

**BUSINESS MINUTES**  
**SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**July 22, 2014**

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The Business Meeting of Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, July 22, 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 Manager Frank Edmunds and City Clerk Rose Benoit. City Attorney John Elias was not present.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

- Councilor Matthews presented an Adopt-a-Class check for \$250.00 to Dr. Christine Porter, Principal of Orange Grove Elementary.
- Representative Larry Ahern proposed the City of Seminole join him in setting up a committee that will come up with ideas and organize an event honoring past and present veterans.
- Development Director, Dale Johnson and Primerica Group One Inc., President Richard Trzcinski presented a plan to build a modern shopping and recreation center on what is presently known as the Seminole Mall property. The center would be called the "Seminole City Center." A number of questions were asked and extensive discussion ensued.

Council Members agreed on a five minute recess.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Roger Edelman, 8892 Pinehurst Dr Seminole, FL 33777 he is looking forward to what the Seminole City Center will bring to the Seminole community from an economic standpoint.

Maureen Ahern, 9783 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue N., St. Petersburg, FL 33708 indicated that she is a candidate who is running for the Pinellas County School Board.

Mindy Rovillo, 9605 125<sup>th</sup> Street, Seminole, FL 33772, was not present when called.

Dorothy Byrne, 8777 112<sup>th</sup> Street #105, Seminole, FL 33772 requested that council reconsider Resolution No. 03-2014 in support of Greenlight.

Dorothy Phillips, 8333 Seminole Blvd. #416-C, Seminole, FL 33772 withdrew request to speak.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2014.**  
Motion made by Councilor Quinn seconded by Councilor Burke to approve workshop meeting minutes on June 24, 2014.

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES - BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2014.**  
Motion made by Councilor Matthews seconded by Councilor Quinn to table and review for accuracy of the July 8, 2014 business meeting minutes.

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES - BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2014.**  
Motion made by Councilor Matthews seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve budget workshop meeting minutes on July 10, 2014.

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **CITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET AND THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE TRIM NOTICE.**

Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained that City Council is required to establish a public hearing date for the FY15 proposed budget. Motion made by Councilor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Burke to establish Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time of the first Public Hearing to be held in Council Chambers for the proposed FY15 Budget and set a tentative millage rate of 2.4793 for the TRIM notice.

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. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 11-2014 PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 11-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained that every five years the city is required to review the City Charter. The Charter Review Committee met and proposed the existing amendments. Mayor Waters opened the Public Hearing. Receiving no other Public Comments, the Public Hearing was closed. Motion made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve Ordinance No. 11-2014 regarding the proposed City Charter amendments for a second and final reading.

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 PASSED. VOTE: 6 AYES, 1 NAY.**

**5. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 12-2014 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11156 – 102ND AVENUE NORTH.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 12-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained that this item and the next two items are all voluntary annexations. Motion made by Councilor Quinn, seconded by Councilor Burke to approve Ordinance No. 12-2014 on first reading.

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.**

6. **CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 13-2014 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9443 – 86TH AVENUE NORTH.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 13-2014. Motion made by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, seconded by Councilor Matthews to approve Ordinance No. 13-2014 on first reading.

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.**

7. **CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 14-2014 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF A VACANT PARCEL EAST END OF BLOSSOM LAKE DRIVE.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 14-2014. Motion made by Councilor Burke, seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve Ordinance No. 14-2014 on first reading.

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.**

8. **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A PRELIMINARILY APPROVAL OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SEMINOLE GROVES LAND HOLDING LLC.**

Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained that this item is the result of negotiations between the city administration and the ownership of the property. Community Director Ely provided a brief explanation of the agreement. Questions asked were answered by James Marcus Vernon, Esq., representative of the Seminole Groves Holdings LLC. Mayor Waters opened the Public Hearing.

Debra Schmitt, 10710 59 Avenue N., Seminole, FL expressed her concerns regarding water retention, increased traffic, privacy and rodents.

Receiving no other Public Comments, the Public Hearing was closed. Motion made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Councilor Quinn to preliminarily approve the proposed development agreement with Janet Repetto, Sandra Miller, Cindy Repetto, Dennis De Loach Jr. and Seminole Groves Land Holdings LLC, and authorize the establishment of a second public hearing.

Community Director Ely and James Marcus Vernon, Esq., addressed the questions that were raised.

