

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
November 19, 2024**

The Business Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 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 Chris Burke, Councilor Thom Barnhorn, Councilor Ray Beliveau, Councilor Al Shields, Councilor Trish Springer, City Manager Ann Toney-Deal, City Attorney Jay Daigneault, and City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso. Not Present: Councilor Jim Quinn.

OATH OF OFFICE

Judge Keith Meyer administered the Oath of Office to Vice Mayor Chris Burke, Councilor Al Shields, and Councilor Trish Springer.

ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Mayor Waters opened the floor for Vice Mayor self-nominations. Vice Mayor Chris Burke self-nominated. No other Council member self-nominated.

Mayor Waters called for a vote. The Council by unanimous vote, selected Councilor Burke to serve as Vice Mayor for the 2024-2025 term.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice Mayor Chris Burke was once again elected Vice Mayor.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Swearing in of Tristan Rogers and Jacob Ruff as Fire Rescue Lieutenants.

Fire Chief Bill Schobel introduced Tristan Rogers and Jacob Ruff before they were sworn in as Fire Rescue Lieutenants by City Manager Ann Toney-Deal.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roger Edelman – 8892 Pinehurst Road –Seminole. Mr. Edelman gave kudos to City Manager Ann Toney-Deal, Public Works Director Rodney Due, Community Development Director Wesley Wright, the Fire Rescue Department and City Staff for all of their time, effort, organization and great work during the hurricanes.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Business Meeting Minutes: November 12, 2024.
- B. Authorization of expenditures in the amount of \$141,800 for firefighting turnout gear from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.

Motion made by Councilor Beliveau, seconded by Councilor Burke to approve items A. and B. of the Consent Agenda.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Ordinance No. 18-2024: An Ordinance of the City of Seminole, Florida, Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, Beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; and Providing for an Effective Date.

City Clerk Mancuso read Ordinance No. 18-2024 by title only.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that Council approved this Ordinance on first reading at the November 12, 2024, Council Meeting, there have been no changes since the first reading, it was properly advertised, and staff is recommending its approval.

Motion made by Councilor Barnhorn, seconded by Councilor Springer to approve Ordinance No. 18-2024 on second and final reading.

Roll Call

Mayor Waters	AYE
Vice Mayor Burke	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Beliveau	AYE
Councilor Shields	AYE
Councilor Springer	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Resolution No. 09-2024: Termination of the Tropical Storm Helene/Hurricane Helene Proclamation of Emergency for the City of Seminole.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that since this item and item 3.C. have been placed on the agenda, the evaluation of City Hall repairs is estimated to exceed \$50,000, therefore, both Resolution No. 09-2024 (item 3.B.) and Resolution No. 12-2024 (item 3.C.) will be delayed and instead the Proclamation of Emergencies for Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton need to be extended.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Springer to approve a seven (7) day extension for Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Helene.

Roll Call

Mayor Waters	AYE
Vice Mayor Burke	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Beliveau	AYE
Councilor Shields	AYE
Councilor Springer	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Resolution No. 12-2024: Termination of the Tropical Storm Milton/Hurricane Milton Proclamation of Emergency for the City of Seminole.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that since this item and item 3.C. have been placed on the agenda, the evaluation of City Hall repairs is estimated to be over \$50,000, therefore, both Resolution No. 09-2024 (item 3.B.) and Resolution No. 12-2024 (item 3.C.) will be delayed and instead the Proclamation of Emergencies for Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton need to be extended.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Springer to approve a seven (7) day extension for Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Milton.

Roll Call

Mayor Waters	AYE
Vice Mayor Burke	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Beliveau	AYE
Councilor Shields	AYE
Councilor Springer	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Resolution No. 10-2024: A Resolution of the City of Seminole, Florida Updating the Recreation Fee Policy.

City Clerk Mancuso read Resolution No. 10-2024 by title only.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the new fees will take effect January 6, 2025. Staff recommended its approval.

