



Council Minutes

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September 14, 2015
10:00 a.m.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Commissioner Victor Crist, Hillsborough County, Chair
Mayor Woody Brown, City of Largo, Vice Chair
Councilman Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton, Sec./Treasurer
Mayor David Archie, City of Tarpon Springs
Commissioner Betsy Benac, Alt, Manatee County
Mayor Scott Black, City of Dade City
Councilmember Bob Boss, City of Temple Terrace
Councilwoman Yvonne Yolie Capin, City of Tampa
Mr. Jacob Cremer, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Councilman Jonathan Davis., City of Palmetto
Commissioner Carlos Diaz, City of Safety Harbor
Mr. Nick DiCeglie, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Vice Mayor Bill Dodson, City of Plant City
Mr. Robert "Pete" Edwards, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Rick Falkenstein, City of St. Pete Beach
Council Member Michael Fridovich, City of Gulfport
Council Member Hoyt Hamilton, City of Clearwater
Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Ronald Kitchen, Citrus County
Commissioner Bruce Livingston, City of Dunedin
Commissioner Janet Long, Pinellas County
Councilor Bob Matthews, City of Seminole
Mayor Bob Minning, City of Treasure Island
Commissioner Mike Moore, Pasco County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. John Neal, Manatee County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Gail Neidinger, City of South Pasadena
Deputy Mayor Bill Phillips, City of New Port Richey
Commissioner Diane Rowden, Hernando County
Mr. Frank Rygiel, Pasco County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Kathryn Starkey, Pasco County
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. Waddah Farah, Alt., Ex-officio, FDOT
Ms. Mary Yeargan, Ex-officio, FDEP

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Mr. David Dunbar, SWFWMD
Mr. Andy Núñez, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee, Past Chair
Councilwoman Darden Rice, City of St. Petersburg
Mr. Robert Sebesta, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Council Member Eric Seidel, City of Oldsmar
Mr. Scott Sheridan, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. Tim Schock, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Councilman Ed Taylor, City of Pinellas Park

OTHERS PRESENT

Trisha Neasman, Planning Supervisor, SWFWMD
Bryan Kamm, Executive Director, AMSkills

STAFF PRESENT

Manny Pumariega, Executive Director
Don Conn, Legal Counsel
Maya Burke, Senior Planner
Marshall Flynn, GIS Director
Wren Krahl, Director of Administration/Public Information
John Meyer, Principal Planner
Brady Smith, Principal Planner
Beth Williams, Accounting Manager
Avera Wynne, Planning Director

Call to Order – Chair Crist

The September 14, 2015 meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) was called to order at 10:20 a.m. A quorum was present.

Voting Conflict Report – None

The invocation was given by Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment:

None

Motion to close the Public Comment passed without objection.

Announcements:

Chair Crist announced that the Council Agenda was amended subsequent to the mailout. The amendments included a correction to the attachment for Item #2.c. which was provided . Also, Item #3.J. was added to the Consent Agenda and involves new regulatory requirements that Mr. Conn will comment on prior to the Consent Agenda.

Chair Crist announced that a retirement celebration would be held in Mr. Pumariega's honor on Thursday, September 17th, 2015 at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City. Chair Crist commented that Manny had been a joy to work with and had been the face of the agency for many years. Through the 35 years Manny has added value to the agency, the state and the nation and finding a replacement will be a tough challenge. Chair Crist asked Mr. Pumariega to make some comments.

Mr. Pumariega

As I near my final weeks before retirement, I am continually looking back at what this Council has accomplished. Over the years, some of the things that had come into my mind is in the Emergency Preparedness Planning Programs when, in 1980 we completed the first Regional Hurricane Evacuation Plan in the nation. We have completed 6 updates since the original was completed. The last one was in 2010 in which we completed the Florida Statewide Regional Evacuation Study. No other state in the nation has produced a statewide evacuation plan. The plan allows Florida's Emergency Management responders all work off the same page when it comes to protecting our citizens in times of disaster.

Since 1981, we have produced the Annual Disaster Planning Guide. Other notable products include:

- Post Disaster Plans
- The Business Disaster Survival Kit
- Continuity of Operations Plans for our Local Governments

- Local Mitigation Strategies
- Hurricane, Hazardous Materials and Homeland Security Exercises, Over 10,000 first responders have received training.

