City Council
Regular Meeting
August 12, 2025

The City of Titusville City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at Titusville City Hall, second floor, Council Chamber, 555 South Washington Avenue, Titusville, Florida 32796.

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Mayor Connors called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present in the Council Chamber included Mayor Andrew Connors, Vice-Mayor Herman Cole, Jr. Col USAF Retired and City Council Members Megan Moscoso, Jo Lynn Nelson, and Dr. Sarah Stoeckel. Also present were City Manager Tom Abbate, Attorney Jim Stokes, and Assistant City Clerk Jolynn Donhoff. Sr. Administrative Assistant Emily Campbell completed the minutes.

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Pastor Tom Porter from the Temple Baptist Church gave the invocation. Mayor Connors led those present in the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*. Additionally, City Clerk Wanda Wells read the procedure for public comment and participation.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Manager Abbate advised the request was to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meetings on July 8, 2025 and the special City Council meeting on July 19, 2025.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meetings on July 8, 2025 and the special City Council meeting on July 19, 2025. Vice-Mayor Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS & PRESENTATIONS – None.

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Adjustments and Appeals - City Manager Abbate advised that the Board of Adjustments and Appeals semi-annual written report was included in the agenda packet. No action was requested.

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Motion: Member Nelson moved to hear Item 12A - Food Pantries after Item 7A - Petitions and Requests from the Public Present. Member Stoeckel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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PETITIONS AND REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC PRESENT (NONAGENDA ITEMS) –

Kathleen O'Rourke thanked City Manager Abbate for providing information on the Flash Point Survey that was advertised in the water bill. She stated that the survey collected demographic data on age and gender, had 256 participants, and an equal representation of men and women. She expressed concern that very few young people completed the survey, with the majority of respondents being over the age of 65, which she believed was an issue.

Chaz Prickett discussed the addition of a drive-thru coffee restaurant being built near the residential neighborhood he lived in, Hickory Hills. Mr. Prickett stated that he was not in support of this development and expressed concern about the additional traffic that would be generated in the area. Mr. Pickett stated that development of this area could increase the risk of flooding in the Hickory Hills neighborhood.

Kendra Wilson stated that she was a resident of Hickory Hills and expressed concern about the proposed drive-thru coffee shop at 4530 Hickory Hills Blvd. She stated that the development was located near the main entrance to the neighborhood and raised concerns about increased traffic, particularly during peak morning hours. Ms. Wilson also noted that the access point for the development was the only traffic light serving the Hickory Hills community.

Stacey Hopper stated that she was reviewing the Dutch Brother Coffee site plan on the City's website but could not tell where the access points to the property were located. She expressed concern for the traffic it could cause on Hickory Hills Blvd. Ms. Hopper requested that the City encouraged Dutch Brothers to move their access points on to State Road 50.

Community Development Director Brad Parrish stated the site plan discussed by the previous speaker was already approved. It went through the administrative process and met all the requirements of the City's Code for traffic, safety, design, setbacks, landscaping and zoning criteria. It was an approved site plan; the next step was a permit for construction. The entrance was off Hickory Hill Blvd.

Member Moscoso asked whether there was an option for the access point to connect directly to State Road 50. She stated that the current proposed access on Hickory Hills Blvd was very close to the intersection with State Road 50 and could lead to traffic backups.

Community Development Director Brad Parrish stated that while it was possible, the developer had likely considered that option and determined that the current proposal was the safer alternative. He also noted that State Road 50 was maintained by the Florida Department of Transportation

(FDOT), which had its own standards that would permit a turn into the property from State Road 50.

A citizen expressed concern for pedestrian safety at the entrance of Hickory Hills. She stated that the intersection of Hickory Hills Blvd and State Road 50 already had safety issues and the addition of the development could potentially cause more safety concerns.

