

The City Council of the City of Titusville, Florida met in special session in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 555 South Washington Avenue, on Tuesday, November 26, 2024.

Mayor Diesel called the City Council meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Present were Mayor Daniel E. Diesel, Vice-Mayor Joe C. Robinson, and City Council Members Herman A. Cole, Jr., Col USAF Retired, Jo Lynn Nelson, and Dr. Sarah Stoeckel. Also present were City Manager Scott Larese, City Attorney Richard Broome, and Assistant City Clerk Jolynn Donhoff, who completed the minutes of the meeting.

Mayor Diesel requested a moment of silence. He then led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*. Assistant City Clerk Donhoff read the procedures for public comment and participation.

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Minutes –

Motion:

Member Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meetings of November 12, 2024, as submitted. Member Cole seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Resolution No. 23-2024 Canvassing the Returns of the November 5, 2024 General Election –The City *Charter* and Section 7-5 of the *Code of Ordinances* provided for the canvassing of election returns. Pursuant to this section, the returns of the November 5, 2024 General Election would be transmitted to the City Council at this meeting via proposed Resolution No. 23-2024.

Toni Shifalo submitted a public speaking card. She read from a prepared statement on the legal requirements of canvassing election results and other requirements. She also commented on the 2022 *Right to Clean Water Charter Amendment and Voter Referendum* and the ongoing legal issues with the 2022 referendum.

Member Nelson commented in response to Ms. Shifalo' s comments and concerns.

Motion:

Member Nelson moved to approve Resolution No. 23-2024, as written. Member Cole seconded the motion and the roll call vote was:

Member Cole	Yes
Member Nelson	Yes
Mayor Diesel	Yes
Vice-Mayor Robinson	Yes
Member Stoeckel	Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

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Public Comment –

Ron Swank commended and commented on the work and difficulties involved with making decisions as Members of the City Council, no matter what individuals believed. He also commended and thanked Mayor Diesel and Vice-Mayor Robinson for their service to the City.

Dwight Severs also thanked Mayor Diesel and Vice-Mayor Robinson for their service to the City. He commented on the decorum and politeness the Mayor had shown to all. Mr. Severs also congratulated others that were successful during the recent 2024 Elections. He felt there would be an appropriate time to discuss his concerns regarding the *2022 Right to Clean Water Charter Amendment and Voter Referendum*, prior legal rulings on the referendum, and its current legal status. Mr. Severs did not feel the City had the right to take away the rights provided to citizens in the (pending) 2022 Charter Amendment.

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Member Cole assembled all of the City Council on the floor of the Council Chamber. He with the other City Council Members and City Manager Larese presented a plaque and ceremonial gavel to Mayor Diesel to honor and commemorate his service to the City and for serving as the Mayor of the Titusville City Council. Member Stoeckel also presented a framed picture collage to Mayor Diesel.

Member Cole with the other City Council Members and City Manager Larese presented a plaque to Vice-Mayor Robinson to honor and commemorate his service to the City and serving as the Vice-Mayor on the Titusville City Council.

Each Council Member expressed their deep respect, admiration, and appreciation for Mayor Diesel and Vice-Mayor Robinson. Applause from everyone present in the Council Chamber erupted during the various comments and praise for Mayor Diesel and Vice-Mayor Robinson during this portion of the meeting. The room was filled by many individuals that desired saying goodbye and thanking Mayor Diesel and Vice-Mayor Robinson.

In closing, Mayor Diesel congratulated the newly elected Mayor and Council Member(s). He commented on his experience during the time he served on the City Council, building relationships in the community and with individuals and staff, leadership, learning, growth, paying tribute to his family, the City of Titusville was leading in the number of projects contributing to restoring the Indian River Lagoon, and more. Mayor Diesel advised, "We are no longer that quiet town. We are thriving and leading. We are Titusville"!

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With no further business to discuss, Mayor Diesel along with his grandchildren by his side and with him, used the gavel and adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Andrew Connors, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda F. Wells, City Clerk