

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NAPLES CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
NAPLES, FLORIDA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1979, AT 9:05 A.M.

Present: R. B. Anderson  
Mayor

C. C. Holland  
James F. McGrath  
Wade H. Schroeder  
Randolph I. Thornton  
Edward A. Twerdahl  
Kenneth A. Wood  
Councilmen

Also present: George M. Patterson, City Manager  
David W. Rynders, City Attorney  
Edward C. Smith, Assistant to the City Manager  
Roger Barry, Community Development Director  
Reid Silverboard, Planner  
John McCord, City Engineer

Harold Yegge  
Charles Andrews  
Betty Van Arsdale  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Chlumsky  
Duval Evans  
Dr. Ziton  
Lodge McKee  
Clayton Bigg  
Arndt Mueller  
Harry Rothchild  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Grant  
Joseph Kingsley  
John Turner  
John McGregor  
Virginia Corkran  
Robert Moss  
William Ryan  
David Shobe  
Ron Smalley  
Mrs. Laverne Gaynor  
Nelson Sanford  
Elizabeth Wolverton  
Ted Smallwood  
Ben Alexander  
Kit Strietzel  
A. Fowler

News Media: Ed Warner, TV-9  
Steve Fishman, Miami Herald  
Paul Stanford, TV-9  
Jerry Arnold, WRGI  
Tom Lowe, WBBH-TV  
Mark Johnson, WBBH-TV  
Al Truesdell, Naples Star  
Gary Baranik, Naples Daily News  
Allen Bartlett, Ft. Myers News Press

Other interested citizens and visitors.

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. whereupon Councilman Kenneth Wood gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AGENDA ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Anderson called Council's attention to the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of November 6, 1979 and the Regular Meeting of November 7, 1979. There being no additions or corrections to either set of minutes, they were approved as presented by consensus of Council.

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Mayor Anderson stated that he will seek election for a second term as mayor.

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AGENDA ITEM 4. Community Development Department/Naples Planning Advisory Board:

AGENDA ITEM 4-a. PUBLIC HEARING and recommendation of Naples Planning Advisory Board to approve Special Exception 79-S10, to provide 30 off-site parking spaces for a proposed 70-unit transient lodging facility, part of Government Lot 8, Section 3, Township 50 South, Range 25 East, Collier County, to be located at the Northeast corner of Goodlette Road and U. S. 41. A portion of the Central Mall parking lot. Requested by W. W. Gilman. (Continued from October 17, 1979 regular meeting.)

Mayor Anderson opened the Public Hearing at 9:08 a.m.; whereupon City Attorney Rynders read the below titled resolution by title for Council's consideration.

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO PROVIDE 30 OFF-SITE PARKING SPACES FOR A 70 UNIT MOTEL TO BE LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF U.S. 41 AND GOODLETTE ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Kit Strietzel of Miami, architect representing the owner, addressed Council concerning the proposal. He reviewed the request for the audience. Richard Grant, citizen, asked where the entrance to the parking spaces would be which Mr. Strietzel replied that it would be the same as the existing entrance to Central Mall. Harry Rothchild inquired about the proposed security for this area and if it would be signed "For Motel Customers Only". Betty Van Arsdale inquired about landscaping and Mr. Strietzel noted that all requirements of the city's Code had been met, which Roger Barry, Community Development Director, confirmed. There being no one else to speak for or against, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 9:18 a.m. Mr. Holland moved adoption of Resolution 3386 to accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Board to approve Special Exception 79-S10, seconded by Mr. Thornton and carried on roll call vote, 7-0.

AGENDA ITEM 4-b. PUBLIC HEARING and recommendation of the Naples Planning Advisory Board to deny Special Exception No. 79-S7; a request to construct a five foot high CBS wall in required front yard at 1300 Curlew Avenue. Petitioner: Mr. & Mrs. John DeBaun. (Continued from November 7, 1979 regular meeting.)





A RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6(8) OF APPENDIX "A" - ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NAPLES, TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF A 6 FOOT HIGH FENCE IN THE REQUIRED SIDE YARDS AT 4500 GORDON DRIVE, NAPLES, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Edward Chlumsky, petitioner, spoke in support of the request. There being no one else to speak for or against, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 9:59 a.m.; whereupon Mr. Thornton moved to approve Resolution 3387 accepting the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Board to approve Variance Petition 79-V15, seconded by Mr. Twerdahl. Mr. Schroeder noted the number of variances referring to this part of the zoning ordinance and suggested that the Code of Ordinances be amended. Motion carried on roll call vote, 6-0, with Mr. Holland being absent. Mr. Schroeder requested Roger Barry, Community Development Director, to draft an amendment to the zoning ordinance to increase the permitted fence height and eliminate the need for the number of variance requests in this area.

AGENDA ITEM 5. PUBLIC HEARING: Second Reading of ordinances.

AGENDA ITEM 5-a. An ordinance granting a franchise to Palmer Broadcasting Company, a Delaware Corporation authorized to do business in the State of Florida, doing business as Gulf Coast Television, to operate and maintain a CATV system in the City of Naples; setting forth conditions accompanying the grant of franchise; providing for City regulation thereof; prescribing penalties for violation of the provisions hereof; providing severability; and providing an effective date. Purpose: To establish new franchise terms and service rates for CATV service in the City.

Mayor Anderson opened the Public Hearing at 10:02 a.m.; whereupon City Attorney Rynders read the above captioned ordinance by title for Council's consideration on Second Reading. Richard Grant, citizen, noted that the franchise was for 15 years to which City Attorney Rynders replied that it was a usual period. Harry Rothchild asked if the agreement could be modified at any time, to which City Attorney Rynders replied that it could be re-negotiated in the future, including rate decreases. Attorney Rynders replied to Harold Yegge's, member of the Planning Advisory Board, question about quality control that the FCC standard of quality was included in the franchise agreement. John McGregor, citizen, noted the loss to the tax-payer due to the reduction in franchise fee, to which Mayor Anderson replied that that was a Federal decision over which the City had no control. There being no one else to speak for or against, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 10:11 a.m.; whereupon Mr. Thornton moved adoption of Ordinance 3388 on Second Reading, seconded by Mr. McGrath. Mr. Schroeder stated his opinion that government should not be in the business of regulating such things. Motion carried on roll call vote, 5-1 with Mr. Schroeder voting no and Mr. Holland being absent.

AGENDA ITEM 5-b. An ordinance amending Article X of Chapter 1A of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Naples, relating to public employees relations, providing amendments to certain sections thereof, to-wit: Section 1A-166, entitled "Definitions"; Section 1A-168, entitled "Commission; Powers and Duties"; Section 1A-172, entitled "Registration of Employee Organization"; Section 1A-173, entitled "Certification of Employee Organization"; Section 1A-181, entitled "Charges of Unfair Labor Practices"; Section 1A-182, entitled "Judicial Review"; and Section 1A-184, entitled "Violation of Strike Prohibition; Penalties"; and providing an effective date. Purpose: To amend the provisions of the City's Public Employees Relations Ordinance to conform to recent amendments to Chapter 447, Florida Statutes, pursuant to the order of the Florida Public Employees Relations Commission.

Mayor Anderson opened the Public Hearing at 10:16 a.m.; whereupon City Attorney Rynders read the above referenced ordinance by title for Council's consideration on Second Reading. Attorney Rynders confirmed Mayor Anderson's statement that the City was required to do this to conform with state statutes concerning the City's Mini-PERC Board. There being no one to speak for or against, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 10:17 a.m.; whereupon Mr. Thornton moved for adoption of Ordinance 3389, seconded by Mr. Schroeder and carried on roll call vote, 6-0 with Mr. Holland being absent.



AGENDA ITEM 6. First reading of ordinance.

An ordinance amending Section 24-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Naples, relating to restricted parking areas for trailers, motor homes, campers and certain other vehicles; and providing an effective date. Purpose: To clarify and define certain terms used in said section and to provide a penalty for violation thereof. Requested by Police Chief.

