

**MINUTES  
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2008**

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The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, August 12, 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. The invocation was given by Councilor John Counts followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were: Councilors John Counts, Peter Hofstra, Dan Hester, Patricia Hartstein 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:**

Senator Dennis Jones and Representative Janet Long presented a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant check in the amount of \$67,805.

Lieutenant Brian Gavin introduced the Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputies who patrol the City.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING JULY 22, 2008.**

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve the minutes of July 22, 2008.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**3. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 18-2008 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10092 109TH STREET NORTH.**

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 18-2008 by title only. Vice Mayor Barnhorn opened the Public Hearing. Community Development Director Ely displayed the location of the property and after receiving no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Councilor Hartstein to adopt Ordinance No. 18-2008 on Second and Final Reading.

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

COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
COUNCILOR MATTHEWS	AYE
MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 19-2008 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10755 VILLAGE GREEN AVENUE.**

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 19-2008 by title only. Vice Mayor Barnhorn opened the Public Hearing. Community Development Director Ely displayed the location of the property and after receiving no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Hofstra to adopt Ordinance No. 19-2008 on Second and Final Reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 20-2008 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10773 VILLAGE GREEN AVENUE.**

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 20-2008 by title only. Vice Mayor Barnhorn opened the Public Hearing. Community Development Director Ely displayed the location of the property and after receiving no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Matthews to adopt Ordinance No. 20-2008 on Second and Final Reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-2008 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10809 VILLAGE GREEN AVENUE.**

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 21-2008 by title only. Vice Mayor Barnhorn opened the Public Hearing. Community Development Director Ely displayed the location of the property and after receiving no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve Ordinance No. 21-2008 on Second and Final Reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) FOR A 2008-2009 FLORIDA RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FRDAP) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OT \$67,805.**

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Matthews to authorize the City Manager to execute a Project Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for a 2008-2009 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant in the amount of \$67,805.

In response to a question by Councilor Counts, City Manager Edmunds advised Council the grant application was in association with a Senior Activity Center. This grant is for two years, and staff is exploring the possibility of the use of these funds for improvements to the general area of City Park as it may relate to a future senior activity.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND \$100,000 FROM THE FY 08 TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE FUNDS (TIFF) FOR THE RIDGE ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT AND THE 70TH AVENUE SIDEWALK/FENCE PROJECT.**

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Hofstra to expend \$100,000 from the FY 08 Transportation Impact Fee Funds (TIFF) for the Ridge Road sidewalk project, and the completion of the 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue sidewalk and fencing project.

In response to a question by Councilor Hester, City Manager Edmunds stated two projects are being addressed; the completion of the 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project and a sidewalk construction project off of Ridge Road in an area that was annexed. City Manager Edmunds advised Council that other sidewalk projects in the future will not necessarily be TIFF Projects, and potentially will be a combination of TIFF, CIP or Penny Funds.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND \$20,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) FUND FOR THE STREET SIGNAGE.**

Motion by Councilor Hester, second by Councilor Hofstra to expend \$20,000 from the Capital Improvement Program Fund for the purchase of new street signs.

City Manager Edmunds advised Council that during discussions with the Public Works Director, it was decided to try to accomplish this project with City forces, over the next six to twelve month, which will result in a significant cost savings to the City. The original contemplated cost was \$50,000 to \$60,000.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**10. CONSIDER REAPPOINTING LISA PEZONE TO THE DEVELOPMENTAL REVIEW BOARD.**

Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Counts to reappoint Ms. Lisa Pezone to the Developmental Review Board for a term expiring on August 31, 2010.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**11. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.**

Councilor Matthews complimented the Sheriff's Department on the response to a situation in his neighborhood.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn reported on his attendance at the Panama Canal Museum Open House, and the Amendment 5 debate at St. Petersburg College.

Mayor Johnson reported he attended the Open House at the Panama Canal Museum.

**12. CITY MANAGER REPORTS.**

City Manager Edmunds commented on the positive law enforcement attitudes of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputies and felt the reason why the City enjoys the reputation of a safe community is because of their efforts.

Deputy Dave DiSano gave an update on the activities of the Community Policing Officers.

**13. OLD BUSINESS.**

In response to a question by Councilor Hester on the City survey regarding parking and other workshop issues, City Manager Edmunds stated the plan is to craft a citizen’s questionnaire and bring it before Council in a workshop for approval within the next month. If approved, a general mailing will be scheduled; all work is being done in-house.

**14. NEW BUSINESS.**

In response to a question by Councilor Hofstra on what the City intends to do relative to the funding request from the Neighborly Care Network, and the request to use park facilities from Faith Presbyterian Church, City Manager Edmunds stated Neighborly Care Network is a funded contribution, and a check is drafted after the budget is adopted. The City will be seeking additional information from Faith Presbyterian Church particularly the volume of participants they anticipate in the park. The City has to guarantee this will not circumvent the public’s use of the park, and dependent upon the information gained he will then determine whether to permit the activity.

**15. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.**

On a motion by Council Hofstra, the meeting was adjourned.

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

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City Clerk

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Mayor