

The City Council of the City of Titusville, Florida met in regular session in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 555 South Washington Avenue, on Tuesday, August 26, 2025. Mayor Connors called the City Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Andrew Connors and City Council Members Jo Lynn Nelson, Megan Moscoso, and Dr. Sarah Stoeckel. Vice-Mayor Herman A. Cole, Jr., Col USAF Retired was absent.

Also present were City Manager Thomas Abbate, Attorney James Stokes (contract attorney), and City Clerk Wanda Wells.

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

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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Titusville Community Service Award (TCSA) – No action was requested. City Manager Abbate highlighted background information provided in the Council agenda packet.

Chairperson Sharon James of the 2025 Titusville Community Service Award (TCSA) Select Committee further highlighted the purpose and significance of the award that was being awarded posthumously to the late Jessie Kirk, who was selected by the Committee as the winner (recipient) of 2025 TCSA Award. TCSA Committee Chairperson James read the nomination that discussed Ms. Kirk's unwavering dedication to the community, compassion, generosity, involvements, outstanding character, and more.

2025 TCSA Committee Chairperson James, joined by Mayor Connors, the 2025 TCSA Committee Members, and individuals that knew Ms. Kirk presented the 2025 Titusville Community Service Award to a family member of the deceased, who accepted the award on behalf of Ms. Kirk.

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Proclamation - National Suicide Prevention Month - No action was requested. City Manager Abbate highlighted the information provided in the Council agenda packet, as well as he read aloud the proclamation for National Suicide Prevention Month.

Mayor Connors presented a proclamation recognizing September 2025 as National Suicide Prevention Month, accepted by Palm Point Behavioral Health Services Chief Executive Officer Thomas Mahle.

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Proclamation - National Service Dog Month - No action was requested. City Manager Abbate highlighted the information provided in the Council agenda packet, as well as he read aloud the proclamation for National Service Dog Month.

Mayor Connors presented a proclamation recognizing September 2025 as National Service Dog Month, which was accepted by Canine Companions Representative Stephanie Ollive and other individuals that were in attendance with their canines.

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Economic Development Commission Presentation - No action was requested. Lynda Weatherman, Executive Director of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) of Florida's Space Coast, gave a presentation that briefed the Council on the EDC's activities in North Brevard and options for continued economic development in Titusville, as followed:

- The EDC's composition, funding sources, and scope of duties
- The North Brevard Economic Development Zone (NBEDZ)
- EDC Announcements for Titusville and the greater Titusville area
- Building upon success: 1,925 jobs from 2005 through 2024
- Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Airbus, Amazon, Blue Origin Projects – Capital investment and jobs
- Global suppliers – supply chain production and facilities
- Upcoming EDC tour for community leaders in Quarter 3 – Quarter 4 of 2025
- City of Titusville – economic development zone
- Suggested next steps
- Formula for success: recruitment, retention, expansion + zone = opportunity to compete

Member Stoeckel and Ms. Weatherman discussed: the dissolution of the NBEDZ, what other cities were doing, ad valorem tax (AVT) abatements were the sole or most common method of recruiting new business, there were no local cities that waived or discounted fees to entice new business, the State did not offer incentives, a desire to be intentional with any available funding, partnering with the Chamber of Commerce for economic development to pursue recruiting industrial businesses, City Council's job was hard for making decisions on these matters, *Florida Statutes* Chapter 186.2 prescribed and guided municipalities on these matters, etc.

Member Moscoso and Ms. Weatherman discussed: having an economic development zone was a competitive advantage, management of seed money, the EDC would continue to try and recruit new business regardless, collaboration with the EDC and the Chamber of Commerce, making tough decisions to identify and do what was right for the City, residual benefits that might result from a space industry project(s) mentioned during Ms. Weatherman's presentation, etc.

Member Nelson and Ms. Weatherman discussed: using funding to have pad ready sites as a tool to attract new business, having pad ready sites was a challenge in Brevard County, nanobubble technology and an upcoming presentation by a company that was in the new and emerging business, etc.

Mayor Connors and Ms. Weatherman discussed: the importance of having a long term, consistent, and committed dedication to economic development, a company named Black Star Orbital went to Arizona, not Florida and taking future measures to recruit new businesses like this company, etc.

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Fire Department Hot Car Thermometer - No action was requested. Fire Department Life Safety Specialist Kerri Lubeski highlighted information about the Hot Car Thermometer (a digital display sign with thermometer indicating dangerous temperatures) and other information, as followed:

- The Fire Department's Child Passenger Safety Program
- The program provided free car seat checks and a reduced cost car seat program
- Using funds for the visual display on the consequences of leaving children alone in hot cars
- Desire to partner with local childcare centers and schools
- Video demonstrating how the Hot Car Thermometer display sign worked

Member Stoeckel complimented Ms. Lubeski and other departments on their pursuits and efforts to lead the way on making the community safer and better. Mayor Connors also complimented Ms. Lubeski's passion and commitment to her role as the Life Safety Specialist.

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PETITIONS AND REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Stan Johnston commented on natural laws being water flowed down hill and feces were dirty. He prayed aloud about his concerns on these natural laws and his desires for the City to make adjustments, as discussed.

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Motion:

Member Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

No one seconded the motion; however, there was no disagreement from Council. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Andrew Connors, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda F. Wells, City Clerk