City Attorney Rynders read the above titled ordinance by title for consideration by Council on First Reading. He further noted that this was requested by Police Chief Gary Young and that it specified a fine and a clarification of some definitions to bring it in line with other sections of the Code of Ordinances. John McGregor, speaking on his own behalf, noted that a fine of \$5.00 did not seem high enough to which the City Attorney responded that this was at the suggestion of the Police Chief. Mr. Thornton moved approval of this ordinance on First Reading, seconded by Mr. McGrath and carried on roll call vote, 6-0 with Mr. Holland being absent.

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Mayor Anderson noted that Mr. Holland had been called away from the Council meeting due to an emergency with one of his employees and did not expect to return.

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AGENDA ITEM 7. Presentation and discussion regarding inclusion of Keewaydin Island in the National Seashore/Wildlife Refuge System. Requested by City Attorney.

Mr. Dinesh Sharma, Environmental Resources Consultant, spoke in support of his project regarding conservation of barrier islands and part of Keewaydin Island in particular. Ron Smalley, attorney for Mrs. Gaynor, addressed Council regarding the barrier island project and noted that yesterday was the first time the property owners in the City portion of Keewaydin heard directly from Mr. Sharma. He indicated that his clients would require more information and asked that Council take no action until more input had been received. Mrs. Laverne Gaynor, representing the Norris family, addressed Council and indicated that they were not receptive to Mr. Sharma's project at this time. Mayor Anderson suggested that Council could take this project under consideration with the County and the Planning Advisory Board. Betty Van Arsdale, resident, stated that she was in favor of retaining Keewaydin Island in its natural state. She felt that Mr. Norris might be inclined to develop his holdings at a later date. Mrs. Gaynor responded in the negative. Nelson Sanford, resident, stated that he had confidence in Mr. Norris and his efforts towards conservation. It was the consensus of Council to refer the matter to the City staff and coordinate the review with the County.

AGENDA ITEM 8. A resolution thanking the Naples Garden Club for its financial assistance on 6th Street median improvements. Requested by Mayor Anderson.

City Attorney Rynders read the below titled resolution by title for Council's consideration, correcting "Women's" to "Garden".

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE NAPLES GARDEN CLUB FOR ITS DONATION OF \$6000.00 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MEDIAN ON SIXTH STREET, BETWEEN THIRD AVENUE AND FOURTH AVENUE SOUTH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wolverton, Chairman of Civic Development of the Naples Garden Club, presented a check in the amount of \$6000.00 to Council. Mr. Twerdahl moved adoption of Resolution 3390, seconded by Mr. Schroeder and carried on roll call vote, 6-0 with Mr. Holland being absent.

AGENDA ITEM 9. A resolution commending the Naples High athletic program. Requested by Mayor Anderson.

Mayor Anderson noted the presence of Mr. White, principal of Naples High School, Football Coach Pugh and the two football team captains. He also noted the achievement of the Naples High School football team in attaining the number 1 ranking among all AAA schools in the State of Florida and he asked the City Attorney Rynders to incorporate this in Section 1. of the resolution. City Attorney Rynders read the below referenced resolution in its entirety with the addition "and in attaining the number 1 ranking among all AAA schools in the State of Florida" in Section 1. for Council's consideration.

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SEASON IN ACHIEVING AN UNDEAFEATED RECORD AND WINNING THE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Wood moved adoption of Resolution 3391, seconded by Mr. Schroeder and carried on roll call vote, 6-0 with Mr. Holland being absent.

AGENDA ITEM 10. Discussion and action with reference to request by Ray Link, 2530 10th Street North, to designate an oak tree on 10th Street North a "Speciman" under the County's "Protection and Preservation of Trees" Ordinance.

City Manager Patterson noted that Mr. Link had to be out of town due to a death in the family and he had requested that this item be removed from the Agenda and carried over until the first meeting in December. Mr. Thornton moved that this item be carried over until the December 5, 1979 meeting, seconded by Mr. McGrath and carried by consensus of Council members present.

AGENDA ITEM 11. A resolution requesting the Board of County Commissioners to reinstate the county-wide lethal yellowing inoculation program; and providing an effective date. (Deferred from November 7, 1979 regular meeting.)

