

**MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 113th Street North, Seminole, Florida.

James Johnson, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilor John Counts, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Councilors Bob Matthews, John Counts, Thomas Barnhorn, Patricia Hartstein, and Peter Hofstra; Vice Mayor Dan Hester, Mayor James Johnson; City Attorney John Elias; City Manager Frank Edmunds and City Clerk Lesley DeMuth.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2007.

Motion by Vice Mayor Hester, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve the minutes of February 13, 2007.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

3. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER A SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 02-2007 A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11895 96th PLACE.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 02-2007 by title only. Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing. Receiving no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed. Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Barnhorn to approve Ordinance No. 02-2007 on Second and Final Reading.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR MATTHEWS	AYE
	VICE MAYOR HESTER	AYE
	COUNCILOR COUNTS	AYE
	COUNCILOR BARNHORN	AYE
	COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
	COUNCILOR HOFSTRA	AYE

MAYOR JOHNSON

AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 04-2007 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 04-2007 by title only. Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve Ordinance No. 04-2007 on First Reading.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR MATTHEWS	AYE
	VICE MAYOR HESTER	AYE
	COUNCILOR COUNTS	AYE
	COUNCILOR BARNHORN	AYE
	COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
	COUNCILOR HOFSTRA	AYE
	MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. CONSIDER CO-SPONSORSHIP WITH THE SEMINOLE KIWANIS FOR THE “EVERY CHILD A SWIMMER PROGRAM”.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Barnhorn to approve the co-sponsorship with the Seminole Kiwanis for the “Every Child a Swimmer Program”.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR MATTHEWS	AYE
	VICE MAYOR HESTER	AYE
	COUNCILOR COUNTS	AYE
	COUNCILOR BARNHORN	AYE
	COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
	COUNCILOR HOFSTRA	AYE
	MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CONSIDER ENTERING INTO A JOINT USE OF FACILITIES AGREEMENT WITH PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Hartstein to authorize the City Manager to execute the March 2007 – March 2012 Joint Use of Facilities Agreement with Pinellas County Schools.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR MATTHEWS	AYE
	VICE MAYOR HESTER	AYE
	COUNCILOR COUNTS	AYE
	COUNCILOR BARNHORN	AYE

COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
COUNCILOR HOFSTRA	AYE
MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HARVARD JOLLY FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER/EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER PROJECT.

Motion by Councilor Barnhorn, second by Vice Mayor Hester to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Harvard Jolly Architects for architectural services associated with the Senior Activity Center/Emergency Operations Center.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR MATTHEWS	AYE
	VICE MAYOR HESTER	AYE
	COUNCILOR COUNTS	AYE
	COUNCILOR BARNHORN	AYE
	COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
	COUNCILOR HOFSTRA	AYE
	MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND UP TO \$50,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND FOR ARCHITECTURAL RELATED SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER/EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER PROJECT.

Motion by Vice Mayor Hester, second by Councilor Barnhorn to authorize the expenditure of up to \$50,000 from the Capital Improvement Projects Fund for architectural services associated with the Senior Activity Center/Emergency Operations Center.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR MATTHEWS	AYE
	VICE MAYOR HESTER	AYE
	COUNCILOR COUNTS	AYE
	COUNCILOR BARNHORN	AYE
	COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
	COUNCILOR HOFSTRA	AYE
	MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Counts reported the School Transportation Safety Committee is still working on finding a solution to the Seminole Middle School issue as it relates to traffic and pedestrian concerns.

Councilor Hartstein reported on the Suncoast League of Cities Meeting she attended. The Suncoast League's annual conference will be June 16, and the topic will be Smart Growth-Green Growth. She attended the Miss Seminole Pageant, which she felt was a nice event to have back in the community, and a March to Success held by the Seminole Army Recruiters. Councilor Hartstein presented a Legislative Alert from the Florida League of Cities on property tax reform, and will provide copies to Council.

Councilor Matthews reported he attended the Miss Seminole Pageant, and felt the winner, as well as the other young women participating were very talented.

Vice Mayor Hester reported he also attended the Miss Seminole Pageant, and complemented Ms. Hlas and all volunteers on the wonderful job they did putting the event together.

