

**BUSINESS MINUTES  
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL  
December 9, 2014**

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The Business Meeting of Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, December 9, 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: Councilor Roger Edelman; Vice-Mayor Thomas Barnhorn; Mayor Leslie Waters; Councilor Chris Burke, Councilor Patricia Plantamura; Councilor James Quinn; Councilor Bob Matthews and City Manager Frank Edmunds, City Attorney John Elias and Deputy City Clerk Patty Beliveau.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Career Academies of Seminole Presentation:

Ms. Barbara Clare, Director - Career Academies of Seminole

The Academy has a new superintendent and a new Executive Director. The Academy is also applying for a multi-million grant from the Gates Foundation. The school will become a post secondary dual enrollment program center; will be providing building construction trade classes and landscaping and nursery management. The Academy is striving to become a member of the new Tec-Network which is an organization that promotes project base learning.

Longevity Pin Presentation –

Mayor Waters presented Councilor Burke with a one year longevity lapel pin and a 5 year longevity pin to Councilor Plantamura and herself.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Gerry Brown – address: 9127 79<sup>th</sup> Ave N., Seminole, FL 33777  
Requested assistance to help stop world poverty for 3.6 billion people.

Dr. Sandra Lilo – address: 8300 113<sup>th</sup> St., Seminole, FL 33772  
Requested council to consider the Brownfields assessment grant and request for funding. She also asked council to continue their visionary application for the Seminole City Center and to work with the developer on developing the city center.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OF November 18, 2014.**

Motion made by Councilor Burke seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve business meeting minutes on November 18, 2014.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 2014.**

Motion made by Councilor Quinn seconded by Vice-Mayor Barnhorn to approve business meeting minutes on November 25, 2014.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 2014.**

Motion made by Councilor Matthews seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve workshop meeting minutes on November 25, 2014.

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

**3. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-2014 ADJUSTING COUNCIL COMPENSATION PAY.**

Deputy City Clerk Beliveau read Ordinance No. 23-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained that October 2005 was the last time the mayor and council members' salary was adjusted. Council has workshop this item twice and the consensus was to move forward with an adjustment. The ordinance is based on the compensation that is provided to elected officials to similar communities in Pinellas County specifically Tarpon Springs, Oldsmar and Safety Harbor.

Motion made by Councilor Burke seconded by Vice-Mayor Barnhorn to approve Ordinance No. 23-2014 on first reading.

Roll Call	
Councilor Edelman	AYE
Vice-Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	NAY

**MOTION PASSED. 6 AYES – 1 NAY**

**4. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 27-2014 AMENDING SECTION 7 OF THE FIREFIGHTERS’ PENSION TRUST FUND.**

Deputy City Clerk Beliveau read Ordinance No. 27-2014 by title only. Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds stated the proposal came from the Board of Trustees for the Trust Fund. They discussed this benefit and have recommended its approval. The Trust Fund Attorney and Attorney Gonzalez (attorney for the city) agreed on the revision. The proposal is to provide beneficiary benefits for pre-retirement death of a fund member. A letter from the funds actuary indicates there is no additional cost associated with the amendment.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Barnhorn and seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve Ordinance No. 27-2014 on first reading

Roll Call	
Councilor Edelman	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 A REQUEST FROM PRIMERICA GROUP ONE INC. REGARDING SEMINOLE CITY CENTER.**

Community Director Ely explained the State legislative history of the tax abatement program for economic development, the legal requirements to be able to adopt and implement the tax abatement program, and where Pinellas County was relative to the Board of County Commissioners’ action in adopting the economic development tax abatement for Pinellas County.

Ms. Dale Johnson, of Primerica Group One (Primerica) who represented the Seminole Mall ownership, explained Primerica's written request to the City Council, seeking City Council support as it relates to Pinellas County's proposed tax abatement ordinance that is scheduled for a public hearing on December 16, 2014.

Council discussed Primerica's request. Also, Council suggested that Primerica attend County Commission's public hearing on December 16<sup>th</sup>, to request that the Board of county Commissioners consider modifying the proposed County ordinance to allow for proposed retail redevelopments located within Brownfields to be eligible for to apply for a tax abatement under the County tax abatement program.

Motion to approve Primerica's request made by Councilor Matthews, motion died for lack of a second.

Motion to deny Primerica's request made by Councilor Burke, seconded by Councilor Matthews.

