Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

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Commissioner Jack Mariano, Chair

Pasco County Board of County Commissioners

Mr. Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director

Convening the Region Since 1962
Tampa Bay RPC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic:** TBRPC March Council Meeting

**Time:** Mar 8, 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
Commissioner John Allocco, Hernando County
Councilman Peter Altman, City of New Port Richey
Councilor Thom Barnhorn, City of Seminole
Commissioner Scott Black, City of Dade City
Mayor Sandra Bradbury, City of Pinellas Park
Mayor Woody Brown, City of Largo
Councilman Joe Citro, City of Tampa
Commissioner Harry Cohen, Hillsborough County
Council Member James Chambers, City of Temple Terrace
Mr. Jacob Creamer, Hillsborough County Gubernatorial Appointee
Vice Mayor Bill Dodson, City of Plant City
Commissioner Maureen “Moe” Freaney, City of Dunedin
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
Commissioner Gail Neidinger, City of South Pasadena
Mr. Frank Rygiel, Pasco County Gubernatorial Appointee
Council Member Dan Saracki, City of Oldsmar
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Pinellas County Gubernatorial Appointee
Commissioner Maribeth Wetzel, City of Treasure Island
Ms. Charlie O’Neal, Alternate for Ms. Mary Yeargon, Ex-Officio, DEP
Mr. Waddah Farah, Alternate for Ming Gao, Ex-Officio, FDOT

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT
Commissioner Carlos Diaz, City of Safety Harbor
Vice Mayor Michael Fridovich, City of Gulfport
Commissioner Nancy Hodges, City of Madeira Beach
STAFF PRESENT
Sean Sullivan, Executive Director
Wren Krahl, Deputy Executive Director
Don Conn, Legal Counsel
Marshall Flynn, IT/GIS Director
John Meyer, 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
Simone Chapman, GRPS Policy Fellow
Call to Order: Commissioner Jack Mariano, Chair

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

Roll Call: Mr. Brian Ellis, Recording Secretary

A quorum of the full Council was not present. A quorum was present for the Council’s Executive Budget Committee which has the authority to approve all action items.

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 February 8, 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 January 31st, 2021. To be emailed 03/02/2021.
      Staff Contact: Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director, sean@tbrpc.org, ext. 16
   B. FY 2020 DRAFT Annual Audit
      Additional Material: FY 2020 DRAFT Annual Audit
      Recommended Action: Motion to approve the FY 2020 Annual Audit
      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 Information Only**
   Additional Material: LEPC Activity Report
   Staff Contact: John Meyer, Principal Planner, johnm@tbrpc.org, ext. 29

8. **FRCA Monthly Report Information Only**
   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
Recommended Action: Information Only.
Staff Contact: Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director, sean@tbrpc.org, ext. 16

- Mr. Chairman most staff members are continuing to work from the safety of their homes. We continue to hold mandatory virtual staff meetings twice a week. I have been pleased with staff productivity during the Pandemic and will continue to monitor the situation to determine when the time is best for a safe return to normal operations.

- It would be appreciated if member governments would continue your efforts to seek approval of a resolution from you Commission or Council indicating your opposition to Senate Bill 62.

- Don Conn has prepared a draft of an Interlocal Agreement as discussed at the last Council meeting which would be needed only if SB 62 prevails.

- Staff was recently advised that our Hurricane Phoenix 2.0 simulation will be presented to a national audience of professional planners at their annual conference this year which will be held virtually only from May 5th-7th. Sarah Vitale will present the Phoenix project to this national audience.

- TBRPC staff continues to engage member governments through digital outreach as we continue to work on numerous initiatives with regional state and federal partners. In fact, on February 12th TBRPC staff managed two concurrent online sessions first, for resiliency and the second on the need for expanded broadband connectivity in our region. We partnered with numerous member governments and the State Department of Economic Opportunity and engaged over 75 people online on February 12th.

- Staff is continuing our work with Pinellas, Hillsborough and Manatee Counties, the City or Largo and USF’s Patel Center of Global Sustainability to develop a regional, resilience-based framework for solar storage and microgrids. This project is anticipated to be completed by the end of June.

