

**MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
January 26, 2010**

The Business Meeting of Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, January 26, 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. Mayor Johnson 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

1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Randy Hendricks, 10231 Thurston Groves Blvd. Seminole, addressed the council regarding the 80th Avenue crosswalk. Mr. Hendricks wondered if Council would consider a stop light at that location or a smart light that would only turn on when a citizen needed to cross the crosswalk or a car pull up to make a turn on 80th Avenue. He feels it would slow down the traffic in that area. Since it is a Pinellas County street, perhaps Pinellas County would bear the cost of placing the stop light.

Tom Christy, 11224 82nd Avenue, Seminole addressed the council wanting to congratulate the council for their good work done. Examples provided were as follow: Ordinance # 39-2010 on Anti-Tethering, standing strong when resident objected to the \$5,000 expenditure for the Holiday Volunteer Board's Appreciation Dinner and keeping council travel to a minimum.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- BUSINESS MEETING January 12, 2010.

Motion made by Councilor Hester, seconded by Councilor Counts to approve the minutes for January 12, 2010.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT A FIREFIGHTER'S MEMORIAL AT FIRE STATION NO. 29.

Motion made by Councilor Barnhorn, seconded by Councilor Counts to approve funding not to exceed \$6,500 from the FY 2010 Fire Rescue Department operating budget for the construction of a Fire Fighter Memorial at Fire Station No. 29.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SPECIAL EVENT TABLES FOR THE RECREATION CENTER.

Vice Mayor Bob Matthews moved to authorize to expend capital improvement program funds not to exceed \$3,000 for the purchase of special event tables for the Recreation Center, seconded by Councilor Counts.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000 FOR FLOOR IMPROVEMENT AT THE RECREATION CENTER.

Councilor Counts moved to authorize to expend capital improvement program funds not to exceed \$16,000 for floor improvement at the Recreation Center, seconded by Councilor Hester.

Discussion: Councilor Plantamura requested a more detailed explanation of the expenditure. Explanation was provided by Director Hockenberry and City Manager Edmunds.

Premier Corrosion Protection Services provides a specialized process that has been used elsewhere in the recreation center. The company prepares the concrete using a specialized procedure before applying a water proofing system to the concrete. Additional expenses include: Athletic Concepts, Inc. \$2,838.75 (see proposal), Athletic Concepts, Inc \$1,700.00 (see proposal) for an estimated total cost of \$15, 528.00.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MR. KEN LIPE TO A TWO YEAR TERM TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

Motion made by Councilor Hester to appoint Mr. Ken Lipe to a two year term to the Recreation Advisory Board, seconded by Councilor Counts.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MR. RYAN MELANDER TO A ONE YEAR TERM TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

Motion by Councilor Waters, to appoint Mr. Ryan Melander to a one year term to the Recreation Advisory Board, seconded by Councilor Barnhorn.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MR. MATTHEW CUSUMANO TO A TWO YEAR TERM TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

Motion by Councilor Hester, to appoint Mr. Matthew Cusumano to a two year term to the Recreation Advisory Board, seconded by Councilor Counts.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF MS. ANN PICI TO A THREE YEAR TERM TO THE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Motion by Councilor Waters to re-appoint Ms. Ann Pici to a three year term to the Tree Advisory Committee, seconded by Vice Mayor Matthews.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MRS. MARY HAMPTON TO A THREE YEAR TERM TO THE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Motion by Councilor Barnhorn to appoint Mrs. Mary Hampton to a three year term to the Tree Advisory Committee, seconded by Councilor Hester.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MRS. SHARON ESTIGO TO A THREE YEAR TERM TO THE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Motion by Vice Mayor Matthews to appoint Mrs. Sharon Estigo to a three year term to the Tree Advisory Committee, seconded by Councilor Hester.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.

Discussions: Councilor Plantamura attended the “Candidates Debate” at Seminole Gardens Apartment. Discussed with residents a crosswalk to the new Publix. While some residents indicated it was not necessary, others pointed out that they have to drive several blocks north on 113th street or several blocks south on 113th just to cross the street. Councilor Plantamura noticed city employees assisting a disabled vehicle. This is the type of behavior that is great for small towns. She was happy to see that city employees take it upon themselves to help someone in our community. “Hands Across the Sand” - an event scheduled for February 13 at 1pm on the Gulf beaches. This is an event demonstrating Floridians concern for the health of our environment and economy. This effort joins the City of Seminole’s resolution against offshore drilling. Councilor Plantamura hopes that people from the new environmental program at St. Petersburg College will participate as well as people from the Chamber of Commerce.

