

**BUSINESS MINUTES  
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL  
September 24, 2014**

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The Business Meeting of Seminole City Council was held on Wednesday, September 24, 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. Councilor Burke provided the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

- A plaque from the Florida League of Cities, Inc. was presented by Mayor Waters to Vice Mayor Barnhorn in recognition for his service as a member of the Board of Directors.
- A plaque from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) was presented by Mayor Waters to City Manager Edmunds for his 30 years as an active member of ICMA.
- Mayor Waters introduced Joe Barkley, Vice Mayor of City of Belleair Bluffs and PSTA appointed Board Member. Vice Mayor Barkley appeared before city council seeking support to continue in that role.
- Mayor Waters presented an Adopt-a-Class check for \$250 to Ms. Patty Gaston, Family & Community Liaison at Bauder Elementary School.
- Councilor Jim Quinn presented the Fire Prevention Week Proclamation to Fire Chief Heather Burford and Public Information Officer, Brad Dykens.
- Mayor Waters introduced Deb Saylor, Nursing Director at Largo Medical Center and a nursing student at St. Petersburg College.
- Community Policing Officer Deputy Tom Festa introduced all the deputies that are assigned to patrol within the city limits on a daily basis.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dan Hester, 10241 Citation Court, Seminole, FL 33778, spoke on Resolution No. 07-2014 regarding the Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return program (TNVRP). He is seeking council support by the adoption of Resolution No. 07-2014.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2014.**

Motion made by Councilor Quinn seconded by Councilor Burke to approve business meeting minutes on September 10, 2014.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REVISED WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2014.**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Barnhorn seconded by Councilor Burke to approve revised workshop meeting minutes on September 10, 2014.

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

**3. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 18-2014 REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MILLAGE RATE OF 2.4793 MILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 18-2014 in its entirety. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds requested final consideration and approval from council establishing the FY15 Millage Rate of 2.4793 mills for the City of Seminole. Mayor Waters opened the Public hearing. Receiving no other Public Comments Mayor Waters closed the Public hearing. Motion made by Councilor Quinn seconded by Councilor Burke to approve Ordinance No. 18-2014 on second and final reading establishing the Fiscal Year 2015 Millage Rate of 2.4793 mills for the City of Seminole; which is a 5.23% increase over the rolled back rate of 2.356.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	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. 19-2014 APPROVING THE GENERAL OPERATING, SPECIAL EVENTS, DEBT SERVICE AND TREE/LANDSCAPE MITIGATION FUND BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 19-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds stated the annual appropriation this year is proposed to be \$14,769,552.00 which represents a 4.8% decrease. Mayor Waters opened the Public hearing. Receiving no other Public Comments Mayor Waters closed the Public hearing. Motion made by Councilor Burke seconded by Councilor Matthews to adopt Ordinance No. 19-2014 on second and final reading approving the Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund budget of \$14,769,552.00; the Special Events Fund budget of \$98,647.00; the Debt Service Fund of \$960,082.00 and the Tree/Landscape Mitigation Fund Budget of \$50,000.00 for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

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

**5. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 15-2014 AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS COMPENSATION.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 15-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained the issue was raised during the budget review process with recommendations and requests to adjust the Mayor and Council compensation. Mayor Waters opened the Public hearing. Receiving no other Public Comments Mayor Waters closed the Public hearing. Motion made by Vice Mayor Barnhorn seconded by Councilor Burke to approve Ordinance No. 15-2014 on second and final reading.

Roll Call

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

**MOTION FAILED. VOTE: 2-AYES, 3-NAYS.**

**6. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 16-2014 REGARDING CITY COUNCIL OUT OF STATE TRAVEL.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 16-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained the issue was raised during the budget review process with the request for administration to prepare a policy regarding city council out of state travel. Ordinance No. 16-2014 is consistent with the direction provided by the Council. Attorney John Elias's legal opinion on Ordinance No. 16-2014 is that it does not violate the City Charter. Mayor Waters opened the Public hearing.

