



# City of Naples

City Council Chambers  
735 Eighth Street South  
Naples, Florida 33940

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-MAYOR BILLY - noted several vacancies on various boards & committees			1
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<u>DISCUSSION</u>			
-Discussion of recommendation by Contractors' Examining Board NO ACTION			
-Discussion of east/west traffic problem - NO ACTION			

Time 9:05 a.m.

Date March 2, 1983

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Mayor Billick called the meeting to order and presided as Chairman.

ROLL CALL Present: Stanley R. Billick ITEM 2  
Mayor

R. B. Anderson  
Lyle S. Richardson  
Harry Rothchild  
Wade H. Schroeder  
Randolph I. Thornton  
Kenneth A. Wood  
Councilmen

COUNCIL MEMBERS	M O T I O N	S E C O N D	VOTE		A B S E N T
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Also present:

Franklin C. Jones, City Manager	John McCord, City Engineer
David W. Rynders, City Attorney	Stewart Unangst, Purchasing Agent
Mark Wiltsie, Assistant to the City Manager	Roger Barry, Community Development Director
Paul Reble, Police Chief	Ellen P. Marshall, Deputy Clerk
Randy Davis, Parks & Recreation Director	

See Attachment #1 - Supplemental Attendance List

INVOCATION Reverend Don Houser, East Naples Baptist Church ITEM 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS ITEM 3

Mayor Billick - noted several vacancies on various City boards and that a press release would be distributed regarding same. He asked that any interested, qualified citizens send resumes.

City Manager Jones -

-noted that the experimental opening of the horticultural landfill on Saturdays had met with success and would be open on a permanent basis. He further noted that no change in funding will be required.

-noted receipt of a status report from Camp, Dresser & McKee, Inc., engineers for the wastewater treatment plant expansion and the effluent disposal project (Attachment #2). He added that they would be received on a regular basis.

-noted receipt of preliminary plans on the public works area renovation and that they were in the office of Assistant to the City Manager Wiltsie.

-noted that publication of the agenda for the Council meetings had been moved back to the original Saturday-Sunday edition of the "Naples Daily News".

Mr. Rothchild requested that the reports from Camp, Dresser, & McKee be received and distributed to Council at least a week prior to the Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 4 thru 7-c

Mayor Billick read the Agenda item titles for the above items. Mr. Rothchild asked that all items except Item 4, Approval of Minutes, be removed from the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Workshop Meeting 02/15/83 ITEM 4  
Regular Meeting 02/16/83

Mr. Schroeder noted a correction to the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of February 15, 1983, page 2 to delete "necessary investigating procedures" and add "all possible costs, absent any grants".

MOTION: To APPROVE the minutes of February 15, 1983 as amended and the minutes of February 16, 1983 as presented.