Stan Johnston expressed concern that the stoplight at Hickory Hills Blvd could become overloaded with the addition of a new development at the entrance to the Hickory Hills neighborhood and State Road 50. He stated that he was not in support of this or other proposed projects within the City, etc.

Wendy Shumate discussed the addition of a coffee shop, Dutch Brothers, near the entrance of Hickory Hills subdivision. She expressed concern for the safety and noise pollution from the addition of the coffee shop. Ms. Shumate asked the council members to try and work on a solution to address the concerns for the community.

Thomas Graves stated that he agreed with the previous speakers regarding concern for access to the proposed coffee shop on Hickory Hills Blvd. Mr. Graves stated that he knew the City could not stop growth, but they could try to manage it.

Sally Osgood stated that she lived in Hickory Hills Subdivision and was concerned about access to the proposed coffee shop on Hickory Hills Blvd. She also discussed the traffic light at Hickory Hills Blvd and State Road 50, stating that the timing of the light was inefficient.

Charles Carpenter discussed cut-through traffic in the Hickory Hills neighborhood near State Road 405. He stated that the increased traffic was damaging the roads on Hickory Hills Blvd and expressed concern that the addition of a coffee shop would worsen the situation.

Nancy Carlston stated that she was not against the proposed coffee shop, but she was concerned about the safety and traffic that would be caused by it.

Several residents of the Hickory Hills Subdivision expressed concerns on a proposed access (ingress and egress) on Hickory Hill Blvd and for the safety, traffic congestion, and noise pollution, in relation to a new business that would be built on Highway 50 (reportedly a coffee company that would have a drive-through window) located in close proximity to the entrance of the subdivision. The project would not come before the Council due to there were no actions that required Council's consideration, such as rezoning the property was not requested by the developer, etc. Instead, the developer's next steps were to obtain a permit for construction, etc.

Council discussed whether the developer or business owner might be willing to limit and provide access for the business solely on Highway 50. Also discussed: Highway 50 was governed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the FDOT had its own standards, staff would have to research the requirements, having staff contact the developer to discuss whether the developer was open to other options on the access, and subsequently whether the developer would agree to install signage indicating the desired direction of traffic into the business, if an access was installed along Hickory Hill Blvd, etc. Staff also was ready to obtain any citizens' contact information at the Council meeting, who desired being informed on any developments that was related to the concerns expressed by the residents.

Christina Michelle stated that she was not in support of the reinstatement of Titusville Police Officer Baez. Ms. Michelle discussed officer Baez's disciplinary record with Titusville Police Department and expressed concern for him serving as a Police Officer, etc.

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Food pantries – City Manager Abbate advised the request was to consider the findings and provide direction on a draft ordinance.

On June 10, 2025, the Council approved an advisability for staff to review zoning requirements to allow food pantries to operate in Titusville, as requested by Member Nelson. In addition, the advisability included determining if there were any City properties available for distribution. Enclosed for Council's review was a first draft of an ordinance, a 2010 issue of Zoning Practice, and a publication by the American Planning Association on the topic of social services.

Community Development Director Brad Parrish reviewed the draft ordinance and asked council for direction.

Wayne Cook, the Pastor at First United Methodist Church, shared that the church had recently partnered with North Brevard Charities to assist with the food bank/pantry. Mr. Cook noted that food pantries were often operated by churches located in residential areas, and that prohibiting them in such areas could be viewed as a denial of religious practice. He also stated that First United Methodist Church has operated a food pantry for the past fifteen to twenty years without any safety issues.

Stephanie Palacios, Director of Government Relations at Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, the largest hunger relief organization in Central Florida stated that she looked forward to meeting with Community Development Director Brad Parrish to discuss food pantries. She noted that eleven food pantries in the City of Titusville received the majority of their food from Second Harvest and collectively distributed over 500,000 meals within the City.

Stan Johnston stated that he had participated in food pantries in the City of Titusville through different churches. Mr. Johnston discussed food pantries in different areas of Titusville, the Titusville Police Department and crime, etc.

