

**BUSINESS MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
March 28, 2023**

The Business Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 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.

Councilor Trish Springer provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. KEEP PINELLAS BEAUTIFUL GRANT PRESENTATION.

Councilor Thom Barnhorn recognized Keep Pinellas Beautiful with a \$750 grant, which was presented to Deputy Director Stephanie Ellington.

B. PINELLAS SAFE HARBOR GRANT PRESENTATION.

Councilor Chris Burke recognized Pinellas Safe Harbor with a \$2,500 grant, which was presented to Lieutenant Haisch and Sergeant Hillman of the Pinellas County Sheriff's office.

C. SEMINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mayor Leslie Waters recognized the Seminole Historical Society with a \$1,000 grant, which was presented to President Kristen Oliphant.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wendy Christie – 7433 Ridge Road, Seminole. Ms. Christie expressed concern that there was a need for a painted crosswalk on Ridge Road which is a County road.

Natalie White – 7465 Ridge Road, Seminole. Ms. White expressed concern that there was a need for a painted crosswalk on Ridge Road which is a County road.

Barbara Salazar – 9064 Baywood Park Drive, Seminole. Ms. Salazar gave an update on the Seminole Lake Country Club Estates stormwater drainage issue, and thanked City Manager Ann Toney-Deal and Public Works Director Rodney Due for their work.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 14, 2023.

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

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. FIRST READING ORDINANCE NO. 01-2023: AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 ANNUAL BUDGET BY INCREASING EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS BY \$3,009,579.

City Clerk Mancuso read Ordinance No. 01-2023 by title only.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that amending the annual budget is typically completed at least once a year to allocate monies where they belong and for prepayment of the next fiscal year's CIP.

Motion made by Councilor Olliver, seconded by Councilor Barnhorn to approve Ordinance No. 01-2023 on first reading and schedule a second reading and public hearing for April 11, 2023.

Roll Call

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

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. FIRST READING ORDINANCE NO. 02-2023: AMENDING THE SEMINOLE FIREFIGHTERS' MUNICIPAL PENSION TRUST FUND.

City Clerk Mancuso read Ordinance No. 02-2023 by title only. |

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the Ordinance codifies what the City Council approved in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. It was reviewed by the City's pension attorney James (Jim) Linn, the City Manager and Finance Director and staff recommends its adoption.

Motion made by Councilor Barnhorn, seconded by Vice Mayor Edelman to approve Ordinance No. 02-2023 on first reading and schedule a second reading and public hearing for April 11, 2023.

Roll Call

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

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE FIRE STATION 29 HVAC REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO AIR MECHANICAL & SERVICE CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$286,000.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that because of the high cost, she and Public Works Director Rodney Due met with the contractor. Although, she was not happy with the cost, she was satisfied with the contractor's explanation and the fact that there were four competitive bids received. The current unit is a commercial unit, that that runs twenty-four (24) hours a day, and is becoming expensive to maintain. Staff recommends its approval.

Motion made by Councilor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Springer to award the contract for Fire Station 29 HVAC replacement to the low bidder, Air Mechanical & Service Corporation in an amount \$289,00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for the construction project.

Councilor Burke corrected Councilor Quinn, as he stated the project at \$289,000 and it should be \$286,000. Councilor Quinn corrected his motion to read \$286,000 and the seconder accepted said change.

Discussion ensued

Roll Call

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

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. SAFE STREETS PINELLAS RESOLUTION.

City Clerk Mancuso read Resolution No. 01-2023 by title only.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated the Resolution is focusing on the major traffic networks that connect all of the communities. Forward Pinellas is developing a Safe Transportation Program that will allow them to apply for state and federal grants. The Resolution is a part of such grant applications. Councilor Burke, who is the City's representative on the Forward Pinellas Board, expressed his support. There is no cost associated with the Resolution. Staff recommended its approval.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Councilor Olliver, seconded by Councilor Burke to adopt Resolution No. 01-2023, Safe Streets Pinellas.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Barnhorn – Councilor Barnhorn attended the Bay Pines 90th Anniversary Celebration; attended the City of Pinellas Park “Country in the Park”; virtually attended two (2) Florida League of Cities Monday Morning Legislative Briefing calls; attended and introduced the CERT team to the Seminole Chamber of Commerce; virtually attended the Economic Development Agency workshop on Hurricane Ian recovery; attended the Memorial Service for former Councilor John Counts; attended the Seminole Recreation Teen Board's Community Yard Sale; attended the ribbon cutting for Revive In Time CPR and attended the St. Petersburg College Annual Donors and Scholar Appreciation Luncheon.

Councilor Burke – Councilor Burke attended the Forward Pinellas Board Meeting.

Vice Mayor Edelman – Vice Mayor Edelman virtually attended the Florida League of Cities Monday Morning Legislative Briefing.