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Schroeder  
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<p>ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>---RESOLUTION 83-4233 <span style="float: right;">ITEM 8</span></p> <p>A RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE MOST RESTRICTIVE COASTAL CONSTRUCTION SETBACK LINE ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 7-41 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NAPLES, TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE AND A SWIMMING POOL AT 3430 GORDON DRIVE, NAPLES, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION SET FORTH HEREIN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.</p> <p>Title read by City Attorney Rynders.</p> <p>Public Hearing: Opened - 10:02 a.m. Closed - 10:25 a.m.</p> <p>Stanley Hole, representing the petitioners, spoke in support of the petition and submitted letters from adjacent property owners who had no objection to the proposed addition (Attachments #3 &amp; #4). He also pointed out that it was compatible with the neighborhood. In response to a question from Councilman Anderson about the advisability of requiring the rip rap, City Engineer John McCord noted that it had been a policy to require this in the hope that eventually all the seawalls would have rip rap. He added if there was a question about this policy, the staff would take another look at the situation. Mr. Thornton noted that the variance request exceeded the City's setback line by several feet. Mr. Schroeder stated his objection to the many variances Council was asked to grant. City Attorney Rynders explained that the hardship criteria for a variance did not apply in this type of variance. City Engineer McCord noted that the state setback line was a control line, and infringement on that allowed the state to mandate certain construction requirements.</p> <p>MOTION: To <u>ADOPT</u> the resolution as presented.</p> <p>*** <span style="margin-left: 150px;">***</span> <span style="margin-left: 150px;">***</span></p> <p>-----End Advertised Public Hearing-----</p> <p>FIRST READINGS OF ORDINANCES <span style="float: right;">ITEM 9</span></p> <p>---ORDINANCE 83- <span style="float: right;">ITEM 9-a</span></p> <p>AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TAKING OFF AND LANDING OF AIRCRAFT WITHIN THE CITY OF NAPLES; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN WORDS USED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. PURPOSE: TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING OFF AND LANDING OF ANY AIRCRAFT WITHIN THE CITY OTHER THAN AT THE NAPLES AIRPORT, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS ENUMERATED HEREIN.</p> <p>Title read by City Attorney Rynders.</p> <p>William Fries, Naples Pilots Association, addressed Council in support of designating a certain area for the landing and taking-off of seaplanes. Charles Rhoades, also of the Naples Pilots Association, distributed maps of the suggested areas (Attachments #5 &amp; #6). They pointed out that a seaplane is regarded as a boat when it is on water and was entitled to taxi on the water, following the rules of boating. City Attorney Rynders noted that regulating the landing and taking-off of seaplanes on city waterways would be within the City's police powers, if reasonable. He suggested deleting "taxi" from the prohibitions to make the regulation more reasonable inasmuch as a seaplane could taxi to an area outside the City limits for landing and taking-off.</p> <p>MOTION: To <u>APPROVE</u> the ordinance as amended to delete "taxi" on First Reading.</p>					
Anderson				X	
Richardson				X	
Rothchild				X	
Schroeder	X				X
Thornton					X
Wood					X
Billick (4-3)				X	
Anderson				X	
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DISCUSSION/ACTION with respect to an attempt to solve our east/west traffic problems in light of the recent Department of Transportation statements that the State funds will not be available in the foreseeable future. Requested by Councilman Rothchild. ITEM 12

Mr. Rothchild read a statement (Attachment #9) into the record and stated his opinion that no more studies of traffic were needed. Mr. Wood stated his feeling that the city taxpayers should not pay for more roads. Mr. Schroeder noted that the matter had been referred to the M.P.O. at the last meeting and that it was the type of problem that the M.P.O. had been organized to consider. Mayor Billick noted that the Barr-Dunlop report had given priority to Coastland Boulevard which was not completed as yet and he suggested waiting to see what effect that would have on east/west traffic. Gilbert Blanquart, former Councilman, addressed Council in support of not attempting any bond issues to resolve the traffic problems. No action was taken.

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CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Schroeder noted his intention to attend a state-wide conference in Tallahassee on March 8 and 9 concerning disposal of waste material. He added that he was the chairman of the solid waste committee or the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

ADJOURN: 12:14 p.m.

*Janet Cason*  
Janet Cason  
City Clerk

*Stanley R. Billick*  
Stanley R. Billick, Mayor

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

These minutes of the Naples City Council approved on 03-16-83

Supplemental Attendance List - Regular Meeting March 2, 1983

Reverend Don Houser  
Charles Meyer  
Lloyd Sarty  
Charles Andrews  
Tom Gross  
Charles Traficant  
Mr. Stevens  
Catherine Motley

Nathaniel Rutter  
Edwin Putzell  
Charles Rhoades  
Herb Anderson  
Robert Russell  
James Burritt  
Polk Threlkeld  
Stanley Hole

George Turner  
Mr. & Mrs. Labermeier  
William B. Fries  
Mary Brandt  
David Bennett  
Michael Horn  
Gilbert Blanquart  
Arthur Gilbert

News Media:

James Moses, Naples Daily News  
Tish Gray, Free Lance  
Gary Arnold, WEVU-TV 26  
Jeff Leen, Miami Herald

Lynn Levine, TV-9  
Jerry Pugh, TV-9  
Scott Stewart, TV-9  
Ben Garrett, WBBH- TV 20

Other interested citizens and visitors.





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planners, & management consultants

CAMP DRESSER & MCKEE INC.

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33310  
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February 16, 1983

HAND DELIVERED

Mr. William F. Savidge  
Public Works Director  
City of Naples  
735 Eighth Street, South  
Naples, FL 33940

WWTP Expansion and Effluent  
Reuse/Disposal System  
Progress Report No. 1

Dear Mr. Savidge:

This letter report covers the period from February 1 to February 15, 1983. CDM began work on the referenced project on February 1, 1983 as scheduled.