Darcia Bair stated that she was speaking for Gina Stanford with Hummingbird Pantry who could not attend the meeting. She stated that she was looking forward to council joining their next food distribution on August 22, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Member Stoeckel stated that she did not want to overregulate requirements and make it more difficult for the food pantries to serve the community.

Member Moscoso stated that she agreed with Member Stoeckel. Member Moscoso also stated that she previously worked with an organization that partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. Member Moscoso did not want to create barriers for people who needed to receive food.

Member Nelson stated that North Brevard Charities wanted to partner with a church to run a food pantry across from the church on property that was owned by the church. Member Nelson stated that she did not want to put restrictions on food pantries and did not want to prohibit them from operating in residential areas.

Mayor Connors asked why North Brevard Charities could not open a food pantry at their office on Hopkins Avenue.

Community Development Director Brad Parrish stated that he would have to look into their situation specifically, but it was located in Indian River City Neighborhood. There was a special zoning district that was approved by council to address social services in that neighborhood several years ago in response to concerns of the residents in that neighborhood. It grandfathered what was there at the time but prohibited their expansion in that neighborhood.

Mayor Connors asked which zoning districts currently allow food pantries to operate.

Community Development Director Brad Parrish stated that he would need to do more research. He suggested that council reviewed the current conditions for the “community service” use.

Vice-Mayor Cole stated that he was in support of grandfathering the current food pantries, wherever they were currently located and working with the requests for new food pantries. Vice-Mayor Cole did not want to put restrictions on organizations helping the community.

Council discussed various viewpoints and provided direction for the City Manager and staff. Staff would return to a future Council meeting with their findings, information, options, and a draft ordinance for further discussion.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Member Stoeckel advised that she wanted to pull Consent Agenda Item 8C - Code Enforcement Lien Reduction Request for 2110 South Louisiana Street for discussion.

Member Nelson advised that she wanted to pull Consent Agenda Items 8F - Employment Agreement for the City Manager and 8G - Employment Agreement for the City Attorney for discussion.

City Manager Abbate read Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J as followed:

A. Hurricane Nicole Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Records Annex Generator - Approve Hurricane Nicole Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Records Annex Generator Award and authorize Mayor Connors to sign the "Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement" and required certifications.

B. Lease Extension 2910 Garden Street for FY2026 - Approve the lease extension for 2910 Garden Street for use by the City of Titusville Public Works Department as the Operations office space. Additionally, authorize the Mayor to execute the lease subject to resolution of terms to the satisfaction of the City Manager, City Attorney, and the adoption of the FY2026 Budget.

C. Code Enforcement Lien Reduction Request for 2110 South Louisiana Street - Approve the Special Magistrate's recommendation for a code enforcement lien reduction to the amount of $3,000 plus $198.97 in City cost for a total of $3,198.97 and payable to the City of Titusville within 90 days. This action is for the property located at 2110 South Louisiana Street. The Magistrate has based his findings on the requirements of City Code Section 31-71(g).

D. FY25 Medical Claims Budget Amendment - Approve Budget Amendment in the amount of $1,198,865 for medical claims to cover the remainder of FY 2025.

E. Lime Slurry Removal Services Contract Award - Approve the award of the Lime Slurry Removal Services Contract to KAG Specialty Products, Inc. of North Canton, OH in the amount of $203,000.

F. Employment Agreement for the City Manager - Approve the Employment Agreement for the City Manager.

G. Employment Agreement for the City Attorney - Approve the Employment Agreement for the City Attorney.

H. HVAC Services Contract Award - Approve the award of the HVAC Service contract to Southeast Services of CFL, Inc, Rush Facilities, LLC, and Air Mechanical & Service Corp for the completion of HVAC-related projects on an as-needed basis for an annual amount not to exceed $100,000; and authorize the Mayor to execute the contract.

