

**WORKSHOP MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
January 11, 2022**

The Workshop of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 - 113th Street North, Seminole, Florida.

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mayor Leslie Waters, Vice Mayor Jim Olliver, Councilor Thom Barnhorn, Councilor Chris Burke, Councilor Tom Christy, Councilor Roger Edelman, Councilor Trish Springer, City Manager Ann Toney-Deal, City Attorney Jay Daigneault and City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso.

A. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS DISCUSSION.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the newest Treasury Department regulations were just Published and the ability to use ARPA funds has improved. The funds are allowed to be utilized for lost revenue for a total up to 10 million dollars without having to itemize. ARPA funds can also be used for the Stormwater Master Plan's associated infrastructure work.

B. 2022 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION ADVOCACY AND BILLS.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she has reviewed Bills that could affect Seminole as well as the Florida League Cities the Thousand Friends of Florida's review of said legislation. The Suncoast League of Cities is also developing a list of bills to take action in and /or watch however, the City Manager stated that there are a lot of items on the Suncoast League of Cities' list that she is not recommending for the City of Seminole to address. She also stated that if the bill has a companion bill, it is more likely to pass. The following bills were reviewed:

Senate Bill 280 and companion House Bill 403. This bill authorizes courts to assess and award attorney fees and costs and damages in certain civil actions filed against local governments. It requires a governing body of a municipality to prepare a business impact statement before the adoption of a proposed ordinance. The Florida League of Cites strongly opposes this bill. City Attorney Jay Daigneault stated that this legislation could have serious legal implications. He also added that under this bill, ordinances can be overturned by court and you cannot enforce the ordinance while it goes through the court process.

Senate Bill 510 and companion House Bill 301. This bill will require all municipal elected officials, and municipal managers/administrators to file full financial disclosure forms, as State Officials currently do. The Florida League of Cities is opposing this bill. City Attorney Daigneault stated that there is a concern from a legal standpoint, because when people who want to sue see more zeros in a persons worth, the more collectible they are.

Senate JR 1266 and House JR923. This bill provides that the legislature can increase the \$25,000 homestead exemption a property this that is greater than \$50,000 of assessed value. If this bill passes it will not have a large impact on Seminole. The Florida League of Cites is opposing this bill.

Senate Bill 974 and House Bill 985. Sovereign Immunity - This bill raises the threshold for damages that a City could be held liable for, from \$200,00/\$300,000 to one \$1,000,000. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that if this bill passes, it will eventually cause the insurance rates to increase. City Attorney Daigneault stated that this proposal will also increase the number of cases of lawsuits.

Senate Bill 1248 and House Bill 739. Local Government Land Development Actions - This bill will require municipalities to make additional comments on an application for approval of a development permit or development order, requiring local governments to adopt residential infill development standards, prohibiting a local government from approving applications with many deficiencies, requiring them to amend their development regulations and comprehensive plans to incorporate residential infill developments as a zoning classification and incorporate them as an appropriate land use classification. Community Development Director Mark Ely stated that is bill does not have much of an effect on the City, however, statewide, seems a little heavy handed, since not all cities are similarly situated. Mr. Ely will monitor this bill.

SJR 152 – This bill would propose amendments to the State Constitution to require a supermajority (two-thirds) vote of each house to approve a general law that preempts to the State matter of local control. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that if you have the opportunity, thank the legislators that be vote for this bill.

HB 6113 – This bill removes and repeals provisions preempting certain authority to state. This bill will repeal every preemption and put them back in home rule. This bill is aggressively in favor of local government and will likely not move through the Committee process.

HB105 – This bill allows counties and municipalities to regulate smoking in City Parks and Beaches. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that this bill has already passed through one committee. She will continue to monitor this bill.

SB 828 and HB 1147 – This bill requires that beginning on a specified date, asset owners ensure that the operation and maintenance of operational technology comply with specified standards and practices; requiring that certain contracts for critical infrastructure meet specified minimum standards. The City of Seminole does not have a lot of the infrastructure that this bill applies to. Community Development Director Mark Ely stated that is bill basically stems from hackers getting into the utility system. It also applies to all technology and the result of cities

and companies having to pay to get their information back.

Senate Bill 620 and House Bill 569 – This bill authorizes certain businesses to claim business damages from a county or municipality if county or municipality enacts or amends certain ordinances that reduces the businesses respective revenue or profits by at least 15 percent. City Attorney Daigneault stated that this bill can be quite onerous, if adopted, and have insurance implications.

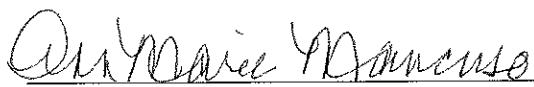
Senate Bill 1718 and House Bill 1393 – This bill requires that residential condominium, residential cooperative and homeowners' association buildings be inspected upon reaching 30 years of age and every 5 years thereafter, requiring that the inspection be completed by a specified architect or engineer. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that this bill was as a result of the collapse of the Surfside Condominium. She stated that we need to monitor this to be sure that the burden is not put on the cities for the inspection, but on the building owners.

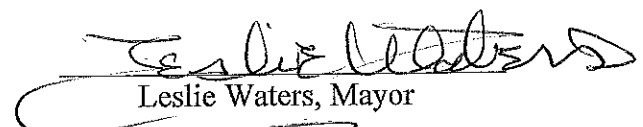
Senate Bill 962 and House Bill 981 – This bill authorizes counties and municipalities to approve certain mixed-use residential development projects subject to certain conditions; providing that approval for an affordable housing development or a mixed-use residential development project is self-executing. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that staff does not have a recommendation on a position relating to this bill.

Councilor Olliver inquired as to the best way to communicate our issues in reference to these bills to our legislators. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that one way would be to let the legislators know they will not be supported. She stated that the Councilors also need to develop a good relationship with the legislators. Mayor Waters also added that communication is key; emails, phone calls, person to person visits.

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Date Approved: January 25, 2022


Minutes prepared by City Clerk
Ann Marie Mancuso, CMC


Leslie Waters, Mayor