

CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS, FLORIDA  
MINUTES  
**TUSCAWILLA LIGHTING AND BEAUTIFICATION  
DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of Wednesday, April 17, 2019 of the Tuscawilla Lighting and Beautification District Advisory Committee was called to Order by Chairperson Tom Vagnini at 5:15 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Municipal Building (City Hall, 1126 East State Road 434, Winter Springs, Florida 32708).

**Roll Call:**

Chairperson Tom Vagnini, present  
Vice-Chairperson Elaine Johnson, present  
Committee Member Terri Bivona, present  
Committee Member Ellen Paul, present  
Committee Member Jesse Phillips, absent  
Assistant to the City Clerk Antonia DeJesus, present

A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No changes were made to the Agenda.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**100. Not Used**

---

**INFORMATIONAL AGENDA**

**200. Not Used**

---

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

*Chairperson Vagnini opened “Public Input”.*

No one spoke.

*Chairperson Vagnini closed “Public Input”.*

## **CONSENT**

### **300. Office of the City Clerk**

**Approval of Minutes from the Wednesday, January 16, 2019 Regular Meeting**

---

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION BY VICE-CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON. SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BIVONA. DISCUSSION.**

**CHAIRPERSON VAGNINI: AYE**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER BIVONA: AYE**

**VICE-CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON: AYE**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER PAUL: AYE**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AGENDA**

**400. Not Used**

---

**❖❖ AGENDA NOTE: THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED SIMULTANEOUSLY, AS DOCUMENTED. ❖❖**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

**500. Discuss the FY 2018-2019 Year-To-Date Expense Report As Well As Provide Input Regarding the Budgetary Needs for the Next Fiscal Year**

---

## **501. Discuss Information Regarding Landscaping Throughout The Tusawilla Lighting And Beautification District**

---

Ms. Kelly Balagia, Interim Director, Finance Department, introduced the Agenda Item and referenced a budget document. With comments on streetlight funds to which Ms. Balagia noted that funds could be moved from other funds if needed.

Comments followed on costs for mulch, how mulch is installed, overgrown plants and how the boulevard has not looked great.

*Mr. Jorge Ochoa, BrightView Landscape Development, Inc., 4777 Old Winter Garden Road, Orlando, Florida:* said he understood the concerns and that there was a plan to be more proactive and more consistent and added, "We're going to be more careful next time."

With further discussion, Mr. Ochoa spoke of how leaves are blown onto the beds. Comments ensued on mulch, and new plantings.

Mr. Guy Meyers, Construction Project Manager, Urban Beautification Services mentioned how some grasses had been failing and that those plants were being replaced with more appropriate plants.

Continuing, Mr. Meyers stated, "We're headed in the right direction, that's the targeted area right now, are all the medians; and something else we're going to do is kind of your front door, right there at Winter Spring Boulevard and Tuskawilla (Road), we're going to make sure that is pristine, every week."

Plantings at the fountains were addressed next and Mr. Meyers explained they would be enhancing the area and focusing on the elevated beds.

Mr. Ochoa mentioned that a soil test could be conducted prior to new plantings to ensure that the enhancements will be able to last and so new plants can perform well.

Discussion followed about leaves being topped with mulch, when was the best time of the year to mulch, and the need to clean leaves out of the beds before mulch was laid down, Mr. Ochoa stated, "Moving forward we're going to make sure we make sure that the leaves are cleaned up."

Regarding alternative types of mulch such as rubber mulch, Mr. Meyers and Mr. Ochoa said they could look at pricing options for the Committee to consider.

Comments followed that island 23 looks terrible with tree branches down for quite a while, and overall, how the services did not seem to match what funds have been paid out.

The Committee continued to discuss high costs of maintenance and level of service. Mr. Ochoa said he would be more involved and more active.

Mr. Meyers then said he would provide information to the Committee on their grading program.

Remarks followed on sprinklers, that monthly inspections are done by Brightview Landscape Development, Inc., staffing, and how long it took to do the different tasks, and it would be appreciated if debris and trash could be picked up by workers.

Discussion followed on a warranty program for which Mr. Meyers would be coding plants to keep track of what grows well and what does not. Pressure washing was briefly addressed next.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

*Chairperson Vagnini opened "Public Input".*

*Ms. Loretta Ames, 305 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Winter Springs, Florida: commented about the recent cutting down of a lot of plants near the Tusca Oaks subdivision.*

Chairperson Vagnini spoke of the responsibilities of this Committee is responsible for the medians and that this question was better suited for the City Commission.

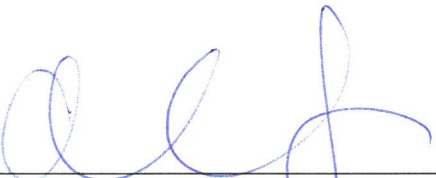
*Mr. Kevin McCann, 1109 Pheasant Circle, Winter Springs, Florida: as the President of the Tuscawilla Homeowners Association thanked Chairperson Vagnini for spending time with him, spoke of City Staff changes, noted his confidence in Mr. Meyers, and commented on past issues with the fountains and damaged lights.*

*Chairperson Vagnini closed "Public Input".*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Vagnini adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:09 p.m.

*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:  
CHRISTIAN GOWAN  
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY CLERK AND*



---

ANTONIA DEJESUS  
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY CLERK

NOTE: These Minutes were approved at the July 24, 2019 Tuscawilla Lighting and Beautification District Advisory Committee Regular Meeting.