

**WORKSHOP MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
July 12, 2022**

The Workshop of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 - 113th Street North, Seminole, Florida.

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

**A. DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR JILL SILVERBOARD AND
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION DIRECTOR TOM WASHBURN – PARK
BOULEVARD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS; TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION.**

Mayor Waters introduced Deputy County Administrator Jill Silverboard. Ms. Silverboard thanked the City Council for having the opportunity to give a presentation on the Park Boulevard improvements, as well as traffic signalization. Ms. Silverboard introduced Transportation Division Director Tom Washburn to give the presentation.

Mr. Washburn recognized Rodney Chapman in the audience, Mr. Chapman is from Forward Pinellas. Mr. Washburn gave the following updates:

- Half of the Park Boulevard street lights have been upgraded to LED, and the plan is to continue to upgrade all of the lighting.
- The County will be adding advanced “Next Signal” signs
- The Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) has been updated from Gulf Boulevard to I-275 including the installation of fiber optic cable, video detection and CCTV cameras, dynamic message signs.
- The Safe Route To Schools (SRTS) Sidewalk project on Park Boulevard. From Starkey Road to 66th Street, and all ramps were made ADA compliant and all sidewalks were repaired.
- The Force Main Project on Park Boulevard has a couple of months before it is completed.
- Right-of-Way Use Permits – Mr. Washburn stated that as far as the permitting, it is a partnership with the City. There have been 43 permits issued since 2016. He recognized Mark Ely as developing that great partnership.

- Mast Arm Hardening – 16 signals were upgraded. Specific to the Seminole area were: Park Boulevard at Ridge Road; Park Boulevard at Johnson Boulevard; Park Boulevard at Seminole Boulevard; Seminole Boulevard at Johnson Boulevard.
- A new crosswalk at Seminole Elementary School will be relocated, which will make it ADA compliant.
- Speed Management Pilot Program – A new program to address speeding to reduce the number of speed related crashes.

Discussion ensued.

A major concern from Council was the backup traffic on Park Boulevard. Mr. Washburn stated that once the Force Main Project is complete, and they are aware of those issues, they will be able to evaluate and make those minor tweaks. Another main issue was the timing of the lights. Mr. Washburn stated that sometimes the signal gets preemptive (ie. fire preempt, pedestrian activation) and it takes several cycles for it to get back into sync. One other issue discussed was the, now straight, through lane that used to be a turn lane on Park Boulevard turning onto Seminole Boulevard. Mr. Washburn stated that they may install overhead signage.

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

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