

**MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, 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 Vice Mayor Thomas Barnhorn followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Lasher, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, explained the October 5, increase in one-way fares from \$1.50 to \$1.75 and the five percent service reductions.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 12, 2008.

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to approve the minutes of August 12, 2008.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

3. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-2008 REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 38; STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND CERTAIN OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 23-2008 by title only.

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Councilor Hester to approve Ordinance No. 23-2008 on First Reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE TEN (10) RECREATION MEMBERSHIP CARDS TO BE UTILIZED BY STUDENTS AND CAMPUS PERSONNEL.

Motion by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, second by Councilor Counts to authorize the City Manager to issue ten (10) non-resident Recreation Membership Cards to St. Petersburg College – Seminole Campus.

In response to a question by Councilor Hester on how this came about, City Manager Edmunds stated the College asked if there was a way they could introduce their students and staff to the recreation facilities. After a number of discussions we came up with the option of them acquiring non-residents cards that they will circulate throughout the year to their students as well as staff.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

5. CONSIDER A ONE DAY PERMIT TO ALLOW THE GREATER SEMINOLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION DURING A GOLF EVENT, SUBJECT TO ENSURING THAT MINORS DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Mayor Johnson stated as the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce he will abstain from voting on the agenda item as there may be a perception of a conflict of interest, and he asked Vice Mayor Barnhorn to lead the meeting during the agenda item. (In accordance with Florida Statutes, Form 8B – Memorandum of Voting Conflict filed by Mayor James Johnson is attached hereto, and made a part of the minutes.)

Motion by Councilor Hester, second by Councilor Hofstra to approve a one day permit allowing the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce to dispense alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption during their golf event scheduled for October 23, 2008, subject to ensuring that minors do not have access to alcoholic beverages.

In response to a question by Vice Mayor Barnhorn on ensuring minors do not have access to alcoholic beverages, City Manager Edmunds stated this will be the Chamber’s responsibility.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

6. CONSIDER A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE OPERATION OF PINELLAS HOPE.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to direct the City Manager to revise the proposed FY 09 Budget to reflect zero (0) training funds for Councilors Hester and Hofstra, and appropriate \$5,000 for Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg.

In response to a question by Councilor Hester, City Manager Edmunds explained the budget detail sheet will indicate a City Manager’s proposal of \$2,500 for each of the two Council Members with Council action being zero, and the Legislative Budget, Aid to Private Organizations, will reflect a \$5,000 potential contribution to Catholic Charities.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

7. CONSIDER APPOINTING BOB LIMA TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 2008.

Motion by Councilor Hester, second by Councilor Hofstra to appoint Mr. Bob Lima to the Recreation Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Mike Masem through December 2008.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

8. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn reported on his attendance at the Chamber Luncheon, the Florida League of Cities Fiscal Stewardship Council Meeting and the Florida League of Cities Conference.

Mayor Johnson thanked the City for the opportunity to attend the Florida League of Cities Conference, and advised Council he will provide them with a copy of the written report he prepared.

9. CITY MANAGER REPORTS.

City Manager Edmunds reminded Council the Music in the Park Series begins September 12, and asked they attend the opening evening at 6:45 pm.

City Manager Edmunds advised Council the City’s representative, Mayor Chris Arbutine, on the Governing Board of PSTA term is expiring, and he has expressed an interest to continue to serve. City Manager Edmunds stated he will schedule this as an action item for Council to vote on their representation.

10. OLD BUSINESS. None

11. NEW BUSINESS. None

12. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

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

Date Approved: _____

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

James Johnson, Mayor

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, James Johnson, hereby disclose that on August 26, 20 08.

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of The Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

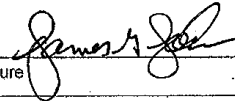
To approve the request for a one day permit to allow the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce to dispense alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption during their annual golf tournament.

I am the Executive Director of the Chamber.

Date Filed

8-4-08

Signature



NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.