On February 2nd, Bob Hallenbeck of our Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Group and I visited with you and your staff in Naples. The purpose of this initial trip was to obtain and update information on the wastewater treatment plant operation through first hand observations. Mr. Si Crane, Chief Operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, met with us and discussed various improvement needs of the facility. In addition, we left with you a list of requested information such as Monthly Operating Reports, Power Consumption Records, Fiscal Budget Data, etc. which we agreed to pick up the following week. On Saturday, February 5th, CDM established a 200 square foot working area within the office of Coastal Engineering in Naples.

On Monday, February 7th, Mr. Vince Amy, Project Manager for Geraghty & Miller in West Palm Beach, visited our offices in Fort Lauderdale to meet with R. C. Johnson, G. M. Witt and me. We discussed the project schedule and specifically G&M's role in evaluating the deep injection well disposal alternative. Geraghty & Miller was given the go ahead to proceed working on this project.

On February 8th and 9th, the following key members of our Project Team accompanied me on a visit to the City: R. S. Ortiz, J. F. Donovan, R. Walton and S. L. Klinzing. (The attached Figure 1 indicating our Project Team organization gives their general function.) The primary purpose of this trip was to gather background data and meet with various regulatory agency and other government officials (Tasks 1.1 and 1.2). The following lists the individuals and/or government agencies contacted by CDM during that week in search of information:

Mr. William F. Savidge  
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City of Naples:

William F. Savidge  
John McCord

Florida Department of Environmental Regulation:

Phil Edwards (Fort Myers)  
Ron D. Blackburn (Fort Myers)  
Vince (Fort Myers)  
Bruce De Grove (Tallahassee)  
Dr. Jay Thabaraj (Tallahassee)

South Florida Water Management District:

Fred Vidzes, Big Cypress Basin Administrator  
Rich Bower (West Palm Beach)

U.S. Geological Survey:

Henry La Rose (Fort Myers)

Collier County:

Jimmy D. Massey, Planner

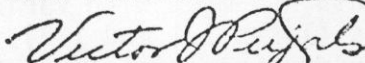
In addition to the above, we began our analysis of the Wastewater Service Area outlined in Ordinance No. 83-4213 and corresponding wastewater flow projections (Task 1.3). With the assistance of our subconsultant, Coastal Engineering, we initiated meetings with the individual golf course turf superintendents.

We received the information requested from the Public Works Department the week before along with miscellaneous "old" reports.

Progress reports will be submitted to you twice a month and henceforth in time to be included with the Council package at your discretion. Please contact us if you have any questions or suggestions for improving our reports.

Sincerely yours,

CAMP DRESSER & MCKEE INC.

  
Victor J. Pujals, P.E.

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cc's: C. H. Bolton  
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 R. Walton  
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FIGURE 1 - PROJECT TEAM

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February 22, 1983

Mr. William F. Savidge  
Public Works Director  
City of Naples  
735 Eighth Street, South  
Naples, FL 33940WWTP Expansion and Effluent  
Reuse/Disposal System  
Progress Report No. 2

Dear Mr. Savidge:

This letter report covers the period from February 15 to February 22, 1983. The project remains on schedule.

On February 17th, Bob Ortiz and I visited with you and your wastewater treatment plant staff in Naples. The purpose of this trip was to obtain the balance of information on the wastewater treatment plant operating records. Mr. Bill Nicholson and Mr. Si Crane met with us and discussed various thoughts on improving the existing facility.

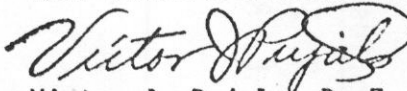
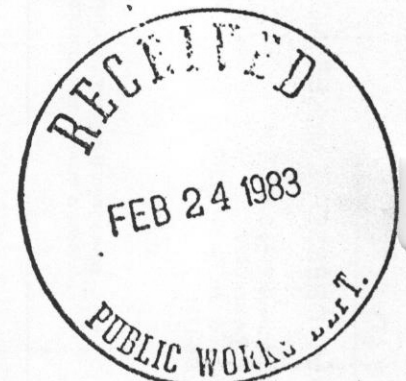
We met at length with Mr. Reid Silverboard, Chief Planner for the City, to obtain and discuss information on past, present and projected population and development within the service area. This information is being analyzed and processed. We continued our analysis of the Wastewater Service Area outlined in Ordinance No. 83-4213 and corresponding wastewater flow projections (Task 1.3). With the assistance of our subconsultant, Coastal Engineering, we have engaged in meetings with the individual golf course turf superintendents. Dr. Mike Stephen of Coastal has been in contact with the Health Department and the Conservancy to obtain updated water quality sampling results since the Naples Bay study. Our Water Resources Group is analyzing data and determining appropriate models for surface water and groundwater.

