

REVISED 7-24-14

**BUSINESS MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
July 8, 2014**

The Business Meeting of Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 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. Vice Mayor Barnhorn provided the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Councilor John Counts; Vice Mayor Thomas Barnhorn; Mayor Leslie Waters; Councilor Christopher Burke; Councilor Patricia Plantamura; Councilor James Quinn; Councilor Bob Matthews; City Attorney John Elias; Director of Administration Harry Kyne and City Clerk Rose Benoit. City Manager Frank Edmunds was not present.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- Orange Grove Elementary Adopt-a-Class rescheduled for the July 22nd Business Meeting.
- Presentation of helmets made by Firemedic Jeremy Newton and Lieutenant Michael Lathrop of the IAFF Local No. 2896 to Councilor Burke and Councilor Quinn for their participation in the Fire Ops 101 Course held on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at the St. Petersburg College Fire Training Center.
- Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation presented to Recreation Director Gunter by Councilor Counts.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gisela Laubitz, 1432 Durling Drive, South Pasadena, FL 33707, spoke against Greenlight Pinellas.

Eleanor White, 7701 Starkey Road, Seminole, FL 33777, suggested that council consider all the ramifications to the citizens before making the decision to support Resolution No. 03-2014.

Pete Franco, 7300 Sun Island Drive S. #1604, South Pasadena, FL 33707, strongly suggested that council create a neutral resolution or a resolution opposing Greenlight Pinellas.

Linda Green, 1862 54 Avenue N, St. Petersburg, FL 33714, respectfully requested that council maintain neutral on Greenlight Pinellas so that the voters can make their decision in November.

Fred Kiehl, 14130 Rosemary Lane, Apt. #6112, Largo, FL 33774, encourages council to maintain neutral on the issue of Greenlight Pinellas.

Barbara Haselden, 1043 31st. Terrace, N.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33704, opposes the attempt of PSTA to short circuit the democratic process by visiting the 26 cities in Pinellas County and asking for cities' endorsements. She is asking council to let the process fold out on its own.

Kathy Sorensen, 1 Key Capri #603E, Treasure Island, FL 33706, expressed concern on the tax increase presented by Greenlight Pinellas to the citizens.

Nancy Davis, 12344 82 Avenue N. Seminole, FL 33772, expressed concern on the 8% tax. She believes the one cent tax increase over a ten year period will place us in a very economic fragile situation.

Jonathan Chambers, 2176 ½ Bay Street SE, St. Petersburg, FL 33705, supports all the comments previously expressed. He finds it very disingenuous that PSTA is trying to utilize support from the various city councils around the county. He indicated that PSTA is mandated to educate the public. He believes PSTA has continually averted efforts of citizens that are against Greenlight Pinellas to be involved in discussions.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2014.**

Motion made by Councilor Quinn seconded by Councilor Burke to approve business meeting minutes on June 24, 2014.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Workshop Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2014 are not available at this time.

3. **CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO 04-2014 FINDING A PUBLIC PURPOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SEMINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

City Clerk Benoit read Resolution No. 04-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized Director Kyne. Director Kyne explained that prior to dedicating space in the new community center, it is required that a public purpose be defined. Motion made by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, seconded by Councilor Burke to approve Resolution No. 04-2014 finding a public purpose associated with the Seminole Historical Society occupancy of the Community Center/Historical Society building project.

Roll Call

Councilor Counts	AYE
Vice Mayor Barnhorn	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. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEMINOLE AND SEMINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Mayor Waters recognized Director Kyne. Director Kyne explained that a letter of understanding is required to establish the responsibilities of the Seminole Historical Society. Motion made by Councilor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Burke to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Seminole and the Seminole Historical Society and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Roll Call

Councilor Counts	AYE
Vice Mayor Barnhorn	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 RESOLUTION NO. 03-2014 IN SUPPORT OF THE GREENLIGHT PINELLAS PLAN DESIGNED TO IMPROVE COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

City Clerk Benoit read Resolution No. 03-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized Director Kyne. Director Kyne explained that at the meeting of June 24, 2014, the city council passed a motion directing city administration to prepare a resolution in support of the Greenlight program. Motion made by Councilor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Plantamura to approve Resolution No. 03-2014 in support of the Greenlight Pinellas program.

Roll Call

Councilor Counts	NAY
Vice Mayor Barnhorn	NAY
Councilor Burke	NAY
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	NAY
Mayor Waters	NAY

MOTION FAILED. VOTE: NAYS - 5, AYES - 2.

6. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTH STAR INC. AND APPROVE CIP FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000.00 FOR THE CITY BRANDING PROJECT.**

Mayor Waters recognized Director Kyne. Director Kyne stated that council had some questions on the agreement. He invited Director Ely to make a brief statement. Motion made by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, seconded by Councilor Matthews to enter into an agreement with North Star Inc. and approve an expenditure not to exceed \$65,000.00 for the City Branding project.

Director Ely and City Planner Norsoph answered council questions.