Mayor Johnson reported he attended a Volunteer Lunch at Starkey Elementary, the Step up Florida activities in City Hall Park, the Suncoast League of Cities Meeting, presented a proclamation at an Eagle Scout event, spoke at Seminole Lake Presbyterian Church, and attended the Miss Seminole Pageant.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

City Manager Edmunds:

- Reminded Council of the Library Membership Luncheon, March 2, 2007, at noon in Freedom Square.
- The Pow Wow Parade will be March 10, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. Recreation Director Jim Sheets briefed Council on the planned activities. Recreation Director Sheets announced the Clearwater City Commission won the Step up Florida walking challenge.
- Recognized Art Bruckler who will be retiring with 25 years of service to the Fire Department, and invited Council to a gathering at Station 29 to recognizing his years of service.
- Presented Director of Administration Harry Kyne and Senior Accountant Christine Trovato with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. Director of Administration Kyne thanked Cathy Culp and Joan Angelopolous for their assistance with the audit.
- The recognition of Fire Chief Wallace will be deferred until the next meeting.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Hester, City Manager Edmunds stated he did receive a correspondence regarding the level of the various ponds that are located within the Seminole Lakes Country Club Golf Course. Several of the ponds abut private properties, and the concern is that some of those properties may be having some difficulties with the level of the water in those ponds. This is regulated by a weir that is located on the property of Seminole Lakes Country Club, and it is the Country Club's responsibility to regulate the level of the water. City Manager Edmunds stated he returned a correspondence to this citizen indicating that the matter is really between the private property owners and the Country Club. The Country Club does have the ownership and maintenance responsibility of

that facility, and regulation of the water level. He also indicated in that correspondence that the City government has no objection in the event the Country Club wished to lower the water level but, this is at their discretion. City Manager Edmunds stated in regard to the long standing drainage concern, he was pleased to report that there is some progress. The City has received the preliminary plans for construction of a drainage correction that should alleviate most of the difficulties that have been experienced along Augusta Boulevard, and the private properties. He stated it is the City administration's opinion that this is a private property issue, and the City's involvement has been to try to get the parties to agree upon a solution, and encourage them to construct that solution. City Manager Edmunds stated he did expect a meeting with the Golf Course ownership in two weeks, and will be encouraging them to proceed with the construction activity that will hopefully correct the condition being experienced there.

Vice Mayor Hester asked where this is from a timing standpoint, assuming all parties are in agreement that this can be resolved.

City Manager Edmunds stated at the last meeting with the Golf Course ownership, they seemed to have a sincere interest to take a corrective action. They would like to obviously do this at a time that would have the least impact to the functioning golf course. City Manager Edmunds felt with the City's submittal of the plans in mid-March, this will allow the Golf Course ownership to seek contractors and hopefully have the construction well underway prior to June or July. City Manager Edmunds asked Council to keep in mind that this schedule, for the most part, is beyond the City's control. He will discuss with them at the next meeting a schedule, project costs, and project funding.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

City Attorney Elias requested immediately following the meeting Council have a "shade meeting" to discuss the CRC litigation. He asked if Council was in agreement, to please indicate so. There was no objection from Council. City Attorney Elias announced immediately following the Council Meeting there will be an Executive Session in accordance with F.S. 286.011 to discuss the settlement and strategies in the case of the City of Pinellas Park, et al, vs. the Board of County Commissioners, Supervisor of Elections, and the Charter Review Commission Case No. 065975-C1-11. He announced the persons attending the meeting will be the City Council for the City of Seminole, the City Manager and the City Attorney. The estimated time of the session will be approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

Councilor Hartstein requested a workshop be held to discuss the issues facing the City if the tax reforms she discussed earlier get passed. There was no objection to scheduling a workshop.

Councilor Hartstein encouraged everyone to read the new newsletter, as it is very informative.

On behalf of Ms. Henny Hlas, Mayor Johnson invited Council to the Miss Seminole Outstanding Teen Pageant at the Recreational Center, Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

13. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Hartstein to adjourn.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

Date Approved: _____

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

Jimmy Johnson, Mayor