

***Titusville Environmental Commission  
Regular Meeting  
March 12, 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, March 12, 2025, at 5:30pm.

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Chairman Michael Myjak, called the meeting to order at 5:42pm. Present were, Vice Chairwoman Laurilee Thompson, Member Jonathan Burdette, Michael Browning, Member Hector Delgado, and Alternate Member William Young. Member Beth Ann Tucker, Alternate Member Joshua Koci and Member Robert Walter were absent. Staff present were Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo and Recording Secretary Laurie Dargie.

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Member Young made a motion to approve the February 12, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Vice Chairman Thompson 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 about his concerns with the City of Titusville not being sustainable or resilient. Mr. Johnston also spoke about the 1966 Stormwater Master Plan, errors with the City of Titusville floodplain maps, flooding concerns with the drainage under Interstate 95 and Section 12-11 of the code.

Chairman Myjak asked for Ms. Galleo to find out who maintains the drainage under Interstate 95.

Chairman Myjak said he would like to incentive not moving into the one-hundred-year flood plain areas.

Member Delgado stated that FEMA did not exist in 1966 and Interstate 95 was built in 1963 under different polices than we have now.

Vice Chairman Thompson said the issue is that the drainage at Interstate 95 is blocked because of the lack of maintenance.

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Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo said that maps will be made as part of the Vulnerability Assessment which will show the flood plains.

Ms. Galleo said that the public can upload information right now regarding flooding issues onto the City's website.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida came to speak about the many benefits of trees and tree canopy. Ms. St. Onge also provided information about 3-30-300 Rule and she provided a handout with details about this program later in the meeting. Ms. St. Onge encouraged the Titusville Environmental Commission to lookup this up for themselves and review it.

Toni Shifalo of Titusville, Florida strongly encouraged the Titusville Environmental Commission members to be aware of what is going on with all of the other Boards & Commissions that have meetings for the City of Titusville and stated that they should be attending all of the city meetings so that they know what is taking place and can stay involved and know what is going on to better serve the city.

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**Old Business**

***Native Municipal Tree, Canopy, and Landscape Management Trust Fund***

Chairman Myjak provided a brief overview of this item.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson asked how much is in the mitigation landscape trust fund as of now?

The Titusville Environmental Commission had discussion about the use of the fund.

Chairman Myjak asked Ms. Galleo to let the Commission know how much is in the mitigation trust fund.

The Titusville Environmental Commission members also had discussions relating to the \$2.00 per capita. Member Delgado had a handout from a previous meeting with the cost and maintenance breakdowns.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida said that the Commission is speaking about two separate funds. The first one is the Community Forestry Annual Budget which is from the \$2.00 per capita and the handout that Member Delgado provided is the report that Public Works provides to the Tree City USA as a requirement. The second fund is the mitigation trust fund that developers must pay

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into when they cut down trees. Ms. St. Onge stated that these funds are to be used for beautification of the City of Titusville.

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Vice Chairwoman Thompson made a motion requesting staff to provide a report of what has been spent out of this mitigation trust fund and what has been put into it. Chairman Myjak seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Chairwoman Thompson made a motion requesting staff to provide a report showing how much money has been paid into the mitigation trust fund for all projects over the last five years. Member Browning seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Member Browning suggested that the mitigation landscape trust funds be used to hire an Urban Forester to manage an Urban Forestry Program.

The Titusville Environmental Commission members had discussion.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said that their time would be better spent on changing where the \$2.00 per capita funds were being spent rather than imposing a new fee on developers.

Member Burdette said he did some research as to what other cities have done with their funds, and he would be providing that information to Ms. Galleo to share with the Titusville Environmental Commission members via email.

Member Browning said the City of Titusville needs to know how many trees they have (tree inventory) before we can manage the trees.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida came to speak about the tree canopy assessment. Ms. St. Onge also said that the City of Titusville is waiting on grant funds to work on the Master Plan for Urban Forestry. Ms. St. Onge said that the City of Titusville has had many studies completed but the problem has been the city does not implement the studies.

The Titusville Environmental Commission members had additional discussion relating to how the funds are being spent, incentives, Urban Forestry, tree assessment, etc.

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Member Browning made a motion requesting that a special workshop meeting be held with stakeholders, city staff, and the public to discuss in more detail the Native Municipal Tree, Canopy, and Landscape Management Trust Fund, tree maintenance, and funding issues to solidify goals and objectives. Member Young seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote.