Motion made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Councilor Burke to table this item until additional information is provided.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. **CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF MS. ANDREA SIERADZKI TO A TWO YEAR TERM TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD.**

Mayor Waters recognized Director Kyne. Director Kyne stated that Andrea Sieradzki is an active member, served as chairperson and is very interested in continuing her service. Motion made by Councilor Burke, seconded by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to approve the re-appointment of Andrea Sieradzki to a two-year term to the Library Advisory Board, from 7/27/14 to 7/27/16.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WITH THE PINELLAS COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS.**

Mayor Waters recognized Director Kyne. Director Kyne explained that the Supervisor of Elections is in charge of the election and will provide assistance as detailed in the attached contract. Motion made by Councilor Burke, seconded by Councilor Quinn to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for conducting the Seminole Municipal Election November 4, 2014 with the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilor Counts indicated he did not have a report.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn attended the grand opening of Zounds Hearing store, joined other council members and staff on a tour of the Bay Pines Project and visited the construction site at the former city hall. He informed that he received notice of his appointment to the FLC Resolution committee.

Councilor Burke attended the tour of the Bay Pines Project.

Councilor Plantamura indicated she did not have a report.

Councilor Quinn attended the ground breaking for the new medical building at the corner of Park Blvd and Park street, took the tour of the Bay Pines Project, participated in the 10th annual Tri if you Dare Triathlon and visited the construction site at the former city hall.

Councilor Matthews announced the Walmart grand opening scheduled for Wednesday, July 16 at 7:30 a.m.

Mayor Waters submitted her report to City Clerk Benoit.

**10. CITY MANAGER REPORTS PROVIDED BY ACTING CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR HARRY KYNE:**

- A workshop is scheduled for the business meeting on July 22nd on the process to fill City Manager vacancy.
- Community policing provided by Deputy Tom Festa.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

Councilor Quinn referred to a letter sent to City Manager Edmunds on June 15, 2014 informing City Manager Edmunds of his reappointment to the Public Policy and Administration Advisory Committee at St. Petersburg College.

Councilor Quinn referred to a letter in the Seminole Beacon from former council member Pete Hofstra on City Manager Edmunds' resignation.

Mayor Waters referred to the City Manager's performance evaluation. She indicated that it is a council obligation to submit a performance evaluation every year. She indicated that only six councilors submitted an evaluation. Mayor Waters proceeded to read the scores submitted.

Councilor Plantamura indicated that she did submit the first page of her evaluation and is awaiting answers to three different letters and questions within. She indicated she will complete the evaluation after she has answers to her questions.

Discussions regarding the City Clerk's evaluation ensued. Clarification of procedure for the City Clerk's evaluation was provided by Vice Mayor Barnhorn.

Councilor Matthews indicated that the city manager evaluation policy, for the last eighteen years, has been used and was selected by council.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Matthews stated that the leadership of Seminole, its employees and all of the city council must have the sole purpose of doing what is best for the city of Seminole and its residents. It is his opinion the clerk failed to follow city council policy regarding action minutes for the June 10th council meeting by preparing verbatim minutes. This is cause for his confidence in the clerk to be compromised.

Councilor Burke asked if the City of Seminole has a flag and can it be displayed on the wall of the new Walmart?

Councilor Burke read a statement to censure Councilor Plantamura. Attached is Councilor Burke's statement as provided.

Motion made by Councilor Burke, seconded by Councilor Matthews to censure Councilor Plantamura, and requested that his fellow Council members and the Mayor join him in asking her to cease and desist in frivolous matters mentioned in the attached statement and focus on governing the City of Seminole, or otherwise step down from the Seminole City Council to let us bring decorum and leadership back to our City.

Roll Call

Councilor Counts	AYE
Vice Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	NAY
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

MOTION TO CENSURE COUNCILOR PLANTAMURA PASSED.

VOTE: 6 AYES, 1 NAY.

Motion made by Mayor Waters, seconded by Councilor Matthews to instruct City Manager Frank Edmunds to refer to council any current or future request for information that he deems not in the best interest and/or necessary and/or beneficial to the city. Official public records request, of course, will continue to be handled by the city clerk. Attached is Mayor Waters' motion.

Motion made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Councilor Burke to amend Mayor Waters' motion to include the requirement that those items be brought to council in a public session to be discussed and approved by council if it is necessary for the business of the city.

Roll Call

Councilor Counts	AYE
Vice Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	NAY
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

MOTION TO AMEND MAIN MOTION APPROVED.

VOTE: 6 AYES, 1 NAY.

Mayor Waters called for a vote on the main motion as amended.

Roll Call

Councilor Counts	AYE
Vice Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	NAY
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

MOTION TO APPROVE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED.

VOTE: 6 AYES, 1 NAY.

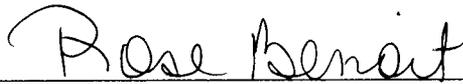
Motion made by Councilor Matthews for a vote of no-confidence for the city clerk. Councilor Matthews withdrew the motion.

13. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mayor Waters, seconded by Councilor Burke to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Date Approved: **August 12, 2014**



Minutes prepared by Rose Benoit, City Clerk



Mayor Leslie Waters