City Attorney Rynders read the above titled resolution by title for consideration by Council. City Manager Patterson summarized a memorandum to him from Ed Smith, Assistant to the City Manager (Attachment #1) recommending approval of the resolution and continuation of the County program. Mr. Thornton moved adoption of Resolution 3392, seconded by Mr. Wood and carried on roll call vote, 6-0 with Mr. Holland being absent.

AGENDA ITEM 12. A resolution pertaining to the Contractors' Examining Board, recommending the adoption of rules and regulations pursuant to Section 8-46(e) of the Naples City Code for a "Lawn Maintenance Specialty Contractor"; distinguishing same from a "Handyman" as defined in Section 8-35 (w) of the Naples City Code; and providing an effective date. (Deferred from November 7, 1979 regular meeting.)

City Attorney Rynders read the above captioned resolution by title for Council's consideration. He noted that members of the Contractors' Examining Board had seen the resolution and had indicated that they had no objection to it. Mr. Twerdahl moved adoption of Resolution 3393, seconded by Mr. Schroeder and carried on roll call vote, 6-0 with Mr. Holland being absent.



AGENDA ITEM 13. A resolution regarding appointive boards requiring two years' minimum city residency. Requested by Councilman C. C. Holland.

Mayor Anderson noted that Mr. Holland had sent word to him that he would not be back to the meeting and that if Council wished to delay action on this item, it would be o.k. with him. Mr. Thornton noted that since Mr. Holland had not specifically requested that it be postponed, he moved that the resolution be denied, seconded by Mr. Schroeder. City Attorney Rynders read the above captioned resolution by title for Council's consideration. Mr. Thornton repeated his motion and Mr. Schroeder repeated his second. John McGregor, speaking for the Naples Civic Association, spoke in support of the resolution. Harry Rothchild and Joseph Kingsley spoke in opposition to the resolution. Motion carried on roll call vote, 6-0 with Mr. Holland being absent.

AGENDA ITEM 14. A resolution accepting easement with reference to water main extension - Naples Bath and Tennis. Requested by Engineering Department.

City Attorney Rynders read the below titled resolution by title for consideration by Council.

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT AND BILL OF SALE FROM NAPLES BATH & TENNIS CLUB, LTD, FOR A WATER MAIN EXTENSION, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Anderson confirmed with City Manager Patterson that these had been inspected and met City standards. Mr. Thornton moved for adoption of Resolution 3394, seconded by Mr. Schroeder and carried on roll call vote 6-0, with Mr. Holland being absent.

AGENDA ITEM 15. A resolution accepting easement with reference to water main extension - Manatee Point. Requested by Engineering Department.

City Attorney Rynders read the below titled resolution by title for consideration by Council.

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT AND BILL OF SALE FROM MANCHESTER INVESTMENTS, INC. FOR THE MANATEE POINT CONDOMINIUM WATER LINES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

He noted that these lines had been inspected and met City specifications. Mr. Thornton moved adoption of Resolution 3395, seconded by Mr. Schroeder and carried on roll call vote, 6-0 with Mr. Holland being absent.

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Mayor Anderson and Councilman Twerdahl noted the reports of the excellent presentation by Mr. Ted Smallwood, Consulting Engineer, and County Utility Director, Irving Berzon at the Public Hearing on the East Naples sewer situation.

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AGENDA ITEM 16. A resolution accepting easements from Stoney's Enterprises, Inc. and Donald L. Stoneburner for the maintenance and construction of utility lines across the property described therein; authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement between the City of Naples and Harry F. Bedinhaus et al, pertaining to construction of a private road on said property; authorizing the City Manager to pay to the "Property Holders" referred to in said agreement the sum of \$12,437.60; and providing an effective date. Requested by City Attorney.

City Attorney Rynders read the above captioned resolution by title for Council's consideration. Ted Smallwood, Consulting Engineer, explained the situation for Council's information. He noted that Mr. Bedinhaus and Mr. Stoneburner had agreed not to build an access road to the bowling alley from Golden Gate extension because it would be on easements given by them to the City. He further noted that the City had agreed to build the access road after completion of the raw water transmission main from the Golden Gate well field; and that now they were just asking the City to pay the cost of the road in lieu of constructing it. They were, in fact, dedicating the easements referred to in the resolution. Mr. McGrath moved adoption of Resolution 3396, seconded by Mr. Schroeder and carried on roll call vote, 6-0 with Mr. Holland being absent.

