

**BUSINESS MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
March 9, 2021**

The Business Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 - 113th Street North, Seminole, Florida.

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

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

PRESENT

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. AMERICAN RED CROSS PROCLAMATION

Vice Mayor Barnhorn read and presented an “American Red Cross Month” proclamation to Shayra Rosario, Red Cross Executive Assistant and Dr. Ken Guidera, Red Cross Board Member.

B. MARCH FOR WHEELS PROCLAMTION

Councilor Edelman read and presented a “March for Wheels” proclamation to David Lamaka, Executive Director of Neighborly Care Network.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Erin Schofield – 10396 – 66th Avenue North, Seminole. Ms. Schofield asked Council to list public school safety as a citywide goal.

Mayor Waters asked the City Manager for an update. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that it was premature to advise of recommendations. She also reminded Council that the latest traffic study had just started and would not be completed for two (2) weeks, as represented under the City Manager’s report at the last Council meeting. Manager Toney-Deal advised it would be at least a month before findings and recommendations will be presented.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 23, 2021.

Motion made by Councilor Olliver, seconded by Councilor Burke to approve item A. on the Consent Agenda.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ACTION ITEMS

NONE

4. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Barnhorn – Attended the Seminole Historical Society’s first Zoom meeting; completed required ethics training for the year; attended the National League of Cities Emerging Tech Series; attended the Blossom Lake Park and Waterfront Park Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies; attended the Florida League of Cities forecasting financial impacts on Florida’s Cities; attended the Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce First Thursday Mixer; attended two (2) Florida League of Cities Monday morning calls; was chosen to judge the Pinellas County’s History Day; attended the four (4) days of the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference; met with the National League of Cities Council on Youth, Education and families; attended the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council meeting; attended the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco Pinellas meeting.

Councilor Burke – Attended the Waterfront Park Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Councilor Christy – Attended the Blossom Lake Park and Waterfront Park Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies.

Councilor Edelman – Attended the Blossom Lake Park and Waterfront Park Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies, and attended a Florida League of Cities’ Zoom meeting.

Councilor Olliver – Attended the Blossom Lake Park and Waterfront Park Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies; attended the Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce First Thursday Mixer; attended the Florida League of Cities’ monthly webinar; contacted Representatives DiCeglie, and Latvala and Senator Hooper asking them to oppose House Bill 403 and Senate Bill 266; toured Orange Grove Elementary School with Principal Dr. Christine Porter.

Councilor Springer – Attended the Blossom Lake Park and Waterfront Park Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies.

Mayor Waters – Attended the Blossom Lake Park and Waterfront Park Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT

A. COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputy Alex Siem filled in for Seminole's Community Policing Deputy Tiffany Ashcom. Deputy Siem stated that there is currently a telephone scam in which the caller is asking for personal information to receive donations for law enforcement. Deputy Siem stated that the Sheriff's Office will never call over the telephone to ask for donations, and stated you should never give anyone personal information over the telephone. If you have any questions or concerns, you should call the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at (727) 582-6200. Deputy Siem also reminded everyone to be aware of water safety since we are now approaching the summer months.

B. UPDATE ON TEMPLE TERRACE AND SEMINOLE BOULEVARD

City Manager Toney-Deal showed a picture of Temple Terrace and Seminole Boulevard on on the video screens. Councilor Christy and residents have shared concerns about the obstruction of vision due to the installation of the electronic sign that was installed at said location. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that we, as a City have no jurisdiction over this area because it is a State Road, and a County project. However, her recommendation would be to write a letter to the State in reference to this concern.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the City Manager send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and to Pinellas County.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Burke inquired as to whether there was any feedback from the Home Depot in reference to them donating for a project at Waterfront Park. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that Becky Gunter, Recreation Director and Rodney Due, Public Works Director had an idea to maybe add an entrance gate on the Home Depot side of the park. The practicality of doing this is being evaluated.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Waters stated that she received a letter from Jeff Baker of Duke Energy and stated that he will make arrangements in the future for the Council to meet the new President of Duke Energy, Melissa Seixas.


Mayor Waters also stated that she received a thank you note from Tara Nichols Pearson, Executive Director of the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce, thanking the City for letting them use the Recreation Center for the Chambers installation luncheon.


Mayor Waters stated that house District 66; Representative Nick DiCeglie's seat will be an open Seat in 2022, as Representative DiCeglie will be running for a State Senate seat. The first Candidate announced to run for the House seat vacated by DeCeglie, is Seminole High School Alum, Alan Tonczak.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Date Approved: March 23, 2021


Minutes prepared by City Clerk
Ann Marie Mancuso


Leslie Waters, Mayor