

**MINUTES  
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2008**

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The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, 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. Councilor Dan Hester, in lieu of an invocation, presented a video which he found touching and spiritual, and hoped would bring to mind the gratitude we should all share for the men and women serving in our military. The presentation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Johnson presented a Proclamation to Recreation Director Jim Sheets declaring July 2008, Parks and Recreation Month.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tom Christy, 11224 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, thanked Councilor Hester for the presentation and the Recreation Department for the great job they do. Mr. Christy asked Council to consider during their budget meetings if the City wants to be in the position of having city owned vehicles as part of a compensation package.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING JUNE 24, 2008.**

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Councilor Hester to approve the minutes of June 24, 2008.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**3. CITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET AND THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE TRIM NOTICE.**

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to establish September 10, 2008, at 7:00 pm as the date and time of the first Public Hearing to be held in Council Chambers for the proposed FY 2009 Budget and set a tentative millage rate of 2.4793 for the TRIM Notice.

In response to a question by Councilor Hester on advertising for the public meeting, Administrative Services Director Kyne stated the first meeting will be advertised on the TRIM Notice, and the second meeting will be advertised by the City in the St. Petersburg Times.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**4. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS AND EXISTING PENNY FOR PINELLAS FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF \$550,000 AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MASON BLAU & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS/EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER FACILITIES.**

Motion by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, second by Councilor Counts to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Mason Blau & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$494,082, and authorize the expenditure of up to \$525,000 from Capital Improvement Program Funds and existing Penny for Pinellas Funds for architectural design services.

In response to a statement by Councilor Hofstra on this seeming to be a lot of money for architectural plans, City Manager Edmunds stated it does, but comparatively not only from the City's experience, but from some recent projects this is a competitive fee. City Manager Edmunds explained the City is required to negotiate the fee; it is not a straight bid circumstance, and there is a formula which has been developed by the State that architects use based upon the estimated cost of construction. City Manager Edmunds advised Council the cost includes architectural services, sub-designers, LEED certification the Council has expressed an interest in, and part of the construction management costs.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, BAY PINES VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION SERVICES.**

Motion by Councilor Hester, second by Councilor Counts to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for Fire Protection Services with Bay Pines VA.

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**6. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Vice Mayor Barnhorn reported he attended the Miss Florida Pageant, and toured the Vineyard Inn.

Mayor Johnson reported he attended the Mayors Council Meeting, the Tri-if-You Dare Triathlon, and the Miss Florida Pageant.

**7. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

Deputy Ireland provided an update on the activities of the Community Policing Officers. In response to a question by Councilor Hester on graffiti he noticed within the City this weekend, Deputy Ireland stated she was not aware of this, but will look into it and report back.

City Manager Edmunds advised Council the City went out to bid for building demolition services for the Fire Administration Building, the former St. Petersburg Times Distribution Building, and the Community Building portion of the existing Public Works Building. The only demolition the City will proceed with, at this time, is the demolition of the Fire Administration Building with the bid award to Howard Jimmie in the amount of \$21,000. City Manager Edmunds advised Council the Fire Administration Building is now vacated and will be used for training purposes before it is demolished in September.

**8. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**9. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**10. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Councilor Hester to adjourn.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

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

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Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

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James Johnson, Mayor