

**WORKSHOP MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
November 15, 2022**

The Workshop of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 - 113th Street North, Seminole, Florida.

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

1. DISCUSSION OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION GRANT DISTRIBUTION.

Mayor Waters stated that Council received a list of recipients and the grant amount that they were awarded for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

Mayor Waters stated that she would like to add the organization Horses for Handicapped Foundation to the list of recipients.

City Manager Toney-Deal reviewed the list of recipients from the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year and the total dollar amount that was budgeted in FY 2022-2023. It will be Council's decision to determine how that total amount will be distributed in FY 2022-2023.

City Clerk Mancuso explained that once the Council approves the budget and approves the distribution of the non-profit organization grants, she sends a letter to the organizations notifying them that the Council has awarded them a grant for the fiscal year. They then receive a selection of Council Meeting dates to choose from to receive their check. When they receive their award letter, they also receive a Donation Recap Form, in which they describe how the funds were spent, and how the funds were used to benefit the City of Seminole.

City Clerk Mancuso conveyed the following information to Council before their discussion:

1. She stated that she received an email from Keep Pinellas Beautiful and they are requesting an additional \$250 to bring their total to \$750.

2. She also stated that LIFT Academy will be moving to Clearwater in August, and will no longer have a Seminole Campus.

3. She also stated that the Seminole Youth Athletic Association (SYAA) was very difficult to get in touch with. After several attempts, a Representative finally received the check in May, and by September, the check had not been cashed. She had to call several times to get in touch with them to ask them to cash the check.

Councilor Barnhorn also requested that the CERT team be added to this list of grant recipients. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that CERT is not set up as a 501-(c)(3), in addition, Finance Director Allison Broihier stated that CERT already receives donations to purchase supplies.

Councilor Springer suggested that the elementary schools listed receive an increase to \$1,000 instead of \$500 each. No action was taken.

Councilor Olliver suggested that a thorough review of the process of distribution of the funds needs to be assessed. His suggestion for the next cycle would be to increase all funding by 10% and set criteria such as recipients must apply, determine if recipients reside in Seminole, recipients have to appear before Council to receive check, recipients need to cash check within 30 days. No action was taken.

It was also suggested that the St. Petersburg College Business Plan and Elevator Pitch Competition be kept on the list contingent upon whether they have the competition or not.

Councilor Burke gave a recap of what was suggested with his recommendations:

1. Remove Seminole Youth Athletic Association (SYAA) and LIFT Academy from the grant list.
2. Give \$750 to each of the elementary schools instead of \$1,000. (Recommended by Councilor Springer)
3. Add Horses for Handicapped Foundation with a \$1,000 donation.
4. Give Keep Pinellas Beautiful an additional \$250, bringing its total to \$750.
5. Increase Interfaith Food Pantry to \$1,300.
6. The Seminole Chamber of Commerce new Executive Director appear in person before Council to give a quarterly report, which shall include financials and be awarded \$20,000 in quarterly increments. Without objection, the recap will be placed on a regular Council Agenda for action.

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Date Approved: 12-6-2022

Ann Marie Mancuso

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