

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL
July 22, 2025**

The Business Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Tuesday, July 22, 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.

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 Jim Quinn, Councilor Trish Springer, City Manager Ann Toney-Deal, City Attorney Jay Daigneault, and City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso. Not Present: Councilor Al Shields.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Audit Presentation by Peter Schatzel, CPA, Partner at Wells, Houser & Schatzel, P.A.

Peter Schatzel of Wells, Houser & Schatzel presented the 2023-2024 City of Seminole highlights of audited financial statements. Mr. Schatzel stated that the accounting records were accurate and in very good order, and he received the full cooperation and support from all of the City's staff. The City maintained a very sound financial condition. He also stated that the City of Seminole is a well administered City with no debt and is current on all obligations.

B. Swearing in of Nicolas Bean as Fire Rescue District Chief

Fire Chief Bill Schobel gave a brief biography of Nicolas Bean before he was sworn in as a District Chief by City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso.

C. Swearing in of Jason Biggs as Fire Rescue Lieutenant.

Fire Chief Bill Schobel gave a brief biography of Jason Biggs before he was sworn in as a Lieutenant by City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilor Ray Beliveau – 10286 – 118th Street, Seminole. Councilor Beliveau stepped down from the dais and spoke as a representative of CERT. He gave an update on its activities, enrollment procedures, and ways in which they assist the community in disaster events.

Patricia Haynes – 10012 – 130th Lane N., Seminole. Ms. Haynes stated that she reached out to the City’s current State Representative to express her disappointment at his lack of support for a grant for the building of the new Recreation Center. She also inquired about funding for the new building. She also inquired as to where the funding will be allocated from for the Stormwater Project.

Barbara Salazar – 9064 Baywood Park Drive, Seminole. Ms. Salazar gave thanks to the Mayor, Council, City Manager and Public Works Department for resolving the issue of repairing the outflow structure and broken drainage pipe that flows out to the Bayou. She also urged the City to consider to installing a one-way valve for a stormwater pond.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024.

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. Establish the Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that Council has discussed the millage rate and budget adoption for two (2) dates in September.

Motion made by Councilor Springer, seconded by Councilor Beliveau to establish a proposed millage rate of 2.4793 for Fiscal Year 2026 and schedule Public Hearings for millage rate and budget adoption on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. and Monday, September 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued.

Roll Call

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 04-2025: Budget Amendment

City Clerk Mancuso read Ordinance No. 04-2025 by title only.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the budget may be amended anytime during the fiscal year by Ordinance. Details of the amendment were included in the agenda packet. Also included, in this amendment, is \$1,200,000 for expenditures related to Hurricanes Helene and Milton, which should be reimbursed by FEMA.

Staff recommended its approval and to have a public hearing and second reading on August 12, 2025.

Motion made by Councilor Quinn seconded by Vice Mayor Burke to approve Ordinance No. 04-2025 on First Reading and schedule a Public Hearing and Second Reading on August 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., located at Seminole City Hall.

Roll Call

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Authorization of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application to the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the Lake Pearl Stormwater Improvement Project.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the Stormwater Management Plan identified stormwater related projects, and once the projects were identified, the City became eligible to apply for grants. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that if you get ranked, you will most likely receive funding. The City of Seminole has been ranked. The estimated project cost is \$5,551,519, which is currently proposed to be funded by the grant and the City's Non-Ad Valorem Stormwater Assessment. If the grant application is approved, the City would be responsible for \$1,387,879.75 (25% of the total cost) Staff recommended its approval.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Beliveau to authorize the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application to the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the Lake Pearl Stormwater Improvement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign the Authorizing Agent Approval Form.

Roll Call

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. City of Seminole Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Helene Extensions No. 43, No. 44 & No. 45.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the interior repairs are currently in progress at City Hall, and as soon as they are complete, the Proclamation of Emergencies will no longer need to be extended. She addressed Councilor Beliveau's question from the July 8, 2025, City Council Meeting. She stated that some of the work is unsatisfactory and the projects are not complete yet, but close to completion. Once the projects are complete, she will review the overall completed work with the contractors to make sure all work is up to par, with the exception of the kitchen. The contractor for the kitchen is to be determined. There is a possibility that the contractor who is completing the outside of the building will also be asked to provide a quote to complete the kitchen area.

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. 43 through July 29, 2025, Extension No. 44 through August 5, 2025, and Extension No. 45 through August 12, 2025.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. City of Seminole Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Milton Extensions No.41, No. 42 & No. 43.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the interior repairs are currently in progress at City Hall, and as soon as they are complete, the Proclamation of Emergencies will no longer need to be extended.

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, Extension No. 41 through July 28, 2025, Extension No. 42 through August 4, 2025, and Extension No. 43 through August 11, 2025.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Toney-Deal addressed the following under her report:

- City Manager Toney-Deal requested an Executive Session with City Council to review Union Negotiations.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Quinn to hold an Executive Session on August 12, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- City Manager Toney-Deal addressed the Public Comment by Patricia Haynes. She stated that the City will go through the process of applying for assistance for the building of the new Recreation Center through State Representative Berny Jacques and Linda Chaney for a State Grant, and Penny money is also allocated to the project. As far as drainage and the Stormwater Project, an extensive plan was completed by the City and once Council adopts a stormwater utility fee, those fees will pay for the project.
- City Manager Toney-Deal addressed the Public Comment by Barbara Salazar. She stated that a one-way valve will not be installed, it is not recommended the by two different Professional Engineers (PE).

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Vice Mayor Burke stated that a resident/friend of his of Baywood Park Drive contacted him and stated that he feels confident that the Pinellas County reclaimed water lines have shot through the middle of the pipes in the manhole. Public Works Director Rodney Due will look into the matter.

Vice Mayor Burke stated that the Firefighter Pension is 98.3% funded; he has never witnessed such a high number and Vice Mayor Burke inquired if there was some way to thank the Board for their expertise. City Manager Toney-Deal suggested a thank you letter and/or thank them when you see them.

Councilor Beliveau inquired about the grant allocations. He saw the final list and thought that Keep Pinellas Beautiful was accidentally left off of the list. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that if there are any recommended changes to the grant distributions, Council can hold a workshop and change the distribution amounts. She indicated that she had inquiries from other Councilors also about the distribution and that Council should schedule a workshop.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Burke inquired about an article in the Beacon about the Redington's building a new EMS building and the City of Seminole staffing it. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that North Redington Beach is building a new building, it is an EMS and Public Works building and it has not yet been determined who will be staffing it.

Mayor Waters stated that she posted on her facebook account about the Kayak launch improvements, at Waterfront Park and a resident made a very positive comment about living in Seminole.

Mayor Waters stated that she took the required four (4) hour ethics course and Randy Mora of the Trask Daigneault Law Firm was the presenter, and he gave a very interesting and informative presentation.

Councilor Springer stated that she received her "Gold Certificate" from the Florida League of Cities for her participation in conferences, boards, local leagues, etc.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Date Approved: August 12, 2025

Ann Marie Mancuso

Minutes prepared by City Clerk
Ann Marie Mancuso, CMC

Leslie Waters
Leslie Waters, Mayor