

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

COUNCIL MINUTES IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021 10:00 A.M

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TRANSPORTATION * SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Commissioner Jack Mariano, Chair
Pasco County Board of County Commissioners

Mr. Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2021 10:00 a.m.

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4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Suite 100, Pinellas Park FL 33782

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Topic: TBRPC Council Meeting

Time: Aug 9, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Commissioner Jack Mariano, Pasco County, Chair
Council Member Brandi Gabbard, City of St. Petersburg, Vice Chair
Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, Manatee County, Secretary/Treasurer
Councilman Patrick Roff, City of Bradenton, Past Chair
Mayor Chris Alahouzos, City of Tarpon Springs
Councilman Peter Altman, City of New Port Richey
Commissioner John Allocco, Hernando County
Councilor Thom Barnhorn, City of Seminole
Mayor Sandra Bradbury, City of Pinellas Park
Mayor Woody Brown, City of Largo
Council Member James Chambers, City of Temple Terrace
Councilman Joe Citro, City of Tampa
Commissioner Harry Cohen, Hillsborough County
Commissioner Carlos Diaz, City of Safety Harbor
Vice Mayor Bill Dodson, City of Plant City
Commissioner Maureen "Moe" Freaney, City of Dunedin
Commissioner Michael Fridovich, City of Gulfport
Vice Mayor Ward Friszolowski, City of St. Pete Beach
Council Member Hoyt Hamilton, City of Clearwater
Ms. Angeleah Kinsler, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Ronald Kitchen, Citrus County
Commissioner Janet Long, Pinellas County
Vice Mayor Reid, City of South Pasadena
Mr. Frank Rygiel, Pasco County Gubernatorial Appointee
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Maribeth Wetzel, City of Treasure Island
Ms. Charlie O'Neal, Alternate for Ms. Mary Yeargan, Ex-Officio, DEP

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Commissioner Scott Black, City of Dade City
Mr. Jacob Creamer, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Nancy Hodges, City of Madeira Beach
Commissioner Sheldon Jones, City of Palmetto
Mr. Waddah Farah, Alternate for Ming Gao, Ex-Officio, FDOT



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STAFF PRESENT

Sean Sullivan, Executive Director

Wren Krahl, Deputy Executive Director

Don Conn, Legal Counsel

Randy Deshazo, Director of Planning and Research

John Meyer, Principal Planner

Ashley Mott, GIS Principal Planner

Brian Ellis, Disaster Recovery Coordinator

Sue Geer, Accountant

Sarah Vitale, Senior Planner

Cara Woods Serra, Comprehensive Resiliency Planner

C.J. Reynolds, Director of Resiliency and Engagement

Alana Todd, Environmental Planner

Harry Walsh, Economic Development Planner

Jamie Neville, Statewide Economic Analyst

Maria Robles, Communications Planner

Simone Chapman, GRPS Policy Fellow

Call to Order: Commissioner Jack Mariano, Chair

Chair Mariano called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Brian Ellis, Recording Secretary

A quorum was present.

For purposes of a quorum, Council Members are encouraged to report their absences in advance of the meeting via email to the Deputy Executive Director, wren@tbrpc.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Voting Conflict Report: Mr. Brian Ellis, Recording Secretary

There were no Voting Conflicts to report.

Public Comment: Members of the public who wish to be heard are requested to fill out a speaker's card and provide it to the Recording Secretary before the start of the meeting. Speakers will be given three (3) minutes to address any item on the agenda or an item of regional interest.

No Public Comment—Upon motion duly made and seconded Public Comment was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

[\(Link to Administrative Agenda Item Reports\)](#)

1. Approval of the Minutes

Additional Material: Minutes from the June 14, 2021 Meeting.

Staff Contact: Wren G. Krahl, Deputy Executive Director, wren@tbrpc.org. ext. 22

2. Budget and Finance

A. The financial statement for the month ending May 31, 2021.

Additional Material: Financial Statement for the month ending May 31, 2021.

Staff Contact: Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director, sean@tbrpc.org. ext. 16

B. The financial statement for the month ending June 30, 2021.

Additional Material: Financial Statement for the month ending June 30, 2021.

Staff Contact: Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director, sean@tbrpc.org. ext.16

3. Budget and Contractual

NONE TO REPORT.

4. Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Program (IC&R)

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

IC&R Summary by Jurisdiction IC&R Review Log

5. Development of Regional Impacts (DRI)

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

DRI Development Amendment Report(s) Notice of Proposed Change Report(s)

Annual/Biennial Report Summaries DRI Status Report

6. Local Government Comprehensive Plan (LGCP)

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

LGCP Amendment Summary by Jurisdiction

LGCP Amendments Review Log

Due to statutory requirements (and if applicable), LGCP Reports may have already been transmitted to the State Land Planning Agency and the appropriate local government in accordance within the 30 days following receipt, as specified in Rule 29H-1.003(3), F.A.C.