Vice Mayor Matthews – no report.

Councilor Waters attended the Suncoast League of Cities at St. Leo College. They discussed Amendment 4 which the League opposes. She also attended the Martin Luther King Leadership Prayer Breakfast at the St. Petersburg Coliseum held January 18, 2010 and the Pinellas County Urban League annual meeting at the St. Petersburg Hilton on January 21, 2010. The elections of officers and approval of new members was conducted. The Seminole Chamber of Commerce conducted their annual recognition and installation of new officers on January 22, 2010

Councilor Waters mentioned Haiti Relief – suggested that citizens give to trustworthy organizations such as the Red Cross or Salvation Army USA. As a reminder she noted the

Suncoast League of Cities Annual Day: "Day on the Hill", trip to Tallahassee on 2/17-2/18 where local councilors from the area will attend to talk to legislators. Hands Across the Sand is uniting against offshore drilling in the Gulf; the annual Suncoast League of Cities Meeting is scheduled for May 22-24 at the St Petersburg Yacht Club and the Seminole Historical Society monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27 at 7pm at the Recreation Center.

Councilor Hester no report, noted that he is not opposed to offshore drilling.

Councilor Barnhorn attended the "Candidates Debate" as a candidate and Lake Presbyterian Church Annual Homecoming. He expressed warm congratulations to Peter Hofstra for his selection as Mr. Seminole. He will be attending the National League of Cities Leadership Training "Leading Through An Economic Storm" on January 28-30 at Innisbrook Resort Hotel, Palm Harbor, FL – through scholarships he acquired. Councilor Plantamura and Vice Mayor Bob Matthews will attend saving the city \$800.00 in registration fees.

Councilor Counts noted that he agrees with Councilor Hester and opposes offshore drilling. Noted he visited Sebring-old Florida.

Mayor Johnson – no report.

13. CITY MANAGER REPORTS.

Reminded Council about "Fit over 50: special event held this Thursday, January 28. During the second council meeting of each month, we will attempt to provide a meeting and special event schedule for the upcoming month.

- **February Committee Meeting Schedule**
 - **February 1 – Recreation Advisory**
 - **February 2 – Pow Wow Committee**

14. OLD BUSINESS

None

15. NEW BUSINESS.

Reminder of 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. Councilor Hester questioned the time allocated for the forum. The City Manager indicated Director Kyne will speak to the League.

Councilor Waters inquired if the city has a purchasing process that keeps in mind our local business first. City Manager Edmunds informed council that he has directed department heads to shop locally on items that are available subject to pricing. As an example, the carpet replacement at the recreation center was locally purchased. City Manager Edmunds also informed council that through the use of advertisement in the Seminole Beacon or St. Petersburg Times, depending upon the item, local businesses are invited to submit either bids or price proposals.

Councilor Plantamura mentioned a suggestion that was made by a resident, Randy Hendricks, for the Holiday Volunteer Board's Appreciation Dinner to be catered by a local

business and held at the Recreation Center.

Councilor Hester brought to everyone's attention that the county estimated they will have a significant shortfall tackling budget issues. They projected a 6% decrease in property value while it seems more like a 12% decline. Councilor Hester inquired the timing of cash flows and revenue outlook for the next 9 months.

City Manager Edmunds mentioned that he does not have any concerns with the current FY 10 budget. He noted that the City ended very solidly in the black due to conservative revenue estimates and spending.

City Manager Edmunds mentioned that he previously stated FY 11 will be a more difficult year than the current year. He noted in a recent article, the City of St. Petersburg is looking at a 10-12 million dollar deficit in FY 11. The direct result of estimated loss in property value. City Manager Edmunds stated that he begun the FY 11 budget process with the department heads. He is optimistic that going forward with FY 11 with estimates that are well based and conservative, the city will hopefully continue to provide existing services. Expansion of service will not be financially possible.

Councilor Hester suggested Council be ultra conservative in our spending and we will be 99% ahead of other cities in Florida.

16. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

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

Date Approved: 2/19/10

Rose Benoit

Minutes prepared by Rose Benoit

James Johnson

James Johnson, Mayor