

**BUSINESS MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
April 25, 2023**

The Business Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, April 25, 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 Thom Barnhorn 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. GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING.

City Manager Toney-Deal recognized the City Council for the City's receipt of the Finance Department with the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award. The award was presented to Finance Director Allison Broihier.

B. ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION.

Vice Mayor Edelman recognized the Public Works Department with an Arbor Day Proclamation, which was presented to Public Works Director Rodney Due.

C. MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK PROCLAMATION.

City Manager Toney-Deal presented City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso with a Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation.

D. SEMINOLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY REPORT.

The Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Randi Nash-Ortiz presented the Chamber's quarterly report.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ray Beliveau – 10286 – 118th Street North, Seminole. Mr. Beliveau spoke about the City's Strategic Planning.

Jim Helinger – 9037 Baywood Park Drive, Seminole. Mr. Helinger stated that he had concerns about the dip in the center of the road on Burning Tree Drive, north of Pinehurst, in the Seminole Lakes Country Club Estates.

Barbara Salazar – 9064 Baywood Park Drive, Seminole. Ms. Salazar spoke about the stormwater drainage in the Seminole Lakes Country Club Estates, the Lakes and Ponds Education Day at the Pinellas County Extension on Ulmerton Road on May 6, 2023, and the road condition on Burning Tree Road of Seminole Lakes Country Club Estates.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 11, 2023.

B. CONSIDER A FULL LIEN RELEASE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10824 VALENCIA AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,500.

C. CONSIDER A FULL LIEN RELEASE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11756 SAREE COURT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,250.

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

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. RESOLUTION NO. 02-2023: BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

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

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that when a discussion came up about requirements of being appointed to Board and Committees, it was realized that over the years, updates to the Resolution have been implemented; however, it did not state that the new updates superseded all prior Resolutions. Also, two (2) changes were proposed to be made to the Resolution:

1. Vacancies are no longer required to be advertised in a newspaper; they shall be advertised on the City's website, with the City's discretion of a newspaper advertisement.

2. All applications shall be submitted to the City Clerk instead of the Department Director,

and the City Clerk shall forward them to City Council. At a City Council meeting, the Councilors, by a majority vote, shall select the applicant(s) whom they would like to interview. The City Council may then select the new board/committee member.

Motion made by Councilor Olliver, seconded by Vice Mayor Edelman to approve Resolution No. 02-2023 to become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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. COMMIT AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,241,055.02

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the list of projects was detailed in the agenda memorandum, and are as follows: City parks, equipment replacement, pavement management, stormwater management, Master Plan for stormwater, and Waterfront Park Development. Also listed in the memorandum was the appropriation amount received, along with the amount Council approved for period one, along with the amount requested for period two, and the ARPA balance.

Motion made by Councilor Springer, seconded by Councilor Barnhorn to commit American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant funds in the amount of \$1,241,055.02.

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.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Barnhorn – Councilor Barnhorn attended the groundbreaking for Valor Preserve; participated in a conference call with the Florida League of Cities; attended a zoom meeting with the National League of Cities; attended a baby shower for the City’s IT Specialist Eddie Mui; attended and read names for the Day of Remembrance at the Holocaust Museum; attended the Seminole Art in the Park; attended the American Legion 27th Annual Gong show; and participated in the honor flight ceremony at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport.

Councilor Burke – Councilor Burke attended the groundbreaking for Valor Preserve.

Vice Mayor Edelman – Vice Mayor Edelman attended the groundbreaking for Valor Preserve, and participated in the Florida League of Cities Monday morning briefings.

Councilor Olliver – Councilor Olliver attended the groundbreaking for Valor Preserve; attended the monthly Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Planning Committee Meeting; attended and read names for the Day of Remembrance at the Holocaust Museum; attended the Seminole Art in the Park; participated in the Florida League of Cities Monday morning briefings, and completed module two of the Florida League of Cities Advocacy Academy Program.

Councilor Quinn – No report.

Councilor Springer – Councilor Springer announced that there will be a Suncoast League of Cities meeting on Friday, April 28, 2023, at the Largo Community Center.

