TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To:       Council Members                                AGENDA ITEM 5
From:     Staff
Date:     July 12, 2019
Subject:  Presentation on Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition – CJ Reynolds, Director of Resilience & Engagement, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Background

Since 1962, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (TBRPC) has brought together local government leadership and gubernatorial appointees to coordinate planning for the Region’s future and provide a venue for analyzing issues, resolving problems, and sharing solutions among the jurisdictions in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas counties.

On October 8, 2018, TBRPC formed the Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition with the signing of a memorandum of understanding by officials representing 22 city and county governments. The Coalition was formed to bring together public and private leaders to collaboratively work on strengthening the region’s ability to plan for the changing climate, reduce impacts, and secure increased levels of federal funding to support resilient infrastructure improvements and adaptation and mitigation programs to protect communities, property, and economies. Participating in the Resilience Coalition enhances counties, cities and stakeholder organizations’ understanding of changing risks and best practices and policies for increasing resiliency.

At staff’s invitation, CJ Reynolds, TBRPC’s Director of Resilience & Engagement, will provide Council with an overview of the Coalition and efforts they are currently undertaking.

Recommendation

For informational purposes only.

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Council received a PowerPoint presentation by CJ Reynolds, Director of Resilience & Engagement, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

Attachment
CJ Reynolds is the staff lead for the Tampa Bay Regional Resilience Coalition which was formed in 2018 and currently includes 28 local governments. CJ has more than 25 years of experience working with the private sector, local governments, professional associations, agencies and universities to address emerging risks through innovative research, strategic planning and education partnerships. As the Resilience Coalition lead, she works with elected officials, staff and stakeholders to develop resilience strategies and new resources. From 2011 to 2018, CJ was a researcher at the University of South Florida College of Marine Science, where she developed and coordinated federal grant projects involving local governments to assess attitudes related to risk, adaptation strategies and municipal finance. Prior to moving to Tampa from Chicago CJ was an executive with Merieux NutriSciences, a global food testing and consulting company, where she led the development of technical services and industry education to comply with new food safety regulations and standards. She has an extensive expertise in risk communications and market research. She was the director of public relations for the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association and worked for an marketing agency which specialized in the farm sector. CJ has a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Illinois University and is native of the Chicago area.