7. LEPC Activity Report

Additional Material: LEPC Activity Report

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

8. FRCA Monthly Report

Additional Material: FRCA Monthly Report

Staff Contact: Wren G. Krahl, Deputy Executive Director, wren@tbrpc.org, ext. 22

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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS (E)

E-1 Executive Director's Report

Mr. Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director

Recommended Action: Information Only.

Staff Contact: Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director, sean@tbrpc.org. ext. 16

- *For the last year our staff welcomed Simone Chapman to our staff where she has worked on housing resilience for our JPMorgan Chase grant program. TBRPC was chosen by the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and medicine to host Simone, a visiting fellow to assist with our resilience efforts for a period of one year. Simone's one year working at TBRPC will conclude at the end of August. We are grateful to Simone not only for her professional work but also for adapting to a hybrid office environment during the pandemic. While we will miss her presence and expertise, she is a true professional we certainly have benefitted from her talent. Thank you for your work Simone.*
- *I would like to express my thanks to Pinellas Park Mayor Sandra Bradbury for welcoming the statewide Florida Regional Council's Association Policy Board members to the City of Pinellas Park at the July 27th meeting held here at TBRPC. Thank you, Mayor Bradbury.*
- *The 2022 State Legislative Session Committee meetings will begin on September 20, 2021 with the annual legislative session scheduled to commence on January 11th, 2022.*
- *Mr. Chairman, this morning I would like to show a brief video that appeared on Fox 13 Tampa Bay where the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council was featured along with our partner's as we continue to work to make our region more resilient. I am grateful for the Council's leadership and thanks to all of you, our elected and appointed leaders, our resiliency initiative has been recognized by State and Federal leaders. Recently appropriated State and Federal funds will lead to \$600,000,000 dollars worth of resilience grant programs that will be made available to Counties and Cities throughout our State. I would like to emphasize how critical it is for member governments to submit potential resilience related projects to the FDEP portal by September 1st. Projects can be conceptual but should include a price tag. The following video and powerpoint are provided to assist governments by sharing TBRPC awareness efforts and to provide information on how to access State Resilience programs.*
- *Mr. Chairman, the next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13th, beginning at 10:00am. Thank you.*

TBRPC PROJECT, PROGRAM and COMMITTEE REPORTS (P)

ALL PRESENTATIONS ARE ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE

TBRPC Programmatic Responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: Economic Development and Fiscal Impact Analysis; Environmental Planning; Emergency Preparedness; Resiliency; GIS Mapping and Modeling Services; Transportation Planning and Technical Assistance to Local Governments.

Committees of the TBRPC include but are not limited to the following: Executive/Budget Committee; Agency on Bay Management; Legislative Committee; Nominating Committee; Clearinghouse Review Committee; Florida Regional Council's Association Policy Board; and The Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition.

P-1 Agency on Bay Management

Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Chair

Ms. Alana Todd, TBRPC Environmental Planner will present a Red Tide Report. Ms. Todd will provide current updates on algal blooms and possible contributing factors, as well as current response and prevention efforts.

Recommended Action: To Be Determined.

Staff Contact: Alana Todd, Environmental Planner, alana@tbrpc.org. ext. 40

P-2 Covid-19 Recovery Task Force

Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, Chair

Recommended Action: To Be Determined.

Staff Contact: Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director, sean@tbrpc.org. ext. 16

Mr. Harry Walsh, TBRPC Economic Planner will provide a presentation on the Zephyrhills Airport project, which was funded through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, Security (CARES) Act.

Thank you, Chair Mariano. I am pleased to advise you that Covid-19 Task force is providing oversight to Council staff who are continuing to work with member governments throughout the Tampa Bay region on eight CARES Act sponsored projects where technical assistance will be provided for economic recovery from the Pandemic.

Staff recently presented an economic cluster study analysis of the Zephyrhills Airport to both the City Council and Economic Development Corporation. A key result of the study is the need for nearby manufacturing and relevant supply chains in developing an aviation cluster. I would like to introduce TBRPC Planner Harry Walsh, who will be presenting the results of this study to the Council.

P-3 Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition

Commissioner Janet Long, TBRRC Chair

Recommended Action: To Be Determined.

Staff Contact: CJ Reynolds, Director of Resiliency and Engagement,
cjreynolds@tbrpc.org, ext. 30

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The Steering Committee met today to discuss the Regional Resilience Action Plan, the Regional Resilience Leadership Summit in 2022, and the new DEP Resilient Shorelines guide.

