

***Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
May 13, 2026***

The Titusville Environmental Commission (TEC) of the City of Titusville, Florida met in regular session at City Hall in the Council Chamber located at 555 South Washington Avenue on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

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Chairman Myjak called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Present were, Vice Chairwoman Laurilee Thompson, Member John Nico, Member Hector Delgado, Member Jonathan Burdette, Alternate Member Kevin Rosa and Alternate Member William Young. Member Jason Miller and Member Beth Ann Tucker were absent. Staff present were Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo, Development Director Brad Parrish, Assistant City Attorney David Melito and Recording Secretary Laurie Dargie.

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Vice Chairwoman Thompson made a motion to approve the April 30, 2026 meeting minutes with corrections. Member Nico seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Petitions and Requests from Public Present

Stan Johnston of Titusville, Florida stated that he does not believe that the City of Titusville has been following their Stormwater Master Plan.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson stated that the Stormwater Master Plan is being updated by Geosyntec and this should correct the concerns that Mr. Johnston has about the plan.

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Old Business

Urban Forestry Management Plan

Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo provided the Titusville Environmental Commission (TEC) with two handouts. Ms. Galleo stated that the handouts provide feedback from the TEC, the consultant and staff. Ms. Galleo went over the handouts briefly.

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The Titusville Environmental Commission members asked if they would have a chance to review this information before making a recommendation to City Council. Community Development Director Brad Parrish said that the recommendation to City Council could be to not take any action after hearing the presentation from the consultant at their June 9, 2026 meeting to allow TEC and staff additional time to review the feedback from the consultant.

The Titusville Environmental Commission had discussion regarding the importance of funding for the Urban Forester that is needed to implement the Urban Forestry Management Plan and to get the funding budgeted in the budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. The TEC would like to have a dedicated line item in the budget for implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan which includes hiring an Urban Forester whose job is to oversee the implementation of the plan. This line item would also include the funds to plant trees. The TEC would like to see the funds come from the Landscape Trust Funds.

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Member Nico made a motion to recommend to City Council to make a dedicated line item from the Landscape Trust Fund using the 2 percent per capita to specifically fund implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan which would include hiring an Urban Forester and tree plantings. Chairman Myjak seconded.

The Titusville Environmental Commission had additional discussion regarding this motion and stated that the line item would be \$100,000.00 which is what the \$2.00 per capita would equal.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida was asked to come and provide her feedback for the motion. Ms. St. Onge stated that she agrees to use the Landscape Trust Fund to get the implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan started.

Member Delgado clarified that this is a request for a new line item in the budget going forward for funding from the Landscape Trust Fund.

Roll call was as follows:

Member Young	Yes
Member Burdette	Yes
Member Delgado	Yes
Member Nico	Yes
Vice Chairwoman Thompson	Yes
Member Rosa	Yes

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Assistant City Attorney Melito provided information regarding the city's code relating to tree removal from Section 30-39. The TEC had long discussion regarding unpermitted tree removal and clearing and the penalties. Community Development Director Parrish suggested to the TEC that they request City Council to direct staff to call out separate fines specific to tree removal and for the funds to go into the Landscape Trust Fund.

Chairman Myjak asked if a fine can be assessed in addition to having the tree replaced. Assistant City Attorney Melito said he would have to research this further to see what is allowed.

Member Nico stated that he would like to see more protection of the trees from being removed in the first place.

The Titusville Environmental Commission discussed whether or not to make a recommendation to City Council at this time. Chairman Myjak said he would prefer to move forward with a recommendation to show the importance of the plan.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida agreed with Chairman Myjak to move the Urban Forestry Management Plan forward with approval and request the funds to be budgeted to get this plan implemented as soon as possible.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said she would like the Landscape Trust Funds to be utilized only to implement the Urban Forestry Management Plan and for tree plantings. The TEC had discussion on establishing a line item in the budget for implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan and for tree planting.

Chairman Myjak suggested this be a motion. The Recording Secretary Laurie Dargie stated that there was already a motion made for this earlier in the meeting. Recording Secretary Laurie Dargie read the motion back.

The Titusville Environmental Commission members requested to revote on the previous motion unanimously. Assistant City Attorney Melito stated that the Titusville Environmental Commission members would need to revote on the previous motion now.

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Roll call was as follows:

Member Young	No
Member Burdette	No
Member Delgado	No
Member Nico	No
Vice Chairwoman Thompson	No
Member Rosa	No
Chairman Myjak	No

Motion failed.

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Member Nico made a motion to recommend to City Council to establish a budget line item from the Landscape Trust Fund specifically to fund the implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan which would include hiring an Urban Forester and tree plantings. Chairman Myjak seconded.

Roll call was as follows:

Member Burdette	Yes
Member Young	Yes
Member Delgado	Yes
Member Rosa	Yes
Vice Chairwoman Thompson	Yes
Member Nico	Yes
Chairman Myjak	Yes

Motion passed.

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Member Young made a motion to recommend approval to City Council for the application and implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan with corrections in the future and for City Council to establish it and have it implemented. Vice Chairwoman Thompson seconded.

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Roll call was as follows:

Vice Chairwoman Thompson	Yes
Member Young	Yes
Member Rosa	Yes
Member Delgado	Yes
Member Burdette	Yes
Member Nico	Yes
Chairman Myjak	Yes

Motion passed.

Wetland Conservation

Mary Sphar of Cocoa, Florida came to continue the in-depth review of the wetlands policies and strategies.

Ms. Sphar provided a handout that went over Objective 1.1: Natural Resources. Ms. Sphar went over each policy and strategy in this Objective.

The Titusville Environmental Commission members made comments and suggested minimal changes with Ms. Sphar.

Ms. Sphar said she will make the changes that were discussed and bring back the changes.

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Vice Chairwoman Thompson made a motion to table this item for further discussion at the June 10, 2026 Titusville Environmental Commission meeting. Member Delgado seconded.

Roll call was as follows:

Member Nico	Yes
Vice Chairwoman Thompson	Yes
Member Delgado	Yes
Member Rosa	Yes
Member Burdette	Yes
Member Young	Yes
Chairman Myjak	Yes

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Motion passed.

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New Business

None

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Petitions and Requests from Public Present

None

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Reports

Member Delgado spoke about the coming impacts to the City of Titusville from launches. Member Delgado said it is important for the City of Titusville to get data measurements around the City of Titusville for noise and shock waves. Member Delgado stated that Rollins College is going to be taking measurements in Cape Canaveral. The Titusville Environmental Commission had some discussion regarding the importance of having these studies done. The TEC asked that Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo reach out to Rollins College or Cape Canaveral for more information about the monitoring that is being done.

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Member Delgado made a motion to recommend to City Council to look into doing monitoring and measuring in the City of Titusville near the Indian River, I-95 and around the City of Titusville to collect data. Member Young seconded.

Roll call was as follows:

Member Young	Yes
Member Burdette	Yes
Member Delgado	Yes
Vice Chairwoman Thompson	Yes
Member Rosa	Yes
Member Nico	Yes
Chairman Myjak	Yes

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Motion passed.

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Vice Chairwoman Thompson said that the ½ cent sales tax is coming back before the County Commission for the save the Indian River Lagoon. The meeting is on May 19, 2026.

Member Rosa stated he was pleased that the issue of tree removal without permits has been acknowledged tonight.

Ms. Galleo said that Vinnie Taranto won't be available until after August 2026.

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Future Agenda Items

1. Wetland Conservation

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Adjournment 8:48p.m.