BUSINESS MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
August 9, 2011

The Business Meeting of Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, August 9, 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. Vice Mayor Quinn provided the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Present were: Councilor John Counts; 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.

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS.
   • Danielle Price, Osceola High School Cheerleader, spoke before council seeking funds for trip to perform at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Ms. Price is one of ten cheerleaders participating in the parade and the cost per cheerleader is $2,100. She said they began their fundraising efforts in December of 2000 and still $5,000.00 short from their goal.

   Motion made by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Barnhorn to offer the same courtesies’ and opportunities to the Osceola High School Cheerleaders as offered to the Seminole High School Band in the past.

   ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.
   None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING ON July 26, 2011.
   Motion made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Councilor Counts to approve the July 26, 2011 business meeting minutes.

   ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONSIDER PINELLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY COOPERATIVE REQUEST TO REALLOCATE CIP FUNDS TO OPERATIONAL FUNDING FOR COUNTYWIDE SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012.
   Motion made by Councilor Waters, seconded by Councilor Counts to authorize the City Manager to indicate the City of Seminole’s approval to the PPLC request of a one-time funding formula change.

   Discussion: City Manager Edmunds explained that this is a one-time budget adjustment. Councilor Plantamura further explained that this is a one-time budget adjustment is to utilize $420,000 of capital funds for operating expenditures during FY2012.

   ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN ALS FIRST RESPONDER AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH PINELLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY.**
   Motion made by Councilor Barnhorn, seconded by Councilor Counts to execute a one year extension to the current Emergency Medical Services ALS First Responder Agreement with Pinellas County.

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

6. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN EXTENSION TO THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AND DEVICES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH PINELLAS COUNTY.**
   Motion made by Vice Mayor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Counts to authorize the City Manager to extend the Interlocal Agreement with Pinellas County for Maintenance of Traffic Control Signals and Devices.

   **Discussion:** Councilor Matthews inquired if the City of Seminole had authority to dictate the traffic light cycles within the City. City Manager Edmunds stated that if the City experiences any signalization issues, the Public Works Director contacts Pinellas County Public Works. Councilor Plantamura explained that the current cost for the maintenance of the traffic control signals and devices is $82,975.75.

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

7. **CONSIDER A ONE DAY PERMIT TO ALLOW THE GREATER SEMINOLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON–PREMISE CONSUMPTION DURING A GOLF EVENT.**
   Motion made by Councilor Waters, seconded by Councilor Counts to approve a one day permit allowing the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce to dispense alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption during their golf event scheduled for October 20, 2011, subject to ensuring that minors do not have access to alcoholic beverages.

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

8. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED $15,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT FOR THE FITNESS CENTER.**
   Motion made by Vice Mayor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Counts to authorize the expenditure not to exceed $15,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of fitness equipment for Fitness Center.

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

9. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED $5,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEEN LOUNGE FURNITURE.**
   Motion made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Councilor Counts to authorize the expenditure not to exceed $5,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of Teen furniture.

   **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
10. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED $5,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF GAME ROOM EQUIPMENT.**
Motion made by Vice Mayor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Waters to authorize the expenditure not to exceed $5,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of Game Room equipment.

Councilor Plantamura noted that purchases on Agenda Item #7 and #9 is for replacement of three treadmills, two pool tables and an air hockey table.

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

11. **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**
Vice Mayor Quinn said that he was away for ten days on a tent camping trip in Helen, Georgia. On Monday, he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for a new business in the City of Seminole, WeCare Pharmacy on Park Street.

Councilor Counts did not have a report.

Councilor Barnhorn did not have a report.

Councilor Plantamura informed that public hearing meetings began on redistricting. Redistricting meetings are scheduled for August 29, 2011 at Jefferson High School in Tampa and Thursday, August 25, 2011 from 4-7:30 pm at the Commission Auditorium in Tarpon Springs. For complete information, please go to [Floridaredistricting.org](http://Floridaredistricting.org). Public hearing meetings scheduled for the proposed Pinellas County Utilities rate increases. Date and time of the meetings may be found in printed inserts that accompany your monthly bill.

Councilor Matthews did not have a report.

Councilor Waters did not have a report.

Mayor Johnson attended the Seminole /2012 American Cancer Committee Relay Meet and Greet meeting, the Mayor’s Council meeting, the ribbon cutting ceremony for WeCare Pharmacy and was interviewed by Boy Scout Thomas Kavanagh from Troop 371.

12. **CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**
Community policing report presented by Deputy Dan DiFrancesco. Councilor Waters inquired about the number of homeless individuals in the City and the outcome of the demonstration in front of Congressman Young’s office. Councilor Plantamura stated and inquired that since a large percentage of homeless people are veterans, are they primarily located in the geographical area of the Veteran’s Hospital. Deputy Dan DiFrancesco informed that homeless individuals are more widespread in the community. City Manager Edmunds indicated that improvement in the Hurricane Harbor section of the community will occur, as the result of the extensive policing planned for the area. He mentioned the availability of a DVD produced by Pinellas County on the Preliminary EMS Study Report. He informed council that the National League of Cities membership invoice for 09/2011-08/2012 in the amount of $1,489.00 will be submitted for payment upon council approval.
Motion made by Councilor Waters, seconded by Councilor Matthews not to renewal the City’s membership to the National League of Cities.

Vote: 3 AYE not to renewal membership and 4 NAYS. Motion did not pass.

National League of Cities membership invoice for 09/2011-08/2012 along with a contribution to the Legal Defense fund will be processed for payment.

13. **OLD BUSINESS**
None.

14. **NEW BUSINESS**
Councilor Waters is interested in knowing Suncoast League of Cities’ stand on Resolution No. 2011-05 titled PACE (Property Assets Clean Energy) a city loan program, since she believes it is a controversial federal program.

She mentioned that Seminole High School graduate, Casey Kotchman, is on the cover of “Inside Pitch” with a Seminole Blvd sign.

She asked City Manager Edmunds to clarify the difference between “Councilor Reports” and “New Business”. City Manager Edmunds said that during this year’s annual workshop, council did discuss defining “council reports” and asked for administration to prepare a resolution with some definitions for “council reports”. He indicated that a draft will be prepared for council consideration. Councilor Plantamura questioned why this subject was discussed. She stated that she was not giving up her freedom of speech or dictated the content of her report. Councilor Waters said that in her opinion this did not have anything to do with freedom of speech, but a council process/procedure.

15. **CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Councilor Barnhorn, seconded by Councilor Counts to adjourn the meeting.

Date Approved: **August 23, 2011**

[Signatures]

Minutes prepared by Rose Benoit
James Johnson, Mayor