

**ANNUAL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL  
SEMINOLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
April 20, 2013**

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The Annual Workshop of the Seminole City Council was held on Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. – Noon in the Seminole Community Library at 9200 – 113TH Street North – Library Program Room A & B, Seminole, Florida 33772.

Present were: Councilor John Counts; Vice Mayor Thomas Barnhorn; Councilor Patricia Plantamura; Councilor James Quinn; Councilor Bob Matthews; Mayor Leslie Waters; City Attorney John Elias; City Manager Frank Edmunds and City Clerk Rose Benoit; Fire Chief George Bessler; Administration Director Harry Kyne; Community Development Director Mark Ely; Library Director Michael Bryan and Public Works Director Jeremy Hockenbury.

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**SESSION ONE: 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE CITY.**

- **FY 2013 Audit**
  - Summary of Funds
  - Unreserved Fund Balance
  - Emergency Preparedness Fund
  - Debt Service
- Penny Fund Projections
- Current FY 2013 Budget

**BRIEFING BY CITY ATTORNEY JOHN ELIAS**

- Special Legal Counsel
- The Sunshine Law, F.S. 112 – Public Records

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE PROVIDED BY DIRECTOR, MARK ELY**

- Projects Update/*Updated: April 16, 2013*
  - PROJECT STATUS
  - Building Projects
  - Community Building
  - Fire Station No. 30
  - Waterfront Park
  - Fire Station No. 32

**SESSION TWO: 9:30 a.m. to Completion**  
**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

• Five Year Goals

1. Group discussion on Community Building. It is a multi-use facility with an array of solar panels /ideas on community involvement. \*
2. Branding Initiative – unique to the City of Seminole. Perhaps the word limitless may be incorporated.
3. Seminole's Citizen's Academy. \*
4. Public Forum on Seminole Preparedness.
5. Increase the number of solar products used throughout the city/provide education; research financing programs. \*
6. Create Ordinances; Dog Dinning Friendly and Panhandling.
7. Form a Rapid Response (ad-hoc rapid response) Committee for citizens.
8. Commerce – re-population of storefronts.
9. Creation of an interactive city website. \*
10. Start an Annual Founders Day Picnic.
11. Creation of a "Senior Wellness Check/Assistance" Program.
12. Creation of electronic communication system to better serve our citizens.
13. Site Plan Landscaping Limitations fees for landscape permits.
14. Come up with ways to attract education organizations.
15. Waterfront Park – integrate a variety of active and/or passive usage. Example athletic field.
16. Explore a limitless designed playground for Waterfront park.
17. Expansion of the Tree Committee to include a subcommittee; Beautification Committee.
18. Ideas for public space usage – for example a community garden.
19. Program to actively pursue annexations. \*
20. Recycling.
21. Set aside monies for road resurfacing.
22. Improvements to the Recreation Center entrance.

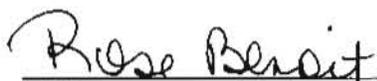
**\* COUNCIL PRIORITY GOALS.**

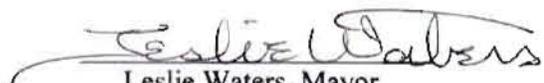
**DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE NOT DISCUSSED:**

- Community Branding
- Technology
  - Web Page
  - Social Media
- Fire Department
  - Resource Analysis
- Open Discussion

**ADJOURNMENT TIME: 12:00 P.M.:**

Date Approved: May 14, 2013

  
Minutes prepared by Rose Benoit, City Clerk

  
Leslie Waters, Mayor