



Council Minutes

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March 14, 2016

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Mayor Woody Brown, City of Largo, Chair
Councilman Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton, Vice Chair
Commissioner Victor Crist, Hillsborough County, Past Chair
Mayor David Archie, City of Tarpon Springs
Councilmember Bob Boss, City of Temple Terrace
Councilwoman Yvonne Yolie Capin, City of Tampa
Mr. Jacob Cremer, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Jonathan Davis., City of Palmetto
Commissioner Carlos Diaz, City of Safety Harbor
Vice Mayor Bill Dodson, City of Plant City
Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Ronald Kitchen, Citrus County
Commissioner Bruce Livingston, City of Dunedin
Councilor Bob Matthews, City of Seminole
Mayor Bob Minning, City of Treasure Island
Mr. Frank Rygiel, Pasco County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. Tim Schock, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Mr. Robert Sebesta, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Mike Wells, Pasco County
Ms. Mary Yeargan, Ex-officio, FDEP
Mr. Waddah Farah, Alt., Ex-officio, FDOT

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Mayor Scott Black, City of Dade City
Mr. Nick DiCeglie, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Robin DiSabatino, Manatee County
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
Commissioner Janet Long, Pinellas County, Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. John Neal, Manatee County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Gail Neidinger, City of South Pasadena
Mr. Andy Núñez, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Deputy Mayor Bill Phillips, City of New Port Richey
Councilwoman Darden Rice, City of St. Petersburg
Commissioner Diane Rowden, Hernando County
Council Member Eric Seidel, City of Oldsmar
Mr. Scott Sheridan, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Councilman Ed Taylor, City of Pinellas Park
Mr. David Dunbar, Ex-officio, SWFWMD

OTHERS PRESENT

Trisha Neasman, Planner, SWFWMD
Rob Duncan, Solutions Consultant, ABM
Cyndi Tampani, VP Planning, FL Design Consultant
Kathy Gardener, Principal Planner, Pinellas Park
Doyle Walsh, Pinellas Co BCC, Commissioner Long's Office

STAFF PRESENT

Sean Sullivan, Executive Director
Don Conn, Legal Counsel
Maya Burke, Senior Planner
Randy Deshazo, Principal 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 Brown

The March 14, 2016 regular meeting of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) was called to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

Voting Conflict Report – None

The invocation was given by Commissioner Bruce Livingston, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Motion to close the Public Comment passed without objection.

Announcements:

Council members welcomed Commissioner Mike Wells, from Pasco County as a new member.

The Future of the Region Awards is taking place on Friday, April 22nd at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg Campus. We have a record number of entries this year, 45. Registration is complimentary for Council Member. Please RSVP to Wren.

Today is the last day for Mayor David Archie, City of Tarpon Springs. He is term limited. Mayor Archie was presented with a clock for his 5 years of service.

Mayor Archie said it has been a pleasure serving on the Council. Hopefully one day everyone will understand that this is a premier body that they need to look to for regional planning.

Secretary/Treasurer, Commissioner Janet Long is in Washington D.C. and could not attend the meeting.

1. **Approval of Minutes – Vice Chair Roff**
Approved the minutes from the February 8, 2016 regular meeting without objection.
Staff contact: Lori Denman, ext. 17 or lori@tbrpc.org
2. **Budget Committee – Vice Chair Roff**
 - A. Approved the Financial Report for the period ending 1/31/16 without objection.
Staff contact: Beth Williams, ext. 15 or beth@tbrpc.org

3. Consent Agenda – Chair Brown

A. Budget and Contractual –

1. The County Emergency Management agencies of Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Charlotte and Sarasota have requested that TBRPC staff provide assistance in the production and coordination of printing and distribution of the annual disaster planning guide. A Request for Proposal (RFP) for Printing Services was advertised in the Tampa Bay Times and posted to the TBRPC website. The proposal selected was based on past performance and references, demonstrated capabilities and lowest cost.

Action Recommended: Authorization for the Executive Director sign a Purchase Order for up to \$40,000 to Printing Solutions of Florida for printing and print management services of the 2016 Disaster Planning Guide.

