

# A downtown for Temple Terrace?

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**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY (Bay News 9)** -- After years of proposals and plans for a downtown in Temple Terrace, the city has finally approved a project to create a central center.

But there is no timetable set for when or if a new downtown in Temple Terrace will rise. And that means an uncertain future for business owners already operating in the area.

The city has approved a plan to redevelop Terrace Plaza on [56th Street near Busch Boulevard](#). The plan would call for the 22-acre site to include retail, residential, office and restaurant space. Tennants currently in Terrace Plaza aren't necessarily against the project but look forward to knowing more.

## More Information

- [Temple Terrace downtown](#) 
- [See the redevelopment plan \(PDF\)](#)
- [City of Temple Terrace](#)

"Just because a decision has been made, it doesn't mean that in the next few months we'll all have to vacate and get out of here," said Steve Grace, who owns Grace's Organic Garden Center in the plaza. "We're just waiting and seeing if it takes six months or six years we're ready to go whenever."

Pastor Raymond Williams, who is moving his Heaven's Harvest Mission into the plaza, said he likes the location.

"We want to stay here. We'll see what happens," he said. "Again we can't call those shots. We can only pray about it."

Temple Terrace planners said the next step is to negotiate a construction contract with the developer. That could take up to three months to complete. A construction start date would be determined after that.