Councilor Olliver – Councilor Olliver attended the PSTA Planning Committee meeting; attended the ribbon cutting for Revive In Time CPR; virtually attended the Florida League of Cities Monday Morning Legislative Briefing; attended the Memorial Service for former Councilor John Counts; met with Pinellas County Commissioner Renee Flowers.

Councilor Quinn – Councilor Quinn attended the Memorial Service for former Councilor John Counts; attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Dogwood Circle, where the Mayor presented a Proclamation.

Councilor Springer – Councilor Springer attended the Suncoast League of Cities meeting; attended the Seminole Recreation Teen Board’s Community Yard Sale; virtually attended the Florida League of Cities Monday Morning Legislative Briefing;

Mayor Waters – Mayor Waters attended the Seminole Library’s West African Harp Kora Concert; attended the family reunion of the Campbell Family; was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Seminole; volunteered at the Interfaith Food Pantry; attended the Memorial Service of former Councilor John Counts; attended the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Recognition Breakfast; attended the Seminole Recreation Teen Board’s Community Yard Sale; attended and presented a Proclamation at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Dogwood Circle.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Toney-Deal yielded to the City Attorney to give his report. City Attorney Daigneault reported back to Councilors in reference to their question at the last Council meeting regarding the status of Section 553.899 of the *Florida Statutes* which requires condominiums and co-ops of certain ages to have “Milestone Inspections.” He stated that the City has completed its obligation and currently there is no further action to take.

A. CITY MANAGER’S APPOINTMENT OF A CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO SERVE AS ACTING CITY MANAGER DURING TEMPORARY ABSENCE OR DISABILITY.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the *City Charter* provides for the City Manager to designate an “acting” City Manager in her/his absence. City Manager Toney-Deal recommended Human Resources Director Erica Ottmann.

Motion made by Councilor Burke, seconded by Councilor Springer to approve City Manager’s request to appoint Human Resources Director, Erica Ottmann to serve as “Acting City Manager” in accordance with *City Charter*, Section 5.03.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she, and Recreation Director Becky Gunter, were guests at a meeting between Councilor Olliver and Pinellas County Commissioner Renee Flowers.

City Manager Toney-Deal asked that Council consider excusing Councilor Burke's absence, from the March 14, 2023, City Council Meeting. Mayor Waters asked for a show of hands for all that were in favor of excusing Councilor Burke. All in Favor, absence was excused.

City Manager Toney-Deal gave an update on Legislative Action Days which will be in Tallahassee from April 2, 2023, through April 5, 2023.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Burke asked if the City could reach out to DOT to see if a green arrow bulb could be installed at the Park Boulevard and Seminole Boulevard turn lane.

Councilor Burke advised Council to be careful how they word issues when speaking with the Pinellas County Commissioners, as they are not representing the whole Council when conversing with them.

Councilor Burke inquired that with the passing of former Councilor John Counts, who also most recently served on the Pension Board, whether we are currently seeking someone to fill that vacancy.

Councilor Burke thanked Seminole Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Randi Nash-Ortiz for regularly attending the Council meetings.

Mayor Waters congratulated Sharon Spohn for being recognized at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Recognition Breakfast.

Mayor Waters announced that Joe Mingione worked at Freedom Square many years ago and has returned as the Executive Director. Mayor Waters would like to invite him to Council.

Councilor Edelman asked for an update on the Canterbury Chase annexation attempt. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that Mr. Shaw has met with the Community Development Director and the City Manager and they are in the process of reviewing and analyzing the paperwork of the owners' petitions.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Waters announced that the Pinellas County Sheriff sponsors a Citizens Academy, and she highly recommends it; applications are currently being accepted.

Councilor Quinn stated that the Wells Fargo bank on Seminole Boulevard has a Seminole mural on the wall, and it will be moving to the Seminole City Center. He asked that maybe it can be transferred to the Seminole Historical Society when the bank moves. City Manager Toney-Deal suggested that the Seminole Historical Society to get in touch with the bank.

Councilor Burke inquired if the AED batteries are regularly checked. Interim Fire Chief Morelli stated that the batteries are checked monthly.

Councilor Burke stated that he recently has noticed that the Amazon delivery trucks are quite frequently parked illegally to make deliveries. Deputy Siem stated that is currently being addressed and if you encounter it, you can call the Sheriff's Office on the non-emergency number.

Councilor Edelman inquired about whether the Fire Station 31 situation has been addressed. City Manager Toney Deal stated that the gear has been moved to a temporary location at the station and the City is in the process of working with an architect to design a permanent are to be constructed as a permanent solution.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Date Approved: 4-11-2023

Ann Marie Mancuso
Minutes prepared by City Clerk
Ann Marie Mancuso, CMC

Leslie Waters
Leslie Waters, Mayor