

**WORKSHOP MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL
9199 – 113TH STREET N
SEMINOLE, FL 33772
July 10, 2013**

Present were: Vice Mayor Thomas Barnhorn; Councilor Christopher Burke; 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. Councilor John Counts was not present.

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE PROPOSED FY14 OPERATING BUDGET

City Manager Edmunds and Director Kyne reviewed the proposed FY14 Operating budget with the City Council. The review was by section with questions invited by the City Manager.

OVERVIEW OF THE FY2014 BUDGET LISTED BELOW:

- Proposed budget total for FY 2014 is \$14,646,868.
- FY2014 proposed budget is \$556,828,000 less than the current FY13 approved budget.
- FY 2014 does not provide for expansion of existing programs.
- FY2014 proposed budget does maintain the current millage rate.
- FY2014 proposed budget does not require an increase in service fees.
- The FY2014 proposed budget is \$50,000 for the Tax Stabilization fund. This money is put aside in the event it is needed to balance the budget.
- The FY2014 proposed budget does provide for a 2-2.5% merit raise for employees who perform in accordance to the city's requirements. It does not include COLA.
- The FY2014 proposed budget provides for a 2.5% step increase for the unionized firefighters.

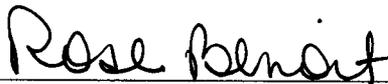
CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL ON THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS:

- Consideration for modification to the hours of operation of the Seminole Library due to the reduction of \$40,000 to the Library Co-op.
- Consider reviewing the travel policy and procedure at a later workshop. Council requested the creation of a form that each Councilor will need to complete after attending a conference. The form should include a section where the individual will provide the benefits to the city and the cost of the event.

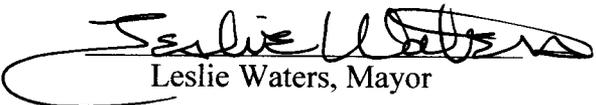
- Mayor Waters asked for council to consider including under the “Aids to Organization-8200” account, membership dues to the Largo Chamber of Commerce. Consensus was to add \$315.00 to Legislative “Dues and Memberships -5430” account and reduce the Legislative “Misc. section” of the Aids to Organization account by \$315.00. In addition, at the end of the FY2014, re-evaluate the benefits of membership to the Largo Chamber of Commerce. Council consensus approved the modification.
- Chamber of Commerce grant; Council consensus is for City Manager Edmunds to request from the Seminole Chamber officials a quarterly detailed accountability report on the Business Assistance Partnership grant. No modification to the grant.
- No modifications to the other items in the Aid to Organization – 8200 account.

2. **ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:55 PM**

Date Approved: **July 23, 2013**



Minutes prepared by City Clerk Rose Benoit



Leslie Waters, Mayor