

**MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 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 Mayor Johnson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: None.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 27, 2009.**

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Hofstra to approve the minutes of January 27, 2009.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

3. **CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 01-2009 REGARDING ADOPTION OF COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS.**

The Deputy City Clerk read Ordinance No. 01-2009 by title only.

Motion by Councilor Hester, second by Councilor Hofstra to approve Ordinance No. 01-2009 on First Reading.

Councilor Matthews asked if the February 11, 2009 date was correct on page four. Community Development Director Ely explained that the date corresponds with the date of the legal advertisement in accordance with the public notice requirements for the Second and Final Reading of the Ordinance at the Public Hearing scheduled to be held on February 24, 2009.

Councilor Hofstra stated he was in favor of adopting the Ordinance now, but would like to schedule a Workshop to discuss a possible amendment with regard to incentives for voluntary compliance. In addition, he requested that the City Manager provide Council with the costs associated in waiving permit and impact fees. Councilor Matthews agreed; an incentive for voluntary compliance might be very beneficial especially for small business owners.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR HOFSTRA	AYE
	COUNCILOR HESTER	AYE
	COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
	COUNCILOR MATTHEWS	AYE
	MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WINE CELLAR RESTAURANT FOR THE DECEMBER 6, 2009 ANNUAL VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY BOARDS APPRECIATION DINNER.

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Councilor Hartstein to authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement with the Wine Cellar Restaurant for the December 6, 2009 Annual Volunteer Holiday Boards Appreciation Dinner.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

5. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 02-2009 REVISING THE RECREATION CENTER FEES POLICY.

Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Hartstein to adopt Resolution No. 02-2009 revising the Recreation Center Fees Policy.

Councilor Matthews asked the City Manager to summarize the Resolution for the benefit of the television viewing audience; in which City Manager Edmunds responded by describing the recent process that City staff and Council undertook to review and evaluate the need to make modifications to the Fees Policy in order to keep it current and competitive with other communities.

Councilor Hester stated for the record that he is in opposition to increasing the Recreation Center Fees Policy, and he did not think that now was the time to do it. In addition, he stated that the burden of any increases should be at the expense of the non-city residents.

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

MOTION CARRIED 4-5 IN FAVOR.

6. CONSIDER A NOMINATION TO THE FLORIDA MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT TRUST.

Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Hartstein to nominate Vice Mayor Barnhorn for consideration to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Florida Municipal Investment Trust.

Councilor Matthews stated he thought that Vice Mayor Barnhorn would do a good job, should he be selected.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

7. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.

- Councilor Matthews reported that he represented Council at the PTEC graduation ceremony in St. Petersburg, on the 22nd; 100 graduates participated and it was a lot of fun. He also attended the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Meeting on February 9th and described some very good presentations. He will provide the Clerk with a copy of a resolution adopting the Model Fertilizer Ordinance by local governments of the Tampa Bay Region to distribute to Council for their review. Councilor Matthews also provided the Tampa Bay Estuary website: www.tbepotech.org for additional information.
- Mayor Johnson reported he attended the Mayor's Council Luncheon last week and will provide copies of the minutes of the meeting to Council.

8. CITY MANAGER REPORTS.

City Manager Edmunds reminded Council:

- If they have not already done so, to please notify the Clerk with their transportation arrangements regarding the Pow Wow Parade.
- The Charter Review Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, with Council and staff.
- Waste Management will be distributing new recycling containers to all residents, beginning this week.

9. OLD BUSINESS. None.

10. NEW BUSINESS.

- Councilor Hofstra stated he has received resolutions from other cities in Pinellas County; two of which came from Kenneth City and Pinellas Park where each has adopted resolutions urging the legislature to retain Egmont Key State Park within the state park system, and he would propose that we do likewise. Also, he received a resolution from Indian Rocks Beach, where they are urging the governor and the legislature to propose an amendment to the Constitution requiring the State Legislature to operate under the same Sunshine Laws that apply to local legislative officials, further stating that we should do likewise with a resolution.
- Councilor Hester referred to a letter from the County Administrator included in the agenda packet, stating it appears to be an outreach on the County's part to work with the cities in light of the ailing economy. He requested the City Manager to share his thoughts, and provide Council with a copy of his response to the County Administrator.
- City Manager Edmunds explained that he has had several meetings with the County Administrator, discussing a variety of issues. In reference to the letter, the City Manager stated, it clearly indicates a reversal of roles; now in which the County is asking what the

cities can do for them, in an effort to possibly take advantage of opportunities to share resources. He briefly provided an overview of his thoughts about identifying areas where the City may be able to provide some services, and other communications he has had with the County Administrator.

11. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

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

Date Approved: _____

Ginger Stilton, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

James Johnson
Mayor