Most of these projects and programs have received state and national recognition.

The Natural Resources area has been one of stewardship starting with the establishment of the Agency on Bay Management in 1984. The ABM continues to serve as the advocate for the entire Tampa Bay ecosystem.

Just to name a few accomplishments:

- The Tampa Bay Management Study in 1980.
- We published the first State of the Bay report in 1984.
- In 1987, we led the legislative effort in the passage of the Florida Surface Water Improvement and Management Plan aka the Swim Program
- In 1988, the Council was responsible for the establishment of Tampa Bay as a National Estuary which evolved into the Tampa Bay Estuary Program.
- In 1996, the Council completed the Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan for Tampa Bay.
- We were responsible for the legislation that designated the Tampa Bay Estuary Specialty License Plate otherwise known as the Tarpon Tag.
- In 2002, we began publishing Bay Soundings.
- In 2004, we co-sponsored Downstream Augmentation Workshops.
- In 2011, we participated in oil spill preparedness and recovery in response to the Deepwater Horizon Spill. The Council and the ABM worked to prevent offshore drilling in Florida.
- In 2014, we conducted an economic valuation study of Tampa Bay which showed that a healthy bay contributes 22 billion dollars to the region's economy.

Also through the DRI Process, the council has protected and mitigated impacts to the Natural Resources of Regional Impact designated areas.

We have made great strides in Economic Development in the last 17 years. Starting with the acquisition in 1999 of the REMI Economic Impact Analysis model. It has increased our communication and collaboration with Local Governments, State Agencies, Economic Development, and Transportation entities. We have performed over 500 Economic and Fiscal Impact Analysis.

The Council pursued and was designated as an Economic Development District by the U.S. Economic Development Administration in 2003. The primary function of the EDD designation is to:

- Prepare and maintain the Tampa Bay Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (aka CEDS).
- Assist with the implementation strategies identified in the CEDS, and
- To provide technical assistance to local governments and Economic Development organizations on their Economic Development activities, programs, and grants.

The EDD offers opportunities for funding and 4 good examples are:

- 2.2 million grant award to repair and expand the Richard Night Pier at Port Tampa Bay. This is one of the key piers that docks the oil tankers.
- 1.7 million grant allowed the Hillsborough Community College to establish and add The Automotive Service Technology Program to the workforce training center at the Ybor City Campus.
- \$540,000 to administer a Targeted Industry Workforce Cluster Study and workforce skills gap study.
- \$950,000 for the Florida Energy Resiliency Study which is the first of its kind with TBRPC taking the lead with the other Regional Planning Councils. This grant also generated \$400,000 in funding from the State Energy Office to complete the update to the Florida Energy Assurance Plan.

Two major efforts in Community Development and planning are:

The One Bay Livable Communities Vision. This was a two year effort that engaged over 10,000 citizens and organizations in the Tampa Bay region.

Staffed by the Council, the One Bay Livable Communities Working Group meets 3-4 times a year to coordinate information and strategies in land use, transportation, as well as other issues. The One Bay Vision has been incorporated into the 2060 FTP and the ongoing Future Corridors Initiative. Soon the staff will be part of the task force dealing with the Tampa Jacksonville Future Corridor.

The second is the involvement of the Council with the growth that has taken place in the region through its state assigned responsibilities as the lead Coordinating Review Agency for the Developments of Regional Impact. Since the inception of the of the DRI process, the Council has reviewed and approved over 260 DRIS resulting in more than 272,000 residential units, 65 million square feet of retail/commercial, and 110 million square feet of office space. That's enough retail/commercial space for 51 International Plazas, and enough office space for 47 additional Westshore area wide or 41 additional Carillon Office Parks in the region. Through 2014, these DRIs have provided approximately 23% of the housing needs in the region. The 98 remaining to be built out will provide over the next 20 years, over 20% of the housing needs in the region.

As far as collaboration and convening efforts, our Council is no different than most RPCs in that we are always striving to connect with as many organizations, constituents and with the general public at large. Our interaction with others, and who needs to know who we are and what we do, is driven by our programs, projects, initiatives, and mandated activities.