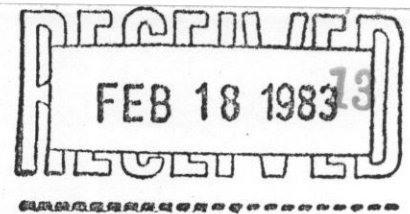
We received the information requested from the Public Works Department the week before.

Please contact us if you have any questions on this report.

Sincerely yours,

CAMP DRESSER &amp; McKEE INC.

Victor J. Pujals, P. E.  
VJP/gb  
Enclosures  
File: 6680-01 RT  
cc's: C. H. Bolton  
Kris Dane



Dec 29, 1982

To whom it may concern,

We have been advised of the proposed remodeling, extension of one bedroom and the addition of a swimming pool at the Labermeier residence located at 3430 Gordon Dr. We have seen the plans as prepared by Rosendahl Homes, Gulfside Pools and Hole Montes & Assoc. Inc..

We find the proposed work to be compatible with the neighborhood and have no objection to it.

Yours Truly,

*Lou O Kerckhoff*

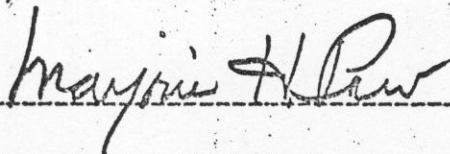
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Dec 29, 1982

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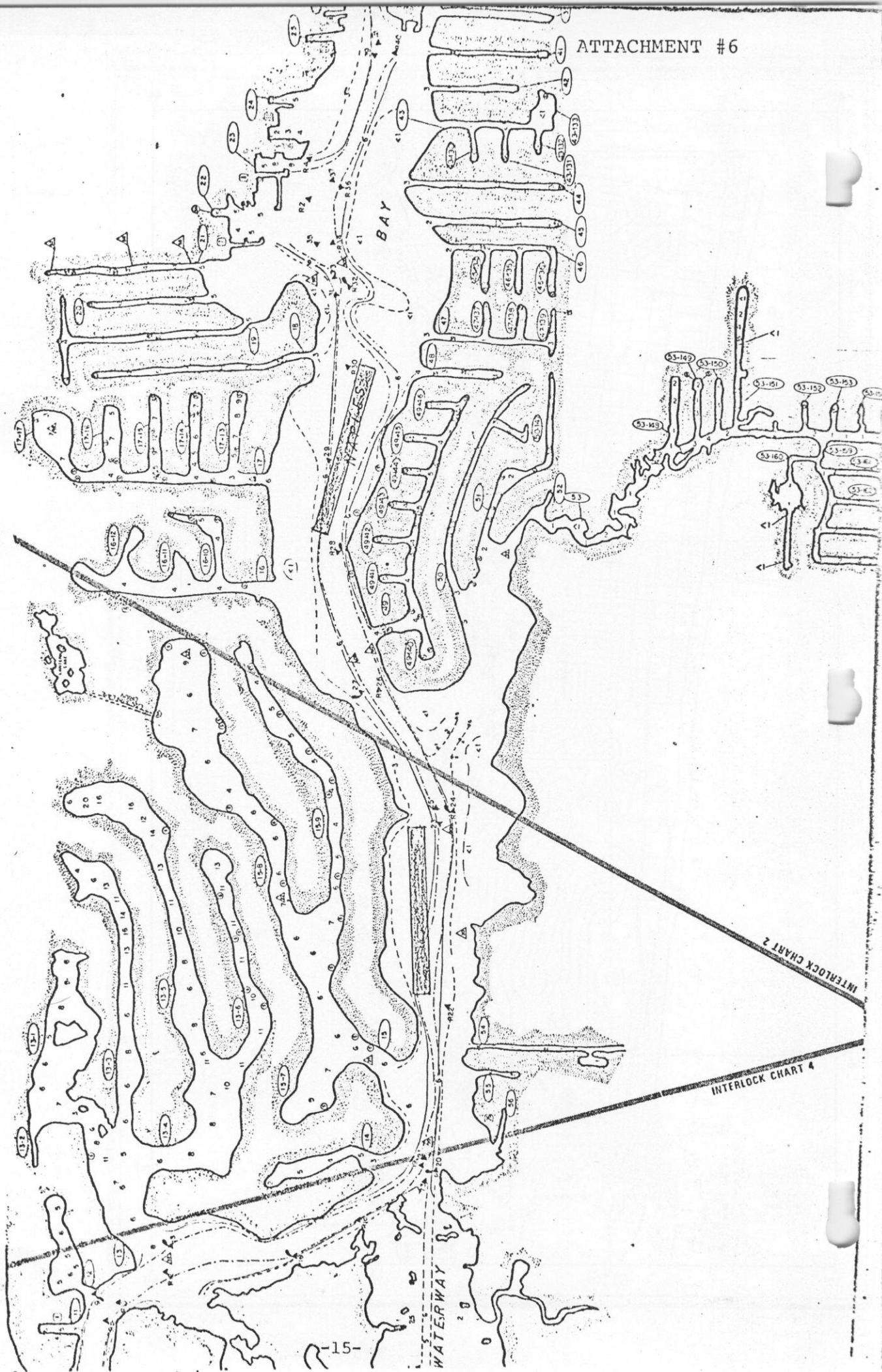
We have been advised of the proposed remodeling, extension of one bedroom and the addition of a swimming pool at the Labermeier residence located at 3430 Gordon Dr. We have seen the plans as prepared by Rosendahl Homes, Gulfside Pools and Hole Montes & Assoc. Inc.. We find the proposed work to be compatible with the neighborhood and have no objection to it.

