

**BUSINESS MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
January 10, 2023**

The Business Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 - 113th Street North, Seminole, Florida.

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Thom Barnhorn provided the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Mayor Leslie Waters, Vice Mayor Roger Edelman, Councilor Thom Barnhorn, Councilor Chris Burke, Councilor Olliver, Councilor Trish Springer, City Manager Ann Toney-Deal, City Attorney Jay Daigneault. and City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso.

Mayor Waters thanked Library Advisory Board member Trish Haynes for the Christmas cookies and also recognized Boy Scout Keenan LaPerriere. Keenan will be working towards his Eagle Scout Badge, and Mayor Waters invited him to attend a future Council meeting once his badge is earned and he will be recognized.

PRESENTATIONS

SEMINOLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY REPORT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RANDI NASH-ORTIZ

Seminole Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Randi Nash-Ortiz gave a quarterly report of the Seminole Chamber's membership numbers, along with a list of new members, and a brief report of face-to-face meetings with members and a list of events that took place.

Mayor Waters suggested that Ms. Nash-Ortiz try to retain the membership we have and obtain new memberships.

Councilor Burke asked for a master list of members.

Councilor Olliver stated that the long-standing Seminole business, The Superior Group is moving out of Seminole. Since there is no requirement for a business to operate in Seminole to be a member of the Chamber, he suggested that Ms. Nash-Ortiz reach out to them to retain their membership, as they have been a very supportive business in the Seminole area.

Vice Mayor Edelman inquired about the Chamber's budget. Ms. Nash-Ortiz stated that she was going to have a Board meeting and she would report back afterwards. Vice Mayor Edelman also inquired about staffing; Ms. Nash-Ortiz stated that currently there are only 2 staff members including herself.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ray Beliveau, 10286 – 118th Street North, Seminole. Mr. Beliveau gave a brief summary of his background and expressed interest in filling the vacant seat on Council. Mr. Beliveau also stated that he will be running for Council in November.

Jim Quinn, 116 Dogwood Circle, Seminole. Mr. Quinn gave a brief summary of his background and expressed interest in filling the vacant seat on Council. Mr. Quinn also stated he will be running for Council in November.

Kadi Tubbs – 11777 Marla Lane. Ms. Tubbs gave a brief summary of her background and expressed interest in filling the vacant seat on Council. Ms. Tubbs also stated that she will be running for Council in November.

Bob Huttick and Mary Ann Kirk, 8075 112th Street, #108, Seminole. Mr. Huttick and Ms. Kirk expressed their support of Mr. Jim Quinn to fill the vacant Council seat.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 6, 2022.
- B. WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 6, 2022.
- C. BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 13, 2022.
- D. REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT HUTTICK, MARY ANN KIRK, AND PHYLLIS SCHAFFER TO THE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Motion made by Councilor Barnhorn, seconded by Councilor Olliver to approve items 2.A. through 2.D. of the Consent Agenda.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that a vacancy was declared in accordance with the City Charter because of a Councilor's absences from Council meetings. the Council. According to the City Charter, the Council has sixty days (60) to fill said

vacancy as communicated in an email from the City Attorney, there is no process outlined in the City Charter, as to filling a vacant seat, it is the decision of City Council to decide the process. The appointee must meet the Charter dictated residency requirements.

Motion made by Councilor Springer, seconded by Councilor Burke to appoint Jim Quinn to fill the remainder of the term of former Councilor Tom Christy of ten (10) months.

Discussion ensued.

Roll Call

Mayor Waters	AYE
Vice Mayor Edelman	NAY
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Burke	AYE
Councilor Olliver	AYE
Councilor Springer	AYE

5 AYES, 1 NAY
MOTION PASSED.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Barnhorn – Councilor Barnhorn attended a zoom meeting with the Community Leaders of America; attended the ribbon cutting of El Jalisco Restaurant; the Suncoast League of Cities meeting at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center; attended the Holiday Parties of Senator Nick DiCeglie and Representative Berny Jacques; attended the Business After Hours social at Oh! Gelato Café; attended a National League of Cities meeting; a zoom meeting of the Florida League of Cities, and attended a Board Meeting on the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas.

Councilor Burke – Councilor Burke attended the Suncoast League of Cities meeting at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center, and attended his Board orientation of Forward Pinellas.

Vice Mayor Edelman – Vice Mayor Edelman stated that he will be attending the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Installation Luncheon on January 12, 2023.

Councilor Olliver – Councilor Olliver virtually attended the Florida League of Cities “Cities Strong” and stated that they previewed Public Service Announcements and suggested that it would be a good idea to let Council preview them as well. He will be attending the Seminole Chamber of Commerce installation luncheon on January 12, 2023, where the City Manager will be the guest speaker.

Councilor Springer – Councilor Springer attended the Holiday Parties of Senator Nick DiCeglie and Representative Berny Jacques; she announced that the Suncoast League of Cities will changing venues for its January 27, 2023, meeting, the host City will now be Temple Terrace.

Mayor Waters – Mayor Waters attended the Mayors' Council of Pinellas County monthly meeting; volunteered at the Interfaith Food Pantry, and was a guest speaker for the Belleair Women's Republican Club.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT

A. COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

Community Policing Officer, Deputy Alex Siem thanked the Seminole Fire Rescue Department for assisting the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office with its Toy Drive. He also reminded Council that school is back in session from the Holiday break and to be vigilant in school zones.

B. SYAA PROPERTY UPDATE

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that State Representative Berny Jacques notified the City that Pinellas County had reached out to him to sponsor a local bill to disband the Recreation District that incorporates the Seminole Youth Athletic Association (SYAA) fields. He forwarded a copy of a Draft Bill. City Manager Toney-Deal found two items that she strongly suggested he include in the Draft; include a Deed Restriction that it always be Recreation Property, and that contractual agreements be dissolved. Currently, the Draft states that the property would go to Pinellas County. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she reached out to the County and they will be having a workshop on the subject in February.

Motion made by Councilor Burke, seconded by Councilor Springer to have the City Manager contact Special Recreation District Attorney Tim Schuler to get the status of the taxing district and the property disposal thereof, and see if it being deeded to the City of Seminole would still be an option.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

City Manager Toney-Deal reminded Council of the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on February 10, 2023; invitations will be forthcoming.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she will be guest speaker at the Seminole Chamber of Commerce's Annual Installation Luncheon on January 12, 2023.

City Manager Toney-Deal attended the Florida League of Cities monthly webinar. She stated that the Financial Disclosure Bill is a bad bill that needs attention. She hopes that the Suncoast League of Cities will advance opposition to said bill this year, as they did not last year.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Olliver inquired as to the date of the groundbreaking for Valor Preserve and if City Council will be invited to the groundbreaking. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she was not aware of either. Mayor Waters stated that there is currently a new Board of the Housing Authority and City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she will invite the new Executive Director of the Housing Authority, Neil Brickfield, to come in and speak and give an update on Valor Preserve.

Councilor Olliver inquired about broadcasting the City Council meetings. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she would be more than happy to schedule a workshop on the subject.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Councilor Olliver, seconded by Councilor Springer to ask the City Manager and staff to initiate a study of how best the City can go about broadcasting City Council meetings and bring recommendations back to Council after reviewing the policies and practices of cities similar to Seminole.

Mayor Waters opened the floor for Public Comment.

Receiving no requests from the Public to speak, Mayor Waters closed the floor for Public Comment.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Waters announced that on January 11, 2023, the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation will have a meeting at St. Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Date Approved: 1-24-2023

Ann Marie Mancuso
Minutes prepared by City Clerk
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Leslie Waters
Leslie Waters, Mayor