

**BUSINESS MINUTES  
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL  
April 12, 2011**

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The Business Meeting of Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 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. Councilor Plantamura provided the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were: Vice Mayor Jim Quinn; Councilor Thomas Barnhorn; Councilor Patricia Plantamura; Councilor Leslie Waters; Councilor Bob Matthews; Mayor James Johnson; City Attorney John Elias; City Manager Frank Edmunds and City Clerk Rose Benoit. Councilor John Counts was excused.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS.**

- Presentation of the U.S. Green Building Council plaques and certifications for the P.W. Administration/E.O.C. and P.W. Operational buildings made by Mike Mason, President of Mason Blau & Associates; Vito Diruggiero, Vice President of Biltmore Construction, Inc and Drew Smith, President of Two Trails Green Consulting.
- Mayor Johnson presented the Donate Life Month Proclamation to Brian Wagner, a Life Link volunteer.
- Fire Chief Bessler presented Fire Department Promotion of Frank Vento to Lieutenant.
- Community Development Director Mark Ely introduced the city's new Building Official, Patrick Hubbard.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

- Tim Eixenberger, 2982 Castle Woods Lane, Clearwater, FL 33759, spoke of Bayfront's opposition to mandatory nurse to patient ratios.
- Charlotte Braziel, 83 Park Place Blvd., N, Suite 201, Clearwater, FL 33759, notify Council that the FBI is conducting a community awareness program providing contact information for the local FBI office.
- Richard Schomp, Chair of the City of Seminole Municipal Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund, 9624 121Street N, Seminole, FL 33772, expressed opposition to Resolution No. 02-2011.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - BUSINESS MEETING ON March 22, 2011.**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Waters to approve the March 22, 2011 meeting minutes.

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 04-2011 REGARDING EASEMENT VACATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10906 – 118<sup>TH</sup> STREET N.**  
City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 04-2011 by title only. Motion made by Vice Mayor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Waters to approve Ordinance No. 04-2011 on first reading.

**Discussion:** City Manager explained that the vacate request was not for the entire easement, but only for the portion that a swimming pool encroaches on, which is approximately two feet by 32 feet.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Waters	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Johnson	AYE

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 05-2011 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11510 – 110<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE N.**  
City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 05-2011 by title only. Motion made by Councilor Waters, seconded by Councilor Barnhorn to approve Ordinance No. 05-2011.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Waters	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Johnson	AYE

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 06-2011 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10457 – 113<sup>TH</sup> STREET N.**  
City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 06-2011 by title only. Motion made by Councilor Barnhorn, seconded by Councilor Waters to approve Ordinance No. 06-2011.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Waters	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Johnson	AYE

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 07-2011 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10435 – 113<sup>TH</sup> STREET N.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 07-2011 by title only. Motion made by Councilor Waters, seconded by Councilor Matthews to approve Ordinance No. 07-2011.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Waters	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Johnson	AYE

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 08-2011 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10415 – 113<sup>TH</sup> STREET N.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 08-2011 by title only. Motion made by Vice Mayor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Waters to approve Ordinance No. 08-2011.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Waters	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Johnson	AYE

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 09-2011 AMENDING CHAPTER 66, DIVISION 4 NON-CONFORMING SIGNS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing. Receiving no Public Comments, the Public Hearing was closed. City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 09-2011 by title only. Motion made by Councilor Barnhorn, seconded by Vice Mayor Quinn to approve Ordinance No. 09-2011.

**Discussion:** City Manager Edmunds explained that in the existing code there are conflicts with the administration of sign regulations. This ordinance provides clarity to the staff about the type of action to take on existing non-conforming signs.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Waters	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Johnson	AYE

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 10-2011 REGARDING AN UPDATE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – EVALUATION APPRAISAL REPORT AMENDMENTS.**

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing. Receiving no Public Comments, the Public Hearing was closed. City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 010-2011 by title only. Motion made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Councilor Waters to approve Ordinance No. 10-2011.

**Discussion:** City Manager Edmunds explained that the proposed ordinance and amendment to the city's code deals with a number of issues, primarily housing and transportation issues in the community. It is mandated by Florida law that municipalities update and revise the plan as necessary and submit to the state for their review and/or comment and approval.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Waters	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Johnson	AYE

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 11-2011 REGARDING AN UPDATE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO COMPLY WITH CHANGES TO THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT.**

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing. Receiving no Public Comments, the Public Hearing was closed. City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 11-2011 by title only. Motion made by Councilor Waters, seconded by Councilor Matthews to approve Ordinance No. 11-2011.

