

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL'S REGIONAL RESILIENCY ACTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) is developing a Regional Resiliency Action Plan (RRAP); and

WHEREAS, the RRAP will provide a blueprint for local-regional planning and implementation by creating a positive aspirational vision of resilient communities, both coastal and inland urban, suburban and rural areas, defining goals, objectives, strategies and actions for local and regional agencies to support for alignment on critical issues, considering federal and state planning requirements, defining best practices, national metrics, certification programs and including a community scorecard; and

WHEREAS, between the local and regional governments there are shared concerns, including energy security, food security, infrastructure (buildings, transportation and communications), water management and health and community well-being, as well as urban concerns on building and infrastructure design, innovative financing for infrastructure adaptation and addressing social equity and vulnerable populations, as well as rural concerns of economic diversification, broadband deployment, ecosystem valuation and farm and forest adaption; and

WHEREAS, the TBRPC has specifically requested input from stakeholders on the proposed RRAP; and

WHEREAS, as an advisory committee to City Council, it is the mission of the Environmental Committee to facilitate the development of responsible environmental policies, including improving access to culturally appropriate, nutritionally sound and sustainably produced food in the city; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Committee is tasked with providing recommendations to City Council regarding community policies that can dramatically reduce instances of ecological destruction, preserve agricultural lands, promote sustainable agricultural practices throughout the city while assisting in the development of new businesses that are ecologically sound and environmentally resilient; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Committee reviewed the proposed RRAP at their regular meeting on December 14, 2020 and voted to present their recommendations/concerns, further described in Attachment "A" affixed hereto, to City Council for their approval and support of the RRAP; and

WHEREAS, City Council hereby supports the Environmental Committee's recommendations/concerns and is in support of the TBRPC RRAP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, that said City Council hereby expresses its support for the Tampa Bay Regional

Planning Council's Regional Resiliency Action Plan, including the comments from the City's Environmental Committee as set forth in Attachment "A" to this resolution.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 5th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Rob Marlowe, Mayor – Councilmember

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CONTENT

Timothy P. Driscoll, City Attorney

ATTACHMENT "A"

Environmental Committee, City of New Port Richey Statement on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council – Regional Resiliency Action Plan

Based on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's (TBRPC) Regional Resiliency Action Plan (RRAP), the Environmental Committee of the City of New Port Richey submits the following comments and feedback to TBRPC for consideration to include in the 2020 TBRPC Regional Resiliency Action Plan (RRAP).

The RRAP outline:

- ❖ A lack of attentiveness to food security as a serious regional concern.
- ❖ Food policy strategies were not listed as a high enough priority on the RRAP's action items.
- ❖ The temporary Governor's Executive Order allows the local governments to feed any child, 18 and under, until funds are depleted. In Pasco County, these funds will be depleted in December 2020. The RRAP should take into consideration the likelihood of future natural disasters and pandemics that can cause massive disruption to food systems. What is the RRAP plan to feed these children after December 2020?
- ❖ Too low of a level of significance for explicit food system security needs. A much higher emphasis is needed regionally.
- ❖ Local food production needs to be preserved and encouraged, especially in urban areas of the region.
- ❖ Increased involvement of food system stakeholders in the development of RRAP Plan priorities is needed.
- ❖ RRAP needs to elevate food system security, resiliency, and food access to a higher level of prioritization;
- ❖ Lack of acknowledgement that food affordability and inaccessibility are still prescient issues in Pasco County and other Tampa Bay communities.
- ❖ Food policy advocates within the Tampa Bay region should be invited to TBRPC Resiliency Coalition meetings, sub-committee meetings and trainings to ensure food security matters are addressed in the RRAP. Existing Food Policy Advisory Councils should be invited to send a council member representative to future trainings, summits, coalition meetings, committee and sub-committee meetings.