Motion to amend the motion by Vice-Mayor Barnhorn, seconded by Councilor Burke to state the City Council take no action regarding the Primerica request.

Councilor Burke called the question.

Mayor Waters requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call

Councilor Edelman	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 AMEND APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The motion, as amended, to take no action regarding the Primerica request.

Roll Call

Councilor Edelman	AYE
Vice-Mayor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Plantamura	AYE
Councilor Quinn	AYE
Councilor Matthews	AYE
Mayor Waters	AYE

**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION AS AMENDED, TO TAKE NO ACTION APPROVE, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE 2014-2015 VEHICLE USE AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION.**

Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained that every year the recreation division utilizes the school buses available through the Pinellas county school district.

Motion made by Councilor Quinn seconded by Councilor Burke to authorize the City Manager to execute a 2014-2015 vehicle use agreement with the Pinellas County School Board.

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

**7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN ENGAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH GMS AUDIO, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00 FOR SOUND & LIGHTING SERVICES DURING THE 2015 POW WOW FESTIVAL.**

Mayor Waters recognized City Manager Edmunds. City Manager Edmunds explained GMS Audio has provided similar services to the City of Seminole for previous Pow Wow festivals.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Barnhorn to execute the sound and light contract with the 2015 Pow Wow festival musical group in the amount of \$1,500.00 seconded by Councilor Burke.

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

**8. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilor Edelman indicated his report has been filed with the Deputy City Clerk. Councilor Edelman added residents who have the opportunity should visit the new sheriff's building on Ulmerton Rd.

Vice-Mayor Barnhorn attended: the Barnhorn Financial Open House; Suncoast League Cities Advocacy Meeting.

Councilor Burke attended: the Bright Before Your Eyes Parade event.

Councilor Plantamura attended: the National League of Cities Congress of Cities Conference in Austin, Texas which was held on November 18-23.

Councilor Quinn attended: the Blood Drive @ Fire Station 29; Mayor's Holiday Cheer Luncheon; Barnhorn Financial Open House and Bright Before Your Eyes Parade.

Councilor Matthews: No Report

Mayor Waters indicated her report has been filed with the Deputy City Clerk.

## **9. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

Community Policing – Deputy Festa provided his report.

City Manager provided council with the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Chamber of Commerce Report; reminded council the next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.; on Saturday the Firefighters IAFF Local 2896 group will be conducting a “fill the boat” activity at Wal-Mart from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and the Winterfest event is scheduled for Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> with the tree lighting @ 7:00 p.m.

## **10. OLD BUSINESS:**

Councilor Burke asked if the “myseminole” app has the option to report noise complaints directly to the Sherriff’s office. Mr. Edmunds will follow up.

Councilor Burke inquired about city branding. Mr. Edmunds noted that council did a workshop on the subject and the consensus was not to proceed with the professional branding proposal.

Mayor Waters asked since not every council member used the city council float this year, should they go back to individual vehicles for the parade? According to City Manager Edmunds several years ago there were safety issues with the night parade (floats not being well lighted). Council agreed to fund a professional float and adopted safety guidelines.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilor Quinn – Representative Larry Ahern will be hosting a “Meet and Greet” event on December 22, 2014 @ 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. @ Trips Diner.

Councilor Quinn made a motion to name the new community building at City Park after City Manager Frank Edmunds seconded by Vice-Mayor Barnhorn. Councilor Burke suggested a workshop to be held to discuss naming of the building/room. Councilor Quinn motioned to amend the motion to conduct a workshop regarding the naming the building/room, seconded by Councilor Burke. Motion passed.

Councilor Burke would like to schedule a workshop to discuss “workshops”. He also inquired if he missed the chance to add language regarding electronic-cigarette into the ordinance? Mr. Ely noted the city is working on the ordinance.

Councilor Burke made a motion to decorate the trees at city hall similar to the recreation center during the holidays, seconded by Vice-Mayor Barnhorn. Motion passed.

Mayor Waters – the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation is having a meeting chaired by Senator Jeff Brandes on December 10, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. @ SPC Digitorium.

**12. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Barnhorn seconded by Councilor Burke to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Date Approved: Jan 20, 2015

Patricia Beliveau  
Minutes prepared by Deputy City Clerk  
Patricia Beliveau

Leslie Waters  
Mayor Leslie Waters