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

2. FRCA Statewide REMI Model Maintenance

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has received the new maintenance and technical support contract for the statewide version of REMI Policy Insight from Regional Economic Models, Inc. The contract will begin on March 25, 2016 and run through March 24, 2017 at a cost of \$33,183. TBRPC owns this statewide version of the model separately from the Council version to allow all RPCs in the state to have access to REMI. All costs are paid by the RPC secondary users, not TBRPC. TBRPC has been a REMI user since 1999 and continues to provide technical support and assistance to the Council's members, economic development organizations, the business community and others. The REMI model can be used to forecast the economic and demographic effects of policy initiatives. Policy Insight answers the "What if...?" questions concerning regional and local economies. Any type of policy that influences economic activity can be evaluated including economic development, transportation, energy, environmental, and taxation.

Action Recommended: Authorize the Executive Director to sign the Annual User Agreement for Software Licensing and Services.

Staff contact: Avera Wynne, ext. 30, avera@tbrpc.org

3. Hazard Mitigation Planning Support Services

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has been requested by Hillsborough County Hazard Mitigation section (Public Works) to provide planning support services related to updating plans and procedures related to the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS manual was recently revised which necessitates action prior to the County's upcoming Insurance Service Office (ISO) audit visit scheduled for early August, 2016. The CRS rating is very important to the community because it offers savings on insurance premiums. Due to the short performance period, staff will seek subcontractors to assist. The financial scope of this project is estimated not to exceed \$120,000.00.

Actions Recommended: 1. Authorize the Chair or Executive Director to execute an interlocal agreement with Hillsborough County to provide hazard mitigation planning support services.

2. Authorize the Chair or Executive Director to execute professional services agreements with one or more contractors as needed to provide hazard mitigation planning support services.

Staff contact: Avera Wynne, ext. 30, avera@tbrpc.org OR Brady Smith, ext. 42, brady@tbrpc.org

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

1. IC&R Reviews by Jurisdiction – February 2016

2. IC&R Database – February 2016

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

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

- C. **DRI Development Order Report (DOR) - None**
- D. **DRI Development Order Amendment Report (DOAR) - None**
- E. **Notice of Proposed Change (NOPC) Report - None**
- F. **Annual Report Summaries (ARS)/Biennial Report Summaries (BRS)**
 - 1. DRI # 98 – Sabal Center RY 2015-15 ARS, Hillsborough County
 - 2. DRI # 194 – DG Farms, RY 2014-15 ARS, Hillsborough County
 - 3. DRI # 211 – Meadow Pointe, RY 2014-15 ARS, Pasco County
 - 4. DRI # 243 – Mitchell Ranch Plaza, RYs 2012-14, Pasco County

Recommended Action: Approve staff reports.

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

G. DRI Status Report

Recommended Action: None. Information Only.

Staff Contact: John Meyer, ext. 29, 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 # 16-2ESR, Pasco County
- 2. DEO # 16-1ESR, City of Pinellas Park

Recommended Action: Approve staff reports.

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

I. Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments (LGCP)

- 1. DEO # 16-1ESR, Citrus County
- 2. DEO # 16-1ESR, Town of North Redington Beach
- 3. DEO # 16-1 ESR, City of Oldsmar

Recommended Action: Approve staff reports.

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

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed 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 – None**

6. Domestic Wastewater Issues and Challenges

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Southwest District convened a working group of utility directors to explore the domestic wastewater issues and challenges experienced throughout the Tampa Bay region as a result of extreme rainfall events in August 2015. Mary Yeargan, FDEP Southwest District Director and TBRPC Ex-officio member, shared the findings, recommendations and lessons learned through this process.

Staff contact: Maya Burke, ext. 40, maya@tbrpc.org

Questions & Comments:

Chair Brown said the National League of Cities has a lateral warranty program that will allow it to be offered to city and county residents. Do you have any knowledge of that?

Ms. Yeargan said no, but she would love to hear about it because the DEP has the state revolving loan fund and has a lot of money available to municipalities. The \$100 million project in Largo, \$78 million is coming from the state as a low interest loan over 30 years.

Chair Brown said .24% or something like that. It's a very low interest rate.

Ms. Yeargan also said that when they have problems with private lift stations the municipalities have a hard time doing something about that. The City of Largo has a huge number of private lift stations. When one of those overflows the City of Largo gets called and they will go out and do something about it even though it isn't one of theirs because they know there is an obligation for someone to stop the problem. Yes, I would be very interested in that. If you do google searches for some municipalities, especially for low income neighborhoods, they will provide grants but I don't know where the source money comes from. That's something I think would be worth discussing with the people, with the state revolving loan fund in Tallahassee and see if there is some way to manage that.

