



City of Naples

City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

East Naples Bay Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting – September 15, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

It is noted for the record that all: 1) documentation electronically appended hereto is also contained in the file for this meeting with the City Clerk's Office; 2) added attachments are referenced in red as "Added Attachment"; and 3) Alternate Member Murray acted as a voting Member for all items listed below.

1) Call to Order

Chair Gregg called the meeting to order.

It is noted for the record that prior to Roll Call, City Clerk Patricia Rambosk administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Alternate Member Joseph Murray.

2) Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Gary Gregg, Chair

Forrest Milkowski, Vice Chair

Michael Rinaldi

Richard Shanahan

Joseph Murray, Alternate Member

Staff Present:

Natalie Hardman, Natural Resources Manager

Ali Duran, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Matthew Starr

3) Announcements

None.

4) Set Agenda (add or remove items)

None.

5) Public Comment

None.

6) Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Milkowski to APPROVE the June 16, 2026 meeting minutes; seconded by Shanahan and carried 5-0 (Milkowski-yes, Murray-yes, Rinaldi-yes, Shanahan-yes, Gregg-yes).

[Draft Meeting Minutes June 16, 2026](#)

7) Post Construction Survey Update

Matthew Starr, Project Manager at Stantec, utilized an electronic presentation to provide an overview of the 2026 East Naples Bay Waterways Survey conducted by Morgan & Eklund, Inc. from July 20, 2026 through July 23, 2026. He explained that the survey provided a baseline of sediment intrusion since the canal dredging and identified 1,018 cubic yards of material above an elevation of -5.0 feet but noted that there were some areas that had not been dredged due to boats and/or boat lifts obstructing the area. Responding to a previous request for the cost to survey the canals in 2027, Project Manager Starr informed the Committee that the 2027 Waterway Survey would cost \$63,922.04.

Discussion ensued, and the Committee suggested conducting the 2027 survey in early June to mitigate the possibility of delays due to hurricanes.

MOTION by Milkowski to RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the 2027 Waterway Survey at the cost of \$63,922.04, to be conducted in early June 2027; seconded by Shanahan and carried 5-0 (Milkowski-yes, Murray-yes, Rinaldi-yes, Shanahan-yes, Gregg-yes).

Chair Gregg recalled that the Committee's bylaws tasked it with monitoring seawall conditions and suggested that the seawall inspections be completed concurrently with the 2027 East Naples Bay Waterways Survey. Discussion ensued regarding the effects of failing seawalls on neighboring properties, siltation resulting from failing seawall, and Code Compliance responses and enforcement. Project Manager Starr suggested separating the canal survey and seawall inspections into separate projects, noting the different expertise required for each. He stated that he would bring a Level of Work for the Committee to review and discuss at its December 15, 2026 meeting.

[Presentation](#)

[2026 Annual Survey - Plan Views](#)

8) By-Laws Discussion

Chair Gregg referred Members to the Committee's bylaws and began the discussion by suggesting that the Committee reduce the frequency of its meetings, due to the completion of the Dredge Project. Vice Chair Milkowski and Member Shanahan suggested calling meetings as needed, such as following the 2027 Waterway Survey. There were no objections.

Chair Gregg expressed the view that there were approximately 20 nontransitory and derelict boats within 200 to 300 yards of the canals in the East Naples Bay Taxing District. He informed the Committee that the State of Florida recently enacted legislation that allowed counties and municipalities to manage and monitor derelict and live-aboard boats, subject to Florida Fish and Wildlife (FWC) review and approval. Members discussed asking City Council to create a new committee to manage and monitor derelict boats and offering the Committee's assistance. Natural Resources Manager Natalie Hardman stated that the City Attorney was aware of this legislation and was working with Collier County to create a plan of action. She informed the Committee that she would provide an update information at its December 15, 2026 meeting.

Members expressed satisfaction with the language set forth in the bylaws and no changes were offered.

[2008 By-Laws](#)

[2018 By-Laws - Current](#)

[Derelict Boat Photograph \(Gregg Added Attachment\)](#)

9) East Naples Bay Taxing District Budget Review

Natural Resources Manager Natalie Hardman presented the third quarter financial report and the East Naples Bay Taxing District Financial Summary and Budget for FY 2025-26, noting that the FY 2026-27 Budget had not been approved yet.

Chair Gregg stated that he would like to have a discussion regarding the future of the Taxing District with focus on the current tax revenues and expenditures to determine when the debt should be paid down and the tax rate could be reduced. Natural Resources Manager Hardman suggested inviting Finance Director Stefan Massol for such a discussion, noting that a March 2027 meeting date would allow enough time to acquire the most current information following the November 2026 election.

[FY 25-26 Q3 Report](#)

[ENB Taxing District Financial Summary and Budget FY25 26](#)

10 Upcoming Meeting Date

December 15, 2026.

11) Member Comments

Member Rinaldi expressed concern regarding silt entering the canals resulting from the construction of seawalls and new residences. He asked that the City Council consider revising

the building permits to bolster specifications regarding the prevention of erosion and silting into the canal systems. He further asked that permitting for new construction, site work, and new seawall construction require an appropriate retaining wall structure when the property adjacent to the construction site has a lower elevation. Member Rinaldi requested stronger enforcement of the Naples City Code. Natural Resources Manager Natalie Hardman informed the Committee that the City was implementing resiliency measures, including proposing a minimum seawall elevation of 5.6 feet. She further noted that the City's stormwater management infrastructure was being redesigned to address backflow issues from the canals and rivers. Following a discussion, Natural Resources Manager Hardman informed the Committee that she would invite Code Compliance to attend its December 15, 2026 meeting to discuss seawall enforcement, and that the City Council would be discussing the resiliency efforts at its November 16, 2026 workshop.

[Photograph \(Rinaldi Added Attachment\)](#)

12) Adjourn

10:18 a.m.

Gary Gregg, Chair

Patricia L. Rambosk, City Clerk

Minutes prepared by:

Ali Duran, Executive Assistant

Minutes Approved: _____.