

**MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 - 113th Street North, Seminole, Florida.

Mayor James Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilor John Counts; requesting all observe a moment of silence for the tragic loss of four young lives, and for their families and a grieving community, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Councilors Patricia Plantamura, John Counts, Leslie Waters, Dan Hester, Patricia Hartstein; Vice Mayor Bob Matthews; Mayor James Johnson; City Attorney John Elias; City Manager Frank Edmunds and City Clerk Ginger Stilton present.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Johnson presented a plaque to former Vice Mayor Thomas Barnhorn, thanking him for his assistance as Vice Mayor and for three years of dedicated service to the City of Seminole while serving on the City Council.

Fire Chief Daniel Graves introduced to Council, Mr. John Mitchell, a citizen who went above and beyond in his heroic efforts to assist a victim of an accident in the interim, until Fire Rescue personnel arrived on the scene. On behalf of the City of Seminole, and the Fire Rescue Department, Chief Daniel Graves presented Mr. Mitchell with a plaque, recognizing his lifesaving actions in a medical emergency.

City Manager Frank Edmunds presented Director of Administration, Harry Kyne with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), to the City of Seminole, in recognition for the fiscal year October 1, 2008.

Mayor Johnson presented a proclamation to Public Works Director Jeremy Hockenbury, declaring April 24, 2009 as the 137th Anniversary Celebration of Arbor Day.

Councilor Waters presented a proclamation declaring the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and announced that the proclamation would be forwarded to Executive Director D. Gay Lancaster of the Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB) Children's Service Council of Pinellas County, in advocacy of communities throughout Florida who are engaged in coordinated efforts to support children and families.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ms. Vera Burianek showed a brief video highlighting the City of Seminole, for the purposes of encouraging visitors to the area. Council thanked Ms. Burianek for the presentation.

- Mr. Richard Steffins offered his views on reclaimed water, and wanted to know why it has not been incorporated throughout the City of Seminole. Council briefly discussed issues regarding reclaimed water. Councilor Hester requested that City Manager Edmunds provide the Council with the County's program status to provide reclaimed water to areas within Seminole, by the next meeting.
- Linda Cole presented her research regarding the election history, and encouraged Council to convey their individual and /or collective experiences on the campaign trail to the County, in an effort to improve our current election process. Ms. Cole requested that City Clerk Stilton distribute a copy of the election research statistics which she prepared to Council.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING MARCH 24, 2009.

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve the minutes of March 24, 2009.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

3. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 03-2009 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11364 – 81ST PLACE NORTH.

City Clerk Stilton read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Waters to approve Ordinance No. 03-2009 on First Reading.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR PLANTAMURA	AYE
	VICE MAYOR MATTHEWS	AYE
	COUNCILOR WATERS	AYE
	COUNCILOR HESTER	AYE
	COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
	COUNCILOR COUNTS	AYE
	MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 04-2009 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9403 – 117th Street North.

City Clerk Stilton read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by Councilor Hartstein, second by Councilor Counts to approve Ordinance No. 04-2009 on First Reading.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR PLANTAMURA	AYE
	VICE MAYOR MATTHEWS	AYE
	COUNCILOR WATERS	AYE

COUNCILOR HESTER	AYE
COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
COUNCILOR COUNTS	AYE
MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 05-2009 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9569 – 117th Street North.

City Clerk Stilton read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Waters to approve Ordinance No. 05-2009 on First Reading.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR PLANTAMURA	AYE
	VICE MAYOR MATTHEWS	AYE
	COUNCILOR WATERS	AYE
	COUNCILOR HESTER	AYE
	COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
	COUNCILOR COUNTS	AYE
	MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 06-2009 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9547 – 117th Street North.

City Clerk Stilton read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Waters to approve Ordinance No. 06-2009 on First Reading.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR PLANTAMURA	AYE
	VICE MAYOR MATTHEWS	AYE
	COUNCILOR WATERS	AYE
	COUNCILOR HESTER	AYE
	COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
	COUNCILOR COUNTS	AYE
	MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 07-2009 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10898 – 111th Street North.

City Clerk Stilton read the Ordinance by title only.
Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve Ordinance No. 07-2009 on First Reading.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR PLANTAMURA	AYE
	VICE MAYOR MATTHEWS	AYE
	COUNCILOR WATERS	AYE
	COUNCILOR HESTER	AYE
	COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
	COUNCILOR COUNTS	AYE
	MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 08-2009 REGARDING A VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10897 – 111th Street North.

City Clerk Stilton read the Ordinance by title only.
Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Waters to approve Ordinance No. 08-2009 on First Reading.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR PLANTAMURA	AYE
	VICE MAYOR MATTHEWS	AYE
	COUNCILOR WATERS	AYE
	COUNCILOR HESTER	AYE
	COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
	COUNCILOR COUNTS	AYE
	MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 09-2009 AMENDING CHAPTER SIX, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE SEMINOLE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

City Clerk Stilton read the Ordinance by title only.
Motion by Vice Mayor Matthews, second by Councilor Hartstein to approve Ordinance No. 09-2009 on First Reading.

