



City of Naples

City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

East Naples Bay Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting – June 16, 2026 – 9:03 a.m.

It is noted for the record that all: 1) documentation electronically appended hereto is also contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office; and 2) Added attachments are referenced in red as "added attachment".

1) Call to Order

Chair Gregg called the meeting to order.

Prior to Roll Call, City Clerk Patricia Rambosk administered an Oath of Office to reappointed Member Gary Gregg and newly appointed Member Richard Shanahan.

2) Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Gary Gregg, Chair

Michael Rinaldi

Forrest Milkowski, Vice Chair

Richard Shanahan

Staff Present:

Patricia Rambosk, City Clerk

George Yilmaz, Asst. City Manager Public Works Dir.

Stefan Massol, Finance Director

Stephen Beckman, Director of Building Services

Natalie Hardman, Natural Resources Manager

Ali Duran, Executive Assistant

Also Present:

Lou Gaudio

Matthew Starr

Jeff Taber

Mackenzie Hudson

Ryan McLellan

Mac Wagner

Raul Vera

Howard Murrell Jr.

3) Elect a Chair

Addressed at the March 17, 2026 meeting.

4) Announcements

None.

5) Set Agenda (add or remove items)

None.

6) Public Comment

None.

7) Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Milkowski to APPROVE the March 17, 2026 meeting minutes; seconded by Shanahan and carried 4-0 (Milkowski-yes, Rinaldi-yes, Shanahan-yes, Gregg-yes).

[Draft Meeting Minutes March 17, 2026](#) 

8) Construction Site Work Discussion

Director of Building Services Stephen Beckman responded to concerns regarding erosion and sediment entering the canals from construction sites, particularly where new seawalls were

constructed adjacent to older seawalls with lower elevations. He explained that seawall requirements were governed by the Land Development Code and that drainage and erosion issues were primarily addressed through engineered stormwater plans and related regulations.

Members expressed concern that sediment from construction sites could impact the recently dredged canals and discussed the need for adequate erosion control measures and stormwater management. Chair Gregg suggested inviting staff from the Streets and Stormwater Division to a future meeting to discuss stormwater and drainage requirements, as well as potential long-term solutions.

9) Completion Report For East Naples Bay Dredge and Rock Removal Project

Matthew Starr, Project Manager at Stantec, announced the completion of the East Naples Bay Dredge and Rock Removal Project, noting that all canals had been accepted as complete and dredged to the required depth. He reported that the project staging area had been restored, final closeout documents had been submitted, and the necessary state and federal permits remained active through 2030 and 2031.

Project Manager Starr also reported that a comprehensive survey of the canal system would be conducted in July 2026 to establish a post-construction baseline and assist with future maintenance planning and potential storm recovery efforts, as previously approved by the Committee. Members thanked Stantec, Quality Enterprises, and staff for their efforts in completing the project.

[Presentation](#)  [Plaque \(Stantec Added Attachment\)](#) 

10) East Naples Bay Taxing District Budget Review and Loan Discussion

Prior to a discussion regarding the Budget, Assistant City Manager-Public Works Director George Yilmaz utilized an electronic presentation to briefly discuss long-term resiliency, stormwater, and infrastructure considerations within the Royal Harbor neighborhood.

Finance Director Stefan Massol reviewed the East Naples Bay Taxing District budget, outstanding loan obligations, projected revenues, and long-term financial outlook. He explained that the current projections reflected that the District would continue to accumulate reserves while making scheduled debt payments and noted that future decisions regarding debt reduction, reserve levels, and millage adjustments would be subject to City Council approval.

Members discussed maintaining sufficient funds for future canal maintenance while reducing the financial burden on property owners and the possibility of reducing the millage rate once adequate reserves have been established. Following discussion regarding debt repayment, reserve funding for future canal maintenance, and potential opportunities to reduce the tax burden on residents, Members expressed support for continuing to evaluate financial options that would maintain the District's ability to fund future maintenance needs while reducing outstanding debt and future assessments when financially feasible.

[FY 25-26 Q2 Budget](#) 

[ENB Taxing District Financial Summary and Budget FY25_26](#) 

[Agenda Memorandum](#)  [Resolution for 2021 Loan](#)  [Resolution for 2024 Loan](#) 

[Loan Schedule](#)  [Revenue/Expenditure Analysis 2026 to 2034](#) 

[Yilmaz Resiliency Presentation \(Staff Added Attachment\)](#) 

11 Meeting Dates Remaining for 2026.

September 15, 2026

December 15, 2026

12) Member Comments

Natural Resources Manager Natalie Hardman provided an update regarding derelict vessels within Naples Bay, noting that the issue is being addressed through a state-led initiative and that recent legislation may provide additional tools for addressing abandoned vessels. Members discussed the ongoing impacts of derelict vessels on navigation and aesthetics and expressed interest in continued coordination with state agencies regarding enforcement and removal efforts.

Natural Resources Manager Hardman also reported that replacement channel markers had been ordered and would be installed once fabrication was complete.

Members discussed ongoing concerns related to swale maintenance, seawall elevations, and stormwater management and requested that these topics be addressed at a future meeting.

Chair Gregg expressed appreciation for former Chair Heybroek's years of service to the Committee and the City. The following motion was then proffered.

MOTION by Gregg to RECOGNIZE former Chair Maarten Heybroek for his years of service to the City and the East Naples Bay Citizens Advisory Committee; seconded by Milkowski and carried 4-0 (Milkowski-yes, Rinaldi-yes, Shanahan-yes, Gregg-yes).

13) Adjourn

10:28 a.m.

Minutes approved: 09/15/2026.