

**BUSINESS MINUTES  
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL  
February 25, 2020**

The Business Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 - 113th Street North, Seminole, Florida.

Mayor Leslie Waters called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Bob Matthews provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Leslie Waters, Vice Mayor Chris Burke, Councilor Thom Barnhorn, Councilor Bob Matthews, Councilor Jim Olliver, Councilor Trish Springer, City Manager Ann Toney-Deal, City Attorney Jay Daigneault, and City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso. Not Present: Councilor Roger Edelman

**PRESENTATIONS**

**COUNCILOR OLLIVER: INSTITUTE FOR ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION**

Mayor Waters presented Councilor Jim Olliver with a Certification of Completion from the Florida League of Cities for his completion of the 2020 Institute for Elected Municipal Officials training.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF EVENT PROCLAMTION**

Vice Mayor Burke presented the Seminole Historical Society, Jeff and Sue Etter, Bob Grant, Sandy Holloway, Jerry Chouinard and Chouinard Builders, the Seminole High School Marching Band, the Seminole Recreation Staff and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee members; Rayma Barnhorn, Ray Beliveau, Tammie Gildea, Trish Haynes, Sandy Holloway, Eva Jones, Fred Jones, Rosemary Mills, Dottie Reeder, Becky Gunter, Ann Toney-Deal, and Ann Marie Mancuso with a proclamation to recognize them for their outstanding volunteerism for the City of Seminole 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-Off Event.

**DOUDNA MOWERS, INC. PROCLAMATION**

Councilor Bob Matthews presented a proclamation to Janet, Kurt and Clara Doudna to recognize their business, Doudna Mowers as the oldest business in the City of Seminole.

**BAUDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRANT PRESENTATION**

Councilor Jim Olliver presented a grant check for Bauder Elementary School to Assistant Principal Chris Baker.

L.I.F.T. ACADEMY GRANT PRESENTATION

Councilor Thom Barnhorn presented a grant check for L.I.F.T. Academy to Executive Director Kim Kuruzovich.

INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY GRANT PRESENTATION

Councilor Trish Springer presented a grant check for Interfaith Food Pantry to Director Ron Stone.

KEEP PINELLAS BEAUTIFUL SPONSORSHIP PRESENTATION

Keep Pinellas Beautiful Executive Director Pat DePlasco gave an educational power point presentation on Keep Pinellas Beautiful, as the organization was seeking a sponsorship from the City of Seminole.

Mayor Waters recognized Councilor Bob Matthews for being chosen as Mr. Seminole, and Mark Ely, City of Seminole Community Development Director, for being awarded the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Merit Award.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Michele Abramo – 12229 – 92<sup>nd</sup> Terrace, Seminole, President of the Seminole Historical Society thanked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for entrusting the Seminole Historical Society to host the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary kick-off event. Michele also thanked Bob Grant, emcee for the kick-off event, and Sue and Jeff Etter for creating the celebration video.

Mayor Waters recognized Dillion Phillips, a Largo resident and member of Boy Scout Troop 340, who attended the Council Meeting to observe.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. ANNUAL WORKSHOP/RETREAT MINUTES: FEBRUARY 11, 2020.**

**B. CONSIDER THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MR. GEORGE TRIPP TO THE CITY OF SEMINOLE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB) FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE MARCH 31, 2022.**

Motion made by Councilor Springer, seconded by Vice Mayor Burke to approve the Consent Agenda.

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **3. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. SCHEDULE THE FY 2020-2021 PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2020, AND SEPTEMBER 17, 2020.**

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that these dates were discussed at the last City Council Meeting. There were two (2) Council members that were not present at that meeting, however, they were later notified and stated that they too were available on those dates.

Motion made by Councilor Olliver, seconded by Councilor Barnhorn to approve the 2020-2021 proposed millage rate and budget public hearings for September 3, 2020, and September 17, 2020.

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **B. AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) FUNDS FOR UPGRADES TO THE "PARTY ROOM" (FORMER PRESCHOOL ROOM) AT THE RECREATION CENTER.**

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the agenda packet included the document and explanation of the recommended expenditure. She also added that the floor is the original floor and this room is used for rentals, thus generating revenue. Recreation Director Becky Gunter showed floor samples to the members of the City Council.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Matthews to authorize the City Manager to expend CIP funds in the amount not to exceed \$5,000 to replace the floor, using Flooring America and buy supplies to paint the room, including the trim.

