

**MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
January 12, 2010**

The Business Meeting of Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., in City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 - 113th Street North, Seminole, Florida.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Matthews provided the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Councilors John Counts; Thomas Barnhorn; Dan Hester; Leslie Waters; Vice Mayor Bob Matthews; Patricia Plantamura; City Attorney John Elias; City Manager Frank Edmunds; Mayor James Johnson; and City Clerk Rose Benoit.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

SWEARING IN - City Attorney John Elias swore into the office of City Clerk – Rose Benoit newly appointed.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Ahern, 3201 70th Way N, St Petersburg, candidate for the state House of Representatives for District 51, addressed the council expressing his reasons for running for office. He is a conservative republican who lives his life by traditional family values and principles. He expressed how pleased he is with the City of Seminole. He is impressed with how the city operates and its leadership. Councilor Waters expressed her appreciation of his attendance at her town hall meetings.

Randy Hendricks, 10231 Thurston Groves Blvd. Seminole, addressed the council objecting to the \$5,000 expenditure in Item No. 14 - the Holiday Volunteer Board's Appreciation Dinner.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- BUSINESS MEETING December 22, 2009.

Motion made by Councilor Hester, seconded by Councilor Counts to approve the minutes for December 22, 2009.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Brief recess was called by City Manager Edmunds due to one of the recording cameras not functioning.

3. **CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO 01-2010 RECOGNIZING EVA JONES:**
Councilor Barnhorn moved to approve Resolution No. 01-2010, recognizing Eva Jones, seconded by Councilor Waters.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilor Waters expressed her gratitude to Eva Jones for her 15 years of service to the City. Mayor Johnson expressed his gratitude to Eva Jones for her service and presented her with a Proclamation.

4. **CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 02-2010 PROMOTING THE 2010 CENSUS:**
Councilor Waters moved to approve Resolution No. 02-2010, promoting the 2010 Census, seconded by Vice Mayor Matthews.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 03-2010 REGARDING THE TETHERING OF CANINES:**
Councilor Hester moved to approve Resolution No. 03-2010, regarding the tethering of canines with a change directing a copy of the ordinance and the resolution be sent to all governments in the State of Florida rather than exclusively to Pinellas County, seconded by Councilor Waters.

Discussion: Councilor Plantamura inquired about the cost of sending copies to all governments in the State of Florida. City Manager Edmunds response was that the League of Cities should have a database that will allow the ordinance and resolution to be sent electronically to all governments in the state of Florida.

City Manager Edmunds brought to everyone's attention the number of requests received regarding copies of Resolution No. 03-2010. Councilor Waters, Councilor Barnhorn, Councilor Hester and Mayor Johnson let us know of all the overwhelming positive feedback they have received on this issue from the public as well as other cities. Councilor Plantamura asked if we had received any negative feedback. The answer was no. Councilor Waters added that it not only inhumane treatment for the canines, but a safety/security issue to humans as well.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH A & E AMUSEMENTS TO PROVIDE CARNIVAL MIDWAY GAMES AND RIDES AT THE 2010 POW WOW FESTIVAL.**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bob Matthews to authorize the City Manager to execute agreement with A&E Amusements to provide Carnival Midway Games and Rides at the 2010 Pow Wow festival, seconded by Councilor Counts.

Discussion: Councilor Plantamura inquired how much revenue the City of Seminole actually generates from this event. Director Sheets responded that in 2009 revenue was approximately \$24,000.00.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PREMIER PYROTECHNICS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR FIREWORKS AT THE 2010 POW WOW FESTIVAL.**

Motion by Councilor Hester, to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Premier Pyrotechnics, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000 for fireworks at the 2010 Pow Wow Festival, seconded by Councilor Counts.

Discussion: Councilor Barnhorn inquired if event pays for itself. City Manager Edmunds response was that payment for this event comes from the special event's account not the general fund.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE PERFORMER ENGAGEMENT CONTRACTS WITH THE 2010 POW WOW FESTIVAL MUSICAL GROUPS:**

Motion made by Councilor Hester to execute performer engagement contracts with the 2010 Pow Wow Festival musical groups seconded by Councilor Counts.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN ENGAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH FANTASIA PRODUCTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1200 FOR SOUND AND LIGHTING FOR THE 2010 POW WOW FESTIVAL.**

Motion by Councilor Waters to execute an engagement contract with Fantasia Productions in the amount of \$1200 for sound and lighting for the 2010 Pow Wow Festival, seconded by Councilor Counts.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT A SCIARRA LAWN CARE FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE OF THE FIRE STATION'S GROUNDS.

Motion by Vice Mayor Matthews to execute an agreement with Robert A. Sciarra Lawn Care for landscape maintenance of the fire station's grounds, seconded by Councilor Counts.

Discussion: Councilor Barnhorn question was if this is a higher price from previous contract. City Manager Edmunds's responded that this bid is a continuation of the first bid and is the next higher responsible bidder.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$10,765 FOR REPLACEMENT OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.

Motion by Councilor Counts to expend capital improvement project funds not to exceed \$10,765 for replacement of computer equipment, seconded by Councilor Waters.