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.**

9. **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 10-2014 REGARDING A FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP CHANGE FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5800 SEMINOLE BLVD.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 10-2014. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained that this action was based on council's tentative approval of Item No. 8. The project will require a future land use change and a zoning change to modify the site regulation from residential/commercial to residential. Mayor Waters opened the Public Hearing.

Stuart W. Speed, 10711 59 Avenue, N., Seminole, FL withdrew his request.

At James Vernon's request, he was sworn in for the quasi-judicial matter.

Council members agreed on a brief recess to retrieve the wording for the quasi-judicial oath.

City Manager Edmunds administered the oath to both Community Development Director Ely and James Marcus Vernon, Esq.

Receiving no other Public Comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion made by Councilor Burke, seconded by Councilor Matthews to approve Ordinance No. 10-2014 on first reading, subject to a development 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.**

**10. CONSIDER A MERIT PAY ADJUSTMENT BASED ON PERFORMANCE IN THE FORM OF A ONE-TIME LUMP SUM FOR THE CITY MANAGER.**

Motion made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve a 10% merit based performance pay adjustment to the City Manager in the form of a one-time lump sum payment.

Council discussion ensued. Councilor Quinn read a list of projects City Manager Edmunds has been involved in.

Motion made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to call for the question to approve a 10% merit based performance pay adjustment to the City Manager in the form of a one-time lump sum payment.

**MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 6 AYES, 1 NAY.**

**11. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilor Counts indicated he did not have a report.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn attended the Walmart Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting event, retirement event for District Chief Rick Koda, social event at Realty Executives Adamo & Associates, the Suncoast League of Cities Planning Retreat and Tampa Bay's Economic Development Council seminar.

Councilor Burke indicated he did not have a report.

Councilor Plantamura indicated she did not have a report.

Councilor Quinn attended the Walmart Grand Opening, a Rotary Club meeting at Freedom Square, the Sun Coast League of Cities Annual Retreat Meeting and the Tampa Bay's Economic Development Council Seminar.

Councilor Matthews reminisced on all City Manager Edmunds has done for the City of Seminole and announced that the Park Blvd bridge will be closed in September for a major renovation.

Mayor Waters submitted her council report to City Clerk Benoit.

**12. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

- August Meetings and Events Schedule.
- Time sensitive correspondence received from Pinellas County Government requesting council consideration to authorize Mayor Waters to sign Resolution No. 06-2014 and enter into a cooperation agreement with Pinellas County for the Community Development Block Grant program for FY 2015-2016 and 2017.

City Manager explained that the City has partnered previously with Pinellas County in the CDBG program. He stated that it allows Pinellas County to have a greater impact county-wide. He respectfully requested council consideration.

Motion made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to approve Resolution No. 06-2014.

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**13. OLD BUSINESS:**

Councilor Plantamura read a statement regarding comments made during the July 8<sup>th</sup> business meeting. **Statement made by Councilor Plantamura is attached.**

Mayor Waters addressed Councilor Plantamura's statement and requested that Attorney Elias address council's parliamentary procedures and asked City Manager Edmunds, if he deems necessary, to bring letters containing Councilor Plantamura's questions before council.

Mayor Waters read a prepared statement regarding "censure of Councilor Plantamura." Mayor Waters read a prepared statement.

Councilor Matthews addressed the allegation made of council members violating the Sunshine Law.

Councilor Burke asked for clarification on who evaluates the City Clerk. Clarification was provided by City Manager Edmunds.

Mayor Waters asked for clarification on who evaluates the City Manager. Clarification was provided by City Manager Edmunds.

**14. NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilor Quinn made reference to an invitation made by the City of Dunedin to attend the upcoming "Purple Heart Recognition Day in Dunedin" on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn commented on statements he made during previous meetings and on a statement in the newspaper indicating some council members had prepared statements before a meeting.

Councilor Counts announced that he will not be running for re-election in November, 2014.

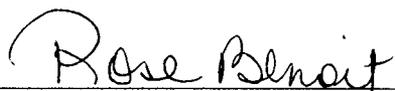
Councilor Burke made a statement clarifying council's position on Greenlight.

**15. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

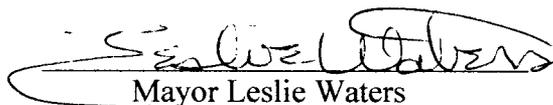
Motion made by Councilor Matthews, seconded by Councilor Quinn to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Date Approved: **August 12, 2014**



Minutes prepared by Rose Benoit, City Clerk



Mayor Leslie Waters