

**MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, May 13, 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 John Counts followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Councilors John Counts, Patricia Hartstein, 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. Councilor Dan Hester asked to be excused.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Presentations: Pinellas County Commissioner John Morroni summarized the County's proposed Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, and welcomed the City's comments on the proposal. Bruce Bussey, Pinellas County Urban Development Manager, answered questions from Council on the proposal, and invited the Council and public to participate in an Inclusionary Housing Charrette on June 4, at the Largo Cultural Arts Center.

Introductions: Boy Scout Troop #431 was welcomed to the meeting. Troop Committee Member Dan Zsdio advised Council the Boy Scouts are working on a Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Samuel Polson, 10833 91st Avenue N., spoke on the enforcement of the noise ordinance as it pertains to stereo systems in homes and in vehicles, and with noisy animals and incessant barking, and asked how these problems can be resolved with a fair solution for all.

Linda Cole, Seminole Gardens, spoke on the issues facing persons or students trying to get a college education in Florida.

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

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Hofstra to approve the minutes of April 22, 2008.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A FEE FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES WITH MASON BLAU AND ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH A NEW PUBLIC WORKS/EOC FACILITY.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a fee for architectural design services with Mason Blau & Associates, Inc., associated with the Public Works/EOC Facility.

In response to a question by Councilor Hofstra on the fee range, City Manager Edmunds stated Florida Law prohibits communities from asking for a fee up-front. The fee can be negotiated only after the selection of a firm is made. City Manager Edmunds stated during the negotiations he will try to gage the design costs, per square foot, to similar projects of recent timing.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

4. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AGREEMENT REGARDING THE MASTER DRAINAGE PLAN PROJECT.

Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Hartstein to authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement between the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the City of Seminole for an update of the City's Master Drainage Plan.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

5. CONSIDER APPOINTING MS. MICHELE K. ABRAMO TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE MAY 2008.

Motion by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, second by Councilor Hofstra to appoint Michele K. Abramo to the Library Advisory Board for a two-year term, effective May 2008.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

6. CONSIDER CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE 29TH ANNUAL KIDS APPRECIATION DAY WITH THE GREATER SEMINOLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, JUNE 3, 2008.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to approve the co-sponsorship with the Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce for the 29th Annual Kids Appreciation Day.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE A ONE DAY PERMIT TO SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION DURING AN EVENT AT THE SEMINOLE LAKES COUNTY CLUB ON MAY 15, 2008.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Hofstra to approve a one day permit for the Seminole High School Warhawk Boosters to dispense alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption on May 15, 2008, subject to taking precautions to ensure that minors do not gain access to alcoholic beverages.

In response to a question by Councilor Counts on why the City is involved in this, City Manager Edmunds explained there is a City requirement that this type of activity come before Council for approval particularly if it is not permitted in the zoning where the activity is proposed. The County Club does dispense alcoholic beverages provided it is within the interior of their existing facility.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CIP FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,474.72 TO REPLACE FOUR LIBRARY STAFF COMPUTERS.

Motion by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, second by Councilor Counts to approve the expenditure of \$5,474.72 for the purchase of four staff computers from the CIP Fund.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Hartstein reported she and other Councilors attended the Suncoast League of Cities Conference. Councilor Hartstein provided Council with a great teaching tool, an Earth Saver, which deals with how to recycle and dispose of household hazardous waste.

Mayor Johnson reported he attended the Mayors Council Meeting, and the Sheriff's Department Awards Ceremony.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn reported he attended the: Tribute to Teachers Breakfast, Neighborly Volunteer Appreciation Awards, Mayors Prayer Breakfast, Taste of Seminole, Bus Shelter unveiling, Practical Entrepreneurial Academy, and was elected as a Vice President of the Suncoast League of Cities.

10. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

Deputy Dave DiSano gave an update on the activities of the Community Policing Officers.

11. OLD BUSINESS: None

12. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Counts asked City Manager Edmunds if he will contact Pinellas County regarding an odor that is being experienced by his neighbors and those who live along the Pinellas Trail which seems to be coming from the reclaimed water lines that were placed along the Trail. City Manager Edmunds stated he will contact Pinellas County Utilities.

Vice Mayor Barnhorn asked City Manager Edmunds if staff can put together a report on the impact of the County's proposed Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. City Manager Edmunds advised Council he would like to schedule a workshop for the next business meeting to discuss this issue in preparation of submitting comments on their draft.

13. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

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

Date Approved: _____

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk

James Johnson, Mayor