

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 15, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA, 33471.**

Council Members Present:

Wayne Browning, Mayor
Marcus “Marc” Decker, Vice Mayor, Financial Officer
Alisha Beck
Bradley Smith
RaShonda Croskey

Others Present:

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Larry Tibbs, City Manager
Brad Simmons, Public Works Superintendent
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Given by Browning.

**ITEM 2: REVIEW OF SFRPC/TERRACON BROWNFIELDS SITE REUSE PROPOSAL
No. PJU257097 AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION:**

Alex states EPA defines Brownfields as real property. There can also be non-industrial Brownfields sites such as former dry cleaners, abandoned gas stations, repair shops or a vacant Banks. Sometimes just by the nature of being built a long time ago. The legacy these sites leave behind can be quite complex they can affect communities in different ways. Sometimes these industries use many different chemicals that can lead to complex contamination to soil and ground water. There are a lot of different factors as to how it can be affecting surrounding properties and communities. There are also advantages to having Brownfields sites, they can be located near main road/water ways or be near a railway and this provides a lot of infrastructure to possibly re-development in the future. The ultimate goal is to bring these sites back to use, but there are a lot of factors to be able to do that.

Alice states when we are cleaning up Brownfields sites, we are improving the environment as we are removing that pollution. Brownfields can be redeveloped by improving air quality, it can be turned into a micro forest to capture carbon and cooling shade to an area that may not have as many trees. it can be turned into green stormwater infrastructure. Redeveloping Brownfields sites can improve a City’s economic conditions as well it creates jobs, increasing tax revenue and transforms these properties into uses that the community needs. Going through the Brownfields redeveloping processes you just have to get the scope of the problem, then your qualified environment professional will walk you through the site assessment/ investigation and clean up then finally you can redevelop your site. If you want to learn more about us, you can look up our website.

Deputy Director of Southwest Florida Reginal Planning states EPA is currently working on an assessment grant, through the assessment grant we are able to do a site-specific reuse plan for the City of Moore Haven Marina. The Reginal Planning Council was awarded \$500,000.00 Grant to assessment and planning work throughout the 6 Counties region. The Grant period is coming to an end this physical year September 30th, it started in 2022 it was a 4-year assessment Grant. The proposal covers 6 waterfront parcels, a few waterfront parcels North of U.S 27 and Ave J. the reuse plan with be shared with the City and County then it will be opened back up for discussion.

Carlise states the County owns 2 acres where the pound is and the 5 acres where the hotel was are included in this.

Browing states it is not on here.

Patterson once the study is completed, is it the landowner's responsibility to get everthing cleaned up?

Deputy Director of Southwest Florida Reginal Planning states the plan is to reapply for future Brownfield funding. We can also look at EDA funding for redevelopment, but there are funding opportunities once we decide on a plan.

ITEM 03: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: By Beck to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Wayne Browning, Mayor

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