Discussion: Councilor Plantamura inquired about recycling procedure if any in place for the computers that will be replaced. Director Kyne informed council that some of the computers will go to the teen room in the recreation center, others will be used for parts and others will be taken to the recycle center.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND INFRASTRUCTURE TAX FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$130,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THREE SHELTERS AT CITY PARK.

Motion by Councilor Barnhorn to expend infrastructure tax funds not to exceed \$130,000 for the replacement of three shelters at city park, seconded by Councilor Counts.

Discussion: City Manager explained that a modification to the senior center grant (presently placed on hold) was made in order not to lose monies. The modification will allow replacement of shelters. The \$130,000 will be spent from CIP account; the City would be reimbursed \$67,805.00. Councilor Counts inquired if these shelters are suitable to withstand lightening or thunderstorms. For acoustic reasons, Councilor Barnhorn expressed concern for the type of material that would be used on the roof of these shelters. Vice Mayor Matthew's concern was lighting in the park. Director Huckenbury will check into these issues.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$5,500 FOR THE HVAC SOFTWARE PROGRAM UPDATES AT THE RECREATION CENTER.

Motion by Vice Mayor Matthews to expend capital improvement project funds not to exceed \$5,500 for the HVAC software program updates at the recreation center, seconded by Councilor Counts.

Discussion: City Manager explained that this improvement would ultimately reduce the consumption of energy usage at the recreation center.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WINE CELLAR RESTAURANT FOR THE DECEMBER 5, 2010 ANNUAL VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY BOARD'S APPRECIATION DINNER.

Motion by Councilor Barnhorn to execute an agreement with the Wine Cellar restaurant for the December 5, 2010 Annual Volunteer Holiday Board's Appreciation Dinner, seconded by Vice Mayor Matthews.

Discussion: Councilor Barnhorn explained that over 70,000 plus volunteer man hours were donated to the City. Councilor Plantamura stated that it was a good opportunity for council members to meet the volunteers. Vice Mayor Matthews expressed that it is an investment made in the volunteers and a way to express to them appreciation for their service. Councilor Hester and Councilor Waters expressed that they were in accord with this dinner as well.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A FEE FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR STATION NO. 30.

Motion by Councilor Counts to negotiate a fee for architectural services for Station No. 30, seconded by Councilor Waters.

Discussion: City Manager informed that Pinellas County will be widening the road where this station is located, reducing the vehicle apron in front of the fire station. This project will renovate the building to allow safe exit.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF MS. ALICIA FRETZ TO A TWO YEAR TERM TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

Motion by Councilor Waters the re-appointment of Ms. Alicia Fretz to a two year term to the recreation advisory board, seconded by Vice Mayor Matthews.

MOTION TO RE-APPOINT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF MR. STEVE ZAZZARO TO A TWO YEAR TERM TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

Motion by Councilor Barnhorn the re-appointment of Mr. Steve Zazzaro to a two year term to the recreation advisory board, seconded by Councilor Counts.

MOTION TO RE-APPOINT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Plantamura thanked employee John Marcum and all employees of the City for their professionalism and for providing good information to councilors and residents. Vice Mayor Bob Matthews and Councilor Waters reported on the Library's 50th Anniversary event. Councilor Barnhorn reported on the Mayors' luncheon and Candidate's information forum. Mayor Johnson reported on attending all the events mentioned by council and a birthday of an individual turning 100.

19. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Corporal Disano reported on community policing: car burglaries, occurrence of recent severe crashes and fatalities. City Manager spoke to the following items: City of Seminole 40th Anniversary in November 2010. "Fit over 50" special event, City sponsored "Meet the Candidates" Forum to be held on February 10th at Seminole City Hall from 7pm to 8pm moderated by the League of Women Voters. Absentee Ballot will be available to be picked up on January 21, 2010.

20. OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Councilor Waters regarding councilor's funding for travel to the National League of Cities to be limited to the Mayor and in Mayor's absence to the Vice Mayor, seconded by Vice Mayor Bob Matthews. Councilor Waters suggested that Council should only attend in-state training and only the Mayor and Vice Mayor should attend out of state training. Councilor Hester believes council should be able to manage their travel monies allocated to them.

ROLL CALL:

Councilor Counts	NAY	Vice Mayor Bob Matthews	NAY
Councilor Barnhorn	NAY	Councilor Plantamura	NAY
Councilor Hester	NAY	Mayor Johnson	NAY
Councilor Waters	AYE		

Motion Failed: 6-1

21. NEW BUSINESS:

**CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEMINOLE AND PROGRESS ENERGY.**


Motion by Councilor Hester to execute easement agreement between the City of Seminole and Progress Energy, seconded by Councilor Waters.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

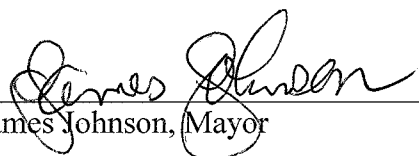
22. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Councilor Mayor Johnson, seconded by Councilor Counts to adjourn the meeting.

Date Approved: 1/26/2010



Minutes prepared by Rose Benoit



James Johnson, Mayor