

**MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, June 12, 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 Dan Hester followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Councilors John Counts, Patricia Hartstein, Dan Hester, Peter Hofstra and Bob Matthews; Vice Mayor Thomas Barnhorn; 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 MAY 22, 2007.

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve the minutes of May 22, 2007.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

3. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 06-2007 OPPOSING TWO PINELLAS COUNTY ORDINANCES CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 06-2007 by title only.

Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve Resolution No. 06-2007.

In response to a question from Councilor Hester on the differences between this Resolution and the one which follows, City Manager Edmunds stated the Resolution Council is considering now is stating Council's opposition to a change in land use to the Brooker Creek property that would allow a recreational use. The next Resolution No. 07-2007 deals with the Brooker Creek property but, supports a water blending facility that may be proposed on that property.

ROLL CALL: COUNCILOR COUNTS AYE

VICE MAYOR BARNHORN	AYE
COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
COUNCILOR HESTER	AYE
COUNCILOR HOFSTRA	AYE
COUNCILOR MATTHEWS	AYE
MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 07-2007 SUPPORTING A PARTNERSHIP WITH PINELLAS COUNTY UTILITIES AND TAMPA BAY WATER TO DEVELOP AND CONSTRUCT WATER BLENDING FACILITIES.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Matthews to approve Resolution No. 07-2007.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 07-2007 by title only.

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

MOTION CARRIED 6 TO 1.

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE AND CHERUB'S INC. FOR FOOD SERVICE AT THE SEMINOLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY.

Motion by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, second by Councilor Counts to authorize the City Manager to execute the Addendum to the Food Services Agreement with St. Petersburg College and Cherub's for services at the Seminole Community Library and St. Petersburg College.

In response to a question from Councilor Hester, City Manager Edmunds stated there is very little difference between this agreement and the original agreement. This agreement is a continuation of the existing agreement which expired, and allowed for an automatic renewal. City Manager Edmunds explained there have been a number of meetings between City Staff, College Personnel and the owner of Cherub's, and a continuation of the existing service is expected.

Upon Mayor Johnson's call for a vote by acclamation, Council Hester questioned, with regard to the City Charter, the requirement for voice votes. City Clerk DeMuth stated the City Charter requires City Council to voice vote on ordinances only, and City Attorney Elias stated he believed this is correct but, would need to review this.

Mayor Johnson asked that this format be followed tonight, and discussed later.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

6. CONSIDER THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JACK RUSSELL AND WILLIAM MILLS TO THE DEVELOPMENTAL REVIEW BOARD.

Motion by Councilor Hester, second by Councilor Hartstein to reappoint Mr. Jack Russell and Mr. William Mills to the Developmental Review Board for terms expiring on June 12, 2009.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

7. CONSIDER THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TINA NEVILLE TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Hofstra to reappoint Ms. Tina Neville to the Library Advisory Board for a two year term, July 26, 2007 – July 25, 2009, according to the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement and Resolution 2003-07.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

8. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Hofstra reported he attended the Elected Municipal Officials Conference in Tampa and thanked the citizens and staff for allowing him the opportunity to attend.

Councilor Matthews gave a report on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Meeting, and encouraged the Council and residents to visit the website; FutureWater.Org.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn reported he spoke at the Seminole Kiwanis Meeting and the Memorial Day Ceremonies at Serenity Gardens, and attended the graduation of Pinellas County Drug Court.

Mayor Johnson reported he attended the Tax Reform Meeting between the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation and the Mayors Council of Pinellas County, the America Rocks Concert, and the Memorial Day Ceremonies at Bay Pines, Serenity Gardens, Garden Sanctuary and the City of Largo.

9. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Deputy Ireland gave a report on the activities of the Community Policing Officers.

City Manager Edmunds reminded Council of the workshop scheduled for June 19, at 6:30 pm to review the Capital Improvements Program.

City Manager Edmunds reported the City Administration is required to submit the FY08 Operating Budget to Council by July 1, but, due to the legislative actions that are taking place in Tallahassee this may make a complete submittal by July 1, difficult.

City Manager Edmunds explained the City's budget is essentially two separate funds, non-fire and fire. The purpose for this distinction is the Fire Department is funded essentially 100% by ad valorem taxes by Pinellas County Government as a result of a contract the City has with them to provide fire protection services to the unincorporated area surrounding the City, and by City ad valorem taxes as well as other revenues. Mr. Edmunds stated the reasons he is making this distinction is that the proposals now being discussed will require a reduction in ad valorem tax revenues to the Fire Department portion of the budget in the amount of \$952,000. In reviewing the Fire Department's FY08 Budget proposal, there is approximately \$180,000 of what he considers to be discretionary funding; those costs such as specialized training, supplies, and activities that may not be directly related to the delivery of emergency services. The balance of the budget is essential for the delivery of emergency services. City Manager Edmunds stated with a proposed reduction in revenue of \$952,000 it will be necessary for the City to review and most likely impact personnel within the Fire Department. The City's Collective Bargaining Agreement with the employees, particularly the emergency response employees within the Fire Department, requires the City to give advanced notice of pending layoffs and this notice was given to the Union yesterday in compliance with the Agreement. City Manager Edmunds stated he is not sure of the numbers or the impacts at this time. City Manager Edmunds stated he wanted to inform Council of these events, and it is consistent with the City's warnings to the Legislative Delegation that we do anticipate impacts to the delivery of emergency services as a result of revenue reductions to the Fire Department.

Councilor Hofstra asked if the proposals still have an override provision.

City Manager Edmunds stated the override is structured to allow local legislative bodies to take an act dependent upon the percent of increase, and some increases may require a referendum of the community. In the City's particular case, or in the case he described dealing with the Fire Department, it would actually require a vote of the Board of County Commissioners and the City Council.

Recreation Director Jim Sheets spoke on the Fit2Fun Family Fitness Festival and the 3rd Annual Kids Triathlon being held June 23 and 24, and invited Council, their families and the citizens to attend.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

Councilor Matthews spoke on the upcoming Miss Florida Pageant which Miss Seminole, Ashley Roberson, will be participating in on June 30, at the Mahaffey Theater.

Councilor Hester thanked City Manager Edmunds for his follow-up after the rain this weekend, and what looks to be the conclusion of the drainage concerns at Seminole Lakes County Club.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

12. 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

James Johnson, Mayor