From a fiscal standpoint, the Council and agencies like us are always challenged to balance their annual budgets because of the fluctuations in the revenue stream from year to year. This has been the case in the 35 years that I have been with the Council- and especially the last 10 years with the Great Recession, and no state appropriation funding for the past 5 years. I have to admit that through some reduction measures and staff's productivity along with the resourcefulness of the staff in getting contracts and grant awards, we have done a remarkable job over the last 10 years. I am very proud of the fact that because of the staff's work ethic and high professional standards, we have not had a questioned cost, grant or contract compliance deficiency in 35 years of audits.

And last, I believe the Council building this office facility was a smart move and will financially benefit the Council for years to come. We have 3 good paying tenants which their renewal period does not come up until the middle of 2018, as of now we have approximately 1.5 million equity on the building; and the revenue note will be paid off in 2023. I see continued success from this Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the region's local governments and citizens, and for providing the competent and dedicated staff necessary to carry out the Council programs and responsibilities. I hope my contributions have been worthy of the trust placed in me. And, now I can say with certainty that I have not missed a Council Policy Board meeting in 35 years.

Following Mr. Pumairega's remarks various board members commented on his years of service. A synopsis is provided below:

Ms. Barabara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointed commented that the TBRPC is a leader in the state due to Mr. Pumariega ideas and experience and his ability to encourage other people to participate. We have been privileged to have this man and his leadership in the region.

Council Member Michael Fridovich, City of Gulfport, commented that he was impressed that Manny called on him personally to keep Gulfport involved and that he was impressed with his leadership.

Mayor Scott Black, City of Dade City, said that Mr. Pumariega had be a stellar representative throughout the region as well as with NARC and FRCA. He stated that Manny set the standard for other RPCs and that Manny has always been available for the City of Dade City. Manny is a great leader who acknowledges his staff.

Counselor Bob Matthews, City of Seminole, thanked Mr. Pumariega for keeping the organization on course through difficult times.

Council Member Patrick Roff, TBRPC Secretary/Treasurer, City of Dade City, thanked Mr. Pumariega for the smart and wise business decision to build the office facility and obtain tenants which has allowed for a healthy budget in difficult times.

Commissioner Kathryn Starkey, Pasco County, commented that Mr. Pumariega was always a gentleman and he had been a pleasure to work with.

Councilwoman Yvonne Yolie Capin, City of Tampa, mentioned that she had known Manny and his family for 35 years and that his career had been stellar

Vice Mayor Bill Dodson, former TBRPC Chair, City of Plant City expressed gratitude for Manny's humble nature and his tenure with the Council which has been matched by no other.

Mayor Bob Minning, former TBRPC Chair, City of Treasure Island, commented that all of Mr. Pumariega's accomplishment have been significant and a job well done.

Ms. Mary Yeargan, Ex-Officio, Environment Protection Commission, thanked Mr. Pumariega for the TBRPCs role in establishing the Florida Brownfields Association which is now a full-fledged organization with a nationwide presence

Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Gubernatorial Appointee, Hillsborough County, commented that Mr. Pumariega was a passionate leader who always puts others first and possessed a stellar character. She thanked him for establishing community and relationships within the region and for making sure Council Members got the big picture.

Commissioner Betsy Benac, Alternate for Manatee County, congratulated Mr. Pumariega on his longevity with the organization.

Mr. Avera Wynne, TBRPC Planning Director commented that working with Manny had been awesome and that there is no one he would rather play golf with.

Ms. Wren Krahl, Director of Administration/Public Information stated that it has been an honor working for Manny and a pleasure to be a part of this organization. Ms. Krahl thanked Mr. Pumariega for the many professional opportunities Manny had provided to her and the staff.

Chair Crist: You have earned the right to go out with full honors.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Councilman Roff, Sec./Treas.
Approved the minutes from the August 10, 2015 regular meeting without objection.

