

***Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2025***

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, August 13, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

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Vice Chairwoman Laurilee Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Present were, Member Jonathan Burdette, Member Michael Browning, Member Beth Ann Tucker and Alternate Member Joshua Koci. Chairman Michael Myjak, Member Robert Walter, Member Hector Delgado and Alternate Member William Young were absent. Staff present were Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo and Recording Secretary Laurie Dargie.

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Vice Chairwoman Thompson asked about Member Walter and his absences. Chairwoman Thompson asked that staff reach out to Member Walter to find out why he has missed so many meetings.

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Member Tucker made a motion to approve the July 9, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Member Browning seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Petitions and Requests from Public Present

Toni Shifalo of Titusville, Florida made comments to the Titusville Environmental Commission about the Community Redevelopment Agency meeting on August 12, 2025. Ms. Shifalo wanted the Commission to be aware of the changes that have been made that impact protection of the environment.

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Old Business

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New Business

Resolution #30-2001

Vice Chairwoman Thompson made comments about the changes that have taken place since Resolution #30-2001.

Member Browning stated that he needs to correct some information in the third paragraph of the document he drafted that is provided in the agenda packet.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson provided the following language as a suggestion to change to the paragraph in the one-page document from Member Browning. The suggestion is as follows: “The city received an Urban Community Forestry Grant which will help create an Urban Forestry Plan.”.

Sustainability Planner Lily Galleo suggested to the Commission to work on making their intent clear about what changes they want to be made regarding Resolution #30-2001.

Member Browning stated that their intent is to have most of the landscape trust funds to be used on tree plantings.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said that the one-page document is the Titusville Environmental Commission’s intent for the change to the Resolution #30-2001.

Member Browning brought up an email that Kay St. Onge sent to the Titusville Environmental Commission and asked if her email could be included as part of their intent.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida came to speak. Ms. St. Onge stated that just a portion of her email should be included and not the whole email. Ms. St. Onge read the portion of her email that she would suggest being included. Ms. St. Onge said simply stated; the funds should be used for the planting of canopy trees. Ms. St. Onge also said that streets trees provide the most bang for your buck.

Member Tucker stated that Resolution #30-2001 is useless and should be totally redone.

The Titusville Environmental Commission had discussion as to what changes should be made in Resolution #30-2001.

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Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida said that the Commission may want to look at the language from the Conservation Element from the Comprehensive Plan to also include language it has regarding preserving trees.

Member Browning read from the fourth paragraph of the one-page document “Landscape Management Trust Funds can be financial mechanisms that support the sustainable management, conservation, and restoration of landscape, particularly in areas where ecosystems are under pressure from development.”. Member Browning said staff can continue from this.

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Member Browning made a motion that he will re-write the one-page draft to include the corrections, references, and comments that have been made during the meeting and will produce another final draft which will be forwarded to Sustainability Program Coordinator, Lily Galleo and included in the September 10, 2025 agenda for review by the Titusville Environmental Commission. Member Tucker seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida came to make a comment that the Titusville Environmental Commission might want to consider including a recommendation to have funding for a full time Urban Forester to be on staff, so that they can implement the plan.

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Parks & Open Space Ordinance – Status report

Sustainability Planner Lily Galleo gave an overview of this ordinance.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said that staff did an excellent job on this ordinance, and she heard from Ms. Sphar that she was also pleased with it.

The Titusville Environmental Commission were all very pleased with the ordinance and had no recommendations for changes.

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Reports

Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo said that she has been working on the Energy Auditing Field, in efforts to have buildings get up to date on energy efficiency.

Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo said that the Urban Forestry Management Plan is being kicked off soon and she will provide the dates to the Titusville Environmental Commission.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson asked if the consultant is working on the Stormwater Feasibility Study. She would like the Titusville Environmental Commission to be given opportunity to give input with the consultant and see the data that is being collected. Ms. Galleo said that this is a project that Deputy Public Works Director Sandra Reller is overseeing.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said she was at the dedication for the M1-Canal redirection of the water away from the Indian River Lagoon. Vice Chairwoman Thompson said Titusville needs this kind of project to be done to redirect the freshwater away from the Indian River Lagoon in Titusville. Vice Chairwoman Thompson asked if the consultant could be asked to come share with the Titusville Environmental Commission what they are working on and what has been found and allow for Titusville Environmental Commission to have input.

Member Burdette said he attended the tree planting at Blue Hole Park.

Member Browning said he also attended the tree planting at Blue Hole Park.

Member Browning asked for additional information regarding the grant. Vice Chairwoman Thompson gave additional information regarding the grant that the city obtained to do a study on what the City of Titusville can do to redirect some of the freshwater away from the Indian River Lagoon.

Member Browning asked Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo if she was able to look over the grant opportunity information that he emailed to her. Ms. Galleo said that she would review it, but she also emailed the information to the Deputy Public Works Director Sandra Reller who might be able to use the grant. Member Browning asked Ms. Galleo to tell him if the city does not proceed with pursuing this grant, the deadline is September 30, 2025.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson was excited to share that Titusville has seagrass growing on parts of the shoreline now. She encouraged the Titusville Environmental Commission members to go look at the seagrasses that are growing near Titusville's shoreline. She said you can see it off the pier near 4141 S. Washington Avenue.

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Future Agenda Items

1. Public Landscape Trust Fund
2. TEC Goals from Sustainability Action Plan

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Adjournment 6:46 p.m.