

**BUSINESS MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
September 25, 2019**

The Business Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 - 113th Street North, Seminole, Florida.

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Councilor Chris Burke provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Mayor Leslie Waters, Vice Mayor Trish Springer, Councilor Thom Barnhorn, Councilor Chris Burke, Councilor Roger Edelman, Councilor Bob Matthews, Councilor Jim Quinn. City Manager Ann Toney-Deal, City Attorney Jay Daigneault, and City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso

FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 MILLAGE RATE AND GENERAL FUND BUDGET

1. ORDINANCE NO. 11-2019: ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 MILLAGE RATE OF 2.4793 MILLS

City Clerk Mancuso read Ordinance No. 11-2019 by title only. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that a public hearing cannot be held for the adoption of a final millage rate until 2 to 5 days after the public advertisement. The advertisement for the City of Seminole's millage rate is scheduled to run on September 26, 2019, as such, staff is recommending a final public hearing on this millage rate be held on Monday, September 30, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Waters opened the Public Hearing. Receiving no comments, Mayor Waters entertained a motion to continue the final hearing to September 30, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor Barnhorn, seconded by Councilor Edelman to continue the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 11-2019, establishing the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 millage rate of 2.4793 mills to Monday, September 30, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 12-2019: ESTABLISHING A FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,324,972.

City Clerk Mancuso read Ordinance No. 12-2019 by title only. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the City must hold a vote on the final budget 2 to 5 days after a public advertisement of the budget summary. This advertisement is scheduled to run on September 26, 2019, as

such, staff is recommending a final public hearing on this final budget be held on Monday, September 30, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Waters opened the Public Hearing. Receiving no comments, Mayor Waters entertained a motion to continue the final hearing to September 30, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Councilor Barnhorn to continue the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 12-2019, establishing a Fiscal Year 2019-2020 annual operating and capital budget in the amount of \$24,324,972, to Monday, September 30, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATIONS:

Recreation Director Becky Gunter recognized City of Seminole resident Leah Hoffman for receiving the Florida Recreation and Parks Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Terri Dieter – 11110 Sunset Hills Road, Virginia. Ms. Dieter stated that she was born and raised in Seminole and she is in town to beat the current Guinness World Record by organizing the world's largest class reunion and the world's largest consecutive year (57 years) class reunion for Seminole High School. They are expecting approximately 4,000-6,000 people. This will take place on November 28, 2020, and will be held at the Seminole Recreation Center. She is coordinating this event with the City.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 11, 2019
- B. CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH BOB GAULTIERI AS SHERIFF, PINELLAS COUNTY
- C. SEMINOLE WARHAWK BAND BOOSTERS REQUEST FOR THE USE OF TWO PUBLIC WORKS TRAILERS FOR THE SEMINOLE SOUND SPECTACULAR

Motion made by Councilor Burke, seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve the Consent Agenda.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A STRIPING CONFIGURATION FOR 84TH LANE.

City Manager Toney-Deal advised that included in the agenda packet was a diagram of the intersection and traffic information in reference to the 84th Lane approach to Park Street. City Manager Toney-Deal also stated that staff is presenting two options:

1. Approve striping and change the current striping pattern.
2. Approve restriping and leave current striping pattern as is.

Community Development Director Mark Ely stated that based on the traffic study that Pinellas County performed, 76.1 % of the turns go left and 23.9% of the turns go right.

Councilor Edelman inquired as to the adjustment of the signal light timing. Community Development Director, Mr. Ely stated that he will ask Pinellas County if they would consider that change.

Councilor Matthews inquired as to the widening of the lane; Mr. Ely stated that he can ask Pinellas County and see what the cost and timing would be for this change and if it was even feasible based on available right of way.

Motion made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Councilor Edelman to change the current striping pattern.

2 AYES (Councilor Edelman and Councilor Matthews)

5 NAYS (Councilor Burke, Councilor Barnhorn, Vice Mayor Springer, Councilor Quinn and Mayor Waters)

MOTION FAILS.

Motion made by Councilor Quinn, seconded by Vice Mayor Springer to approve restriping the current striping pattern as is.

6 AYES

1 NAY (Councilor Edelman)

MOTION PASSES.

B. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP) FOR A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM (LWCF) GRANT OF \$200,000. (DEP AGREEMENT LW644)

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that this grant was delayed due to the need to do an Environmental Assessment. The environmental assessment was accepted and approved by the National Parks Service and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This is a one hundred percent matching grant; matching funds will be allotted from the Penny 3 funds, and staff is recommending that the City Council approve this grant.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Springer, seconded by Councilor Quinn to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement (Agreement LW644) with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for a Land and Water Conservation Fund program grant for Waterfront Park. The scope of work includes development of the Observation Boardwalk, Access Trail, Picnic Facility Pavilion, and Landscaping.

Councilor Edelman inquired as to whether the grant includes a walkway and a dock. The City Manager stated that those projects are not included in this particular grant. Councilor Edelman also inquired about water and electricity. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that Public Works is currently working on the logistics for the installment of those necessities.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. AUTHORIZE THE MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH THE FLORIDA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST FOR PROPERTY, LIABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER PRESUMPTION INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR FY 2019-2020 AND FY 2020-2021.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the City solicited quotes for these particular insurance coverages and our current insurance company; Florida Municipal Insurance Trust was selected as the lowest quote with the amount of coverage that we were specifying. The City will save \$164,000 with this new quote. Pricing for property and liability insurance is guaranteed for two years. Staff is recommending the approval and acceptance of this two-year contract.