I. Fiscal Year 2025 Road Reconstruction/Resurfacing Project Change Order #1 - Approve change order #1 of the FY25 Road Reconstruction / Resurfacing Project to MASCI General Constructors, Inc. of Port Orange Beach, FL in the amount of $359,548.66 for the construction of 1.74 miles of additional road resurfacing improvements.

J. Stormwater and Piping Installation Services Funding Increase - Approve an increase of $727,209 to the annual authorized amount for the construction of various utility maintenance and improvement projects under contract CN23B019/TB on an as-needed basis for an annual amount not to exceed $1,227,209.

Assistant City Clerk Jolynn Donhoff advised that one speaking card was submitted for Consent Agenda Item 8C and an additional speaking card for Consent Agenda Items 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8F, 8G, and 8J.

Stan Johnston discussed how he was previously removed from a City Council meeting and asked to sit down for being off topic, etc.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to approve Consent Agenda items A, B, D, E, H, I and J in accordance with recommendations. Vice-Mayor Cole seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Code Enforcement Lien Reduction Request for 2110 South Louisiana Street – City Manager Abbate advised the request was to approve the Special Magistrate's recommendation for a code enforcement lien reduction to the amount of $3,000 plus $198.97 in City cost for a total of $3,198.97 and payable to the City of Titusville within 90 days. This action was for the property located at 2110 South Louisiana Street. The Magistrate has based his findings on the requirements of City Code Section 31-71(g).

Carl Del Prete thanked the City for reducing the lien on his property. He stated that he purchased the undeveloped land with the intention of building a house. Mr. Del Prete explained that the grass became overgrown, but he was unaware of the issue because the Code Enforcement notice was sent to the contractor and not to him directly. Upon learning of the violation, he hired a lawn service to maintain the property on a biweekly basis.

Stan Johnston stated that he was in support of this item. Mr. Johnston discussed issues that he had with Code Enforcement and the Titusville Police Department, etc. Mr. Johnston stated that he supported Code Enforcement Manager Glenn Tolleson.

Code Enforcement Manager Glenn Tolleson stated that Code Enforcement provided notice to DWB Developers Inc. and the registered agent of the property. He explained that Carl Del Prete was a member of DWB Developers Inc., and that all certified letters sent by Code Enforcement were signed for. However, the lien continued to increase because DWB Developers Inc. was not forwarding the notices to Mr. Del Prete. Mr. Tolleson noted that once Mr. Del Prete became aware of the violation, he took immediate action to correct the issue, and there have been no further problems since.

Member Nelson stated that she was in support of reducing the lien to $1,500 plus $198.97 in City cost.

Member Stoeckel advised that she was in support of reducing it if the $198.97 in City cost was paid.

Member Moscoso stated that she was in support of the Special Magistrate’s recommendation.

Mayor Connors stated that he was in support of the Special Magistrate's recommendation.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to approve the Special Magistrate's recommendation for a code enforcement lien reduction to the amount of $1,500 plus $198.97 in City cost for a total of $1,698.97 and payable to the City of Titusville within 60 days for the property located at 2110 South Louisiana Street.

The motion died for a lack of second.

Motion: Member Stoeckel moved to approve the Special Magistrate's recommendation for a code enforcement lien reduction to the amount of $3,000 plus $198.97 in City cost for a total of $3,198.97 and payable to the City of Titusville within 90 days for the property located at 2110 South Louisiana Street, as recommended. Member Moscoso seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Employment Agreement for the City Manager - City Manager Abbate advised the request was to approve the Employment Agreement for the City Manager.

The proposed employment agreement outlines the terms and conditions of employment for the City Manager.

Stan Johnston discussed a homeless person receiving a court order, etc.

Member Nelson advised that she had a problem with the amount of severance pay if an employee was terminated. Member Nelson stated that the employee agreement was currently at severance pay for twenty (20) weeks, but she felt more comfortable with twelve (12) weeks or sixteen (16) weeks.

