

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

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

Councilor Jim Quinn 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. Public Hearing, Second and Final Reading of 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.

Mayor Waters opened the Public Hearing.

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Beliveau to approve Ordinance No. 06-2025 on Second and Final Reading.

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. Public Hearing, Second and Final Reading of 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 \$33,569,300. 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 Hearing.

Motion made by Councilor Shields, seconded by Councilor Quinn to approve Ordinance No. 07-2025 on Second and Final Reading.

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.

PRESENTATIONS

NONE

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Main – 10850 Grove Terrace, Seminole. Mr. Main spoke in reference to flooding and drainage on his street.

Karen Main – 10850 Grove Terrace, Seminole. Mrs. Main spoke in reference to flooding and drainage on her street.

Milan Petrovic – 10851 Grove Terrace, Seminole. Mr. Petrovic spoke in reference to flooding and drainage on his street.

Harry Berg – 10807 Grove Terrace, Seminole. Mr. Berg spoke in reference to flooding and drainage on his street.

Peter Ciarametaro – 10990 Oakdale Terrace, Seminole. Mr. Ciarametaro spoke in reference to flooding and drainage on his street.

Councilor Springer spoke in reference to the flooding and drainage as well.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Business Meeting Minutes: September 8, 2025.

B. Workshop Meeting Minutes: September 8, 2025.

C. Approve the renewal of property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance with the Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust (PGIT).

D. Authorize the City Manager to renew the Community Development professional services agreement with Florida Municipal Inspection Services.

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

Councilor Beliveau asked for Item A. of the Consent Agenda to be amended to note that under Old Business, Mayor Waters requested the City Manager to complete an approximate timeline of the Waterfront Park project as it relates to a Veterans Memorial.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Public Hearing, First Reading of Ordinance No. 05-2025: Required by SB 784, which alters how plats are to be approved by local governments.

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

Mayor Waters opened the Public Hearing.

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

Motion made by Councilor Shields, seconded by Councilor Beliveau to approve Ordinance No. 05-2025 on First Reading.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the Ordinance No. 05-2025 came into effect upon the result/requirement of the Florida State Legislature.

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. Authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$60,517.60 to MCCi, LLC for the digitization of large-format planning documents.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the digitization will include site plans, construction drawings, development related material, etc. The digitization will enable the City to have easier access to the documents and free up storage space.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Springer to authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$60,517.60 to MCCi, LLC for the digitization of large-format planning documents, "piggybacking" OMNIA Partners Contract #R220403.

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.

- C. Law Enforcement Services Contract for Fiscal Year 2026 (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026) with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that she had a meeting with Sheriff Bob Gualtieri and he walked her through the budget. The Sheriff's Office is going through the same increases as the City, with insurance and personnel, etc. The Seminole Patrol assignments are not put out for bids, the Patrol Officers are assigned. The proposed contract also includes school crossing guards and our Community Policing Officer.

Motion made by Councilor Springer seconded by Councilor Beliveau to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for Law Enforcement Services with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for FY 2026 in the amount of \$2,486,556.

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.

- D. City of Seminole Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Helene Extensions No.52, No. 53 and No. 54.

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 Councilor Barnhorn seconded by Councilor Shields to approve the seven (7) days extensions for the Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Helene, Extension No. 52 through September 30, 2025, and Extension No. 53 through October 7, 2025, and Extension No. 54 through October 14, 2025.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- E. City of Seminole Proclamation of Emergency for Hurricane Milton Extensions No.50, No. 51 and No. 52.

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. 50 through September 29, 2025, and Extension No. 51 through October 6, 2025, and Extension No. 52 through October 13, 2025.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- A. Music in the Park Concert Series, featuring the Whiskey Throttle Band, on September 26, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. at Seminole City Park.

City Manager Toney-Deal advised that Councilors need to report to the stage by 6:45 p.m. if they want to be introduced.

- B. Gazebo Update.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the proposed area where the Gazebo will be installed at Waterfront Park has been staked out. She asked Councilors to stop by Waterfront Park to see if they agree with the size and area. This item will be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

- C. City Manager Annual Evaluation.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that all evaluations have been submitted. Once she has met with all Councilors, she will have the evaluations distributed to all of Council. She also distributed the City Manager's salary survey as requested by Council.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Burke, seconded by Councilor Quinn to authorize an increase to the City Manager's salary by 5%.