2. **Budget Committee** – Secretary/Treasurer Roff
 - a. Approved the Financial Report for the period ending 7/31/15 without objection.
 - b. Approved the FY 2014/2015 Final Budget Amendment without objection.
 - c. Approved the FY2015-2016 Revised Initial Budget without objection.Staff contact: Beth Williams, ext. 15 or beth@tbrpc.org

3. **Consent Agenda** - Chair Crist
 - A. **Budget and Contractual**
 1. **Contract for the Editor of *Bay Soundings***

TBRPC produces the *Bay Soundings* environmental journal with the assistance of a contracted editor. Staff proposes to enter into a contract with Ms. Victoria Parsons to continue her service as editor of Bay Soundings. The contract amount will be \$8,250 per issue plus up to a total of \$3,000 for reimbursable expenses.

Action Recommended: Motion to authorize Council Chair to sign the contract.
Contact: Maya Burke, ext. 40

 - B. **Intergovernmental Coordination & Review (IC&R) Program**
 1. IC&R Summary by Jurisdiction for 2015 [report attached](#)

2. IC&R Reviews – August 2015 [report attached](#)
Action Recommended: None. Information Only.
Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29 or johnm@tbrpc.org

C. DRI Development Order Reports (DOR)

None.

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29 or johnm@tbrpc.org

D. DRI Development Order Amendment Reports (DOAR)

1. DRI # 420 – Meadowcrest, Citrus County [report attached](#)

Action Recommended: Approve staff reports.

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29 or johnm@tbrpc.org

E. Notice of Proposed Change Reports (NOPC)

None.

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29 or johnm@tbrpc.org

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

None

Action Recommended: None

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29 or johnm@tbrpc.org

G. DRI Status Report

Action Recommended: None. Information Only. [report attached](#)

Staff contact: John Meyer, ext. 29 or johnm@tbrpc.org

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 # 15-3ESR, City of Largo [report attached](#)

2. DEO # 15-4ESR, City of Largo [report attached](#)

3. DEO # 15-5ESR, City of Largo [report attached](#)

4. DEO # 15-6ESR, City of Largo [report attached](#)

Action Recommended: Approve staff report(s)

Staff contact: Brady Smith, ext. 42 or brady@tbrpc.org

I. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments (LGCP)

None

Action Recommended: None

Staff contact: Brady Smith, brady@tbrpc.org or ext. 42

J. TBRPC Regulatory Plan-Florida House of Representatives-Rules, Calendar & Ethics Committee- Rulemaking Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee

On June 11, 2015, the Governor signed into law ch.2015-162, LOF, which revised the reporting requirements for agency rulemaking plans. Regulatory plans are required to be filed by October 1 each year. The new plans require each agency to list each law enacted or amended during the previous 12 months that affects the duties or authority of the agency.

TBRPC General Counsel, Mr. Don Conn has completed the necessary requirements. [report attached](#)

Action Recommended: Approve the 2015-2016 Regulatory Plan of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Staff contact: Wren Krahl, wren@tbrpc.org or ext. 22

Approved the Consent Agenda without objection.

4. Item(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda and Addendum Item(s)

Council members shall notify the Chair of any items they wish to be pulled from the Consent Agenda. These items will be discussed and voted on separately after the remainder of the Consent Agenda is approved.

5. Review Item(s) or Any Other Item(s) for Discussion

6. A. American Manufacturing Skills Initiative- AMSkills- Commissioner Kathryn Starkey, Chair/AMSkills and Mr. Bryan Kamm, Executive Director

Mr. Bryan Kamm, Executive Director for AMSkills provided an overview of the initiative. The American Manufacturing Skills Initiative, known as AMskills, is a \$2.35 M industry-led State and County-funded economic and workforce development initiative. AMskills delivers a high-tech, world class, four-year apprenticeship program modeled after the successful German/European apprenticeship programs. AMskills provides the opportunity for Tampa Bay students seeking advanced manufacturing careers to work as apprentices for local manufacturing training sponsors. AMskills goal is to fill the void of advanced manufacturing training requirements for local companies and to build a stronger manufacturing future for our Tampa Bay region and nation. AMskills has 5 training centers (3 in Pinellas, 1 in Pasco and 1 in Hernando) currently matching student apprentices with local manufacturers in the following four occupational disciplines: Industrial Mechanics, Toolmakers, Electronic Technicians for Industrial Engineering and Mechatronics Technicians. Upon completion of the four year apprenticeship program, student apprentices will receive a multi-disciplined globally recognized German IHK Certification, as well as US recognized credentials such as MSSC, NIMS and PMMI, and a full time job with the company sponsor. His entire presentation can be viewed on the Council website at www.tbrpc.org.