Member Stoeckel advised that she was not in support of less then twelve (12) weeks of severance pay if an employee was terminated.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to approve the employment agreement in accordance with the recommendations and as modified to Agreement Section No. 4 – Termination and Severance Pay and Section No. 4 A to include sixteen (16) weeks. Member Stoeckel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Employment Agreement for the City Attorney - City Manager Abbate advised the request was to approve the Employment Agreement for the City Attorney.

The proposed employment agreement outlines the terms and conditions of employment for the City Attorney.

Stan Johnston stated that he was not in support of the employee agreement for the City Attorney. Mr. Johnston stated that he contacted Scott McHenry to inform him of things going on in the City of Titusville. Mr. Johnston discussed an email that he sent to City staff, etc.

An updated proposed agreement was emailed to City Council earlier in the afternoon and a duplicate copy was distributed at the Council meeting.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to approved the most updated agreement in accordance with the recommendations and as modified to include a provision that acceptance of severance pay would require a full general release in favor of the City of Titusville. The modification and update to the Agreement language was made to Agreement Section No. 3 – Termination and Severance Pay, Section 3 A – Without Cause. Vice-Mayor Cole seconded the motion.

Discussion: Member Moscoso asked if there was a performance evaluation for the City Attorney. Attorney Jim Stokes advised that there was a performance evaluation for the City Attorney.

Member Stoeckel confirmed that it was the most updated employee agreement that included the modification and update to the Agreement language was made to Agreement Section No. 3 – Termination and Severance Pay, Section 3 A – Without Cause.

The motion carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCES – SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND RELATED ACTION – None.

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ORDINANCES-FIRST READING – None.

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OLD BUSINESS

Outsourcing Registry of Foreclosed and Vacant Properties – City Manager Abbate advised that City Council requested to review the Selection Committee's rankings and provide direction on whether to proceed with outsourcing the registry of foreclosed and vacant properties to the number one (1) ranked firm Hera Property Register, or to continue managing the process in-house through the Code Enforcement Division.

If Council direction was to outsource, authorize staff to conduct final negotiations with Hera Property Register and authorize the Mayor to execute the subsequent negotiated contract subject to the review of the City Attorney and City Manager.

Stan Johnston stated that he did not understand the item; therefore, he would not comment on it. Mayor Connors stated that he was in support of increasing the City's fee from $150 to $300 and requested the City Attorney's Office look into making that change.

Member Moscoso stated that Code Enforcement was heavily involved and expressed concern about whether the Code Enforcement Department could handle the workload associated with the registry of foreclosed and vacant Properties.

Code Enforcement Manager Glenn Tolleson advised that the registry of foreclosed and vacant properties took up 8% of the Code Enforcement Departments time, they were very involved in helping the community. He stated that there were over 470 liens on properties in the City of Titusville and Code Enforcement had been working with property owners to comply.

Member Moscoso requested that Code Enforcement Manager Glenn Tolleson provide an update to the City Council in six months regarding the program.

Member Stoeckel stated that she felt this would free up some time for the Code Enforcement Department and she was in support of this item. Member Stoeckel advised that she agreed with Member Moscoso and requested an update in six months.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to approve outsourcing the registry of foreclosed and vacant properties to the number one (1) ranked firm Hera Property Register and authorizing staff to conduct final negotiations with Hera Property Register and authorized the Mayor to execute the subsequent negotiated contract subject to the review of the City Attorney and City Manager, as recommended. Vice-Mayor Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Motion: Member Nelson moved to approve the City Manager and staff bringing back a proposed ordinance to Council amending and raising the fee structure for foreclosed and vacant properties, from $150 to $300 (Present fee structure set by Resolution No. 30-2023) and request that staff report back on what other cities were doing (on these matters). Vice-Mayor Cole seconded the motion.