Motion made by Councilor Barnhorn, seconded by Vice Mayor Burke to adopt Resolution No. 10-2024.

Discussion ensued.

Roll Call

Mayor Waters	AYE
Vice Mayor Burke	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Beliveau	AYE
Councilor Shields	AYE
Councilor Springer	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. Resolution No. 11-2024: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seminole, Florida, opting out of providing the 80%-120% AMI “Missing Middle” Property Tax Exemption to developments that would otherwise qualify pursuant to House Bill 7073; and providing for an effective date hereof.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the “Live Local” Bill encouraged affordable housing. One provision named the “missing middle” provided another level of tax exemption. Seminole likely has no areas that would be eligible. If a City does not opt out, then they will automatically be considered opted in. Several cities and Pinellas County are opting out of this property tax exemption. Staff recommended approval of Resolution No. 11-2024

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Springer to approve Resolution No. 11-2024.

Roll Call

Mayor Waters	AYE
Vice Mayor Burke	AYE
Councilor Barnhorn	AYE
Councilor Beliveau	AYE
Councilor Shields	AYE
Councilor Springer	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Toney-Deal recognized Deputy Alex Siem who was filling in for Seminole's Community Policing Officer Deputy Peter Papas.

A. Debris Removal Update

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the City completed its debris removal process. If residents have debris from this point forward, it will not be FEMA eligible and they are to use the Waste Pro guidelines and have Waste Pro retrieve the debris.

B. Save the Date for Community Events

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the following events will take place in the near future:

- Holiday Craft Fair on November 23, 2024, from 10:00 am - 3:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center.
- Sail-A-Bration Holiday Waterless Board parade on December 8, 2024, step off at 6:00 p.m.
- Winterfest on December 13, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. (Council report to the stage at 6:25 p.m. for tree lighting at 6:30 p.m.)

City Manager Toney-Deal asked Council to excuse the absence of Councilor Quinn.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Springer to excuse the absence of Councilor Jim Quinn from the November 19, 2024, City Council Meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she sent out a survey to other cities to get their feedback on permit and building fees related to hurricane damage related work. She also met with CFO/Assistant City Manager Vince Tenaglia and Community Development Director Wesley Wright and reviewed fees.

Staff recommended a decrease in fees and to waive the plan review fees and base fees for structures affected by the hurricanes. With the consensus of Council, a Resolution will be presented to Council at the next Council Meeting on December 3, 2024.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Springer to approve the staff's recommendation of proposed reduction in the building permit fees for homes with demonstrated hurricane damage, from Hurricane Helene and/or Hurricane Milton, with a deadline of December 20, 2024, for submission of the permit request.

Motion was restated by Vice Mayor Burke to extend the submission deadline:

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Barnhorn to approve the staff's recommendation of proposed reduction in the building permit fees for homes with demonstrated hurricane damage, from Hurricane Helene and/or Hurricane Milton, with a deadline of December 31, 2024, for submission of the permit request.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Burke stated he visited Harbor Lights mobile home park, which was damaged from the hurricane, and some areas are still without power. He took photos and will send those to City Clerk Mancuso to pass on to Council. The Manager of the Harbor Lights Mobile Home Park gave praise to the City's Building Official Jim Reeves and Community Development Director Wesley Wright for working with them every step of the way.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Waters announced that the new fire engine arrived and she was able to view it before the meeting.

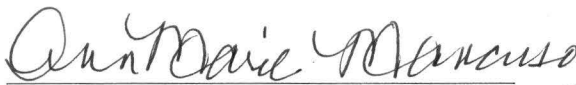
City Manager Toney-Deal distributed the "2024-2024 Budget in Brief."

Mayor Waters gave a summary of the results of the November Election for Judges and Pinellas County Commissioners.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Date Approved: 12-3-2024



Ann Marie Mancuso, CMC
City Clerk



Leslie Waters
Mayor