

**BUSINESS MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
September 11, 2013**

The Business Meeting of Seminole City Council was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., in City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 - 113th Street North, Seminole, Florida.

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilor Plantamura provided the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pauline Crilly, 9901-119th Way, Seminole, FL., Lake Seminole, Estates, would like council to consider approving Amendment 11. The amendment was voted in November and did pass in the State of Florida with an effective date of January 2013. Ms. Crilly provided a review of Amendment 11. She asked if she would be notified when this item is approved or disapproved by council. City Manager Edmunds stated that a workshop would be established, council would discuss this item and then he would provide Ms. Crilly written notification of council action.

George Bessler, 9152 124 Way N, Seminole, FL., Lake Seminole Estates, informed that he had the privilege of attending the Bay-wide 911 Remembrance at the Coliseum. He encouraged council to attend next year's event. He said he was proud to say that the Seminole Firefighters performed admirably at a recent fire alarm incident at his home. He hopes the Seminole firefighters continue to receive council support.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES ON AUGUST 27, 2013.

Motion made by Councilor Burke seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve workshop business meeting minutes on August 27, 2013.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES ON AUGUST 27, 2013.

Motion made by Councilor Quinn seconded by Councilor Burke to approve business meeting minutes on August 27, 2013.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES II ON AUGUST 27, 2013.

Motion made by Councilor Matthews seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve workshop meeting minutes on August 27, 2013.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 08-2013 REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MILLAGE RATE OF 2.4793 MILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014.

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 08-2013 in its entirety. Mayor Waters recognize City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained that this action is necessary to establish the millage rate for Fiscal Year 2014. Administration Director, Harry Kyne provided a brief presentation. Mayor Waters opened the Public Hearing. Receiving no Public Comments, the Public Hearing was closed. Motion made by Councilor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Matthews to approve Ordinance No. 08-2013 on first reading establishing the Fiscal Year 2014 Millage Rate of 2.4793 mills for the City of Seminole; which is a 2.7% increase over the rolled back rate of 2.4142.

Roll Call

Councilor Counts	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 09-2013 APPROVING THE GENERAL OPERATING, SPECIAL EVENTS, DEBT SERVICE AND TREE/LANDSCAPE MITIGATION FUND BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014.

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 09-2013 by title only. Mayor Waters recognize City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained that this is the first step in adopting the Fiscal Year 2014 operating budget as well as other special funds. Administration Director, Harry Kyne provided a brief presentation. Mayor Waters opened the Public Hearing. Receiving no Public Comments, the Public Hearing was closed. Motion made by Councilor Burke, seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve Ordinance No. 09-2013 on first reading approving the Fiscal Year 2014 General Fund budget of \$14,646,868, the Special Events Fund budget of \$93,755, the Debt Service Fund of \$713, 660 and the Tree/Landscape Mitigation Fund Budget of \$50,000 for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014.

Roll Call

Councilor Counts	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH PINELLAS COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES.

Mayor Waters recognize City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained that in recent years, this item was an annual contract. Prior, this contract was a multi-year contract with Pinellas County providing fire suppression and related services to cities. From a service delivery perspective, there is no change in the contract. Compensation to the cities is based on assessed property values within the district. Motion made by Councilor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Matthews to authorize the City Manager to execute a one year extension to the current Fire Protection Services Agreement with the Pinellas County Fire Protection Authority.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Counts indicated he did not have a report.

Councilor Burke indicated he did not have a report.

Councilor Plantamura provided a thorough 2013 Annual Florida League of Cities Conference report.

Councilor Quinn stated that during his recent road trip from Florida to New England, New Hampshire and Ohio, every state he drove in had ongoing highway repairs. A lot of people working – many shovel ready projects.

Councilor Matthews stated that there is a 112 pages power point available on demographics on the Florida League of Cities website. He said he secured a copy of a presentation on The Art of Listening and will provide the copy to those interested.

Mayor Waters attended a Ribbon Cutting and celebration at Big Lots on Starkey; Fire Chief George Bessler's retirement party at Station #29; 31 years with the City of Seminole, the monthly Pinellas County Mayor's Council, the 2013-2014 organizational meeting of the Florida League of Mayors Board of Directors, Orlando. She visited local businesses (6) – Sunshine Health Foods, Hungry Howie's, Bill Hengren Insurance Agency, Metro PCS, In Fashion Nail Design and Callista Harrison, Massage Therapist and on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, in recognition of 9-11, waved American flags with residents of Freedom Square out on Johnson Blvd.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

- Community policing report provided by Deputy DiFrancesco.
- Kiwanis use of city lot from Nov 18th – Dec 16th for the sale of Christmas Trees.
- Veteran's Administration Hospital's Mass Casualty Drill scheduled for September 25, 2013.
- Seminole Rotary Club's Brewfest event on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at City Park from 11a.m. - 6pm.
- Music in the Park on Friday, September 13, 2013.
- St. Petersburg College/Seminole Campus - request to conduct a City Council business meeting at their tiered classroom/mock city hall (LI-270). The meeting would be webcast only.
- Inquired if council had an interest in adopting a resolution on the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Action taken by Congress.
- Informed that Fab entry devices were distributed to each council member.

There was council consensus for holding a remote council business meeting at the Petersburg College/Seminole Campus - tiered classroom/mock city hall (LI-270). Date TBA.

There was council consensus to the drafting of a resolution on the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Action taken by Congress for discussion at a future council workshop.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Waters' reminders/news:

- Flood Insurance Forum at St. Petersburg College/Seminole Campus on September 25. If interested in attending, please rsvp to Doug at 360-6957.
- The Friends of the Seminole Community Library September Newsletter is available.
- Teen Lock-In at the Recreation Center from 8 p.m.-8 a.m. on Friday, September 13, 2013.

Councilor Plantamura announced that St.Petersburg College/Seminole Campus – Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions will hold another Village Square event on the Topic of Immigration Reform on Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 6-8:15pm. Cost is \$30.00.

Councilor Matthews encouraged council to consider the use of IPADs. He has one and would like to share with council, at a future workshop, the capabilities and usefulness of having an IPAD.

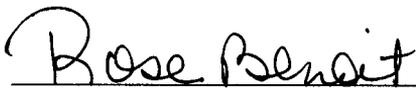
Councilor Burke commented that felons, in the state of Florida, can petition to have their voting rights restored and he requested a moment of silence in remembering those whose lives were lost in 9/11.

10. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Councilor Burke, seconded by Councilor Matthews to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Date Approved: **September 24, 2013**



Minutes prepared by Rose Benoit, City Clerk



Thomas Barnhorn, Vice Mayor