Gregory Plantamura, 10013 118<sup>th</sup> Way, Seminole, FL 33777 spoke on behalf of Councilor Patricia Plantamura regarding Ordinance No. 16-2014. He read a letter prepared by Councilor Plantamura asking Council to consider the information in the letter related to the proposed Ordinance and to provide answers to her questions.

Receiving no other Public Comments Mayor Waters closed the Public hearing. Motion made by Councilor Matthews seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve Ordinance No. 16-2014 on second and final reading.

Roll Call

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

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4-AYES, 1-NAYS.**

**7. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 06-2014 UPDATING CHAPTER 46, GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 06-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained this items as well as Items 8-13, are proposed revisions to the city's code. Community Director Mark Ely provided a brief explanation for each proposed revision. Motion made by Councilor Quinn seconded by Councilor Burke to approve Ordinance No. 06-2014 on first reading.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

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

**8. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 07-2014 UPDATING CHAPTER 50, ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 07-2014 by title only. City Manager Edmunds asked Community Director Mark Ely to provide a brief explanation of the proposed revision. Motion made by Councilor Quinn seconded by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to approve Ordinance No. 07-2014 on first reading.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

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

**9. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 08-2014 REGARDING THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) REGULATING STORMWATER DISCHARGES.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 08-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds stated this provision is new to the city and the city is required to adopt as part of the Federal Clean Water Act. Community Director Mark Ely provided a brief explanation. Motion made by Councilor Matthews seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve Ordinance No. 08-2014 on first reading.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

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

**10. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 09-2014 UPDATING CHAPTER 62, NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 09-2014 by title only. City Manager Edmunds asked Community Director Mark Ely to provide a brief explanation of the proposed revision. Motion made by Councilor Burke seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve Ordinance No. 09-2014 on first reading.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

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

**11. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 20-2014 REGARDING CHANGES TO CHAPTER 2, SPECIAL MASTER CODE AMENDMENTS.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 20-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds stated the amendment allows the city to recover administrative cost associated with the city's action to have a property with code violations to come into compliance.

Motion made by Councilor Burke seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve Ordinance No. 20-2014 on first reading.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

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

**12. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 22-2014 UPDATING CHAPTER 62, FLOOD REGULATIONS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 22-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained the item is guided by FEMA. Community Director Mark Ely provided a brief explanation of the proposed revision. Motion made by Councilor Quinn seconded by Councilor Matthews to approve Ordinance No. 22-2014 on first reading.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

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

**13. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-2014 AMENDING CHAPTER 14, PERTAINING TO CITY ELECTIONS.**

City Clerk Benoit read Ordinance No. 21-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained Ordinance No. 21-2014 provides a modification to the city's code making it consistent with the City Charter. It details the responsibilities of the Pinellas Supervisor of Elections Office to conduct the city's election in coordination with the City Clerk. Motion made by Vice Mayor Barnhorn seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve Ordinance No. 21-2014 on first reading.

Roll Call

Vice Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

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

**14. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 07-2014 SUPPORTING THE TRAP-NEUTER-VACCINATE-RETURN PROGRAM OF FERAL AND STRAY CATS.**

City Clerk Benoit read Resolution No. 07-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained Resolution No. 07-2014 is intended to show the City of Seminole support for the TNVR program. Motion made by Vice Mayor Barnhorn seconded by Councilor Matthews to approve Resolution No. 07-2014 for transmittal to the Board of County Commission.

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

**15. CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF MS. DOTTIE REEDER TO THE MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION TRUST FUND BOARD FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.**

Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained it is the re-appointment of Dottie Reeder. Motion made by Councilor Matthews seconded by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to approve the re-appointment of Mrs. Dottie Reeder as the City appointed trustee to the City of Seminole Municipal Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund.

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

**16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE SEMINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.**

Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds stated previously approved was a Memo of Understanding between the City and the Seminole Historical Society. This is the last formal agreement regarding the same subject matter. Motion made by Councilor Quinn seconded by Councilor Burke to approve the license agreement between the City of Seminole and the Seminole Historical Society and authorize the City Manager to execute the license agreement.