Stan Urban, National Sales Manager for Hera Property Registry stated that the national average out of the 250 communities that they were in business with was $325 semi-annually, but there were communities that charged as much as $550 or as low as $75. Mr. Urban stated that he could provide the City with the best practice ordinance to raise the fees, if interested.

Stan Johnston thanked the City for allowing him to speak.

The motion carried unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS

Food pantries – This item was heard previously in the meeting.

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Live Local Advisability - City Manager Abbate advised the request was to approve advisability directing the staff to propose an amendment to the City's Live Local Ordinance.

Community Development Director Brad Parrish advised that on July 1, 2025, Senate Bill 1730 became law, which amended critical portions of the Live Local Act. The most significant changes address Planned Unit Developments, parcels owned by religious institutions, a new mixed-use definition, historic preservation protections, flexible parking provisions, and a new annual reporting requirement.

Enclosed for Council's information was the City's Live Local ordinance No. 18-2024 and resolution No. 9-2024. On July 22, 2025, the City Council tabled this item to the regular City Council meeting on August 12, 2025.

Stan Johnston stated that he did not know much about this item, but he would continue to ask questions. He discussed an email that he sent to council, etc.

Member Stoeckel asked for more information on the Mixed-Use definition and the flexible parking provisions.

Community Development Director Brad Parrish reviewed the list of proposed changes. He stated that mixed-use included parks and the mixed-use component could only require up to ten (10) percent of the floor area ratio. He stated that the definition for floor area ration had changed also, but he still needed legal clarification on that.

Member Moscoso asked for an explanation of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning.

Community Development Director Brad Parrish stated that the legislature made amendments based on the reaction of local communities, local ordinances, and regulations to address the original Live Local Act. He stated that Planned Unit Developments (PUD) were not included in the original Live Local Act but were included in the amended Live Local Act. Community Development Director Brad Parrish stated that he still needed more information.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to approve advisability directing the staff to propose an amendment to the City's Live Local Ordinance, as requested. Vice-Mayor Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Administrative Approval of Plats and Replats - City Manager Abbate advised the request was to approve advisability directing the staff to draft an ordinance to amend the City's subdivision procedures to be consistent with Chapter 2025-164 Laws of Florida.

Specifically, the bill required local governments to review, process, and approve plats or replat submittals without action or approval by the governing body through an administrative authority and official designated by ordinance. The administrative authority must be a department, division, or other agency of the local government, and include an administrative officer or employee which may be a City administrator or manager, or assistant or deputy thereto, or other high-ranking city department or division director with direct or indirect oversight responsibility for the local government’s land development, housing, utilities, or public works programs. The effective date of the new law was July 1, 2025.

Stan Johnston discussed a survey at SNJ Oaks, etc. Mr. Johnston stated that he was a professional engineer and a registered surveyor, but his license was inactive.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to approve advisability directing the staff to draft an ordinance to amend the City's subdivision procedures to be consistent with Chapter 2025-164 Laws of Florida, as requested. Vice-Mayor Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Economic Development and the Former North Brevard Economic Development Zone (NBEDZ) - City Manager Abbate advised the request was to consider the economic development alternatives.

At the May 20, 2025, Brevard County Board of County Commissioners meeting, the Board adopted an ordinance dissolving the North Brevard Economic Development Zone (NBEDZ). This special district, established in 2011 following the closure of NASA’s Shuttle Program, was funded through a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) mechanism supported jointly by the City of Titusville and Brevard County.

The adopted ordinance called for the termination of the interlocal agreement, cessation of the NBEDZ Board of Directors, and the reversion of contributed TIF revenues.

On May 27, 2025, the Council approved advisability to explore creative and fiscally responsible options for future economic development, including, (1) establishment of a City-controlled Economic Development Trust Fund, (2) creation of a grant or incentive program to support targeted redevelopment, (3) investment in economic development infrastructure or workforce programs, or (4) matching fund opportunities for state and federal economic initiatives.

