulus dollars and gave it to the Port to build the Crosstown Connector for trucks. This was going on pretty much at the same time. In your long range plans, what's the difference? Was the need for the truck connection for different types of goods?

Ms. Valone: Right now, on average, approximately 17,000 trucks enter and exit the Port. Before the Gateway Rail project was connected, a very small number of them were trucks carrying ethanol, the majority of our products from our container yard and then other items like steel and drywall.

Councilwoman Mulhern: So the rail project isn't going to reduce that much on the number of trucks, is that what you are saying?

Ms. Valone: It will reduce the number of trucks carrying ethanol. They no longer have to come from the west.

Councilman Newton: So this is complimenting the deliverables from the Port?

Ms. Valone: Yes, particularly the loop connection. Before that CSX spent an inordinate amount of time doing a high volume switching operation in order to move rail cars off and on the various different side tracks at the Port. With this loop connection the locomotives can come directly in, not only with the ethanol commodity but any other commodity for distribution.

Councilman Newton: You do both? The ethanol and freight, on the rail?

Ms. Valone: Yes. That was the reason for doing that with the connection. It provides more efficient rail service at the Port and also in conjunction with the side track that was constructed just for the ethanol train, over 1100 feet of rail was constructed to serve the container yards.

Councilman Newton: In Miami they just had a celebration in the other direction. The tunnel was finished and that will alleviate a lot of the traffic into that port. One of the major selling points was to get cargo off of the container ships to anywhere in the country within two or three days. Now with the rail at the Tampa Port you will be able to get things done more efficiently.

Ms. Valone: Exactly. By rail and also the I-4 connector road that will allow trucks to enter and exit right onto the highway systems and avoid having to travel through that downtown area.

Chair Minning: Who are the users of the ethanol?

Ms. Valone: Fuel terminal handlers at the Port. Kinder Morgan providing the distribution. There is Citgo, Buckeye, Trans Montane, Amalie, and BP. When the ethanol train comes in it offloads the ethanol by pipeline to Kinder Morgan's tank farms. From there it goes through their pipeline to the various different truck labs at the other fuel terminals and there they blend the ethanol with the gasoline.

Presentations provided at Council meetings can be found at:
www.tbrpc.org/council_members/council_presentations.shtml

10. Executive/Budget Committee Report – Chair Minning

The Committee met this morning prior to the Council Meeting and approved the FY 2012/2013 Mid-Year Budget Amendment, which the Council approved earlier on the agenda. Also approved was the FY 2013/2014 Initial Budget which will be brought to the Council at the June meeting for consideration and approval.

The Committee discussed the status of leasing the available office space. Currently we have Ready for Life and Healthy Start Coalition occupying 4,564 rentable square feet. This leave 9,352 rentable square feet available. A flyer was included with their Council folder and Council members were asked to get the word out about the available space.

Councilman Newton: I will take it to the wraparound service agency non-profit. A lot of them want to centralize their locations because a lot of people have to travel from Clearwater and all points for service. I'll pass it over to the director of the YMCA who hosts those meetings.

Commissioner Mariano: Just a suggestion for you to send a letter to your management company and ask them to clean up the entranceway.

Mr. Pumariega: We are pressure washing the building on Tuesday. We will be stripping the parking lot in the near future as well.

11. Chair's Report

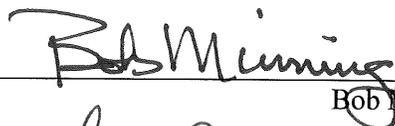
Immediately following the Council meeting there will be a RESTORE Act Ad Hoc Committee meeting. The Committee will discuss how the Council and this committee could be of service to the region's entities by compiling a list of proposed projects that could meet the criteria under the Equal-Share State Allocation and the County Consortium-based State Allocation, which are focused on economic recovery as well as environmental recovery.

12. Executive Director's Report

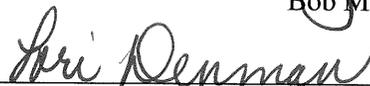
There will be a Wind Mitigation Workshop sponsored by the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) on May 31st at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in our conference room. All elected and city officials are welcomed to attend as well as staff. Seating is limited to 90-100 attendees and RSVPs will be through the FAC.

Next Meeting: June 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 10:58 a.m.



Bob Minning, Chair



Lori Denman, Recording Secretary