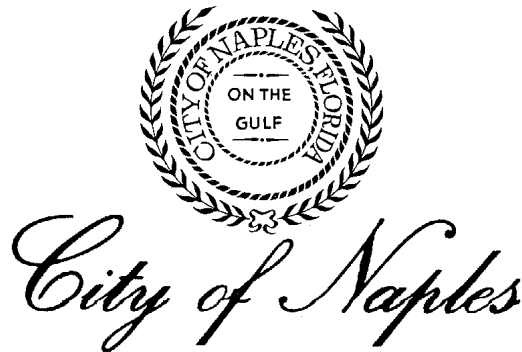




City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

Moorings Bay Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting – April 21, 2026 – 9:04 a.m.

It is noted for the record that all documents electronically appended hereto are also contained in the file for this meeting with the City Clerk's Office, and added attachments are referenced in red as "Added Attachment".

1) Call to Order

Chair Broderick called the meeting to order and presided.

2) Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

William Broderick, Chair

Brian Boland

Cynthia Russell, Vice Chair

Roy Williams

Committee Members Absent:

Jeffrey Carrier

Staff Present:

Katie Laakkonen, Environmental Specialist

Natalie Hardman, Natural Resources Manager

Daniel Ohrenstein, City Engineer

William Quinsey, Code Compliance Manager

Ali Duran, Executive Assistant

3) Elect a Chair & Vice Chair

Russell NOMINATED Broderick as Chair.

There being no further nominations, the following motion was proffered.

MOTION by Russell to ELECT Broderick as Chair; seconded by Williams and carried 4-0 (Boland-yes, Carrier-absent, Russell-yes, Williams-yes, Broderick-yes).

Broderick NOMINATED Russell as Vice Chair.

There being no further nominations, the following motion was proffered.

MOTION by Broderick to ELECT Russell as Vice Chair; seconded by Williams and carried 4-0 (Boland-yes, Carrier-absent, Russell-yes, Williams-yes, Broderick-yes).

4) Announcements

Environmental Specialist Katie Laakkonen announced that Sea Turtle Nesting Season had begun and asked that the beaches be kept as dark as possible by drawing the shades and turning off the lights at beachfront properties. She also informed the Committee that The Conservancy of Southwest Florida would be having a meeting that evening titled, "Working With Nature: Flood Resilience Blueprint", and invited the public to attend.

5) Items to be Added

None.

6) Public Comments

None.

7) Approval of Minutes

Chair Broderick asked to include the names of Lakes 1, 5, and 20 in Item 3) Announcements. There were no objections.

MOTION by Broderick to APPROVE the January 22, 2026 meeting minutes, subject to adding the names of Lakes 1, 5, and 20; seconded by Russell and carried 4-0 (Boland-yes, Carrier-absent, Russell-yes, Williams-yes, Broderick-yes).

[Draft Meeting Minutes January 22, 2026](#)

8) Stormwater Outfall Backflow Preventor Update

City Engineer Daniel Ohrenstein presented an update of the Stormwater Outfall Backflow Preventer Project, noting that 10 primary outfalls were determined to require backflow preventers. He stated that he anticipated the installation to take place in the summer and fall of 2026.

Responding to questions, City Engineer Ohrenstein described the in-line check valves that would be installed, the method used to determine the prioritization of the valve installation, and the purpose of the valve. He informed the Committee that the check valves would be installed throughout the City, but the Moorings Bay outfalls were the priority.

[Stormwater Outfall Backflow Preventor Update](#)

9) Public Outreach & Enforcement

9.A) Existing Resources & Brochures

Environmental Specialist Katie Laakkonen introduced the item and provided an overview of the various brochures included in the meeting packet and information about fertilizer usage and illicit discharges into the stormwater system or into Moorings Bay.

Code Compliance Manager William Quinsey outlined enforcement procedures, noting that the division consisted of two full-time officers and one part-time officer who conducted proactive enforcement during fertilizer season and responded to complaints. He explained that citations range from \$100 for minor violations up to \$5,000 per occurrence for irreversible damage, such as the discharge of chemicals into storm drains. Code Compliance Manager Quinsey confirmed that officers must personally observe violations to issue citations and encouraged residents to report violations while they are occurring. He noted that, over the past three years, the division has contacted approximately 500 landscaping companies and educated them about the Naples City Code.

Discussion ensued and Vice Chair Russell suggested using Taxing District funds to send similar mailers educating residents about fertilizer usage and illicit discharges. Environmental Specialist Laakkonen cautioned the Committee, explaining staff's experience with mailers and the extensive number that had been returned as "undeliverable". Responding to questions about pesticide usage, she informed the Committee that the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services was the regulating body, and that the City did not test the water for pesticides.

Natural Resources Manager Natalie Hardman informed the Committee that residents utilizing reclaimed water for irrigation did not require additional fertilizer, explaining that the reclaimed water already contains sufficient nutrients.

[Illicit Discharge Brochure](#)

[Fertilize Right Brochure](#)

[Rain Gardens](#)

[Neighborhood Guide to Stormwater Systems](#)

[Landscaping, Riprap and Mangroves](#)

[Online Resources](#)

[Audubon Landscape Card \(Staff Added Attachment\)](#)

[Audubon Handout \(Staff Added Attachment\)](#)

10) Doctors Pass Update

Environmental Specialist Katie Laakkonen stated that Collier County combined the Wiggins Pass and Doctors Pass Dredge Projects for the bid which should be publicized that week. She stated that the anticipated start date was June 2026, starting with Wiggins Pass.

Chair Broderick expressed appreciation to Environmental Specialist Laakkonen for relocating the Low Water Marker in Doctors Pass, noting that the adjustment improved navigation in shallow areas.

11) Financial Report

11.A) FY 25-26 Q2 Report

Environmental Specialist Katie Laakkonen presented the second quarter Financial Report, noting that there were minimal expenditures. She commented that the data were still being audited but that once they were received, she would share them with the Committee.

Vice Chair Russell asked about the process the Committee would take to fund a project. Environmental Specialist Laakkonen replied that the first step would be to determine if the project complied with the Committee's regulating documents, and then the City Council would have to approve the project.

[FY 25-26 Q2 Report](#) 

12) Upcoming Meeting Dates

July 21, 2026

October 20, 2026

13) Member Comments

Member Williams raised concerns about stormwater pollution entering Moorings Bay and asked whether the City planned to divert outfalls offshore similar to the Beach Outfall Project. Environmental Specialist Katie Laakkonen explained the Beach Outfall Project was primarily addressing flooding around Gulf Shore Boulevard, and that the outfalls into Moorings Bay were direct connects from the Moorings Bay Watershed, which was a different system. She then discussed various ways residents can help to filter the stormwater, such as by installing rain gardens.

Vice Chair Russell provided information regarding the installation of rip rap to support mangrove growth, noting that she had received an estimate of approximately \$21,000 to install 30 feet of rip rap. Discussion ensued briefly and Member Williams recalled residents' hesitancy in installing rip rap due to it catching the dead fish during red tide events, and that mangroves would impede the water views. Environmental Specialist Laakkonen noted that mangroves can be trimmed once the height was established, noting that the views would not be blocked. She then explained how rip rap helped attenuate wave energy and provided an environment for water organisms to flourish.

Regarding Vice Chair Russell's request for an update on the Water Quality Report, Environmental Specialist Laakkonen stated she may have an update for the October 20, 2026 or January 2027 meetings. She then noted that filters were being used on or near construction sites to block storm drains. Member Williams identified the drain guards as being required by the Florida Building Code.

14) Adjourn

10:12 a.m.

Minutes Approved: _____.