The City received a letter from the County dated July 1, 2025, notifying the City of the dissolution of the NBEDZ. The County will honor all contractual obligations and commitments of the District (NBEDZ) that existed at the time of its dissolution, including those of the City. All funds in the City's accounts in the District's Trust Fund that haven't been appropriated or committed by the City to a purpose or project shall be refunded to the City.

Economic Development Coordinator Nick Gow provided a presentation that highlighted as follows:

- Economic Development Strategies
- Community Impact
- North Brevard Economic Development Zone (NBEDZ)
- City's Account
- Alternatives
- Economic Development Department
- Public Economic Development Organization (EDO)
- Private Economic Development Organization (EDO)
- What Other Cities Are Doing
- Questions?

Council discussed a substantive and varied amount of information, concerns, and program concepts related to economic development following a staff presentation. This agenda item was scheduled in response to the recent dissolution of the North Brevard Economic Development Zone (NBEDZ). Council also provided direction and requested the City Manager and staff to report back to Council at a future meeting with the following information, which included, but was not limited to

- Requesting, scheduling, or viewing a presentation from the Economic Development Commission (EDC) to learn more about what the EDC was doing for north Brevard County or Titusville
- Possible partnership with EDC
- Reviewing the financial totals, history, or other data of the former Space Coast Economic Development Commission (SEDC)
- Who funded the SEDC and what were its costs when the SEDC was active
- Costs of other economic development partnership models, private entity models, etc.
- More examples of public-private partnerships
- More information on strategies and options, with any information on predictability of success
- What other cities or governments were doing for economic development purposes
- The scope of duties performed by the former SEDC
- How the SEDC was formed, a brief synopsis, and how long it lasted
- What grants did the SEDC give out or administer
- How the SEDC generated money and was the SEDC paid for by the City
- Did the SEDC include participation by private investors and what this looked like
- What was the SEDC's rate of return (ROI) over the years, while the SEDC was active
- Public-private economic development organizations, like community development corporations. Provide more details and examples of these, etc.
- The City Council approved an ordinance in October 2011 relevant to this agenda item that had not been repealed to date. This 2011 ordinance set or could provide a baseline to move forward
- More concepts as discussed

By consensus approval, Council indicated support and approved earmarking (setting aside) $500,000 for economic development in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Cole moved to approve authorizing Mayor Connors to send a letter to the Brevard County Commission requesting approximately $1.5 million in funds that were being held by Brevard County to be returned to the City. Council discussed these funds were previously generated through the recently dissolved North Brevard Economic Development Zone (NBEDZ) and the funds were intended and previously approved for a particular development project located in Titusville, which was scheduled to be completed in phases. Funding would be allocated in segments as phases of the project would be completed in the future. City Council desired the funding be provided and returned to the City, so that the City could earn interest on the funding being held aside, not Brevard County. Member Nelson seconded the motion. (Staff advised council did not need to make a motion they just needed direction.) There was no vote, just consensus.

In addition, Council indicated support of holding a special City Council meeting and workshop in the future to discuss economic development alternatives. The indication was that the special workshop would be scheduled sometime after the adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget.

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Certified Recovery Residences - City Manager Abbate advised the request was to approve advisability directing the staff to draft an ordinance to amend the City's zoning regulations to be consistent with Chapter 2025-x Laws of Florida.

Community Development Director Brad Parrish stated that Chapter 2025-182 of the Laws of Florida required counties and municipalities, by January 1, 2026, to adopt an ordinance establishing procedures for the review and approval of certified recovery residences, including a process for requesting reasonable accommodations from land use regulations that otherwise prohibit such establishment. The ordinance may establish additional requirements for the review or approval of reasonable accommodation requests but may not require public hearings beyond the minimum required by law to grant the requested accommodation. The ordinance may include provisions for the revocation of a granted accommodation for cause such as a violation of conditions or failure to maintain certification. The effective date of the new law was July 1, 2025.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to approve advisability directing the staff to draft an ordinance to amend the City's zoning regulations to be consistent with Chapter 2025-x Laws of Florida, as requested. Vice-Mayor Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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PETITIONS AND REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC PRESENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS) – None.