Motion made by Councilor Barnhorn, seconded by Councilor Quinn to authorize the City Manager to contract with the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust for Property, Liability, Workers' Compensation and Firefighters' Cancer Presumption Insurance coverage for fiscal years of 2019-2020, and 2020-2021.

Councilor Quinn gave accolades to the City Manager and staff for saving the citizens of Seminole \$164,000 by doing their due diligence in researching this coverage and obtaining the savings.

Councilor Barnhorn also gave accolades and appreciation to the City Manager for bringing this decision to City Council, as she was not required to seek City Council approval on this item.

Vice Mayor Springer stated that it is rare to find a savings with insurance premiums.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Barnhorn – Attended the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation Meeting at St. Petersburg College in Clearwater, was appointed to the National League of Cities Federal Action Strike Team, attended a fundraiser for the Seminole Community Library at Millers Ale House, Music in the Park, completed the City Manager and City Attorney Reviews, also attended the 50th Anniversary of the Boca Ciega Bay Aquatic Preserve at St. Petersburg College in Seminole. Also attended the Wounded Warrior Amputee Charity Softball Game, and met with stakeholders of the Keep Pinellas Beautiful group.

Councilor Burke – No report.

Councilor Edelman – No report.

Councilor Matthews – Spoke of the representative of the ADA compliance class from the Florida League of Cities conference. Also, Council Matthews would like to request a City map.

Councilor Quinn – No report.

Vice Mayor Springer – Attended the Suncoast League of Cities meeting.

Mayor Waters – Will submit her report to the City Clerk.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT

A. OCTOBER 2019 CALENDAR

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the October 2019, calendar was included in the Council agenda packet.

B. FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 INSURANCE PROCUREMENT

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the City has also procured new insurance for employee disability and life insurance, along with the opportunity for employees to purchase additional life insurance for spouses and children. This insurance (OCHS Insurance) also provides a savings of \$40,000 a year to the City.

The City Manager and City Attorney reviews have now been completed and City Manager Toney-Deal asked that if the written reviews have not yet been submitted, to please submit them to either Erica or Ann Marie. Once all reviews have been submitted, each Council Member will receive a copy. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she received some recommendations for action items during her review and would like to get Council's permission to place those items on the October 8, 2019, agenda. The Mayor asked for a consensus, Council agreed, the City Manager will place her action report on the October 8, 2019, agenda.

The Rib eating challenge between the Seminole Firefighters and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department will take place on Monday, September 30, 2019, at 4:30 at Texas Roadhouse on Bay Pines Boulevard.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that there has been some speculation in reference to campaign/political signs. She stated that there was a Candidate Orientation with the City Manager, Assistant City Attorney, Community Development Director and the City Clerk. The candidates were clearly informed of the rules and regulations with the placement of campaign/political signs and advised of where to find their signs if they were removed by Code Enforcement or Public Works. The Candidates were also advised that in the past, sometimes signs are moved or taken by lawncare companies, etc. There was an allegation that one of the City's Public Works employees removed a sign from private property, the City Manager stated with assurance, that the City never removed a sign that was placed on private property.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the City is hosting a debt retirement party on October 1, 2019, to celebrate the City of Seminole being debt free.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Waters stated that she would like to invite Governor DeSantis, and the Legislators of Pinellas County to celebrate being debt free sometime during the City's 50th Anniversary Celebration. For clarification, the Mayor stated that this should take place in 2020. The Mayor stated that she is very proud of the City to be able to be debt free, all while keeping all of its programs intact.

Councilor Matthews inquired about the median clean up on Park Boulevard. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she has not had an opportunity to prepare another report on the schedule. She will distribute to Council when the schedule is developed.

Councilor Quinn stated that he received a telephone call from a citizen stating that he witnessed a campaign sign with a party affiliation noted on it. The City Manager advised that he contact the Florida Election Commission.

Councilor Edelman inquired where the City stands with the Repetto property planning and the Blossom Lake planning. The City Manager stated that once this fiscal year ends, the

planning will begin for the Repetto property. The City Manager and the Recreation Director have had meetings with the residents of the Blossom Lake area and have compiled a lot of information and will soon begin advancing ideas to Council in reference to the Master Plan for that park.

Councilor Matthews requested copies of the employee newsletters that have been created by Shelby.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Barnhorn stated that the Seminole Historical Society has requested his assistance with the replica of the Seminole Water Tower. Chouinard Builders has come forward and agreed to pay for the cost of the painting of the replica. The Seminole Historical Society would like the City to be able to pick it up from the painters and then mount it in front of the Seminole Historical Society. The Seminole Historical Society will then be responsible for maintaining it indefinitely.

Motion made by Councilor Barnhorn, seconded by Vice Mayor Springer to absorb the cost of the Seminole Water Tower placement.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

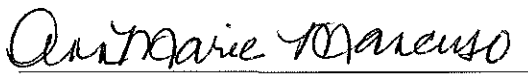
Mayor Waters made a request to consider televising the City Council meetings once again. City Attorney Daigneault suggested that until we are clear on the ADA specifications/standard, he would advise against it. The Council did not action on the request.

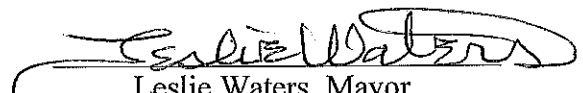
The Mayor stated that Seminole Middle School is looking for mentors.

8. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Date Approved: October 8, 2019


Minutes prepared by City Clerk
Ann Marie Mancuso


Leslie Waters, Mayor