AGENDA ITEM 17. Purchasing:

AGENDA ITEM 17-a. Bid Award - curbing for 33rd Avenue South.

City Attorney Rynders read the below captioned resolution by title for consideration by Council.

A RESOLUTION AWARDED BID FOR THE INSTALLATION OF REINFORCED VERTICAL CONCRETE CURBING AT THE 33RD AVENUE SOUTH BEACHHEAD; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT THEREFOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Thornton moved adoption of Resolution 3397, seconded by Mr. McGrath and carried on roll call vote, 6-0 with Mr. Holland being absent.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Schroeder wished to thank Council and the City of Naples for the plant sent to him and for their concern while he was ill.

There being no further business to come before this Regular Meeting of the Naples City Council, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

*R. B. Anderson*  
R. B. Anderson, Mayor

*Janet Cason*  
Janet Cason  
City Clerk

*Ellen P. Marshall*  
Ellen P. Marshall  
Deputy Clerk

These minutes of the Naples City Council were approved on 12-05-79



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*Edith J. Naples*



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M E M O

TO: George M. Patterson, City Manager

FROM: Edward C. Smith, Ass't. to the City Manager

SUBJECT: Lethal Yellowing - Progress Report

DATE: November 16, 1979

A discussion meeting between the County Manager, Bill Norman, the County agricultural agent, Don Lander, the City's Parkways and Service Superintendent, Terry Fedelem, and myself took place on Wednesday, November 14th. The subject was discussed at length with no real conclusion reached regarding solutions to some of the administrative and financial problems incurred by the County in the conduct of their Lethal Yellowing Control Program. The point was made to the County that a program conducted only in the City would be jeopardized by the lack of a control program in the County outside of the corporation limits of the City of Naples.

Further it was pointed out to the County that, while the County's administrative procedures in dealing with the placement of delinquent fees as tax liens against real property were admittedly cumbersome, that to use the placement of tax liens as a collection measure would reduce the percentage of uncollectables and that it should be remembered that this process need only be employed rather than the total number of properly owners billed for the service - which construction had been placed upon the problem by the County. Various means of sending out bills were discussed. It became apparent that the County officials were very much committed to dropping the program in favor of a "voluntary" program. There was some discussion of a joint approach supported by intergovernmental agreement whereby the County would continue the administration of the program and the City would perform the collection function.

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For those property owners within the City of Naples. This seemed to be an attractive idea because the City, with proper legislative action, could collect the treatment fees through the utility billing mechanism. After discussion of this idea, the County Manager pointed out that while the idea has merit, the County has already disbanded the program and it would have to be started anew if the County were to resume administration.

The County Manager said that the City of Naples would be invited and notified of the County Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting at which the Lethal Yellowing Program will be discussed. He indicated that this meeting would be held within the next two weeks.

Enclosed with this report is a copy of records of the Lethal Yellowing Program within the Agricultural Extension Office which provide a five-year history of the program. The statistical summary showed that for the five-year period, 1974 through 1979, 235,650 inoculations were made and \$463,925 were billed for the service. \$403,254 were collected leaving an uncollected balance of \$60,671. (For the 5-year period this delinquency of \$60,671 represents a percentage delinquency of 14.8% or about 3% a year. While this percentage delinquency undoubtedly should and could be reduced - it could be argued that it is not, when viewed on an annual basis, a completely unreasonable delinquency percentage when the nature of the program is considered.) Enclosed are samples of the two forms in use by the program, one being an invoice form designed for mailing and the other a receipt form used by crew members who collected money from the property owner during the course of the day's business. The program was initially established on a crash basis in order to quickly inoculate the coconut palms in Collier County to protect those trees against the onslaught of Lethal Yellowing which was imperiling these trees at that time. At first, the employees working in the program were not uniformed and had no suitable identification - thereby creating problems with property owner acceptance of the program and willingness to admit crew members onto their property for the purpose of inoculating the trees. Later the crew members were properly uniformed and these problems eased somewhat. The procedure was for the eight-person field crew to be divided into two crews of four persons each with different tasks assigned to each of the members, one of the tasks being to knock on the property owner's door and to attempt to secure permission to inoculate the trees and obtain payment at the time. If the property owner were not at home, the trees were inoculated and the property owner later invoiced for the service. Sometimes the property owner declined to make immediate payment but agreed for the inoculation to take place and the property owner would later be invoiced.

