

**MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, September 9, 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 Mayor Johnson 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:

Knights of Columbus, Archbishop Hurley Assembly #1448, presented a Presidential Proclamation declaring September 11, as Patriot Day.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 26, 2008.

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve the minutes of August 26, 2008.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-2008 REGARDING AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE BOUNDARY AGREEMENT FOR ANNEXATION.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 08-2008 by title only.

Motion by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, second by Councilor Hofstra to adopt Resolution No. 08-2008 to commence the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement negotiation process.

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. CONSIDER RECOMMENDING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PINELLAS SUNCOAST TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

Motion by Councilor Hester, second by Councilor Matthews to support the appointment of Mayor Chris Arbutine to the PSTA Board representing the City of Seminole.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND EXISTING PENNY FOR PINELLAS FUNDS, NOT TO EXCEED \$170,000 FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING RELATED SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS/EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER FACILITIES.

Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Hartstein to authorize the expenditure of up to \$170,000 of existing Penny for Pinellas Funds for civil engineering costs with TBE associated with the Public Works/EOC Facilities.

In response to a question by Vice Mayor Barnhorn as to whether or not these funds were diverted from the Senior Center Project, City Manager Edmunds stated these are existing Penny Funds. The funds discussed for the Senior Activities Center were future Penny Funds.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

6. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.

Councilor Matthews reported he will be providing Council with a copy of a presentation made at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Meeting by the Chairman of the National Association of Regional Councils, and advised Council of a new website www.fldisasterkit.org.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn reported on his attendance at USF's Civic Engagement Day, the Suncoast League of Cities Meeting, the Christian Coalition Meeting, the School Superintendent Finalist Forum, and the School Advisory Council Meeting at Seminole High VoEd.

Mayor Johnson reported he attended the inauguration of Recreation Director Jim Sheets as State President of the Florida Parks and Recreation Association, the Mayors' Council Meeting, and he spoke at the Assembly of God Church.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORTS.

- City Manager Edmunds recognized Recreation Director Jim Sheets who will be serving as President of the State Parks and Recreation Association, Fire Chief Dan Graves who currently serves as President of the Pinellas County Fire Chiefs Association and City Clerk Lesley DeMuth who is the incoming President of the Pinellas County Municipal Clerks Association. City Manager Edmunds advised Council he and Fire Chief Graves will be serving on the Pinellas County Fire/EMS Reconfiguration Committee.
- Deputy Dave DiSano gave an update on the activities of the Community Policing Officers.
- Library Director Michael Bryan provided a summary of the summer programs at the library, and reported on the attendance in these programs.

- Recreation Director Jim Sheets reported on the summer camp activities at the recreation center.
- Community Development Director Mark Ely advised Council that Pinellas County has revised the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and Staff is now comfortable with it. He explained the changes made to recognize the local home rule authority of the cities, and advised Council the Ordinance will go before the Board of County Commissioners in late October or early November. Vice Mayor Barnhorn asked for a copy of the revised ordinance.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Hester stated he did not know if other members of Council were contacted by a business within the City regarding towing rotation, but he did speak with the owner of the company. Councilor Hester asked City Manager Edmunds if he is aware of what the issues are.

City Manager Edmunds stated he has not spoken directly to Seminole Towing, but he did make mention to the Council Members that called him that the rotation list is not a City of Seminole list. It is a list prepared by the Sheriff’s Office to serve their deputies while out on the road dealing with traffic accidents. City Manager Edmunds stated he did confirm that Seminole Towing is on the list and he believed there are five companies providing service to this geographic area. City Manager Edmunds advised Council he will attempt to verify that this is in fact a rotation list, and report back to Council at their next meeting. City Manager Edmunds also advised Council that the City does utilize Seminole Towing exclusively for towing services at City Hall, the Recreation Center, 102nd Avenue Trail Parking, and Blossom Lake Park.

Councilor Hester asked City Manager Edmunds when he reports back to Council if he can advise them on how a business gets on the list, how the rotation works, and if there were any events that have precluded Seminole Towing from getting their share of the rotation.

Councilor Matthews stated as he understands it, two additional companies have recently been added to the rotation list. He would like to know the reason why two more companies were added, and if the City has the privilege of the rotation list just being Seminole businesses, he felt that it how it should be unless the Sheriff’s Department has a reason why it should not.

10. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

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

Date Approved: _____

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

James Johnson, Mayor