Yours Truly,



Mrs J. Pew 3406 Gordon Drive









# City of Naples

## MEMO

TO: FRANKLIN C. JONES, CITY MANAGER

FROM: MARK W. WILTSIE, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: PROCEDURE FOR CLEARING VACANT LOTS

DATE: JANUARY 27, 1983

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### BACKGROUND

Based upon the concerns of the Port Royal Property Owners Association, Community Development Director Roger Barry, Parkways & Services Superintendent Terry Fedelem and Finance Director Bill Hanley met with you and me to consider adopting a policy and procedure to clear exotic and noxious plants from privately owned vacant lots in all residential districts of the City. At our most recent meeting we discussed some criteria that needed to be incorporated into a procedure to accommodate the lot clearing.

### ANLYSIS

Rather than bid the work involved on an annual basis, it was decided that, as the lots in violation of the attached proposed ordinance are identified, they will be bid on an individual basis. Basic specifications can be prepared that will provide adequate information to accept proposals on various lots.

The procedure to accomplish compliance of proposed ordinance are as follows:

- 1) Lots not in compliance would be identified by the Parkways & Services Superintendent.
- 2) A certified letter would be sent to the property owners notifying non-compliance with ordinance and giving a five (5) day response time should they prefer to clear the lot themselves.

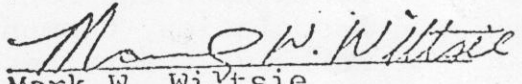
Franklin C. Jones  
January 27, 1983  
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- 3) After five (5) day waiting period, the City would proceed with obtaining quotations on having the lot cleared and, at the same time, providing property owner the estimated cost.
- 4) When lowest, best bid is ascertained, the City would forward an invoice to the property owner for payment. Payment would be to the General Fund.
- 5) Should the property owner refuse to pay the City within thirty (30) days for the service rendered a lien would be placed on the property.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend adoption of the above procedure to accomplish removal of noxious plants on vacant lots.

Sincerely,

  
Mark W. Wiltzie  
Assistant to the City Manager



*City of Naples*

— MEMO —

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: CITY MANAGER FRANKLIN C. JONES  
SUBJECT: REVOCATION/SUSPENSION OF COMPETENCY CARDS  
DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 1983

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Roger Barry's memo of February 22, outlines the requirement that City Council review the action taken by the Contractor's Examining Board at their February 25, meeting. A summary of the action taken by the Board is attached and indicates that no action is necessary by Council at this time. Therefore, the item should be removed from the agenda.

Sincerely,

Franklin C. Jones  
City Manager

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encs.

