

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

The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, December 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. Councilor Dan Hester, in lieu of an invocation, presented a video he found appropriate and meaningful which reflects the appreciation Americans have and should have for the people protecting our country. The presentation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Cole, Seminole Gardens, gave a year-end review of things in Seminole she felt deserved special mention.

Mike Mugarbel, Seminole Towing and Recovery, spoke on their request to Council to change the Sheriff's Office towing rotation list.

James Quinn, Seminole Gardens, introduced himself to Council as a candidate in the upcoming City election.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 23, 2008, AND DECEMBER 9, 2008.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Hester to approve the minutes of November 23, 2008, and December 9, 2008.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

3. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 09-2008 ESTABLISHING A TOWING ROTATION SCHEDULE.

Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Counts to approve Resolution No. 09-2008.

City Manager Edmunds advised Council the Resolution is in accordance with the City Council's direction from their workshop to reduce the Sheriff's Office towing rotation list from five to three; two towing services to be appointed by the Council and the other to be appointed by the Sheriff's Office.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn stated he thought at the workshop Council had talked about three specific services. City Manager Edmunds stated the Council was not unanimous on that, and in fact Councilor Hofstra wanted to see some written criteria the Council would established if a company from outside the City was chosen. The proposal before Council establishes the two resident towing services, Seminole Towing and Keller's, with the third towing service to be selected by the Sheriff. Vice Mayor Barnhorn stated he was not in favor of putting in a company that will be appointed by the Sheriff; it defeated the purpose.

City Manager Edmunds stated the difficulty selecting a third non-resident member would be the establishment of some criteria. The Sheriff's Office has those criteria now, and they are comfortable justifying them.

In response to a question by Councilor Hester, City Manager Edmunds stated if for some reason the Council has an objection to the Sheriff's Office selection this could come back before Council for discussion, and they could vote an objection.

Councilor Matthews stated that Joe's Towing currently has a contract with the Sheriff's Office and he felt they would be selected as their choice. If the City needed criteria for a third service it could be assistance provided to our Fire Department.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn stated if the Council is not going to consider three specific towing services, he would move to change the Resolution to provide for only the two towing services within Seminole. The motion was not seconded.

In response to a question by Councilor Counts, City Manager Edmunds stated although all contract cities have the right to establish the towing rotation list, no other contract city has done so.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 to 2 - Vice Mayor Barnhorn and Councilor Hartstein opposed.

4. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE MARCH 10, 2009, MUNICIPAL ELECTION WITH THE PINELLAS COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS.

Motion by Councilor Hester, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract with the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections to conduct the March 10, 2009, Municipal Election.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PINELLAS COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO UTILIZE THE SEMINOLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY AS A POLLING PLACE DURING THE MARCH 10, 2009, MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Hartstein to authorize the City Manager to execute a Polling Place Agreement with the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections for the use of the Seminole Community Library during the March 10, 2009, Municipal Election.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH PEPPER CONTRACTING SERVICES, INC., FOR DRAINAGE AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ALONG PINEHURST DRIVE AND TO EXPEND UP TO \$435,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUND AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX FUND.

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Pepper Contracting Services, Inc., for drainage and sidewalk improvements along Pinehurst Drive, and to expend up to \$435,000 from the Capital Improvements Project Fund and the Infrastructure Surtax Fund.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH A & E AMUSEMENTS TO PROVIDE CARNIVAL MIDWAY AND GAMES DURING THE MARCH 13 – 15, 2009, POW WOW FESTIVAL.

Motion by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, second by Councilor Counts to authorize the City Manager to execute the Engagement Contract with A & E Amusements to provide the carnival midway games and rides during the 2009, Pow Wow Festival.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND UP TO \$1,800 FROM THE ADMINISTRATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUND FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CITY HALL SERVER.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Matthews to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,800 from the Administration Capital Improvements Project Fund for the replacement of the City Hall server.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO SPONSOR IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES, CVS CAREMARK PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

Motion by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, second by Councilor Matthews to sponsor in collaboration with the National League of Cities, the CVS Caremark Discount Prescription Program to provide City of Seminole residents an opportunity to receive free prescription discount benefit savings at participating pharmacies.

Councilor Hartstein stated she went on the Caremark website to see who the participating pharmacies were, but could not get the information. Vice Mayor Barnhorn stated he went thorough the National Leagues website and found there are 101 participating pharmacies within an 8 mile radius of Seminole.

City Manager Edmunds stated he did contract the League about the program, and found that Pinellas County Government has a similar offering through the National Association of Counties. It appears this is a no cost offering for local jurisdictions, and for those who do not have prescription coverage it is a benefit.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

10. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. BOB LIMA TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 2010.

Motion by Councilor Hester, second by Councilor Hartstein to reappoint Mr. Bob Lima to the Recreation Advisory Board to fill a term expiring December 12, 2010.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

11. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. LATISHA SPRINGER TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 2010.

Motion by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, second by Councilor Matthews to reappoint Ms. Latisha Springer to the Recreation Advisory Board to fill a term expiring December 12, 2010.

12. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn reported he attended the: Winterfest, Chamber Breakfast, Tampa Bay Chamber Luncheon, Holiday Movie in the Park, Yule Log Ceremony, and wrapped Christmas presents for those in need with the Firefighters.

13. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

City Manager Edmunds reported:

- The City had the largest attendance at Winterfest this year.
- At the first meeting in January, Council will be asked to name their appointment to the Charter Review Committee. In an attempt to eliminate any conflicts, Council was asked to submit the name of their nominee to the City Clerk prior to the meeting.

14. OLD BUSINESS:

In response to a question by Councilor Counts on the amount of calls at Page II and Boomerz, Deputy DiSano stated there have not been as many calls at Page II and there had not been a call volume issue with Boomerz.

In response to a question by Councilor Hartstein on the Architectural Study, City Manager Edmunds stated he anticipates providing Council with a projects status update in January to include discussions on the Public Work/EOC Project, the Citizen Survey regarding property maintenance and the Architectural Standards.

15. NEW BUSINESS.

In response to a question by Councilor Counts, Recreation Director Jim Sheets stated the City's net proceeds from Pow Wow average \$18,000 to \$20,000 per year. These proceeds do fund the City's Special Events Budget.

Councilor Matthews stated during Winterfest he had some comments made to him and he had to agree that the City should consider some type of lighting in City Park for evening events, particularly in the playground and walkway areas.

16. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

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

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

Date Approved: _____

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

James Johnson, Mayor