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **4. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilor Barnhorn – Attended the Fit Over Fifty at the Recreation Center, attended Fire Station #29 Open House, also attended the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

Vice Mayor Burke – Congratulated Councilor Matthews and Mr. Ely on their respective awards from the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce.

Councilor Edelman – Not present.

Councilor Matthews – As a follow up to Councilor Olliver's report, Councilor Matthews wanted to remind Council that if there is an interest in following the Lake Seminole

dredging project, there is a video available.

Councilor Olliver – Attended the Pinellas County Economic Development Defense Contracting Forum, took an informative boat ride on Lake Seminole with County Commissioner Janet Long, attended the John Morroni First Responder Appreciation Dinner, and attended the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

Councilor Springer – Attended the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days, had a telephone conference with Senator Brandes, and distributed paperwork in reference to the session she attended, also attended the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

Mayor Waters – Will submit report to the City Clerk. Mayor Waters gave recognition to the following firefighters for attending the information session she hosted for Keswick Christian School:

Lieutenant Jeff McManigal, Firefighter/EMT Lindsey Rodriguez, Fire Medic Chris Johnston, Firefighter/EMT Kyle Craig. She also recognized the following Firefighters/Honor Guard for their opening ceremony at the Seminole Womans Club fashion show: Lieutenant Justin Clynes and Scott Eddinger. (Retired)

Motion made by Councilor Springer, seconded by Vice Mayor Burke to excuse Councilor Edelman for his absence due to illness.

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**A. MARCH 2020 CALENDAR**

City Manager Toney-Deal reminded Council that the March 2020 calendar was in their packets.

**B. SET WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS (1) A CITY MOTTO/MISSION STATEMENT AND (2) A CITY COUNCIL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT.**

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that as a result of the Annual Workshop, Council requested that a workshop be scheduled to discuss a City/Motto/Mission Statement and a beautification project in conjunction with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. City Manager Toney-Deal suggested to schedule it following the March 24, 2020, Council meeting. Mayor Waters asked the Council to please submit ideas for the City Motto/Mission Statement ahead of time so that the process will be quicker at the workshop.

It was a consensus of the Council to set the workshop date for March 24, 2020, for both items.

**C. SIGNAGE FOR WATERFRONT PARK.**

City Manager Toney-Deal distributed a map of Waterfront Park to showcase the areas of current and future development, along with the grants associated with each project. She suggested posting a sign on the site with the development planned along with a possible date to be completed.

City Manager Toney-Deal also distributed a draft map of the planned landscaping at Waterfront Park.

Councilor Olliver asked for dates of possible installation on landscaping and pavilions, etc. City Manager Toney-Deal answered that it should be in place within twelve (12) months.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she distributed an update on actions taken to address traffic violations on 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

City Manager Toney Deal also reminded Council of the Citizens Academy that is currently scheduled to begin on March 25, 2020. There are currently 3 people registered and there is a minimum of twelve (12) people that need to apply in order to hold the academy.

City Manager Toney-Deal also stated that every municipality's elected officials, all County elected officials, all City Managers, the Pinellas Legislative Delegation, will receive an email invitation to the Pow Wow VIP Fireworks event.

City Manager Toney-Deal reminded Councilors that Keep Pinellas Beautiful requested a sponsorship and Council requested that a representative of Keep Pinellas Beautiful make a presentation before making a decision. The presentation was made at the February 25, 2020, meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Councilor Barnhorn to approve the \$500 2020 sponsorship for Keep Pinellas Beautiful.

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

-NONE-

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Vice Mayor Burke stated that the Seminole Banner bracket that is on the pole on Seminole Boulevard located south of Lake Seminole Square is broken at the bottom.

Councilor Barnhorn stated that House Bill 1149 was submitted by Representative Nick DiCeglie. Councilor Barnhorn stated that when the Representatives are going to be submitting a bill, it would be nice for them to come before Council beforehand and explain the bill. Mayor Waters also suggested it would be a good idea for them to get local Council and staff input beforehand as well.

Mayor Waters stated that Florida League of Cities Executive Director Michael Sittig is going to be retiring and she suggested that a gift basket or some type of gift be put together for him from the City.

Mayor Waters also reminded Council that she is sponsoring a headphone drive for the local elementary schools for their online testing.

8. **CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Date Approved: March 10, 2020

Ann Marie Mancuso

Minutes prepared by City Clerk  
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Leslie Waters  
Leslie Waters, Mayor