# BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES SEMINOLE CITY COUNCIL September 8, 2025

The Business Meeting of the Seminole City Council was held on Monday, September 8, 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.

Councilor Thom Barnhorn 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.

## FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 MILLAGE RATE AND GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A. Ordinance No. 06-2025: Establishing the Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2026 (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026).

City Clerk Mancuso read Ordinance No. 06-2025 in its entirety. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that staff recommended a millage rate of 2.4793 mills, which is a 4.07% increase over the rollback rate of 2.3824 mills. This is the same tax rate that the city has had in place since fiscal year 2008.

Assistant City Manager/CFO Vince Tenaglia provided a Power Point presentation and discussed the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.

Mayor Waters opened the Public Hearing.

Donny Ridge  $-8699 - 113^{th}$  Street, Seminole. Mr. Ridge inquired about the roll back rate. City Manager Toney-Deal explained the roll back rate.

There being no others requesting to speak, Mayor Waters Closed the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Springer to approve Ordinance No. 06-2025 on First Reading and schedule a Second and Final Reading and Public Hearing on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

#### **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. Ordinance No. 07-2025: Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026).

City Clerk Mancuso read Ordinance No. 07-2025 by title only. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that staff recommended a budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 with total appropriations of \$33,730,500. City Manager Toney-Deal identified all of the City's departments and their allocated budgets, and identified the estimated revenues for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

Mayor Waters opened the Public Hearing. Receiving no requests from the public to speak, Mayor Waters closed the Public

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Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Beliveau to approve Ordinance No. 07-2025 on First Reading, and schedule a second and final Reading And Public Hearing on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

#### Roll Call

AYE
AYE

# ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**NONE** 

#### 1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michelle Kier  $-11211 - 69^{th}$  Avenue, Seminole. Ms. Kier inquired about a fence that her neighbor installed.

## 2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Business Meeting Minutes: August 26, 2025.
- B. Authorize the Seminole Warhawk Band Boosters to use two Public Works trailers for the Seminole Sound Spectacular.

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

#### ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 3. ACTION ITEMS

A. <u>Public Hearing, Resolution No. 07-2025: Establishing the Stormwater Utility Rate Range Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for Stormwater Services.</u>

City Clerk Mancuso read Resolution No. 07-2025 by title only. Public Works Director Rodney Due provided a Power Point presentation. Also present and recognized by Mayor Waters was Cody Stewart of Advanced Engineering.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Waters opened the Public Hearing.

Kathy Panos – 11381 Canterbury Lane, Seminole. Ms. Panos inquired about why the City assessed the Stormwater fee as a non-ad valorem fee.

Karen Arvidson – 5895 Blossom Lake Drive, Seminole. Ms. Arvidson advised that she waived comment.

Pamela Gillonwaters Colvin - 8950 Seminole Boulevard, Seminole. Ms. Colvin inquired whether there are any projects planned for Seminole Boulevard.

Lea Anne Russell – 11611 Parkview Lane, Seminole. (Woodbridge Condominiums) Ms. Russell inquired about the equitable distribution of the ERU's.

Jim Schreiber – 9060 – 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seminole. Mr. Schreiber advised that he waived comment.

Jim Tizzano – 6425 Shoreline Drive, Seminole. Mr. Tizzano thanked the City and Public Works Director Rodney Due for assisting him with the application process for the mitigation credit.

Greg Kingen  $-8623 - 108^{th}$  Street, Seminole. Mr. Kingen inquired as to how he could review the Stormwater Master Plan. He also stated that the stormwater line on  $86^{th}$  is collapsed and will the City be working together with the County to address this. He also inquired as to how the ERU's were determined because he thinks his were figured incorrect.

Gary Ison – 516 Skipper Drive, Seminole. (Lake Seminole Estates Mobile Home Park) Mr. Ison inquired as to whether the City has looked into Federal Funding.

Harry Provan – 610 Lakeside Drive, Seminole. Mr. Provan inquired on how he could review the Stormwater Master Plan.

Jon Adams  $-7275 - 103^{rd}$  Lane, Seminole. (Bayou Grande Townhomes) Mr. Adams inquired whether this fee applies to his complex because they have their own stormwater pond.

Jill Litteraty -10107 Ashley Drive, Seminole. Ms. Litteraty inquired as to if there is a balance left after the fees are collected, where will the money be applied.

Rebecca Chesler – 5623 Orange Road, Seminole. Ms. Chesler stated that the streetsweeper that the City is contracting with now is not doing a very good job. Ms. Chesler also commented on the size of the storm drain near her residence.

Bonita Lucas – 10525 Nina Street, Seminole. Ms. Lucas advised that she waived comment.

Chuck Eade  $-8330-112^{\text{th}}$  Street, Seminole. Mr. Eade advised that he waived comment.

Clay Thomas -6100 Augusta Boulevard, Seminole. Mr. Thomas represented Seminole Lake Golf Course, Inc. He inquired as to whether the assessment applied to the Seminole Lake Gulf Course, as its stormwater flows into Long Bayou. He was advised that it does apply.

