RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING ITS INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 197, FLORIDA STATUTES, SECTION 197.3632, FOR A STORMWATER UTILITY FEE TO BE LEVIED FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY'S STORMWATER CONVEYANCE SYSTEM, CAPITAL PROJECTS RELATED TO STORMWATER DRAINAGE AND RESILIENCY; PROVIDING THAT THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT SHALL BE INLCUDED IN THE COMBINED NOTICE FOR AD VALOREM TAXES AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS PROVIDED IN CHPATER 197, FLORIDA STATUTES, SECTION 197.3635; PROVIDING THAT THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT SHALL BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS AD VALOREM TAXES; PROVIDING THAT THIS NON-AD VALOREM ASESMENT IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS THAT SERVICE THE CITY OF SEMINOLE AND TO FUND ADDITIONAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL RELATED TO STORMWATER DRAINAGE AND RESILIENCY; PROVIDING FOR THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE WHICH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE NON-AD VALOREM LEVY; PROVIDING THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADVERTISED; PROVIDING THAT THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE SHALL MAIL CERTFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority set forth in Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, Section 166.021, and Section 2 (b), Article VII, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, municipalities have the governmental, corporate, and proprietary power to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal services and may exercise any power for municipal purposes, except as expressly prohibited by law, and

WHEREAS, such statutory and constitutional authorization includes the ability to levy a special assessment for the operation and maintenance of the stormwater conveyance system within the corporate limits of the City of Seminole; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632, sets forth the required procedure to be followed by a local government to use the uniform method of levying, collecting, and enforcing non-ad valorem assessments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on this Resolution on February 25, 2025, after advertising in the *Tampa Bay Times* for four (4) consecutive weeks as required by Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632 (3)(a); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA THAT:

- **Section 1. Intent to Use Uniform Method.** The City Council of the City of Seminole intends to use the uniform method for the levy, collection, and enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments for a stormwater utility fee within the corporate limits of the City of Seminole, pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632 and 197.3635
- Section 2. Need for Levy. The levy of non-ad valorem assessment for the stormwater utility fee is necessary in order to maintain and improve a comprehensive, coordinated, economical, and efficient stormwater drainage infrastructure system that services the City of Seminole.
- **Section 3. Legal Description of Area Subject to Levy.** The incorporated area of the City of Seminole shall be subject to the levy and collection of the non-ad valorem assessment as legally described in Article 2, Section 2.01 of the City of Seminole, Florida Charter and as changed in the manner prescribed by law following the effecting date of such Charter.
- Section 4. Combined Notice for Ad Valorem Taxes and Non-Ad Valorem Assessments. The non-ad valorem assessment that shall be levied using the uniform method provided for in Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632, shall be included in the combined notice for ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments proved for in Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, Section 197.3635.
- Section 5. Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Subject to Collection Procedures for Ad Valorem Taxes. The non-ad valorem assessment collection pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632, shall be subject to the collection procedures provided for in Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, for ad valorem taxes and includes discount for early payment, prepayment by installment method, deferred payments, penalty for delinquent payment, and sale of tax certificates and tax deeds for nonpayment.
- Section 6. Public Hearing on Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll. The City Council shall adopt a non-ad valorem assessment roll of the property to be assessed within the corporate limits of the City of Seminole at a public hearing held between March 1, 2025 and September 9, 2025.
- Section 7. Copy of Resolution. The Clerk of the City of Seminole is hereby directed to mail a certified copy of this Resolution by United States mail to the Pinellas County Property Appraiser, the Pinellas County Tax Collector, and the State of Florida Department of Revenue by March 1, 2025.
 - Section 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, THIS 25 DAY OF February, 2025.

Leslie Waters, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Marie Mancuso, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Jay Daigneault, City Attorney