**Discussion:** City Manager Edmunds explained that this action is required by the State of Florida and allows the city to address the issue of sustainability.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Waters	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Johnson	AYE

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-2011 SUPPORTING THE POLICE AND FIREFIGHTER PENSION REFORM.**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Matthews to approve Resolution No. 02-2011 supporting police and firefighter pension reform.

**Discussion:** Councilor Barnhorn, City Manager Edmunds, Councilor Matthews. Councilor Waters and Vice Mayor Quinn provided their reasons why the Florida League of Cities opposes the state mandates on how local governments deal with pensions and monies available from pensions.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	NAY
Councilor Waters	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Johnson	AYE

**VOTE: AYES 5 NAY 1. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED.**

**13. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT SCIARRA FOR LAWCARE SERVICES – BLOSSOM LAKE PARK.**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Waters to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Robert A. Sciarra Lawn Care for landscape maintenance of Blossom Lake Park.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Waters	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Johnson	AYE

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**14. CONSIDER CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2011 KIDS APPRECIATION DAY.**

Motion made by Councilor Matthew, seconded by Councilor Barnhorn to approve co-sponsorship of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kids Appreciation Day scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Waters	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Johnson	AYE

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**15. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOLAR IMPACT INC. TO CONDUCT A SOLAR FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE SEMINOLE RECREATION CENTER.**

Motion made by Councilor Waters, seconded by Councilor Matthews to authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Solar Impact Inc. to conduct a solar feasibility study for the Seminole Recreation Center.

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**16. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.**

Vice Mayor Quinn provided to City Clerk Benoit a copy of the events he attended. He read a letter from resident, Elmo Cochran expressing his gratitude for the outstanding repair job done by the city's public work staff.

Councilor Barnhorn attended the Suncoast League of Cities meeting, attended the Florida League of Cities Board Meeting & Legislative Action Day, and attended the Bay News 9 & Outback- 7th Annual Salute to Everyday Heroes Luncheon where one of our own residents was recognized for her donation of teddy bears. He was honored to attend the Mayor's Council meeting where Mayor Johnson became President of the Pinellas County Mayor's Council.

Councilor Plantamura attended a National League of Cities Conference in Washington DC where the congressional leaders are addressed with a number of priorities. She said that residents should know the priorities addressed at the conference, since it is done on their behalf. Councilor Planatamura warned on the issue of discarding curly bulbs which contain mercury. She informed that Home Depot located in Seminole has receptacles for the safely disposal of these type of bulbs.

Councilor Waters – provided council report to City Clerk Benoit. No verbal report.

Councilor Matthews – no report.

Mayor Johnson– no verbal report.

**17. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS**

- Community policing report provided by Deputy Dan DiFrancesco.
- Proposed FY2012 Fire Dept. Budget presented by City Manager Edmunds which will be presented to Pinellas County.
- Update on Firefighters Pension Trust Fund included in council packets.
- Comprehensive Financial Annual Report is now available on the City's website and will be formally presented to council by the auditors at the April 26, 2011 Council Business meeting.

**18. OLD BUSINESS.**

None.

19. **NEW BUSINESS.**

City Manager Edmunds asked for permission to discussed CVS's plat request. He believes a plat in proper form will be presented to council at the April 26<sup>th</sup> Council Business Meeting. In the meantime, CVS would like to open on Sunday, April 24, 2011. City Manager Edmunds is respectively asking from council to allow the temporary opening of CVS on the 24<sup>th</sup> as long as a plat is presented to Council on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by Councilor Matthew, seconded by Councilor Vice Mayor Quinn to allow the temporary opening of CVS on the 24<sup>th</sup> as long as a plat is presented to Council on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilor Water calls to mind the Seminole Chamber's Stampede 5K & One Mile Family Fun Run on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

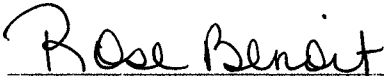
Vice Mayor Quinn read two letters with resident requests; Mary Wallace is requesting consideration of a new motto for the city - "Raise your Goal- Live in Seminole" and from Alvin and Shirley Thoun requesting trimming of a palm tree blocking the crosswalk sign at the corner of 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 113<sup>th</sup> Street.

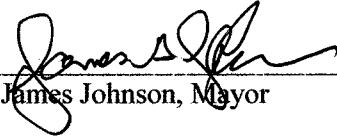
City Manager Edmunds noted the request.

20. **CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion made by Councilor Waters, seconded by Vice Mayor Quinn to adjourn the meeting.

Date Approved: April 26, 2011

  
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Minutes prepared by Rose Benoit

  
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James Johnson, Mayor