Mark Terovich  $-10111 - 109^{th}$  Street North, Seminole. Mr. Terovich inquired about a storm drain on  $109^{th}$ , and who is responsible for the maintenance of it. He also inquired as to when his street will be paved.

Tony DiMatteo – 12121 – 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Seminole. Mr. DiMatteo inquired about the long-term financing of this fee, as State Legislation is reviewing the possibility of eliminating property taxes.

Donny Ridge  $-8699 - 113^{th}$  Street, Seminole. Mr. Ridge requested that a portion of the assessed fee be applied to an improvement program that reduces stormwater runoff at the residential level.

Craig Harkins  $-9806 - 62^{nd}$  Terrace North, St. Petersburg. Mr. Harkins inquired as to whether the City received his application for the mitigation credit.

Mike Forwood– $8481 - 109^{th}$  Street, Seminole. Mr. Forwood inquired as to whether there is an end date for this fee, or will it be a recurring fee, and will there be a cap applied.

Barbara Salazar – 9064 Baywood Park Drive, Seminole. Ms. Salazar inquired as to whether all residents in the watershed area can apply for mitigation credit.

Steven Strickland – 7372 – 112<sup>th</sup> Street North, Seminole. Mr. Strickland provided pictures to the City Clerk of a retention pond before and after the hurricanes.

There being no others requesting to speak, Mayor Waters closed the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Councilor Shields, seconded by Councilor Quinn to adopt Resolution No. 07-2025.

Discussion ensued.

#### Roll Call

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

## **5 AYES, 2 NAYS, MOTION PASSED.**

B. Resolution 08-2025: Amending the City's Classification and Compensation Plan.

City Clerk Mancuso read Resolution No. 08-2025 by title only.

City Manager Toney-Deal recognized Human Resources Director Erica Ottmann to explain. Mrs. Ottmann stated that three (3) new position titles are proposed to be added, not currently adding new bodies, but adding them in order to have the flexibility.

Motion made by Councilor Springer seconded by Councilor Beliveau to adopt Resolution No. 08-2025 to amend the City's Classification and Compensation Plan with an effective date of September 8, 2025.

#### **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.

C. <u>City of Seminole Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Helene Extensions No.50 and No.51.</u>

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the city is undergoing City Hall repairs, including removing and replacing the new baseboards, repairing the City Council kitchen and bathroom area, and rebuilding the City Hall staff kitchen.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke seconded by Councilor Shields to approve the seven (7) days extensions for the Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Helene, Extension No. 50 through September 16, 2025, and Extension No. 51 through September 23, 2025.

#### ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. <u>City of Seminole Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Milton Extensions No.48 and No. 49.</u>

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the city is undergoing City Hall repairs, including removing and replacing the new baseboards, repairing the City Council kitchen and bathroom area, and rebuilding the City Hall staff kitchen.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke seconded by Councilor Shields to approve the seven (7) days extensions for the Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Milton, Extension No. 48 through September 15, 2025, and Extension No. 49 through September 22, 2025.

## ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 4. CITY MANAGER REPORT

# A. Community Policing Report

Community Policing Officer, Deputy Peter Papas announced that the first series of Music in Park will be Friday, September 12, 2025, at City Park. He also participated in a demonstration of the Sheriff's K-9 dog for the preschoolers at the Seminole United Methodist Church. He will also be giving a presentation to CERT on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

B. Music in the Park Concert Series, featuring the Chris Robert Band, on September 12, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. at Seminole City Park.

City Manager Toney-Deal announced that the first Music in the Park of the 2025 Series will be on September 12, 2025, at City Park. There will be a parking fee of \$3.00 per vehicle. If Councilors would like to be introduced, they need to be at the stage by 6:40 p.m.

City Manager Toney-Deal reminded Council that the City Manager's evaluations are due, and to please submit them to either Human Resources Director Erica Ottmann, or City Clerk Mancuso.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Beliveau inquired about the Veterans Memorial for Waterfront Park. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that this will be addressed in the next fiscal year. Mayor Waters asked the City Manager to make a proposed timeline for this project.

Vice Mayor Burke inquired about the quotes for the gazebo. Public Works Director Rodney Due stated that a bid for \$351,000 came in for the Gazebo. City Manager Toney-Deal stated that they will be on the next agenda.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Springer announced that the Suncoast League of Cities' election is September 19, 2025. She recommended Councilor Beliveau as an additional representative/voting delegate from the City of Seminole to the Suncoast League of Cities.

Councilor Beliveau self-nominated. Mayor Waters called for a show of hands.

**ALL IN FAVOR.** Councilor Beliveau will be the additional representative/voting delegate from the City of Seminole.

Mayor Waters attended the Mayors Council of Pinellas County and spoke on the subject of Home Rule.

Councilor Beliveau stated that he attended Grandparent's Day at the Library on September 7, 2025, and it was very well attended.

# 7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Date Approved: September 22, 2025

Minutes prepared by City Clerk Ann Marie Mancuso, CMC Leslie Waters Mayor