

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
February 25, 2025**

The Business Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 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.

Vice Mayor Chris Burke provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Mayor Leslie Waters, Vice Mayor Chris Burke, Councilor Thom Barnhorn, Councilor Ray Beliveau, Councilor Jim Quinn, Councilor Al Shields, Councilor Trish Springer, City Manager Ann Toney-Deal, City Attorney Jay Daigneault and City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Swearing in of Esteban Galaz as Fire Rescue Lieutenant.

Fire Chief Bill Schobel gave a brief biography of Esteban Galaz before he was sworn in as Fire Rescue Lieutenant by City Manager Ann Toney-Deal.

B. Pinellas Safe Harbor Grant Presentation

Mayor Leslie Waters recognized Pinellas Safe Harbor with a \$2,500 grant which was presented to Lieutenant Zach Haisch and Sergeant Matt Smith of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

C. Starkey Elementary School Grant Presentation

Vice Mayor Chris Burke recognized Starkey Elementary School with a \$750 grant which was presented to Assistant Principal Jennifer Riddick.

D. Randi Nash-Ortiz, Executive Director – Seminole Chamber of Commerce – Quarterly Report

The Greater Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Randi Nash-Ortiz, presented the Chamber's quarterly report.

Mayor Waters announced that a Proclamation was mailed to the Lifelink Foundation for "Donate Life Month," in honor of the City of Seminole's former Mayor Jimmy Johnson. According to the *Tampa Bay Newspaper*, former Mayor Johnson underwent a lung transplant.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Lestoric – 11159 – 102nd Avenue, Seminole. Mr. Lestoric spoke in reference to the Pow Wow Fireworks selection process.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Business Meeting Minutes: February 11, 2025.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Springer to approve item A. of the Consent Agenda.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution No. 05-2025: Stormwater Non Ad Valorem Assessment Resolution.

City Clerk Mancuso read Resolution No. 05-2025 by title only.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that during the Strategic Planning Process, the Council set a goal of establishing a Stormwater Utility Assessment Fee. The next step is to establish a non ad valorem assessment. This has been advertised in the newspaper as required by *Florida Statutes*. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that this is just the first step in the process. Discussion concerning a Stormwater Assessment Fee will appear before City Council on a future agenda(s).

Mayor Waters opened the Public Hearing.

Barbara Salazar – 9064 Baywood Park Drive, Seminole. Ms. Salazar inquired whether this fee is to pay for the stormwater Master Plan.

Receiving no other comments from the Public, Mayor Waters closed the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve Resolution No. 05-2025.

Discussion ensued.

Roll Call

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. City of Seminole Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Helene Extensions No. 23 & No. 24.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that for both items 3.B. and 3.C., until all capital projects are complete, the Proclamations of Emergencies need to be extended.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Barnhorn to approve the seven (7) day extensions for the Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Helene, Extension No. 23 through March 11, 2025, and Extension No. 24 through March 18, 2025.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. City of Seminole Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Milton Extensions No. 21 & No. 22.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she had the same comments as what was shared for item 3.B.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve the seven (7) day extensions for the Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Milton, Extensions No. 21 through March 10, 2025, and Extension No. 22 through March 17, 2025.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- A. Reschedule Date for Executive Session for Union Contract Negotiations to March 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the Executive Session scheduled for February 25, 2025, did not work out. She suggested a date of March 11, 2025. It was the consensus of the Council to meet on March 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

B. 2025 Citizens Academy Update.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that all of Council is invited to attend the opening session of the Citizens Academy on March 5, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

C. 56th Annual Pow Wow Festival March 6 – 9, 2025.

City Manager Toney-Deal announced that Pow Wow will take place on March 6th through March 9th 2025, at the Recreation Center Complex. If Council would like to be introduced, they need to report to the stage by 4:50 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2025.

City Manager Toney-Deal also reminded Council that the State Mandated cybersecurity training will take place on Friday, February 28, 2025, at the Parkview Room, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Also, on this day at 6:00 p.m. will be the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Vice Mayor Burke stated that he was at Home Depot and did not notice an odor emitting from the Lift Station on Park Boulevard, and was wondering if the situation has been corrected. Councilor Springer stated that it has not, that he needs to visit that area at a different time. City Manager Toney-Deal asked Council to keep reporting it, that remedial action is supposed to be taken by the County. Councilor Burke also inquired if the City knows if there have been any studies done on what is being released in the air from the Lift Station. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she can inquire with the County.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Vice Mayor Burke inquired as to what the City's procedure is for looking into a complaint of gross misconduct. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that either she and the City's Human Resources Director or the City Attorney and/or the City's Labor Attorney would look into it, if it was warranted.

Mayor Waters announced that the St. Petersburg Grand Prix is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering, contact the Mayor for contact information.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Date Approved: March 11, 2025

Ann Marie Mancuso

Minutes prepared by City Clerk
Ann Marie Mancuso, CMC

Leslie Waters
Leslie Waters, Mayor

