

**MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, August 28, 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:

Mayor Johnson presented Councilor Hofstra with a Certificate of Completion for the 2007 Institute of Elected Municipal Officials

Fire Chief Graves presented Assistant Fire Chief Wallace with the Chief Fire Official Designation. Assistant Chief Wallace is one of 519 worldwide to receive this designation by the Commission of Accreditation International.

Fire Chief Graves announced the City's extrication team placed second in the International Extrication Symposium, and was the only team from the United States which placed.

Lynn Webb, on behalf of the American Cancer Society, presented Mayor Johnson with a plaque in appreciation for the City's co-sponsorship of the "Relay for Life".

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael McKean, 7571 Ridge Road, thanked the City for the quick traffic enforcement response, and submitted an independent study he did on speeding.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 14, 2007.

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve the minutes of August 14, 2007.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PINELLAS PLANNING COUNCIL FOR PLANNING SERVICES.

Motion by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, second by Councilor Hofstra to approve the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with the Pinellas Planning Council for planning services from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2010.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

4. CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING A 2.5% MERIT SALARY INCREASE AND A 2% COLA SALARY ADJUSTMENT.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Matthews to approve an amendment to the City Manager's Employment Agreement to reflect a 2.50% merit adjustment effective July 31, 2007, and a 2% cost of living adjustment effective October 1, 2007.

City Manager Edmunds expressed his appreciation to the City Council for their consideration, and advised Council that in the past he has been permitted to apply a portion of the proposed salary adjustment to a retirement account. This year's proposed action has a total dollar value of \$6,418.83 which applies the percents of adjustments that the Council has proposed as well as the impact of the retirement benefit. City Manager Edmunds respectfully requested authorization to apply the entire amount to his retirement account instead of salary.

In response to a question from Councilor Hester, City Manager Edmunds stated Council has approved the deferral into his pension on two previous occasions.

Councilor Matthews moved the motion be amended to allow the request of the City Manager. Councilor Hartstein was in agreement with the amendment to the motion.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN ENGAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH FANTASIA PRODUCTIONS FOR THE SOUND AND LIGHTING SERVICES AT THE 2007 MUSIC IN THE PARK SERIES.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to authorize the City Manager to execute the engagement contract with Fantasia Productions for the sound and lighting services at the 2007 Music in the Park series in the amount of \$2,250.00.

In response to a question from Councilor Counts, Administrative Services Director Kyne stated the cost is \$375.00 per concert which is the same as last year.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

6. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Hartstein reported she attended two pre-planning meetings for the 40th Anniversary of the Pow Wow, and encouraged the citizens to get involved with this celebration.

Mayor Johnson reported he has been attending the Lealman Fire District Task Force Meetings with the City Manager.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

City Manager Edmunds reported:

- The Community Policing Report will be given at the next meeting.
- The Music in the Park series will begin Friday, September 14, and will continue every Friday night through October 19, 2007. A request for the Mayor and Council to participate in the opening event has been received from Recreation and provided to Council.
- Vice Mayor Barnhorn cannot attend the Workshop scheduled for September 18, to discuss public purpose and alcoholic beverage establishments. An alternate date of Wednesday, September 19, at 6:00 p.m. is being suggested. Mayor Johnson asked the City Clerk to email the date change information to Council.
- A request was received from Representative Long's office for the use of the City Seal. It is his understanding the Seal will be part of a banner/sign, and that it is typical for Representatives to display the City Seals of the communities they represent. Representative Long's office was informed that such a use would require City Council authorization, and he recommended if Council is inclined to permit the use of the City Seal, it be limited to official business only.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to authorize the use of the City Seal by Representative Long for official business only.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

On a motion by Councilor Hester, the meeting was adjourned.

Date Approved: _____

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

James Johnson, Mayor