

Titusville Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
April 9, 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, April 9, 2025, at 5:30pm.

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

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Vice Chairwoman Thompson made a motion to approve the March 12, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Member Delgado seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Vice Chairwoman Thompson asked that the Commission consider moving agenda Item 10A to be heard just after Item 7A of the agenda.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson made a motion to move Item 10A to just after Item 7A in the agenda layout. Member Tucker seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Petitions and Requests from Public Present

Stan Johnston of Titusville, Florida came to speak regarding an email he sent to the Titusville Environmental Commission on the subject of sewage being sprayed from stormwater ponds.

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Old Business

Hydrofluosilicic Acid in Drinking Water

Member Tucker asked why this is being discussed by the Titusville Environmental Commission. Chairman Myjak informed Member Tucker as to why this was brought up for discussion.

Chairman Myjak asked for a five-minute recess to allow Mr. Johnston to return to the Council Chamber in order to participate on this item.

Stan Johnston of Titusville, Florida came to speak about this item and how he thinks hydrofluosilicic acid should not be used in Titusville's drinking water.

Stel Bailey of Port St. John, Florida came to speak of the negative effects of using hydrofluosilicic acid and how it needs to be removed from Titusville's drinking water.

Melissa Johnson of Titusville, Florida came to speak of the negative effects of using hydrofluosilicic acid and how it needs to be removed from Titusville's drinking water.

Member Burdette asked Public Works Director, Kevin Cook if there is any pipe corrosion due to the use of the hydrofluosilicic acid. Mr. Cook said no.

Member Burdette asked if using hydrofluosilicic acid was a requirement. Mr. Cook said no. Mr. Cook informed the TEC that Cocoa also adds hydrofluosilicic acid to their drinking water.

The Titusville Environmental Commission had discussion.

Mr. Cook stated that there could potentially be legislation coming that will ban fluoride in drinking water statewide.

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Member Browning made a motion to recommend to City Council that hydrofluosilicic acid be removed from Titusville's drinking water. Member Burdette seconded.

Roll call was as follows:

Member Burdette	Yes
Member Delgado	Yes
Member Browning	Yes

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Member Tucker	Yes
Vice Chairman Thompson	Yes
Chairman Myjak	Yes

Motion passed.

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Chairman Myjak asked Public Works Director Kevin Cook if fountains are no longer be used in stormwater ponds and if aerators are being used in place of fountains. Mr. Cook said yes.

Chairman Myjak asked Mr. Cook about the water supply that the City of Titusville gets from Cocoa.

Chairman Myjak asked Mr. Cook questions about Titusville's wellfields. Mr. Cook said that the City of Titusville is looking into a hydration project for the Area 3 Wellfield.

Reports

Community Development Director Brad Parrish said that Kimley-Horn, consultant for the city, was provided with three of the city's ordinances to review and make recommendations on.

Critical Root Zone (CRZ)

Member Browning had concerns regarding a landscape architect being used to review this ordinance instead of an arborist. Mr. Parrish said that the city's arborist reviewed the ordinance also. Mr. Parrish read the city's arborist's comments to the Titusville Environmental Commission.

Member Browning voiced his concerns regarding the report and recommendations that the consultant made and disagreed with their analysis.

Mary Sphar of Cocoa, Florida came to speak about this item and said that she does not agree with Kimley-Horn's analysis. Ms. Sphar said there was too much generalization and not any specifics. Ms. Sphar said their report does not value trees at all and is more concerned about the added cost to Developers. Ms. Sphar also spoke about Section 30-32.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida came to speak about this item and voiced her concerns with Kimley-Horn's report.

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Member Browning stated that this Ordinance should have been presented to City Council already and it should be forwarded to City Council as soon as possible. Member Browning has concerns with projects that are being submitted without having this ordinance in place for CRZ protection.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida spoke about the preservation of healthy trees and how the ordinance states that staff should work with the Developers to save healthy trees as part of the conditions for granting approval.

Toni Shifalo of Titusville, Florida stated that Kimley-Horn was awarded several city consultant contracts at last night's City Council meeting.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said she would prefer to keep the Titusville Environmental Commission's recommendations on the CRZ Ordinance that they made at the January 15, 2025 meeting.

Member Browning was asked if he thought the 33% encroachment was acceptable. Member Browning said only if a certified arborist is able to assess the tree roots and verify that no structural roots are broken.

Mr. Parrish asked if there are any recommendations made by Kimley-Horn that the Commission agrees with.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said that for the CRZ the only recommendations that she would agree with are the last three bullet points on page 214 of 237 of the agenda packet. She does not agree with the first two. Member Browning agrees with Vice Chairwoman Thompson.

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Member Browning made a motion to keep their recommendation on the Critical Root Zone Ordinance that was made at their January 15, 2025 Titusville Environmental Commission meeting and forward the recommendation to City Council. Member Burdette seconded.

Roll call was as follows:

Vice Chairwoman Thompson	Yes
Member Delgado	Yes
Member Burdette	Yes
Member Browning	Yes
Member Tucker	Yes

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Member Browning agreed with Chairwoman Thompson and stated it is not hard to meet the 50% Brevard native plantings.

The Titusville Environmental Commission had additional discussion relating to the work they put into creating the Brevard native planting list and how it should be provided to Developers.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida came to speak to the Commission and suggested adding two whereas clauses to the ordinance.

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Old Business

Native Municipal Tree, Canopy, and Landscape Management Trust Fund

Member Delgado made a motion to table the Native Municipal Tree, Canopy, and Landscape Management Trust Fund item until the May 14, 2025 Titusville Environmental Commission meeting. Vice Chairwoman Thompson seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Titusville Environmental Commission (TEC) By-laws

Community Development Director Brad Parrish explained to the Commission that not having a specific month designated for elections is problematic and would ask that they consider choosing a specific month to be used for elections once a year included in their By-laws.

The Titusville Environmental Commission members had discussion and decided on specifying January as the month for Election of Officers in their By-laws.

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Member Delgado made a motion to have the Titusville Environmental Commission's Election of Officers in the month of January each year to be specified in their By-laws. Vice Chairwoman Thompson seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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New Business

Minimum Criteria for Urban Trees and Green Space: 3-30-300 Rule

Vice Chairwoman Thompson made a motion to table Minimum Criteria for Urban Trees and Green Space: 3-30-300 Rule item to the May 14, 2025 Titusville Environmental Commission meeting. Member Delgado seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Petitions and Requests from Public Present

None

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Reports

Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo provided information on the Landscape Trust Funds to the Commission and said she would also send the information to them via email.

The Titusville Environmental Commission members had questions as to what the funds are used for. Community Development Director Brad Parrish read a 2001 Resolution regarding the use of the Landscape Trust Fund money being used to beautify publicly owned and publicly maintained properties.

Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo said she will be presenting the Sustainability Action Plan on Saturday April 12, 2025 at 11:00am at the Enchanted Forest.

Member Burdette said he will be attending the event at the Enchanted Forest on Saturday April 12, 2025. Member Burdette said he also participated in last Saturday's Trash Bash event.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson provided a picture handout of Scobie Park to the Commission and staff. Vice Chairwoman Thompson asked if the City of Titusville has the contract from the University of Central Florida (UCF) for this project so that it could be reviewed to see if UCF is responsible for cleaning up the trash left from the failed oyster project from Titusville's shoreline at Scobie Park.

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Chairman Myjak said ULA is revamping an old launch pad in order to bring back the Atlas and start launching again. Chairman Myjak said he has concerns with water deluge and dirty water being put into the Indian River Lagoon.

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Adjournment 8:44 p.m.