

BUSINESS MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
January 24, 2023

The Business Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, January 24, 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.

Mayor Leslie Waters provided the invocation and led 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, Associate City Attorney Jeremy Simon and City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso. Not Present: City Attorney Jay Daigneault.

OATH OF OFFICE

Councilor Jim Quinn was administered the Oath of Office by Judge Keith Meyer.

PRESENTATIONS

A. SWEARING IN OF LIEUTENANT ERIC OLIVA.

Eric Oliva was administered the Oath of Office by City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso. Eric was sworn in as Seminole Fire Rescue's newest Lieutenant.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ray Beliveau, 10286 – 118th Street North, Seminole. Mr. Beliveau announced that three (3) of the finalists for Pinellas County 2023 Teacher of the Year are from the Seminole area; Seminole High School, Seminole Middle School and Osceola Middle School. He was especially proud to announce that the finalist from Seminole Middle School is his daughter.

Barbara Salazar, 9064 Baywood Park Drive, Seminole. Ms. Salazar thanked the City Council for letting her share updates and concerns on the issue of stormwater drainage in the Seminole Lake Country Club neighborhood. She also shared information about pervious asphalt.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 10, 2023.
- B. WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 10, 2023.
- C. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RELATED TO HURRICANE IAN.

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

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. AWARD RFQ NO. 22-0520 TO GAI CONSULTANTS INCORPORATED FOR RECREATION MASTER PLAN SERVICES.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the RFQ culminates the negotiations for the development of a Master Plan. The plan will capture the elements that the City Council agreed upon. The only changes from the original document received were highlighted in red in section 1.2, which was provided in Council's packet. Staff is recommended its approval.

Motion made by Councilor Springer, seconded by Councilor Edelman to authorize the Award of RFQ No. 22-0520 to GAI Consultants Inc. for the competition of the Recreation Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$154,000.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that Councilor Springer did not state the correct amount that was in Granicus.

Councilor Springer amended her motion to authorize the Award of RFQ No. 22-0520 to GAI consultants, Inc. for the competition of the Recreation Master Plan (\$106,700) including Option 1 (\$13,000) for a total amount of \$119,700.00.

Councilor Burke seconded the restated motion.

Discussion ensued.

Roll Call

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

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. REVISED ELECTION COSTS.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the City Clerk had been working with the Supervisor of Elections Office regarding the "revised" election costs. The City of Seminole and the City of St. Petersburg were the only two cities to have an election every year in November. The City of St. Petersburg just recently changed its Charter to change terms of office to four (4) years to coincide with the National and State elections. On the off year, the City of Seminole would then be carrying the cost of the total election, which will be an increase of \$5,000.

The following options were presented:

- A. Keep the election in November at an increased cost every other year.
- B. Change the election to March, which would be a cost of \$26,549.78. (subject to increases over the years)
- C. Change the election to have it in conjunction with the countywide election on even numbered years in November at a cost of \$2,800.70.

Discussed ensued.

Motion made by Councilor Olliver, seconded by Councilor Edelman to authorize the City Manager to notify the Supervisor of Elections of the Council's decision to keep the Election in November for the 2023 City of Seminole Municipal Election.

Roll Call

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

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. SYAA PROPERTY

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she spoke with Tim Schuler, Attorney for the Special Recreation District and it was his opinion that it was probably a little too late for the City of Seminole to acquire the SYAA property because he feels that they are too far in the process with Pinellas County. However, he did indicate that Pinellas County is willing to put a clause in the Legislation that it would restrict the property for recreation use.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Councilor Olliver, to direct the City Manager to negotiate with the Pinellas County Administrator to form a partnership between Pinellas County and the City of Seminole for utilization of the properties in the Seminole Youth Sports Plan. Under the partnership agreement, the City would ideally provide the operational/recreational services in an arrangement similar to the services of the Seminole Fire District.

No second, Motion failed.

Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Councilor Olliver, seconded by Vice Mayor Edelman, to direct the City Manager to continue discussions with Pinellas County about prospective partnerships with the Seminole Youth Sports Plan and ask that the County brief the Council on the specifics of that plan.

6 AYES

1 NAY - Councilor Burke

Motion Passed.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Barnhorn – Councilor Barnhorn attended a virtual meeting with the Council of Foreign Investments; attended the Seminole Chamber of Commerce installation luncheon; attended a webinar on the US preparedness for Nuclear and Radiological Disasters; attended a Regional Fire and Storm Disaster workshop and attended the Economic Recovery and Resiliency Federal Interagency Resource Exchange event in Manatee.

Councilor Burke – No report.

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

Councilor Olliver – Councilor Olliver attended the Seminole Chamber of Commerce installation luncheon; he is currently working as a volunteer on the Annual Seminole Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, and working with the Chamber to get businesses and community leaders involved in the Strategic Planning working groups; attended the PSTA Planning Committee Meeting.

Councilor Quinn – No report.

Councilor Springer – Councilor Springer attended the Seminole Chamber of Commerce installation luncheon; virtually attended a Suncoast League of Cities Directors meeting, she announced that the next months meeting will be held in Dunedin; and that the weeks of February 6, 13, and 20th are committee weeks before the Legislative session convenes.

Mayor Waters – No report.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- City Manager Toney-Deal reminded Council of the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner scheduled for February 10, 2023.
- The Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre sponsored by the Seminole Recreation Department is sold out.
- The Annual Seminole Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet is scheduled for February 25, 2023.
- City Manager Toney-Deal stated that long time Development Review Board Member, Ed Grabau passed away. A memorial will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2023.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- Councilor Olliver stated that staff put together a report last year of the legislative bill updates as they became available, and inquired whether that could be completed again this year. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that as bills are being filed, she will formulate a report.
- Vice Mayor Edelman stated that he disagreed with how the appointment to fill the vacancy on Council was handled. He believes that the City Council needs to have a process in which to appoint a Council member to fill a vacancy. Mayor Waters stated that for the record, although there was no process in place, the appointment of the new Council member was voted upon by the majority of the Council.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Edelman, seconded by Councilor Olliver to have the City Manager and the City Attorney come up with a procedure to make sure there is a positive way to identify how the Council is going to vote on candidates if they are to be appointed.

Discussion ensued; no action taken.

Motion made by Councilor Olliver, seconded by Councilor Barnhorn to direct the City Manager and the City Attorney to prepare a draft Ordinance that defines the process for filling vacancies on the City Council.

Discussion ensued.

All in favor. Motion Passed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Councilor Burke inquired about the Budget in Brief. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that a draft is currently being reviewed and that it will be distributed soon.
- Mayor Waters stated that the Interfaith Food Pantry has an opening for a new Board Member.
- Mayor Waters asked Councilors to submit updates to their bios for the City website.
- Mayor Waters announced that Gary Mormino will be the guest speaker at the Seminole Historical Society on January 25, 2023.
- Mayor Waters announced that Seminole Recreation Director, Becky Gunter is the current President of the Florida Recreation and Parks Association.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Date Approved: 2-14-2023

Ann Marie Mancuso

Minutes prepared by City Clerk
Ann Marie Mancuso, CMC

Leslie Waters
Leslie Waters, Mayor

