

**BUSINESS MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
April 8, 2014**

The Business Meeting of Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., in City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 - 113th Street North, Seminole, Florida.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- Highlights of the 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report were provided by Peter Schatzel from Wells, Houser & Schatzel.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Susan St. John, P.O Box 7688, St. Petersburg, FL 33734, introduced herself as a Candidate for Circuit Court Judge, Group 1. Ms. St. John presently works at the State Attorney's office. She provided a brief summary of her position and employment history.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2014 and WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2014.

Not available at this time.

3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CIP FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$9,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT FOR THE RECREATION CENTER.

Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained that this is part of the normal replacement program for the fitness equipment at the Recreation Center. Motion made by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, seconded by Councilor Quinn to authorize the expenditure not to exceed \$9,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of replacement fitness equipment for Fitness Center.

Roll Call

Councilor Counts	AYE
Vice Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-2014 RECOGNIZING APRIL 2014 AS “SPRINGS PROTECTION AWARENESS MONTH.”

City Clerk Benoit read Resolution No. 02-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized Councilor Jim Quinn. Councilor Quinn is a member of the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee with the Florida League of Cities. He would like this resolution to show that the City Council supports clean waterways and legal and legislative action to help keep waterways clean. Motion made by Councilor Quinn, seconded by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to approve Resolution No. 02-2014.

Roll Call

Councilor Counts	AYE
Vice Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

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5. STATE OF THE CITY

Enclosed is a full text of the City of Seminole State of the City address read by Mayor Leslie Waters.

6. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Counts indicated he did not have a report.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn participated in the “Meals on Wheels” program, attended the Suncoast League of Cities Meeting, the Girls scouts “Woman of Distinction” Luncheon where Mayor Waters was a recipient, attended a meeting with Congressman Jolly, “Person of Vision Award” ceremony where Congresswoman Kathy Castor and Betty Castor were recipients. He attended the kick off for the Greater Pinellas County Fair, participated in the Chamber of Commerce Stampede and had the opportunity to be one of the first twenty to cross the finish line of the Boston 2014 marathon with Boston Jim. He recently walked 86th Avenue asking for resident’s opinion on proposed speed increase. He attended the “Friends of the Seminole Community Library’s Annual Membership Luncheon, a Ribbon Cutting at the newly renovated Wendy’s. He attended the Cathedral of Vatican II & the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy Document St. Jude the Apostle dissertation provided by Cardinal and Arch bishops from St Petersburg. He attended the FLC Action Days, attended the FLC Lunch and Learn meeting with several members of legislation and where he announced his candidacy for 2nd VP of FLC. He attended the FLC Board of Directors meeting and the City of Seminole’s first Citizen Academy. He represented the Council at the Forever Friends Golf event held at Seminole Lake Country Club.

Councilor Burke indicated he did not have a report.

Councilor Plantamura provided her council report of her participation at the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference. She said that a significant part of her participation was meeting with the German delegation before their pending travel to Florida. She stated that the National League of Cities advocated for federal action for six priorities. She provided a brief description of each of these priorities. Councilor Plantamura thanked each employee and anyone involved in hosting the German delegation. She said that the city and the Seminole area made a positive impression. She thanked the taxpayers for supporting this effort and said that \$550 was spent on the German delegation.

Councilor Quinn attended the Suncoast League of Cities business meeting at Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, a luncheon by the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida honoring Mayor Leslie Waters as one of the five 2014 Women of Distinction, a meeting with Congressman Jolly at the council chambers, a ribbon cutting at 6166 Seminole Blvd, the office of Dr. Clearwater and Dr. Tilka, chiropractic physicians and volunteered at the 21st annual Seminole Stampede.

Councilor Matthews said that the city has a budget that works, a reserve, a fund balance every year because of the fine employees that work in the City of Seminole.

Mayor Waters attended the re-modeled Wendy's ribbon cutting on Park Blvd., the Seminole Friends of the Library luncheon. She helped to kick-off the First Annual Seminole Citizens Academy at City Hall, attended the Pinellas County Sheriff Advisory Board, "Hostage Negotiations," presented by Sgt. Dave Disano, a meeting held at the Elks Club and attended "Dealing with Gridlock: Is there Light Rail in Pinellas County Future?" forum held at SPC-Digitorium.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

- Community policing report provided by Deputy Tom Festa.
- New enhanced recycling program status report provided by Director Jeremy Hockenbury. Council members expressed their concerns regarding the communication from Waste Management on the recycling pick up dates to the residents. City Manager Edmunds said that Director Hockenbury will provide an update on the schedule at the next council meeting.
- City Manager Edmunds said the first class of the 2014 Citizens' Academy went very well.
- City Manager Edmunds noted the Pension Fund actuarial liability is 89.8%. funded this year.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- Vice Mayor Barnhorn corrected that he did not miss the Elevator Pitch as stated before during his council report. He was informed that the event is scheduled for April 24 at 6:30pm.
- Councilor Plantamura asked if there was a public "State Of The City" made by Mayor Waters earlier this year. She also asked about the Mayor's Forum. She requested that these events be placed on the council member's calendar so that they may attend.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Vice Mayor Barnhorn referenced a letter from the YMCA requesting a contribution from the council for their fundraiser drive.

Councilor Burke asked Director Mark Ely about standards for the electronic billboard. His concern is the brightness of the billboard.

Mayor Waters asked for coverage assistance from council during Seminole Day at Home Depot on Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Waters informed council of the renaming ceremony scheduled for Friday, April 25th at 10:00 a.m. of the Veteran's Administration Medical Center to C. W. "Bill" Young Medical Administration Center.

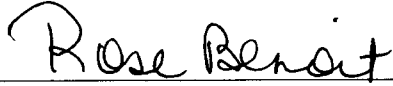
Mayor Waters informed that the Park Blvd Bridge will be closed during the month of June.

10. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

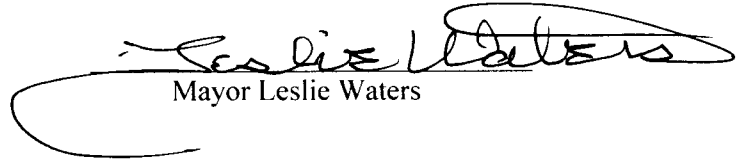
Motion made by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, seconded by Councilor Quinn to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Date Approved: **April 22, 2014**



Minutes prepared by Rose Benoit, City Clerk



Mayor Leslie Waters