

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
February 11, 2025**

The Business Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 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.

Mayor Leslie Waters provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Mayor Leslie Waters, Vice Mayor Chris Burke, Councilor Thom Barnhorn, Councilor Ray Beliveau (virtual attendance by telephone), Councilor Jim Quinn, Councilor Al Shields, Councilor Trish Springer, City Manager Ann Toney-Deal, City Attorney Jay Daigneault and City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Against Animals (SPCA) Grant Presentation.
Councilor Al Shields recognized the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Against Animals (SPCA) with a \$1,000 donation which was presented to Executive Director, Martha Boden.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Business Meeting Minutes: January 28, 2025.
B. City of Seminole co-Sponsorship of Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce Seminole Stampede 5k Race and the Annual Kids Appreciation Day.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Barnhorn to approve items A. and B. of the Consent Agenda.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Public Hearing, Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 02-2025: Amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY 2025) Budget.

City Clerk Mancuso read Ordinance No. 02-2025 by title only.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that Council approved this Ordinance on first reading, at the January 28, 2025, City Council Meeting. There have been no changes to this Ordinance since the First Reading.

Mayor Waters opened the Public Hearing.

Receiving no comments from the Public, Mayor Waters closed the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve Ordinance No. 02-2025, amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY 2025) budget on second and final reading.

Roll Call

Mayor Waters	AYE
Vice Mayor Burke	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Beliveau	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Shields	AYE
Councilor Springer	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. City of Seminole Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Helene Extensions No. 21 & No. 22.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that for both items 3.B. and 3.C. projects continue and until all are complete, the Proclamations of Emergencies need to be extended.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Shields to approve the seven (7) day extensions for the Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Helene, Extension No. 21 through February 25, 2025, and Extension No. 22 through March 4, 2025.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. City of Seminole Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Milton Extensions No. 19 & No. 20.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she had the same comments as what was shared for item 3.B.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Shields to approve the seven (7) day extensions for the Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Milton, Extensions No. 19 through February 24, 2025, and Extension No. 20 through March 3, 2025.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CITY MANAGER REPORT

A. Community Policing Report.

Community Policing Officer, Deputy Peter Papas, stated that he attended the Annual Seminole Fire Rescue Open House. He stated that he will be working the Annual Pow Wow Festival in March.

B. Set Date for Executive Session for Union Contract Negotiations Before Second Meeting in February.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the City is in contract negotiations with the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 2896, and she would like to set a date for Council to have an Executive Session and discuss the negotiations.

It was the consensus of Council to meet on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

C. Tree City USA.

City Manager Toney-Deal announced the City of Seminole has once again been designated as a "Tree City USA."

D. Family Fun Night on February 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Seminole City Park.

City Manager Toney-Deal reminded Council that Family Fun Night is scheduled for February 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Seminole City Park.

City Manager Toney-Deal also requested Council's approval for use of the Council Office by our Senior Accountant, Sandy Scott, to complete the FEMA paperwork for Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton, before her retirement on April 4, 2025.

It was the consensus of the Council to give approval for use of the Council Office until April 4, 2024.

City Manager Toney-Deal also announced that there is a state mandated cybersecurity training requirement for all municipal employees as well as elected officials. The City is offering an in-person training on Friday, February 28, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Parkview Room to comply with this *State Statute*. If anyone is unable to attend this in-person training, they can complete a self-paced online training as an alternative.

City Manager Toney-Deal also reminded Council of the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Friday, February 28, 2025.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Springer asked the City Manager about a complaint concerning speeding on 86th Avenue. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that speed feedback devices are scheduled to be set up for two (2) weeks to determine if there is a speeding issue and to determine the best time to set up speed enforcement on that road.

Vice Mayor Burke stated that the Lift Station on Park Boulevard is still emitting an odor. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she sent the County's response for remediation to the City's Public Works Director and he is currently reviewing it.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Shields thanked the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for setting up enforcement for traffic and speeding at Seminole Lake Country Club.

Mayor Waters announced that the Seminole Historical Society will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary.

Mayor Waters announced that Dr. Jane Lucas, Principal of Seminole High School has been promoted to a position within the School District Office and will no longer be Principal.

Mayor Waters announced that Forward Pinellas is planning to install a bus lane on Seminole Boulevard and has proposed land re-development plans for Seminole Boulevard.

Mayor Waters also announced that State Representative Berny Jacques has a new Legislative Aide by the name of Ben Roy. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that Representative Jacques replied to the City's request for appropriations for the new Recreation Center and Representative Jacques has advised that he cannot sponsor the City's request this year. Mayor Waters recommended reaching out to Senator Nick DiCeglie.

Mayor Waters also announced that the Greek Village Restaurant is now in a new location on Indian Rocks Road and its new name is Greek Village Café.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Date Approved: February 25, 2025

Ann Marie Mancuso

Minutes prepared by City Clerk
Ann Marie Mancuso, CMC

Leslie Waters

Leslie Waters, Mayor