- The City of Saint Pete Beach was recently ranked the #1 Beach in America by Trip Advisor. Also, on the list Madeira Beach (ranked 9th) and Treasure Island (ranked 16th).

- Mr. Chairman, I am continuing to track federal legislation with the National Association of Development Organizations and National Association of Regional Council’s as we anticipate the next round of Congressional funding for regional Covid-19 recovery. It is likely that Congressional earmarks will be brought back into the legislative process which could mean that funding will possibly be available for
resilience planning and project development. Last week I provided input to the National Association of Regional Councils as it relates to the process of appropriation of funding for transportation projects. The President has indicated that one of his next priorities will be to propose a package that will seek to fund transportation and infrastructure projects throughout America.

- The State legislative session for 2021 began on March 2nd and is scheduled to conclude on April 30th.

- Mr. Chairman, the next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12th.

**E-2 Executive Budget Committee Report**

**Commissioner Jack Mariano, Chair**

**Recommended Action:** Information Only.

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

The Executive Budget Committee met this morning before the Council meeting and after a presentation from our auditors unanimously approved the DRAFT FY 2020 Audit be forwarded to the full Council for review and consideration.

I would like to commend Sean and the staff for once again having a “clean audit” especially in a year like no other we have experienced.

We also had a presentation from Ron Book, the Florida Regional Planning Council’s Executive Director and Lobbyist. Mr. Book shared the current status of SB 62. I would like to ask Sean to provide this update to the Council.
TBRPC PROJECT, PROGRAM and COMMITTEE REPORTS (P)

**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.

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**P1**
Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition

**Recommended Action:** To Be Determined.

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

Commissioner Janet Long, TBRRC Chair

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**P2**
Covid-19 Recovery Task Force

**Recommended Action:** To Be Determined.

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

Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, Task Force Chair

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I am pleased to report that TBRPC staff have completed a rapid redesign project for the City of New Port Richey, specifically in the City’s Rivergate District. This project is supported by a Federal Grant TBRPC received from the U.S. Economic Development administration in accordance with the CARES Act. We anticipate that this project template will be used to assist our communities throughout Tampa Bay as we recover from the economic impacts of the Pandemic.

All TBRPC governments are encouraged to think of a Pandemic economic recovery project where staff can provide technical assistance to assist with recovery.

On March 2nd TBRPC staff members Sarah Vitale and Harry Walsh presented a detailed redesign plan to the New Port Richey City Council and they are here this morning to provide the Council with an overview of this project.

Sarah and Harry, we look forward to your presentation.
PRESENTATIONS and GUEST SPEAKERS

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

CARES ACT Project: New Port Richey Conceptual Master Plan for the Rivergate/Palm District

Speakers:  Ms. Sarah Vitale, Senior Planner
          Mr. Harry Walsh, Economic Planner

Funded by the Federal Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020, TBRPC is assisting Tampa Bay area communities with short and impactful studies that support economic recovery. TBRPC recently completed a Conceptual Master Plan for the Rivergate/Palm District in New Port Richey. The plan provides several resilience-themed development options and architectural styles that can be considered within the broader master planning efforts that are underway. Additionally, the TBRPC completed an economic analysis of the conceptual development in terms of employment supported, increases in property value, and resulting in tax increment financing relating to these indicators.

Collectively, these resources equip City staff with visually compelling and economically assessed “proofs of concepts” to be considered when evaluating development potential and projects within Downtown New Port Richey.

Staff Contact:  Sarah Vitale, Senior Planner  sarah@tbrpc.org ext. 27

This concludes the Presentations and Guest Speakers portion of the Agenda.
COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

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.

No Council Member comments.

This concludes Council Member Comments for today’s Agenda.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Commissioner Jack Mariano, Chair

ADJOURNMENT

Next Council Meeting: April 12, 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: 6/14/21
Commissioner Jack Mariano, Chair

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Brian Ellis, Recording Secretary