Councilwoman Capin said that's all fine but you go subdivision to subdivision and they have set back requirements on these lawns that no one uses – the kids don't play on it, they don't do barbeques and yet people are constantly watering and fertilizing that lawn. If you look at Hyde Park and Seminole Heights the houses are up to the sidewalks. They are beautiful, people love them, they want to be there. Any ideas on how we can move them?

Ms. Yeargan said she lives in the suburbs and has a huge lawn. If it dies I just put in more shrubbery. There's a development in Brandon where the houses are very close to the street and it's a walkable community because there is a shopping area with restaurants, a school and that was their vision – to have an old type of community. They also have a huge retention pond in the back.

Councilwoman Capin asked Ms. Yeargan to pass along anything she may hear about this.

Ms. Yeargan said to go on-line to the Tampa Bay Estuary Program where you can get information on cleaning up driveways and DEP has a brochure called "Pointless Personal Pollution."

Council presentations can be found at
http://www.tbrpc.org/council_members/council_presentations.shtml

7. Council Members' Comments - None

A. Announcements/Events- None

B. Emerging Issues for Local Governments- None

8. Program/Project Reports

A. Legislative Committee – Mr. Don Conn, TBRPC General Counsel

The legislative session ended on Friday. As is typical, there was a flurry of activity on the last day of the session. For those bills that passed, the governor has 15 days to act after a bill is presented to him. For those bills that did not pass, there is always next year. It will take a few days for the dust to settle and get a full picture of what was accomplished over the past 60 days, but here is what we know at this time:

Bills that passed include:

SB-552 Water Law - this is the first comprehensive water policy legislation that has passed in 10 years. It requires creation of a conservation lands data base, adoption of minimum flows and levels for springs, creates the Florida springs and aquifer protection act and modifies certain water use permitting requirements. This bill has already been signed by the governor and takes effect on July 1.

HB-1361 Growth Management – authorizes certain DRI amendments without review or approval for essentially built-out developments, allows completion of a development even though changes are made under certain circumstances, and authorizes certain exchanges of approved land uses. This bill will take effect on July 1 if approved by the governor.

HJR-193 Solar Energy – proposes a constitutional amendment that will authorize tax exemptions for renewable energy source devices that store or use solar energy. If passed by the voters in November, the legislature would have to approve implementing legislation.

HB-59 Agri Tourism – prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing ordinances that restrict or regulate agritourism on land classified as agricultural. This bill has already been approved by the governor and will take effect on July 1.

HB-273 Public Records - requires all government service contracts to identify the agency's custodian of public records and requires all requests for public records to be directed to the agency's designated custodian. This bill has been presented to the governor and will take effect immediately if approved.

Sometimes what does not pass is just as significant as what does pass. For example, legislation that would have pre-empted local government ordinances and regulations in the following areas did not pass:

- red-light camera ordinances;
- regulation of transportation network companies (Uber and Lyft);
- regulation of fracking;
- elimination of medical examiner fees; and
- capping of county emergency transportation fees.

Other bills that did not pass:

- promotion of medical tourism;
- establishing a local government grant program for flood risk reduction; and
- promoting the state as host for certain athletic events and a required study of the economic benefit of retaining baseball spring-training locations.

Funding for RPCs

The Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) did not seek the traditional funding for RPCs this year. The Economic Development Districts arm of the councils' did receive a \$500,000 statewide economic cluster analysis study initiative in the budget. That is a part of the budget and subject to the governor's review. If he allows it to stay in the budget there will be \$500,000 that will be available for the ten RPCs and they will work together to decide how that would be distributed among the ten RPCs.

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

Vice Chair Dodson: There was a bill that was working its way through the House which was heavily opposed by the Florida League of Municipalities that has to deal with home rule. Do you know what the outcome of that was?

Mr. Conn: That did not pass. I can't say where it ended up in the process but I can say it did not pass.

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

There is a meeting summary in your folder on the ABM March 10, 2016 meeting. A good part of that report was Ms. Yeargan's presentation. Maya did a great job of putting this program together because the follow up to what Ms. Yeargan presented was how you exactly determine which bacteria is good, which are bad.

Ms. Burke stated they talked about two other issues with regard to the rain events in August. We talked about some of the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) endorsement issues for your stormwater quality permits and how to regulate things like pool discharges. Dr. Valerie Harwood from USF talked about better ways to determine the sources of fecal contamination in water bodies and what that means for how water quality is monitored and managed. We also heard a presentation from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service about the listing of the manatee from endangered to threatened. Mayor Minning said that regarding the manatee is that if it is downgraded from endangered to threatened that there is no affect whatsoever on the rules and regulations that are in place right now that protect the manatees.

