

**MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, September 23, 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 Councilor Dan Hester 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; and City Clerk Lesley DeMuth. Councilor Patricia Hartstein, Councilor Bob Matthews, and City Manager Frank Edmunds asked to be excused.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Dick Holmes, South Pasadena, advised Council his term expires in December as the representative for the Group "C" Cities on the Pinellas Planning Council and he will not be seeking a reappointment. Dave Healy, Pinellas Planning Council Executive Director, provided an overview on the role of the Planning Council. Mayor Johnson stated he would like to be considered for this appointment, and requested this be placed on the next agenda for Council consideration.

Detective Sergeant Dale Romeo, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, provided an overview on the two types of vehicle towing situations that occur; police directed and police assisted tows. He stated there is a towing list for each of the contract cities and explained how the wreckers are called out on a rotation basis for police assisted tows. Sergeant Romeo advised Council it is the policy of the Sheriff of Pinellas County that contract cities have the option to express a preference for one, two or three towing companies to do the police assisted tows. Police directed tows are done under contract by three towing companies on a countywide basis. Sergeant Romeo advised Council he has not had any service issues with Seminole Towing, and they have an excellent reputation.

Mayor Johnson presented Fire Chief Dan Graves with a Proclamation declaring October 5 - 11, 2008, as Fire Prevention Week.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2008, AND SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2008.

Motion by Councilor Hester, second by Councilor Counts to approve the minutes of September 9, 2008, and September 10, 2008.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

3. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-2008 ESTABLISHING THE MILLAGE RATE OF 2.4793 MILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 24-2008. Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing. Receiving no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to adopt on Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. 24-2008, establishing the millage rate of 2.4793 mills for the City of Seminole for FY09 which is an 11.38% decrease from the rolled back rate of 2.7976.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-2008 APPROVING THE GENERAL OPERATING AND SPECIAL EVENTS FUND BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 25-2008 by title only. Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing.

Karly Bailey, 7012 Greenbrier Drive, spoke on the need of funding for recreation programs for people with disabilities.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn advised Ms. Bailey at the last meeting a request was made to have a workshop on this issue.

Receiving no additional comments from the public, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Councilor Counts to adopt Ordinance No. 25-2008 on Second and Final Reading approving the FY09 General Fund Budget of \$16,662,800 and Special Events Fund Budget of \$75,400 for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2008 and ending September 30, 2009.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND UP TO \$65,000 IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS FOR ROADWAY RE-SURFACING.

Motion by Councilor Counts second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with R. E. Purcell Construction Co. Inc., for milling and roadway resurfacing in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 and authorize this expenditure from the FY08 Street Resurfacing Capital Improvement Project Fund.

Councilor Hester stated for the record that he lives on one of the streets being repaved.

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6. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn reported he attended Music in the Park, the Florida League of Cities Finance and Taxation Committee Meeting, and spoke at the local LBM Business Network Group and AARP Meetings in reference to the Constitutional Amendments that will be on the ballot. Vice Mayor Barnhorn requested a workshop prior to voting on the driveway ordinance to discuss the City of Tampa's request to the Florida League of Cities to seek legislation to establish a clear standard for sidewalk liability. There was no objection from Council.

Mayor Johnson reported he attended Music in the Park, spoke at the Seminole Lake Rotary Club Meeting and performed several ribbon cuttings.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORTS. None.

8. OLD BUSINESS. None.

9. NEW BUSINESS.

In response to a question by Councilor Counts, Community Development Director Ely stated the schools within Seminole are: Starkey, Seminole, and Orange Grove Elementary.

In response to a question by Councilor Counts, Public Works Director Alan Godfrey explained the work and supervision given to the prisoners used by the Public Works Department.

Councilor Hester asked Vice Mayor Barnhorn when he is talking to the different groups about the Amendments and says he represents the City, are we taking a position. Vice Mayor Barnhorn explained no positions are given. He basically explains who is for or who is against the amendments, and what the pros and cons are.

Administrative Services Director Harry Kyne gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget. Copies of a Budget in Brief booklet were provided to Council and the public.

10. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to adjourn.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

Date Approved: _____

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

James Johnson, Mayor