Mayor Waters – Mayor Waters attended the groundbreaking for Valor Preserve; attended the Seminole Art in the Park; read names for the Day of Remembrance at the Holocaust Museum, and volunteered at the Interfaith Food Pantry.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT

A. FORWARD PINELLAS REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN.

City Manager Toney-Deal deferred to Councilor Burke to explain the proposed reapportionment plan, as he serves on the Forward Pinellas Board. Councilor Burke stated that every ten years, Forward Pinellas reviews the reapportionment of the citizens of Pinellas County and of the representatives on the Forward Pinellas Board. Whit Blanton of Forward Pinellas and his staff completed the reapportionment analysis and presented it to the Forward Pinellas Board. The City of Dunedin contested it and it was re-evaluated and then once again presented to the Board for a vote with Dunedin changed from a dual seat to a single seat, and the Board approved it. Tarpon Springs contested said decision after the approved vote. It is now in a state of flux until it is decided which cities are teamed up and which cities get a single seat. It will be re-examined by Whit Blanton and staff and go before the Forward Pinellas Board for a vote in July.

B. FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES E. HARRIS DREW MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

City Manager Toney-Deal announced that the applications are now available for the E. Harris Drew Municipal Lifetime Achievement Award. It requires two (2) elected officials to nominate another elected official.

C. UPDATE ON PINELLAS COUNTY LIFT STATION ON PARK BOULEVARD, IN FRONT OF HOME DEPOT.

City Manager Toney-Deal introduced Deputy Utilities Director of Pinellas County, Hillary Weber, and Engineering Section Manager, Tom Menke, of the Pinellas County Utilities Department to give a brief update about the Lift Station. Ms. Weber stated that a CIP project rebuild of the pump station is currently slated to be complete by 2027. Mr. Menke clarified that the odor issue will be rectified much sooner than that, Ms. Weber was just giving a long-term overview. The air odor control filtration system is out of order and should be rectified once a supply shipment is received.

Discussion ensued and Council expressed concern and disappointment over the completion date. Ms. Weber and Mr. Menke stated that with the new filtration system and more frequent monitoring, they are hopeful that it will resolve the issue.

Mayor Waters concluded the discussion by asking that Ms. Weber and Mr. Menke touch base with City Manager Toney-Deal in a couple of months to give her an update on this project.

City Manager Toney-Deal distributed the draft application for grants for non-profit organizations. She asked Council to review and approve so that it can be sent to the organizations that have already received grants this year, and to any others that have inquired, and it will also be posted on the City's website. At the budget workshop, Council will decide on the grant allocations.

City Manager Toney-Deal attended the Seminole Art in the Park and Friday's Chalk Walk. She thanked Dwayne and Kacy for their hard work during the events.

City Manager Toney-Deal gave a brief Legislative update.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Springer expressed concern about the Community Rating System Discount for flood insurance. She stated that it has an effect on discounts for flood insurance for City residents. She stated that Seminole does not currently participate in the program and she is asking the City Manager to review.

Motion made by Councilor Springer, seconded by Councilor Olliver to have the City Manager review on how to proceed for the City of Seminole to be included in the Community Rating System Discount.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilor Burke inquired about the fire inspection for the Clear Sky restaurant that a resident spoke about under public comment at an earlier Council meeting. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the situation had been rectified and that it was a confusion on which permit was outstanding.

Councilor Burke had received an inquiry from a resident and wanted to know if recycling was an option through Waste Pro. City Manager Toney-Deal advised him that Waste Pro does provide recycling containers/services to residents as part of a single-family homeowners' waste collection fees.

Mayor Waters called a recess at 8:10 p.m. due to a health emergency. The meeting was reconvened at 8:24 p.m.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

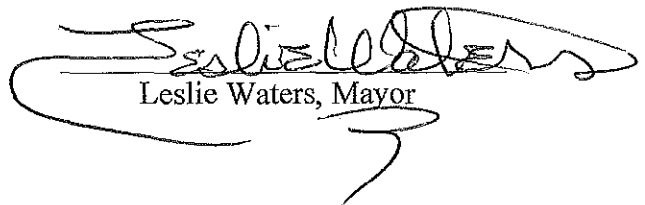
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilor Barnhorn to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Date Approved: April 11, 2023

Ann Marie Mancuso

Minutes prepared by City Clerk
Ann Marie Mancuso, CMC


Leslie Waters, Mayor