Staff Contact: Maya Burke, ext. 40, maya@tbrpc.org

C. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – No Report

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

D. Medical Tourism Update

The consultant has just turned in some materials that are a part of the scope of work. Since we just received these materials I can't really provide a report on the content. We are going to work with our partners in developing a series of comments to provide feedback to the consultant.

Staff Contact: Randy Deshazo, ext. 31, randy@tbrpc.org

9. Other Council Reports - None

10. Executive/Budget Committee Report – Chair Brown

The Executive/Budget Committee will meet on April 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., prior to this meeting.

11. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Sean Sullivan

- New Projectors have been purchased and installed in the meeting room. These projectors are state of the art and provide increased visual clarity. IT Director Marshall Flynn managed this project which came in on time and within budget.
- The Executive Budget Committee has a meeting scheduled for April 11th beginning at 9:00am, one hour before the regular scheduled Council meeting. The annual audit is being conducted and the results of audit are anticipated to be presented at the April meeting. Our Accounting Manager Beth Williams will be presenting this information to the Committee. Both Beth and accounting assistant Sue Geer worked very hard during the audit which was their first audit for the Council and I would like to thank each of them for their efforts during this process.

I-75 Relief Task Force

- Participated in the I-75 Relief Task Force meeting on 2/26 in Gainesville. The purpose of the task force is to provide consensus recommendations on transportation improvements for the Tampa Bay/Northeast Florida connection. FDOT is the lead agency and we are happy to participate in this planning endeavor which is a required precursor to receipt of Federal transportation funds. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for April 6th at the Villages.

FRCA

- Attended Executive Director FRCA meetings in Tallahassee on Feb 11 & 12. Efforts with the Legislature are ongoing to seek \$500,000 in funding for an economic development project involving the ten economic development districts in the State. FRCA Executive Director Ron Book explained that the legislative process for approving this budget request is challenging but efforts should continue. As of last week the legislation had passed in both the House and Senate and is awaiting action by Governor Scott.

Transportation

- Met with Dave Hutchinson from Sarasota/Manatee MPO to learn more about the regional approach to public transportation in the Tampa Bay Region. Attended a meeting of the Pinellas Tourist Development Council to discuss the draft of the medical tourism study. Both Avera and Randy are recognized for their efforts with this initiative. Also, while we were at the meeting with the TDC we were informed that Clearwater Beach was recently designated as the best beach in the U.S. by Trip Advisor.

Month Ahead

- Tomorrow Attorney Don Conn has accepted my invitation to present a two hour ethics, sunshine law and procurement training session for all TBRPC staff.
- We have developed an updated TBRPC brochure to assist with marketing the services we provide. I will continue to meet with Council Members and County/Community leaders to enhance my understanding of their needs. Wren was instrumental in the development of this brochure.

Recent Training Class

- Brady Smith recently attended a four day Community Rating System certification class hosted by the Council that attracted Floodplain managers from throughout the region. Brady is a certified Flood Plain Manager and member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and I wanted to recognize Brady for his efforts on floodplain management.

Recent Marketing

- Earlier this month we reached out to offer facilitation services to the City of Saint Petersburg in our role as a convener of the region to help keep the Tampa Bay Rays within in the region in either Pinellas or Hillsborough Counties.

Stay Tuned

- Please stay tuned for press releases that will be issued which list the grants applied for or awarded along with a listing of valuable projects we are either working on or have accomplished. Also stay tuned for a quarterly newsletter that we will produce in house and will be distributed electronically to the media and to over 6,000 recipients.
- Per the vote of the Council at your last meeting, we have been begun early planning for a summit this fall that will focus on Sustainability and Transportation for the Tampa Bay Region. I would ask that Council Members consider becoming active participants in this summit and we will be reaching out to you with specific requests for your participation in this summit.

Vice Mayor Dodson: I want to commend Sean on his report. It's probably a lot more detailed than I've ever heard before and I encourage you to send that report to everyone.

Vice Chair Roff: I'm hearing more and more through my MPO that this connection between Tampa and Jacksonville seems to be getting some legs. I've been doing that route for 30 years because we have

family up there. There's a lot of traffic between our regions. I think it's a good thing we are heading that way to streamline getting from here to there.

12. Chair's Report

Next Meeting: April 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment – 11:17 a.m.



Woody Brown, Chair



Lori Denman, Recording Secretary