Staff reviewed the Regional Resilience Action Plan updated timeline. The second draft will be sent to Committee members on August 10 to review and the committee will provide comments at our September meeting. Several comments and suggestions were provided for staff to integrate on important topics.

The Steering Committee reviewed and discussed logistics for the Summit, regarding in-person attendance and COVID risks. The Committee agreed that in-person was preferred, but more time was needed to understand the situation and the Committee agreed to revisit and discuss the situation in September. Staff are preparing the Summit registration, theme ideas and a sponsor packet which will be shared.

Staff presented a brief status report on the resilient shorelines policy guide and model language that is in development, with funding from the Florida DEP. The documents will provide local governments with guidance and policy options to increase consistency and resilience to changing sea levels and high tide flooding through 2070. The Committee commented that privately owned sea walls will not be funded with public money, and noted the benefits of the living shorelines and oyster beds, and cited MacDill as an example.

Staff will circulate the draft documents in August and hold meetings to get input from stakeholders this fall. That concludes my report. I look forward to reporting on our progress at the next meeting.

PRESENTATIONS and GUEST SPEAKERS

All PowerPoint presentations will be posted to the Council website following the meeting at www.tbrpc.org

In the interest of time, the Clear Sky Tampa Bay project was postponed and will appear on the September 13, 2021 Council agenda.

Clear Sky Tampa Bay

Speaker: Ms. Alana Todd, Environmental Planner
Ms. Sarah Vitale, TBRPC Senior Planner

Ms. Alana Todd, Environmental Planner with TBRPC and Ms. Sarah Vitale, AICP, TBRPC Senior Planner will present on the Clear Sky Tampa Bay project. Long-lasting power outages caused by hurricanes and other disasters have major impacts on communities and local economies. Leading organizations and energy agencies across the country are working to evaluate the role of solar energy and battery storage on specific buildings to improve local community resilience goals. An innovative project, led by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, was selected by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to participate in a collaborative research effort to develop novel applications of solar energy. NREL is leading the Solar Energy Innovation Network with funding from the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Energy Technologies Office. NREL pursues fundamental research and development of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies to transform the way we use energy. **Staff Contact:** Alana Todd, Environmental Planner, alana@tbrpc.org, ext. 40 and Sarah Vitale, Senior Planner, sarah@tbrpc.org, ext. 27

Seagrass Degradation in Tampa Bay

Speaker: Mr. Ed Sherwood, Executive Director, Tampa Bay Estuary Program

Ed Sherwood, Tampa Bay Estuary Program Executive Director, will present the results of the Southwest Florida Water Management District's 2020 Aerial Seagrass Mapping Program. Aerial photos are taken every two years in winter, when bay waters are clearest. The digital imagery is plotted, analyzed and ground-truthed to verify accuracy. This process has been used to track trends in seagrass extent in Florida estuaries since 1988. Estimates based on imagery collected during the winter of 2019-2020 (before the emergency discharges from Piney Point) show that Tampa Bay now harbors 34,297 acres of seagrass. Between 2018 and 2020, seagrasses throughout Tampa Bay declined by 16%, or 6,355 acres. The majority of those losses occurred in Old Tampa Bay, which was down 4,041 acres. Losses were also reported in Hillsborough Bay (-627 acres) and the Manatee River (-149 acres). Lower Tampa Bay reported little to no change in mapped seagrass acreage. This is the first time since 2012 that seagrass acreage in Tampa Bay fell below the recovery goal established in the Habitat Master Plan.

Staff Contact: Alana Todd, Environmental Planner, alana@tbrpc.org,

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

TBRPC serves as a forum to foster communication between local governments. This portion of the agenda is dedicated to our Council Members to announce events and discuss emerging issues in your communities and jurisdictions. We encourage you to take an active role in submitting issues as well as to share those best practices that are working in your jurisdictions.

This concludes Council Member Comments for today's Agenda.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Jack Mariano, Chair

ADJOURNMENT-NOON

Next Council Meeting: September 13, 2021


The Council, in accordance with its adopted rules of procedure, may only take action on matters not on the printed agenda involving the exercise of agency discretion and policymaking upon a finding by the Council of an emergency situation affecting the public's health, safety, and welfare. Council meetings are Public Meetings within the context of [Section 286.011, Florida Statutes](#). Public Hearings on issues before the Council are conducted by individual local governments and are the proper forum for public comment.

Please note that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Council with respect to any matter considered at the above cited meeting or hearing, s/he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, s/he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons wishing to speak at a Council meeting are required to complete the form provided at the entrance to the meeting room. The form, after being completed, must be given to the Recording Secretary.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this meeting you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council at 727-570-5151 ext. 22 within 3 working days prior to the meeting.


_____ Date: 9/13/21

Commissioner Jack Mariano, Chair



Brian Ellis, Recording Secretary