

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

The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, February 12, 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, Patricia Hartstein, Dan Hester, Peter Hofstra 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:

Library Director Michael Bryan introduced new library staff member Ms. Kim Goonis, Librarian III.

Kelly Levy, Florida Lake Management Society, presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to the City for its contribution to the restoration of Park Boulevard at the southern shoreline of Lake Seminole.

Rhonda Sanborn, Director of Hospitality and Education of the Convention and Visitors Bureau made a presentation on the Bureau's Value of Tourism Campaign.

Mayor Johnson announced the presentation of the Fiscal Year 2007 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report will be postponed until the next Council Meeting.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Henny Hlas, 14823 Seminole Trail, Director of the Miss Seminole Scholarship Pageant thanked Council for their support, and invited them to attend the Pageant.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 22, 2008.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Hester to approve the minutes of January 22, 2008.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

3. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING. CONSIDER A SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 01-2008 REGARDING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT DATE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENTAL REVIEW BOARD.

The City Clerk read Ordinance No. 01-2008 by title only.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing. Receiving no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Hofstra to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2008 on Second and Final Reading.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 02-2008 REGARDING THE CITY OF SEMINOLE'S OPPOSITION TO THE 102ND WIDENING PROJECT BY PINELLAS COUNTY.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 02-2008 by title only.

Motion by Councilor Hester, second by Councilor Counts to approve Resolution No. 02-2008.

Councilor Hofstra stated he cannot support Section One of the Resolution. He felt the widening of this particular portion of 102nd Avenue may be the only viable method of easing the traffic flow, and cannot support the City telling Pinellas County they cannot under any circumstance do this.

Councilor Matthews stated his feeling on this is the City is not opposed to an improvement. The objection is to the design that is currently on the table, and that there may be some common ground for a two-lane roadway with a turn lane in the middle.

Councilor Counts stated he concurred with Councilor Matthews, and he would recommend a traffic light in the vicinity of 125th Street but, was in support of the Resolution as written.

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

MOTION CARRIED 6 to 1.

5. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 03-2008 URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE OUTLINED ISSUES DURING THE 2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 03-2008 by title only.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to approve Resolution No. 03-2008.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE A ONE DAY PERMIT TO ST. JUSTIN MARTYR CHURCH TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION DURING THE FISH FRY EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 22 AND MARCH 7, 2008.

Motion by Councilor Hester, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve a one day permit allowing for the St. Justin Martyr church to dispense alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption during their fish fry events scheduled for February 22 and March 7, 2008.

Councilor Hofstra requested the permit be conditioned upon the applicant using wristbands or another acceptable form of age verification.

Councilor Matthews stated he would be interested in knowing their supervision, and would like staff to include some emphasis on the permit for specific supervision.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE AT THE 2008 POW WOW FESTIVAL KICK-OFF “CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY” DINNER ON MARCH 13, 2008.

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve the sale of beer and wine at the Pow Wow Kick-Off Dinner scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2008.

Councilor Hofstra stated he would like the approval conditioned upon the use of wristbands or another acceptable form of age verification.

Councilor Hartstein stated the kick-off dinner is for adults, and did not believe at \$40 per person there will be underage children.

City Manager Edmunds stated this is primarily an adult activity but, the City can comply with the stipulation.

Councilor Hester stated he could not support this with the stipulation. This event has occurred in the past and there has not been an issue with it.

City Manager Edmunds asked for a point of clarification as to whether the motion before Council is with or without the stipulation. After clarification from Council, Mayor Johnson stated the motion is without the stipulation.

MOTION CARRIED 6 TO 1

8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WINE CELLAR RESTAURANT FOR THE DECEMBER 7, 2008 ANNUAL VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY BOARDS APPRECIATION DINNER.

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement with the Wine Cellar Restaurant for the December 7, 2008 Volunteer Boards Appreciation Dinner.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE 2008 EVERY CHILD A SWIMMER PROGRAM WITH THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SEMINOLE.

Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Counts to approve the co-sponsorship of the 2008 "Every Child a Swimmer Program".

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10. CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM VICE MAYOR BARNHORN REGARDING ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND TRAVEL FUNDS.

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Hartstein to authorize a transfer in the amount of \$750 from Councilor Counts travel and training account to the Vice Mayor's account. Councilor Matthews moved to amend the motion to an \$850 value with the funds to come from his account. Councilor Counts stated he had no objection to amending the motion to \$850 with the funds coming from his account.

Councilor Hester stated he appreciated the Vice Mayor's interested in training and education and commended him for this but, stated for the record, now is not the time to be increasing what he felt is a more than fair and adequate training and travel budget, and he is opposed to the request.

Councilor Hofstra stated he concurred with Councilor Hester.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn stated for Council's information during the last year he represented the City at 124 different events and so far this year he has been to 18. He felt there are many functions where the City should have a face, and the Mayor cannot attend them all himself. In his opinion, this falls on him as Vice Mayor as he takes this very seriously.

MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 2

11. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.

Councilor Counts reported he attended the Sponsor's Reception for the Miss Seminole Scholarship Pageant.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn reported he attended: the Miss Seminole Scholarship Pageant Sponsor's Reception, the 14th Annual Dinner for Law Enforcement, Firefighters and EMS Personnel, the Seminole Women's Club Luncheon, the National League of Cities Legislative Priorities and Advocacy Meeting, Seminole Sings, the Fire Department Open House, and he met with Rene Flowers on the Easy Ride Program.

Mayor Johnson reported he attended the Mayors' Council Meeting, Seminole Sings and the Fire Department Open House.

Councilor Hartstein reported she attended the John Morroni Tribute Dinner, and the Fire Department Open House.

12. CITY MANAGER REPORTS.

- Deputy Dave DiSano gave an update on the activities of the Community Policing Officers.
- Advised Council the March 11, meeting falls on the day of the Municipal Election. Council was in agreement to not reschedule the meeting.
- The City Clerk will make arrangements with the League of Women Voters for a City sponsored Candidates Forum if it is the desire of Council. Council was in agreement to sponsor a forum.
- The City is prepared to place Municipal Election Day signage throughout the City.
- A meeting was held with Mike Masem who has an interest in developing greater citizen participation in local government. As a result of the meeting Mr. Masem is researching the possibility of a Citizens Advisory Committee, and at some point they will come before Council in a workshop setting to discuss other avenues for citizen participation.
- Reminded Council if they wished to attend the kick-off dinner for the Pow Wow to please let the City Clerk know as soon as possible.

13. OLD BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Barnhorn asked Council if they had any issues for him to bring before the State Legislators when he goes to Tallahassee with the Suncoast League of Cities. Councilor Hester asked the Vice Mayor to ask them to do something meaningful in the way of tax and insurance reform.

Councilor Counts commented on the nice addition at the Recreation Center of outside restrooms.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Barnhorn asked Council if they were interested in having Rene Flowers make a presentation on the Easy Ride Program. There was no objection.

Councilor Matthews asked what information is being shared with the residents on where to go to vote during the City Election. City Manager Edmunds stated this information is on the City's website and television channel. City Clerk DeMuth stated a sample ballot and the locations of the polling places will appear in the newspaper the Sunday prior to the election.

15. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

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

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

Date Approved: _____

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

James Johnson, Mayor