The entire record production occurred as the survey crews proceeded from one area to another out in the field and the only record was the multi-copy, serialized form which served both as a receipt and invoice form. Later invoices were prepared from these serialized forms. There was no collection follow-up to the invoice and it appears that in many instances the invoice was not properly sent or received by the property owner. No mention is made on either form that penalties are provided for non-payment (example given - failure to pay comprising a tax lien against the property). The serialized receipt forms which are on file are filed alphabetically by property owners name and do show the name of the property owner, the address, the date that the property owner received service and the number of trees that were serviced.

The administration of a new inoculation program would require preparation of a geographical record of properties where affected trees are located and the alphabetical file as it now exists could be compared to a geographical file once it is developed, for the purpose of determining past history of inoculation. Despite the absence of records that would be useful in establishing a new program, it should be remembered that in many ways the previous program was successful both in terms of controlling the disease and secondly when viewed Year-by-year the percentage of delinquent payments was relatively small. With improved program administration including a penalty for non-payment and some follow-up to invoicing procedures - the percentage of delinquent payments could undoubtedly be reduced. Given the value of real property in the City of Naples and in Collier County, the use of a tax lien should ultimately produce 100% collection. The use of tax liens as a means of enforcing collection is admittedly cumbersome and drawn out time-wise, but it should reduce the volume of collectables and the cost of collection is a pass-through expense to the County government.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter addressed to a neutrally competent expert in the field of plant diseases, Dr. Randolph E. McCoy. Dr. McCoy is an assistant professor at the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at Ft. Lauderdale and has authored a widely-used publication entitled "How To Treat Your Palm With Anti-biotic". Dr. McCoy and other neutrally competent experts are being contacted to ascertain their views toward the anticipated results of discontinuing a County-wide inoculation program and their advice on whether a limited program might succeed.

In telephone conversation Dr. McCoy indicates that presently there is no known cure for the disease and that Collier County's success in controlling the disease is undoubtedly due to the inoculation prevention program. He indicates that the presently used Marget' injection capsule is the best available process and that while there may be some damage to individual trees caused by injection that this damage is

reduced by plugging the holes and whatever damage is caused by injection is preferred over killing the tree by exposure to the fatal "Lethal Yellowing" disease. Dr. McCoy advises that the history of municipal and other governmental efforts to control the disease have lacked the organization of the Collier County program and, as a result, have ended in failure. He said that attempts to deal only with outbreaks of the disease are doomed to failure because seemingly healthy trees in the vicinity of a tree exhibiting symptoms are often infected and will not exhibit symptoms of the disease for some months. Relying only on this method of control, without an injection control program, will expose susceptible trees to greater risk of contracting the disease and once the disease starts - it quickly can expand to unmanageable proportion.

The inability of governmental units to control the disease by responding only to outbreaks of the disease has been demonstrated time after time on the East coast of Florida and on the Keys. While there is no substitute for an area-wide comprehensive inoculation program, it may be possible for a municipal program to have success of its own. Treating some trees but not others increases the incidence of risks for all susceptible trees. The history of voluntary programs whereby governmental units rely upon private citizens to voluntarily inoculate their trees on a scheduled basis is that none have succeeded.

Mr. Halwin Jones, Director of Plant Industries, Florida Department of Agriculture, Gainesville, advises that Collier County has experienced a unique success with control of the "Lethal Yellowing" disease and that without doubt the history was due to the inoculation program. He said that the history of the disease is that communities that had enjoyed some success in controlling the disease became complacent and that result was the loss of all susceptible trees. He urged that "underplantings" be made of disease-resistant varieties and planted so that, in time, they could replace susceptible varieties.

  
Edward C. Smith

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Enclosure