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

**17. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Vice Mayor Barnhorn attended the Chamber Mixer at Sports Bar Grill on Bay Pines Blvd, a Roundtable discussion with State Representative Larry Ahern, a school supply donation to Oakhurst Elementary of \$250 by the Seminole Business Masters Exchange Club of Seminole, a school supply donation to Seminole Elementary of \$250 by the Seminole Business Masters Exchange Club of Seminole. He welcomed attendees to "Music in the Park" kickoff and a night of Seminole Rising Stars Spectacular! He attended a "No Tax for Tracks" rally in Indian Rocks Beach, the Fast Fly to DC where he met with 8 US Congressmen 2 US Senators and the White House Chief of Staff. He attended "Music in the Park" 2nd event in the series, a Roundtable discussion with Senator Jeff Brandes and represented the City of Seminole at the "9-11 Memorial Dedication" in Madeira Beach. He attended the Open House at Curves for Women, Ed Lurie's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and a "Cell Phones for Vets" event at Freedom Square. This council report covers a four-week period of events.

Councilor Burke indicated he did not have a report.

Councilor Quinn attended a Roundtable discussion with Senator Jeff Brandes and another with Representative Dwight Dudley, a “Thank You” reception for the volunteers at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church Food Pantry. He announced that Diane Vandiver, Outreach Coordinator at Freedom Square, has put together a ‘Cell Phones for Vets” program to help those in need. She is asking for old cell phones. The old unused cell phones will be turned into cash for phone cards for Armed Forces overseas so they can call home. He attended a Roundtable discussion with Senator Simpson in Brooksville.

Councilor Matthews expressed his appreciation to the Sheriff’s Department Deputies for their diligence in enforcing speed limits in the community.

Mayor Waters submitted her report to City Clerk Benoit.

**18. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

- October Meeting/Events Schedule; 2014 Candidate Forum on October 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., Music in the Park, Friday, October 3-17<sup>th</sup>, Field of Screams at the Recreation Center on October 24 at 6:00 p.m.
- Seminole City Park will be closed to vehicle traffic Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> –Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> due to trusses delivered to the Community Building construction site. Bulk of the grading at the Waterfront Park site is taking place. On October 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a workshop to discuss the master plan for the Waterfront Park and the Lurie Grant offer.
- Firefighters Pension Trust Fund Quarterly Report.

**19. OLD BUSINESS:**

Councilor Quinn read a section of a letter received commenting the Seminole Fire Department on their professionalism and commitment to their profession, a letter received requesting the city construct a handball court.

**20. NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilor Quinn provided council a copy of a Pinellas County Citizens Guide from the Pinellas Supervisor of Elections where the graphic design was created by a Seminole High School student. His suggestion is to seek student/students as an alternative to hiring a company.

Councilor Burke requested an update from Fire Chief Burford on the hazard materials incident at Bay Pines. Fire Chief Burford provided a brief update.

Mayor Waters asked council if they would like to get involved in the Seminole Chamber’s Mr. and Mrs. Seminole designation.

Council discussion on the PSTA appointment and procedure ensue. Mayor Waters asked if council would be interested in a nomination to the PSTA. Vice Mayor Barnhorn requested that future recommendations be on a rotation schedule. Motion was made by Councilor Burke seconded by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to nominate Councilor Bob Matthews to the PSTA.

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

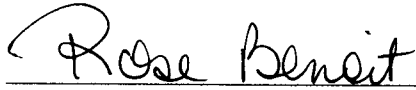


**21. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

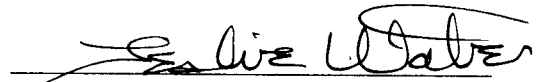
Motion made by Councilor Burke, seconded by Councilor Matthews to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

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

Date Approved: **October 14, 2014**



Minutes prepared by Rose Benoit, City Clerk

  
Mayor Leslie Waters