

**MINUTES  
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007**

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The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 113<sup>th</sup> Street North, Seminole, Florida.

James Johnson, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilor Bob Matthews 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:**

Longevity Pin Presentation – City Manager Edmunds presented a one-year longevity pin to Vice Mayor Thomas Barnhorn.

Teen Board Introductions – The President and Board Members of the 2007/2008 Recreation and Library Teen Advisory Boards were introduced. The President of each Board spoke on their planned activities for the coming year.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 27, 2007.**

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve the minutes of November 27, 2007.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**3. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-2007 AMENDING THE BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$274,213.33 FROM THE CITY RESERVES FOR ENCUMBRANCES AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$274,213.33 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008.**

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 26-2007 by title only.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing. Receiving no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Hartstein to adopt Ordinance No. 26-2007 on Second and Final Reading.

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 AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE MARCH 11, 2008 MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH THE PINELLAS COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS.**

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Counts to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections to conduct the March 11, 2008, Municipal Election.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**5. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCIL MEMBER WHO IS NOT A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION, TO SERVE ON THE CANVASSING BOARD FOR THE MARCH 11, 2008 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.**

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Hester to appoint Vice Mayor Thomas Barnhorn as a member of the Canvassing Board for the March 11, 2008, Municipal Election.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**6. CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH THE PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.**

Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Hartstein to authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 associated with the Contract for Law Enforcement Services with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

Councilor Counts asked which Crossing Guard position the City is losing. City Manger Edmunds stated the amendment reflects the deletion of one Crossing Guard that was located at the entrance of City Park on Ridge Road. There is no longer a need for a crossing at this location.

In response to a question from Councilor Hofstra, City Manager Edmunds stated the cost savings for this position is in the vicinity of \$7, 000.

Councilor Hester asked if it is correct that the City does not determine the location of the Crossing Guards; the City just pays their costs. City Manager Edmunds stated the City does pay for the Crossing Guards, and their locations are essentially at the direction of the School Department.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn asked if the School Zone will be removed at this location. City Manager Edmunds stated a work order has been issued to the Pinellas County Department of Public Works to remove the school crossing hardware and the school crossing pavement markings. The crosswalk markings will remain.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**7. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 10-2007 REGARDING MEASURES TO BECOME A "GREEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT" THROUGH IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE, USING CRITERIA AND STANDARDS DEVELOPED BY THE FLORIDA GREEN BUILDING COALITION, AND ENCOURAGING THE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO SUPPORT THE GREEN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.**

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 10-2007 by title only.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to approve Resolution No. 10-2007.

Councilor Hofstra stated he is opposed to the Resolution. He did not see the necessity for the Council to make this statement. He understood this is voluntary but, did not want a situation to arise in the future that would somehow obligate a future Council to think we make this decision and obligated them to this.

Councilor Hester stated he concurred with Councilor Hofstra. He felt this is somewhat typical of government that we do not want to sign-up for what was proposed so we have amending the Resolution to make it seem like Council is supporting it but, we really are not. Councilor Hester stated he is opposed to this, and will not vote for it.

Councilor Counts stated he felt as leaders of the Community it is imperative for Council to take the side of the Green Community. With everything that has been going on with the environment, this shows to the average citizen that they can take this approach as well.

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

MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 2.

**8. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. EVA JONES TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 2009.**

Motion by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, second by Councilor Hester to reappoint Ms. Eva Jones to the Recreation Advisory Board for a term expiring December 2009.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**9. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. ALICIA FRETZ TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 2009.**

Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Hartstein to reappoint Ms. Alicia Fretz to the Recreation Advisory Board for a term expiring December 2009.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**10. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. STEVE ZAZZARO TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 2009.**

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to reappoint Mr. Steve Zazzaro to the Recreation Advisory Board for a term expiring December 2009.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**11. CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE – SEMINOLE CAMPUS, TO DISPLAY BANNERS.**

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Hester to approve the installation of 30 x 60 inch banners on every other light pole beginning at the intersection of Old Ridge Road and 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, along 102<sup>nd</sup> and 113<sup>th</sup> Street to the college entrance.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**12. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.**

Councilor Counts reported he attended Winterfest, and he commended Recreation Director Jim Sheets and his Staff on the great job they did. Councilor Counts apologized that he unfortunately could not attend the Volunteer Boards Dinner.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn reported he attend a Leadership Prayer Breakfast hosted by the Kiwanis, the Night of Children's Hands for Peace at the Holocaust Museum, Winterfest, the Seminole High School production of Cinderella, and the Volunteer Dinner. Councilor Barnhorn thanked, and wished a Happy Holiday Season to all City volunteers.

Councilor Hartstein reported she attended the Holiday Boards Dinner, and thanked all the volunteers on the Boards and Committees.

Councilor Hester reported that the Christmas Tree Lighting was wonderful; it was well attended, enjoyed by everyone, and Jim Sheets and his staff do a terrific job every year.

Councilor Matthews reported he attended the Boards Dinner. He felt the dinner was well attended, and stated he appreciates all that the Volunteers do.

Mayor Johnson reported he attended the Mayors' Council Luncheon, a Kiwanis Leadership Breakfast, Winterfest, the Volunteer Dinner, and the Presidential Debate.

**13. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

- Deputy Beverly Ireland gave an update on the activities of the Community Policing Officers. City Manager Edmunds advised Council the Community Policing Officers will have a greater presence in and around the shopping centers during the Holiday Season.
- The new City Government Channel is 615.
- The next regular Council Meeting is Tuesday, December 18, at 7:00 pm.

**14. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**15. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**16. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.**

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

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

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James Johnson, Mayor