

**MINUTES  
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008**

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The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 113<sup>th</sup> Street North, Seminole, Florida.

Thomas Barnhorn, Vice Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Barnhorn announced, as everyone is aware, Mayor Johnson is at home recovering from lung transplant surgery, and the Mayor will attend the meeting tonight by telephone. 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:**

Vice Mayor Barnhorn presented a Proclamation to Public Works Director Allen Godfrey declaring May 18 – 24, 2008, National Public Works Week.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING MARCH 25, 2008.**

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve the minutes of March 25, 2008.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

**3. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 06-2008 ENCOURAGING GOVERNOR CRIST AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO RETAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM.**

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 06-2008 by title only.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Hester to adopt Resolution No. 06-2008.

City Manager Edmunds advised Council, as of today, the House Budget Proposal eliminates the funding for the Florida Forever Program and the Everglades Restoration Project. The Senate Budget Proposal does fund the Florida Forever Program at \$3 million and will return some partial funding for the Everglades Restoration Project.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR COUNTS	AYE
	COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE

COUNCILOR HESTER	AYE
COUNCILOR HOFSTRA	AYE
COUNCILOR MATTHEWS	AYE
VICE MAYOR BARNHORN	AYE
MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. CONSIDER NAME SELECTION FOR A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD PARK.**

Vice Mayor Barnhorn requested nominations for the park name.

Councilor Hofstra nominated the name Robert Stewart Park after the County Commissioner, and Councilor Hartstein nominated the name Seminole Water Tower Park.

There being no further nominations, Vice Mayor Barnhorn closed the nominations, and asked each Councilor to cast their vote on the ballot in front of them. The City Clerk will then tabulate and read the results.

Prior to reading the ballot results, City Clerk DeMuth asked Mayor Johnson for his vote, and Mayor Johnson stated his vote was Seminole Water Tower Park. City Clerk DeMuth advised Council the vote was: five in favor of Seminole Water Tower Park and two in favor of Robert Stewart Park.

**5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S REQUEST FOR A ONE DAY PERMIT TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION ON MAY 3, 2008, SUBJECT TO TAKING PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE THAT MINORS DO NOT GAIN ACCESS TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

Mayor Johnson stated he is the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and will abstain from voting on this agenda item as there may be a perception of a conflict of interest.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Counts to approve a one day permit for the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce to dispense alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption on May 3, 2008, subject to taking precautions to ensure that minors do not gain access to alcoholic beverages.

Doc Kinsey, President of the Seminole Chamber of Commerce, stated the Chamber will be selling beer and wine, and will issue a hand stamp when tickets are purchased and identification is shown. He stated there are 12 restaurants involved in this event.

THE MOTION CARRIED - 6 Ayes, 1 Abstain

**6. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone for their support.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn reported on the National League of Cities Conference he attended in Washington D.C., speaking on the Cities Future Program, Futures Panel on Democratic Governance, Economic Development Policy and Advisory Committee, Transportation Infrastructure and Services Policy Committee, Fair Finance Education Committee, and the City of Plano's Volunteer Services Program.

**7. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

City Manager Edmunds reported:

- Deputy Ireland gave an update on the activities of the Community Policing Officers.
- The City experienced some vandalism during Spring Break. The City has installed security cameras at Blossom Lake Park and City Park, and is intending to expand the use of cameras at other City facilities.
- Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at 5:30 pm was scheduled for the Council's Annual Workshop Retreat.
- The City is in the planning stages of relocating the Fire Administration Offices to City Hall and it is anticipate the Chief and his staff will be relocated by the end of June; first part of July. It did not seem efficient to have six or seven people in the Fire Administration Building at an annual operating cost of \$85,000. A number of options for the reuse of that property have been discussed, and through theses discussion it appears Staffs preferred reuse would be the construction of a Public Works Office and a permanent EOC.
- The Summer Camp Program is full. The Teen Camp is 100% City residents, and the General Camp is 74 % resident and 26% non-resident.

**8. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Vice Mayor Barnhorn advised Council the Suncoast League of Cities extended an invitation to teens involved in programs within their City to attend the upcoming Annual Conference during the Saturday session. The cost would be \$20.00 per person. Vice Mayor Barnhorn asked for Council authorization to allow the teens on the City's Library and Recreation Boards to attend, and the City pay the cost. In response to a question from Councilor Hartstein, City Manager Edmunds stated the \$20.00 can come from the Contingency Account. There were no objections from Council.

Councilor Hartstein stated if there are youths who would like to attend, she is willing to provide the supervision.

**10. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.**

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

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

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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 April 8, 2008.

(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.

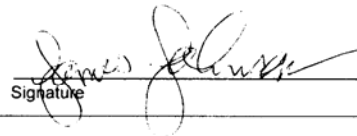
(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

To approve a one day permit to allow the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce, of which I am the Executive Director, to sell alcoholic beverages during the "Taste of Seminole"

Date Filed

4-16-08  
4-17-08

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.