

**BUSINESS MINUTES  
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL  
May 12, 2020**

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The Business Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 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 6:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Burke provided the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT (Virtual City Council Meeting Via Zoom)**

Mayor Leslie Waters, Vice Mayor Chris Burke, Councilor Thom Barnhorn, Councilor Roger Edelman, Councilor Jim Olliver, Councilor Jim Quinn, Councilor Trish Springer, City Manager Ann Toney-Deal, Assistant City Attorney Patrick Perez, and City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso. Absent: City Attorney Jay Daigneault.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**BUILDING SAFETY MONTH PROCLAMATION**

**PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION**

City Manager Toney-Deal read the Building Safety Month Proclamation and the Public Works Week Proclamation and will present them to each department.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sheila Griffin – 1515 Pinellas Bayway S, Tierra Verde, Florida. Sheila is a United States congressional candidate for District 13. She gave a brief biography and encouraged the public to view her website ([votegriffin.us](http://votegriffin.us)) to get to know more about her.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 28, 2020.
- B. DECLARE AS SURPLUS AND DONATE TWO HANDICAP WHEELCHAIR SWINGS TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF SEMINOLE LAKE WHO ORIGINALLY DONATED SAID EQUIPMENT.

- C. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,896 FOR THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT WEIGHT MACHINES FOR THE RECREATION CENTER FITNESS CENTER.

Motion made by Councilor Olliver, seconded by Vice Mayor Burke to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

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

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 05-2020: AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 ANNUAL BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUES AND EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,849,353.**

City Manager Toney-Deal stated *Florida Statutes* allows the budget to be amended anytime during the fiscal year. Every year the City Council passes an Ordinance to reallocate surplus funds from the prior year. This also includes the appropriation of funds for prepayment of the fiscal year 2021-2022 annual CIP fund transfers, appropriations for City Council priorities, and the reappropriation of prior year encumbrances.

Motion made by Councilor Edelman, seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve Ordinance No. 05-2020

**Roll Call**

Mayor Waters	AYE
Vice Mayor Burke	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Edelman	AYE
Councilor Olliver	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Springer	AYE

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

**B. RESOLUTION NO. 03-2020 ADOPTING THE 2020 PINELLAS COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY (LMS).**

City Manager Toney-Deal stated the Federal Stafford Act requires counties and their

municipalities to adopt a Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is a team effort between the Public Works and Community Development departments of cities throughout the County. Adoption of a Local Mitigation Strategy plan allows cities to apply for hazard mitigation funds through FEMA.

Motion made by Councilor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Olliver to approve Resolution No. 03-2020 adopting the 2020 Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS).

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

**C. CONSIDER REPURPOSING OF CITY OF SEMINOLE'S CONTRIBUTION TO ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE'S ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND ELEVATOR PITCH COMPETITION.**

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the Business Plan and Elevator Pitch competition was cancelled this year and she and the Provost of St. Petersburg College recommend that these funds be allocated for another use. City Manager Toney-Deal and Provost Mark Strickland recommended that the \$1,000 fund a scholarship for a business student through a selection process. It was recommended that an essay be submitted and judged on a suggested subject of "How a Business Leader Would Handle a Pandemic Situation."

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Springer to approve the change in the Elevator Pitch Competition and award donation funds for a scholarship competition at St. Petersburg College.

Vice Mayor Burke further suggested that the topic for the essay be Governmental Shutdowns due to the Pandemic. The student's opinion on whether the Governor has the right to order businesses closed due to the pandemic verses their Constitutional rights.

Discussion ensued in reference to whom may apply for the scholarship; it was the consensus of the Council to offer the scholarship to students that reside in the Seminole Fire District.

Discussion continued in reference to the topic for the essay. It was the consensus of the Council to choose the topic of Governmental Shutdowns due to the Pandemic.

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

**D. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO WAIVE SPECIAL EVENT AND TENT PERMIT FEES.**

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that due to the pandemic and the social distancing

requirements of restaurants, staff is recommending that the City waive all special event and tent permit fees to allow businesses to set up additional seating in other approved areas on their premises and approve additional signage as well. All fire safety and building safety codes will remain in effect.

Motion made by Councilor Olliver, seconded by Vice Mayor Burke to authorize the City Manager to waive special event and tent permit fees for the duration of the declared "State of Emergency."

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

**E. APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD SCHOMP AS THE FIFTH MEMBER OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the administrator of the City of Seminole Municipal Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees advised that the Firefighter Trustees have appointed Richard Schomp as the Fifth Trustee. Mr. Schomp's term will end on May 11, 2022.

Motion made by Councilor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Springer to approve the appointment of Richard Schomp as the fifth member of the City of Seminole Municipal Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

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

**4. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

**A. COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT.**

Community Policing Officer Deputy Tiffany Ashcom stated that the Pinellas County Beaches opened, they have not had any issues; citizens were complying with all guidelines. On May 16, 2020, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office tip line will be closed. If citizens have any issues or concerns, they can call the non-emergency telephone number. Last week northwest Seminole received a lot of reports of vehicle burglaries.

City Manager Toney-Deal gave an update on the Seminole Recovery Working Group and an update on the plans to reopen the city buildings.

City Manager Toney-Deal also gave an update on directions and times to report for the Seminole Strong/Seminole Cares Parade.

City Manager Toney-Deal reviewed the tentative workshop items. She will send an email out to all Councilors with a list of the workshops that Council recommended and have them rank in the order in which they would like to schedule them.

It was the consensus of the Council to schedule a workshop once a month.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

Councilor Quinn stated that the Interfaith Food Pantry will open up again in June. Councilor Quinn also gave accolades to the City Manager and city employees for all of their work in keeping the City open through the pandemic.

Councilor Edelman inquired as to when the City Council meetings will resume in Council Chambers. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that there are a number of factors to consider before that decision is made. It will be discussed with Council at the next scheduled City Council zoom meeting.

Mayor Waters advised that she assisted with a couple of different food drives around the area, such as the "Pop the Trunk" food drive. She also stated that Perri Craven of the Garden Sanctuary bought lunch for the firefighters of Station #31 and local resident Erica DiCeglie provided entertainment for them while they were having lunch.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

Vice Mayor Burke asked the City Manager if she could provide a list of City residents that have passed away from the Coronavirus so the City could have a memorial for them.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Springer to have the City keep track of the residents that passed away due to the COVID-19 pandemic and at a later date erect a memorial to those residents in one of the City parks.

Under discussion, Councilor Barnhorn stated his concern for HIPPA privacy laws.

Vice Mayor Burke amended his motion, to a have a memorial installed in one of the City Parks for City residents that have passed away due to COVID-19 without mentioning names.

Councilor Edelman had concern that this would start a precedent for installing memorials for residents that have passed away due to other illness.

No action was taken, it was the consensus that City Manager Toney-Deal will bring a proposal back to Council before any action is taken.

It was discussed that perhaps a memorial service would be more appropriate.

Mayor Waters suggested that we light up City Hall with blue and white to recognize the 2020 St. Petersburg College Graduates. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee already had plans to light up City Buildings in gold to celebrate the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Date Approved: May 26, 2020

Ann Marie Mancuso

Minutes prepared by City Clerk  
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Leslie Waters  
Leslie Waters, Mayor