Questions and Comments

Chair Crist thanked Commissioner Starkey for sharing the AMSkills initiative with the full Board.

Commissioner Benac asked how do we get something set up like this in our county?

The structure is exactly like Tampa Bay Water. We have a Board that oversees AMSkills and each county has an advisory council. DEO sponsored the set-up and the purchase of equipment for a little over 1 million. The money was equally divided among the counties and each county contributes to the administrative costs. The program is very lean and responsive to the industry. We have lost businesses due to the lack of skilled work-force. The program targets small to medium sized companies and is industry driven with input from state colleges and universities. Many European countries are now interested in manufacturing in the United States and the program is replicable for other counties.

Commissioner Long commented that at a recent Board meeting with CEOS spoke and said they had underestimated the amount of manufacturing taking place in Florida and especially in our region. Going forward into the future they will be looking closely at our region. We are very well positioned. Commissioner Long extended an invitation to Council Members to attend the next trip to Germany sponsored by the Tampa Workforce Alliance.

Commissioner Diaz encouraged other municipalities and counties to sponsor students in their community. The cost of one year of tuition at AMSkills is \$3400.00.

Staff contact: Wren Krahl, ext. 22 or wren@tbrpc.org

7. Council Members' Comments

8. Program/Project Reports

- A. Legislative Committee** - Commissioner Scott Black, Chair
Staff contact: Wren Krahl, ext. 22 or wren@tbrpc.org

Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd has been appointed First Vice President of the Florida Regional Council's Association. Ms. Todd was also appointed to Chair the FRCA Pathway Forward Committee which is a committee to promote the work and mission of regional planning councils. Commissioner Crist thanked Commissioner Black for his service as Legislative Chair.

- B. Agency on Bay Management (ABM)** –Mayor Bob Minning, Chair
The full Agency on Bay Management is scheduled to meet on September 10th and a joint meeting of the Natural Resources/Environmental Impact Review and Tampa Bay Estuary Program Technical Advisory committees is scheduled for October 22nd. All are welcome to attend.

Additional Information: None.

Action Recommended: None.

Staff contact: Maya Burke, ext. 40

Mayor Minning commented that the ABM meeting held on September the 10th was well attended and had many worthwhile presentations.

C. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

LEPC staff has participated in and/or conducted numerous hazardous materials outreach, planning and training activities and initiatives since the last meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council ([Listing attached](#)). A recap of the August 26, 2015 LEPC meeting is also attached ([Recap attached](#)).

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

Staff Contact: John Meyer, ext. 29 or johnm@tbrpc.org

9. Executive/Budget Committee Report - Chair Crist

10. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Manny Pumariega

Mr. Pumariega will share his perspective on his 35 year tenure with the Council as well as provide a status report on items of importance to the Council prior to his retirement.

- A. FRCA Activity Report- To Be Distributed**

Action Recommended: Information Only

Staff Contact: Manny Pumariega, ext. 16, manny@tbrpc.org

11. Chair's Report

Chair Crist provided an update on the Executive Director search. 38 applications were received and 9 finalists were determined. Two candidates are in-house and are being interviewed today. The other 7 candidates will be interviewed on Friday. One candidate will be brought before the Council within 30-60 days.

Presentation to Manny Pumariega for 35 Years of Service:

Chair Crist invited all former TBRPC Chairs to join him at the podium for a presentation to Mr. Pumariega. A long-time resident of Tampa and a native born Cuban, he was presented with pottery from the Columbia Restaurant to mark the location of his retirement celebration, along with a gift certificate and Columbia Restaurant Centennial Cookbook. He was also presented with two historical books on Cuba. Cake and coffee was served in his honor following the meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment 12:15 p.m.

Victor Crist, Chair

Lori Denman, Recording Secretary