ROLL CALL:	COUNCILOR PLANTAMURA	AYE
	VICE MAYOR MATTHEWS	AYE
	COUNCILOR WATERS	AYE
	COUNCILOR HESTER	AYE
	COUNCILOR HARTSTEIN	AYE
	COUNCILOR COUNTS	AYE
	MAYOR JOHNSON	AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A PREMISE ACCESS LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON FLORIDA, LLC.

Motion by Councilor Counts, second by Councilor Waters to authorize the City Manager to execute the Premise Access License Agreement with Verizon Florida, LLC.

Councilor Plantamura asked if this was a new installation of cable with Verizon, and are we switching from Bright House. City Manager stated that currently we utilize Bright House in all of our facilities. This Agreement would allow Verizon to extend their services from street side to our buildings, but the City is not obligated to use Verizon services, adding they would inquire if this could be cost-effective.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

11. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE LEGISLATIVE TRAVEL AND TRAINING ACCOUNTS.

Motion by Vice Mayor Matthews, second by Councilor Hartstein to authorize the transfer of \$5,000 from the Contingency Account for the use by Councilor Waters (\$2,500) and Councilor Plantamura (\$2,500), to their respective travel and training accounts.

Councilor Hester inquired if there were additional funds in other accounts which could be utilized first. City Manager Edmunds stated that as in previous years practice, Council Members had elected to donate funds from their accounts if they wished. Mayor Johnson asked Council if there were any Members willing to donate a portion of their travel and training funds to the new Council Members. Hearing no offers, Mayor Johnson proceeded to call the question after explaining to Councilor Plantamura that that both she and Councilor Waters were allowed to vote on this item.

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12. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.

- Vice Mayor Matthews attended: 4/1-Mayor's Council Meeting where County Administrator Bob LaSalle and City Manager Frank Edmunds presented an overview of the EMS Services. 4/13-Pinellas Planning Council Meeting, stating the annual emergency maps will be available. Provided Council with a CD of materials from last meeting on environment and green issues.
- Councilor Waters attended: 3/25-The Seminole Historical Society- the speaker was former Pinellas County Commissioner Bob Stewart who presented a history of Pinellas County. 3/28-Rock-a-thon Fundraiser at the Cracker Barrel for Leukemia and Lymphoma; 4/7-Senator Bill Nelson's "Town Hall Meeting", with a100 elected officials in Pinellas and Executive Directors of community organizations, at the SPC Downtown

Center, in St. Petersburg; 4/9 – Met with Commissioner Calvin Harris on Florida Farm Bureau/Pinellas County agricultural issues. Councilor Waters stated that Commissioner Harris was very complementary of Frank Edmunds and his leadership with countywide fire and EMS issues; 4/11 – Seminole Stampede – 5K, helped set up and then participated in the race with an eleven minute mile; 4/14 – Seminole Kiwanis Morning Club-provided update on city issues, received positive feedback on city management. Councilor Waters also recognized Brittany Lincicome for her first major LPGA win on April 5th and stated she has tried to contact her to let her know that the City Council would like to recognize her accomplishments formally, but has not heard from her yet.

- Councilor Hartstein stated she has observed the new blue street signs going up, and wanted to commend the labor going into the medium strips and isles, it is absolutely beautiful, adding it is so pleasant to travel down 113th and see how well manicured and cared for these mediums are.
- Mayor Johnson attended:4/1–USCG ceremony and dedication in St. Petersburg, honoring sailor of the year and adopted the USCGC RESOLUTE WMEC 620; stating it was an honor to attend this ceremony; 4/7 – Senator Bill Nelson’s gathering of elected officials, at the SPC Downtown Center, in St. Petersburg. Also attended the Seminole Stampede.

13. CITY MANAGER REPORTS.

- Deputy Beverly Borland presented the Community Policing Report to Council. In response to a question from Councilor Counts, Deputy Borland explained the Florida laws regarding teenage curfews and driving restrictions.
- City Manager Edmunds provided an overview of the meetings with the County he has participated in.
- Reminded Council of the May 2, 2009 Annual Workshop. Invited Council to provide input as to any topics which they would like to discuss. Councilor Hartstein requested that an overview on the Council Member’s role and City Manager’s relationship be outlined as a refresher for existing Council Members, and as useful information to the newest elected Council Members, with regard to the City Council/City Manager form of government. In response to a question from Councilor Plantamura, who asked if that should be something that should be added or defined in the Charter, Councilor Hartstein clarified; offering that she suggested the roles and responsibilities be explained in a brief overview in relation to how they interact and the expectations of working together in the City Council/Manager form of government.
- City Manager Edmunds described the recent highly distinguished state recognized award presented to the Seminole Community Library for their Library Youth Services Programming.

14. OLD BUSINESS. None

15. NEW BUSINESS.

Mayor Johnson announced a candle-light service would be held at Seminole High School Football Stadium at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow night, for the four kids that lost their lives.

16. CONSIDER A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Vice Mayor Matthews, second by Councilor Waters to adjourn.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION.

Date Approved: _____

Ginger Stilton, CMC
City Clerk

James Johnson
Mayor