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Member Young made a motion to table the Native Municipal Tree, Canopy, and Landscape Management Trust Fund item until the April 9, 2025 meeting. Member Delgado seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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***Titusville Environmental Commission (TEC) By-laws***

Chairman Myjak said that the proposed change to add “Future Agenda Items” was made and provided tonight for approval.

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Member Young made a motion to approve the change to the Titusville Environmental Commission By-Laws. Member Browning seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Vice Chairwoman Thompson brought up Article IV. Election of Officers and Vacancies. Vice Chairwoman Thompson said the concern is to have an election before City Council makes their appointments to the Commission every November. Vice Chairwoman Thompson said that the elections should be held after City Council makes their appointments to the Titusville Environmental Commission.

The Titusville Environmental Commission members had discussion.

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Member Delgado made a motion to amend the Titusville Environmental Commission By-laws Article IV. Election of Officers and Vacancies to as follows: The Chairman and Vice Chairman will not be elected until such a time that the entire Commission has been selected for the next term by City Council. Member Browning seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Chairman Myjak said that this will be brought back to the April 9, 2025 meeting with this new change to be voted upon.

Stan Johnston of Titusville, Florida came to speak regarding presenting written communication to City Council.

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**New Business**

**Fluoride in Drinking Water**

Member Burdette provided a brief overview of this item and also referred to the handout that he provided to the Commission for tonight's meeting.

Stel Bailey of Port St. John, Florida came to speak about her concerns with the City of Titusville choosing to use hydrofluosilicic acid or HFSA in the city's drinking water.

Stan Johnston of Titusville, Florida came to speak about his concerns with the City of Titusville using hydrofluosilicic acid in the drinking water.

The Titusville Environmental Commission had lengthy discussion regarding the use of hydrofluosilicic acid in the drinking water.

Member Delgado said he would like to have data provided by the city to the Commission regarding the amount of hydrofluosilicic acid that is being added into the drinking water.

Chairman Myjak asked that Ms. Galleo find out how much hydrofluosilicic acid is being used in Titusville's drinking water and how much is the cost for what is being used.

Stel Bailey said she can provide Ms. Galleo additional information that she has relating to the use of hydrofluosilicic acid so that it can be shared with the Titusville Environmental Commission members.

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Member Browning said he has concerns with the 2024 Toxicology Report, concerns with stopping what has been being done over the last fifty years and concerns with accepting emerging science over settled science. Member Browning said that the Florida Dental Association opposes removing fluoride from drinking water.

Chairman Myjak asked for more data to be provided to the Commission and would like for Public Works Director, Kevin Cook to be invited to come and give information to the Commission about the use of hydrofluosilicic acid.

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Member Delgado made a motion that data regarding the amount of hydrofluosilicic acid that is being used and the cost associated with the use of it be provided at the April 9, 2025 Titusville Environmental Commission meeting. Member Young seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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**Petitions and Requests from Public Present**

Stan Johnston of Titusville, Florida asked why the City of Titusville chooses to use hydrofluosilicic acid in the drinking water.

Kay St. Onge of Titusville, Florida provided the handout that was previously mentioned during the first Petitions and Requests on the 3-30-300 Rule.

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**Reports**

Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo stated that the City of Titusville received the grant for the Urban Forestry today.

Sustainability Program Coordinator Lily Galleo said she launched a Sustainability Leadership Awards Program which is an initiative to get the public to participate in the city's Sustainability Action Plan.

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Member Young asked about the aerators in the stormwater ponds. Ms. Galleo said that Sandra Reller provided an email to the Commission about the aerators, and she will share that again as it provides information on what ponds have received aerators.

Vice Chairwoman Thompson said she really likes the 3-30-300 Rule that Ms. St. Onge provided and likes the recommendations that it makes.

Chairman Myjak said that he would like for the 3-30-300 Rule be on the April 9, 2025 agenda for discussion.

Chairman Myjak said he attended the Marine Resource Council's Low Impact Living meeting which focused on existing development and how can they help the stormwater problem by capturing stormwater on site.

Chairman Myjak said he spoke at the Brevard County Commission regarding Speak Up Brevard topics. Chairman Myjak said he spoke about how the Brevard County Commission should setup a task force on space because of the tsunami of growth entering Brevard County. Chairman Myjak said Brevard County needs to create a better planning process for all this future growth.

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**Adjournment 8:33 p.m.**