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor's Report – Mayor Connors submitted his written report. All items were informational only.

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Mayor Connors stated that the Tourism Development Council approved marketing funds for the Merrit Island Refuge, The Titusville Playhouse and the Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum

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Mayor Connors stated that he received a request to present a proclamation at the regular City Council Presentations meeting of August 26, 2025 (5:30 p.m.) that recognized Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

Motion: Member Nelson moved to authorize Mayor Connors to present a proclamation at the regular City Council Presentations meeting of August 26, 2025 (5:30 p.m.) that recognized Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Vice-Mayor Cole seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Connors discussed a contract the City had with a company to install and maintain the bus benches. This company wants to replace the current bus stops. Mayor Connors advised that he was working with City staff and this company and they would bring it to council.

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Mayor Connors discussed the City hiring a landscape architect for the purpose of developing a plan for the medians and major arteries for tree planting, as well as entryways. Mayor Connors stated that the Florida Department of Transportation may have funds available in the future to beautify the City.

City Manager Abbate advised that Public Works Director Kevin Cook had a list of landscape architects that the City previously worked with and was ready to hand out a task order once staff identified funding and developed a scope of services.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Cole moved to authorize advisability for staff to look into (research) the City hiring a landscape consultant to look at the landscaping throughout the City, specifically for the City's entryways, major arteries, rights-of-way, and medians, including for State roads and City maintained roads located inside the City. Member Nelson seconded the motion.

Stan Johnston stated that he thought the City already employed a landscape architect. Community Development Director Brad Parrish advised that the City did not have landscape architect on staff.

Member Moscoso stated that she wanted to ensure there was a maintenance plan moving forward.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Further to the above, Council discussed having a landscape architect create a universal landscaping plan for the aforementioned types of areas, including what a project "could look like" and having a consistent appearance along these types of City streetscapes, etc. Council also discussed the cost for hiring a landscape architect would be a one-time expense paid by the municipality, receiving cost information, the Public Works Department providing assistance with information on consultants and landscape architects, issuing a task order once a scope of work was developed for the landscape architect and if it were approved or supported by City Council, timely moving forward indicated by the discussion, having a landscaping maintenance plan moving forward (for long term upkeep purposes), a landscape architect currently served on the Titusville Environmental Commission (TEC) for information purposes, identifying other possible outside funding sources for costs beyond the City hiring a landscape architect, etc.

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Council Reports –

Member Nelson stated that Kay St. Onge has planted 217 trees in the City of Titusville and had plans to plant another sixty (60) trees. Member Nelson requested and expressed her desire to have a proclamation prepared to recognize Kay St. Onge's work in the community.

Mayor Connors indicated his agreement to assist Member Nelson with issuing the proclamation, once it was drafted. Member Nelson would return to Council to request presenting the proclamation to Kay St. Onge at an upcoming regular City Council Presentations meeting. There was no objection from Council.

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Vice-Mayor Cole stated that he served on a panel at Eastern Florida State College for North Brevard Young Professionals on August 7, 2025 with Robin Fisher and Stan Retz.

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Vice-Mayor Cole stated that he attended an award presentation for State Representative Tyler Siroi at the American Police Hall of Fame prior to the meeting. State Representative Tyler Sirois received the Hall of Fame's honor award for public service and distinguished service

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City Managers Report – City Manager Abbate submitted his written report. All items were informational only.

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City Attorneys Report – None.

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Council discussed holding a welcoming reception for the new City Attorney during the workday so staff can attend as well.

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With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

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Andrew Connors, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Wanda F. Wells, City Clerk