

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL  
March 26, 2024**

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The Workshop of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 9199 - 113th Street North, Seminole, Florida.

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Leslie Waters, Vice Mayor Chris Burke, Councilor Thom Barnhorn, Councilor Ray Believeau, Councilor Mark Ely, Councilor Jim Quinn, Councilor Trish Springer. City Manager Ann Toney-Deal, City Attorney Jay Daigneault, Assistant City Attorney Jeremy Simon and City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso.

Charter Review Committee: Abe Azar, Pat Coughlan, Trish Haynes, Leah Hoffman, Rosemary Mills, Al Shields, Sharon Spohn.

**JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCIL.**

Mayor Waters turned the meeting over to City Manager Toney-Deal.

City Manager Toney-Deal went over all of the changes that the Charter Review is considering:

Section 1.02 – Changing Heading

Acquisition, ~~and~~ Use of Property, and Property Acquired by Eminent Domain.

Add a subsection 3 – Divestment of green space. Disposal of park property and green space, owned now or in the future has to go to a vote of the residents. (Referendum)

Section 3.05 – Vice Mayor

Change as follows:

The Council shall elect annually from its members a Vice-Mayor at the second business meeting in November. The Vice-Mayor may be replaced with any other member at any time by ~~five~~ four votes of the Council. In the absence of the Mayor and Vice-Mayor, the Councilor with the most seniority shall act as Mayor.

Section 3.07 – (b) 4 – Forfeiture of Office

Change as follows:

Fails to attend ~~six~~ sixteen posted meetings, (business, workshops, or special meetings) during a 12-month period with or without being excused by vote of the Council. For purposes of this subsection, 12- month period shall mean 12 rolling months.

Section 3.07 – Vacancies: Forfeitures of Office; Filling of Vacancies

(c) (1) – Change as follows:

A vacancy in the Council shall be filled within 60 days of its occurrence by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Council ~~until the vacancy may be scheduled for a regular election, when the voters will~~ to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term. ~~unless an election is scheduled to be held within 60 days of the occurrence of such vacancy to fill the seat so vacated.~~ (qualified as in accordance with Section 3.01)

Section 3.07 – (2) (b) Permanent Absence - Change as follows:

In the event that the Mayor dies, resigns, becomes permanently disabled, ceases to be qualified or is removed from office as provided by law, the Vice-Mayor will become Interim-Mayor with the full powers, salary, and duties of the Mayor as provided by this Charter or other law. The office of Mayor shall be filled ~~at the next regular election for any unexpired portion of the~~ for the remainder of the term.

Section 3.07 (d) – Extraordinary Vacancies – Change as follows:

In the event that four or more members of Council are removed from office at any given time by death, disability, or forfeiture of office, ~~the Governor shall appoint an interim Council which shall call a Special Election to be held within six months of the occurrence of the vacancies. the remaining Council will appoint someone to fill the remainder of a term, at that point, the new Council will keep appointing in succession until a quorum is reached, at which point the remainder of the Council may be appointed. In the extreme situation where the entire Council is removed or resigned, it will fall upon the City Manager to appoint a person to the Council, who will then make a further appointment and the new Council will continue until a new Council is convened.~~ Such election shall be done in such a manner as to assure properly balanced future elections.

Section 3.09 – (b) City Attorney: Appointment, Removal, Qualifications and Duties

Change as follows to add that the Attorney and Assistant City Attorney have at least three years municipal government experience:

The City Attorney shall be an attorney-at-law with at least three years of municipal government experience, admitted to practice before the highest courts of the State of Florida, and be a member in good standing of the Florida Bar Association.

Section 6.05 – Uncontested Elections – Change as follows:

Any vacancy on the Council or the Mayor's office for which no candidate qualifies shall be temporarily filled by appointment of a majority of the new Council ~~until the next regular election~~ to fill the remainder of the term.

Section 10.03 – Charter Review Committee – Change as follows:

to have the first sentence in (a) to change the gathering of the Charter Review Committee every six years, instead of every five years. to have it coordinate with the general election.

The Council agreed with all section changes with the exception of Section 3.07 (d). which the City Attorney Daigneault suggested that we revisit with the next Charter Review Committee, because there may be an issue with a non-elected official making an appointment.

Council thanked the Charter Review Committee for their time and good work on this Committee.

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Date Approved: April 9, 2024

Ann Marie Mancuso

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Leslie Waters  
Leslie Waters, Mayor

