

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

The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, March 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 Councilor Dan Hester followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Councilors Peter Hofstra, Dan Hester, Patricia Hartstein and Bob Matthews; Vice Mayor Thomas Barnhorn; Mayor James Johnson; City Attorney John Elias; City Manager Frank Edmunds. Councilor John Counts asked to be excused. Deputy City Clerk Ginger Stilton was overseeing the Municipal Elections at the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Office.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Johnson presented a plaque to outgoing Councilor Peter Hofstra in recognition for two years of service to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2009.

Motion by Councilor Hofstra, second by Councilor Hester to approve the minutes of February 24, 2009.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

2. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2009 POW WOW COMMITTEE.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Matthews to appoint the 2009 Pow Wow Committee Members as listed.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT GROUP RMC, OF THE SEMINOLE MALL FOR USE OF MALL PROPERTY DURING THE 2009 POW WOW PARADE.

Motion by Councilor Hester, second by Councilor Hofstra to authorize the City Manager to execute a License and Indemnity Agreement with RMC Property Management Group.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

4. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND EMS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$23,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE.

Motion by Vice Mayor Barnhorn, second by Councilor Matthews to approve the purchase of an Emergency Response Vehicle not to exceed \$23,000 from the EMS Capital Improvement Project Fund.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$18,500 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLE.

Motion by Councilor Matthews, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve the purchase of an administrative vehicle not to exceed \$18,500 from the Capital Improvement Project Fund.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

6. CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE REVISED POSITION DESCRIPTION AND SALARY RANGE OF THE CITY CLERK.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Vice Mayor Barnhorn to approve the revised position description and salary range for the City Clerk position.

Councilor Hofstra stated he felt the position should be a pay grade eleven.

APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION; COUNCILOR HOFSTRA VOTING NO.
MOTION CARRIES.

7. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.

- Vice Mayor Barnhorn attended: Charter Review; Historical Society Meeting; Friends of the Library Luncheon; Blessed Sacrament's Annual Carnival; Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Dinner; Girl Scout Open House; Pow Wow kick-off dinner; and the Open House at Fire Station 29.
- Councilor Matthews attended: Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, and reported that Tampa Bay Water presented a status update on the drought situation, the reservoir and current watering restrictions. Reported the City of St. Petersburg is incorporating several energy conservation programs and would try to get literature about these programs to share with Council.
- Mayor Johnson attended: The Girl Scout Open House and presented a Proclamation; conducted the opening ceremony for Blessed Sacrament's Annual Carnival, as well as attended several smaller events. Mayor Johnson expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the City of Seminole with great pride.

8. CITY MANAGER REPORTS.

- Deputy DiSano presented the Community Policing Report to Council.
- City Manager Edmunds provided Council with an update regarding the Charter Review Committee’s progress in reviewing the Charter to date, and reminded Council about the Pow Wow Parade.

9. OLD BUSINESS. None.

10. NEW BUSINESS.

Councilor Hofstra reported he has witnessed at least one if not two homes conducting what appear to be professional flea markets. Because the City of Seminole’s Code does not limit the number of garage sales in which an individual may have; our Code Enforcement Officers are faced with a standard that is difficult to apply. Councilor Hofstra suggested an Ordinance which would address this issue.

In response to a question from Councilor Hester, regarding the amount of complaints received; City Manager Edmunds deferred to Community Development Director Ely who confirmed his department has received several complaints associated with garage sales. Councilor Hester requested the City Manager to research how other cities are handling this issue.

Councilor Matthews asked the City Manager what kind of code enforcement is in place on the weekends with regard to street corner vendors. City Manager Edmunds responded the Deputies would take care of those complaints.

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