Mayor Waters called for Public Comment on the City Manager's salary increase. Receiving no requests for Public Comment on this subject, Mayor Waters closed the floor for Public Comment.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion on Non-Profit Organization Grant Distribution (FY 2025-2026 Allocation of \$30,000).

Council reviewed the average proposed amounts as was submitted by each Council Member. The following amounts were agreed upon by consensus for each organization:

Greater Seminole Chamber of Commerce - \$7,500
Adoption Related Services of Pinellas – 0
Bauder Elementary School - \$1,000
Oakhurst Elementary School - \$1,000
Orange Grove Elementary School - \$1,000
Seminole Elementary School - \$1,000
Starkey Elementary School - \$1,000

Horses for Handicapped Foundation of Pinellas County - \$1,000
Interfaith Food Pantry - \$2,000
Keep Pinellas Beautiful - \$500
Neighborly Care Network - \$2,000
Operation Military Matters - \$1,000
Pinellas Hope – Catholic Charities - \$1,000
Pinellas Safe Harbor – PCSO - \$1,000
Seminole Historical Society - \$5,000
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Against Animals (SPCA) - \$1,000
Miscellaneous - \$3,000

This item will be placed on the next agenda, as an Action Item for Council's consideration.

Continuation of Old Business:

1. Vice Mayor Burke stated that the fishermen are once again blocking the travel lane on Park Boulevard at Lake Seminole. Vice Mayor Burke did notify Deputy Papas.

6. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Waters announced that the Seminole Historical Society will be sponsoring is fish fry on October 5, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
2. Mayor Waters announced that the Seminole Historical Society will be hosting speaker Dan Hirshberg, September 24, 2025.
3. Mayor Waters announced that the new "Open Carry" law takes effect in a few days, however, firearms are not allowed in Council Chambers during meetings.
4. Mayor Waters recognized Councilor Ray Beliveau for being nominated as Second Vice President of the Suncoast League of Cities. Councilor Beliveau will be sworn in on October 10, 2025, at Dunedin City Hall.
5. Vice Mayor Burke stated that based on Public Comment, he was wondering why there is standing water on Grove Terrace. Public Works Director Rodney Due addressed the issue, and stated that the standing water is not keeping the water from flowing.

City Manager Toney-Deal stated that the gate at Seminole Gardens has been permanently removed and in reference to public comment that she heard about the construction that took place on Grove Terrace, she wanted to clarify that it was Pinellas County, and not the City of Seminole. It was the consensus of Council to have the City Manager write a letter to the residents on Grove Terrace and Oakdale Terrace, and it was suggested that she forward what she had written to Council.

6. Vice Mayor Burke motioned, seconded by Councilor Shields to authorize the City Manager to investigate ways to reduce the Law Enforcement Budget.

Discussion ensued.

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

City Manager Toney-Deal asked for clarification on the motion. Vice Mayor Burke repeated the motion for the City Manager.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Waters called for a roll call vote, and proceeded to take a roll call vote.

Roll Call

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

3 AYES, 4 NAYS. MOTION FAILED.

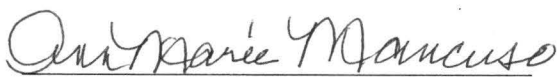
Since there was no motion made to reconsider the first vote, the first vote stands and passes.

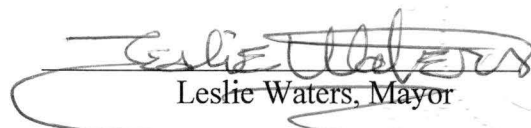
7. Councilor Shields commented on Charlie Kirk's assassination and recognized "freedom of speech".
8. City Manager Toney-Deal announced to Council that the Florida League of Cities will be having a meeting with the Special Committee to speak about property taxes. The meeting will take place on September 23, 2025. State Representative Berny Jacques serves on this committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waters adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Date Approved: October 14, 2025


Minutes prepared by City Clerk
Ann Marie Mancuso, CMC


Leslie Waters, Mayor