On Feb 22, 1983 I attended a Florida D.O.T. workshop held in the Collier County Commission complex. William K. Fowler, the D.O.T. District Engineer stated clearly and without equivocation that there would be no state funds available in the foreseeable future to build either an east-west artery over the Gordon River or to fund a "fly over" bridge to relieve the congestion on U.S. 41 at Davis Blvd. "Mr. Fowler said" "The situation is so bad on the East Coast that many counties are considering bonding projects on state roads themselves. They see the futility in ever getting them done with state money."

It is now abundantly clear that our traffic problems will have to be met and solved through the joint cooperation of the City Council and the Collier County Commission - and if push comes to shove we may have to meet the problem without the immediate cooperation of the County Commission. We know what the problems are; we have had many studies conducted, some going back over 20 years. The City paid about 35,000 in Aug. 1979 for the Bath-Dunlop report which clearly identified the problems and made specific recommendations which we did not follow. The Naples Area Chamber of Commerce had their transportation committee conduct a study which was completed in Oct. 1982. The study endorsed previous studies dealing with our traffic problems.

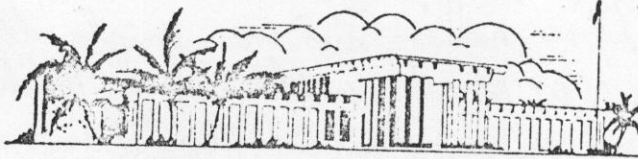
The Naples Daily News has repeatedly urged the City Council to act. (See editorial of Oct 22, 1981). The Palmer Communications Centre offered an editorial on Jan 20, 1983 which strongly urged the County and the City to take immediate action without solving our critical traffic problems. We do not need any more studies - any further study will be a flimsy delaying tactic - pure and simple. It will fool nobody! This City has paid heavily for similar dilatory tactics. The inordinate and unjustified delay in dealing with our waste water project is a case in point.

It seems to me that any further delay is entirely without justification. The needs are apparent and urgent. The

City for its part will encounter no difficulty in raising whatever funds are needed. This was amply demonstrated by the ease in which we recently authorized a bond issue for 5 million dollars to fund an unscheduled capital improvement program. Incidentally, it occurs to me that we could use part of the excess funds from this bond issue to cover the City's share of the proposed "fly over" at Davis Blvd. If needs be we can increase the bond issue to 10 million dollars.

All we need at this point is a positive vote by this Council and we can get the project on the road. We are a tourist community and we must recognize our obligation not only to our residents but to our many visitors and to our business establishments who count so heavily on a good tourist business. We cannot allow the City of Napier to be strangled by a traffic problem which can be solved so easily, and which if not solved could have the effect of discouraging many of our visitors who would then choose a more enlightened community. It might even result in discouraging many of our residents who had been frustrated these many years by an ever deteriorating traffic problem.

The ball is in our hands - the problem is clear - the answer is evident. We must act!! - and now!



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## Time Running Out On Key Road Needs

If all goes as planned, city, county and state officials will meet at Department of Transportation headquarters in Fort Lauderdale in about two weeks to discuss ways to improve east-west traffic flow in the Greater Naples area.

Naples City Manager George Patterson describes the upcoming session with DOT brass as "informational." DOT will be asked what has to be done to get going on another bridge across the Gordon River somewhere between Golden Gate Parkway and U.S. 41 east.

Also to be discussed, says Patterson, is the feasibility of other options including an overpass on U.S. 41 to span the serious bottleneck at the intersection of Davis Boulevard.

The three-way gathering — city, county, state — comes none too soon. Even under the best of circumstances — with funding, engineering and environmental aspects all falling neatly into place — it will be several years before another bridge could be built across the Gordon River. And an overpass spanning the Davis Boulevard jungle could take longer than the bridge.

We don't have to tell the city, county and DOT that the stretch of U.S. 41 between Naples Four

Corners and Davis Boulevard is our Achilles' heel. Jammed as it is now — nearly impassable several times a week — we would be helpless without it. We shudder to think what the next few years will bring.

Another project comes immediately to mind when we think of priority roads, and that's the stretch of Interstate-75 scheduled to run from the Immokalee Road to the western terminus of Alligator Alley. At the moment, we're being told by DOT at Tallahassee that this particular segment of I-75, along with several other segments, is in danger of being shelved for lack of federal funding.

If I-75, with present approved funding, is completed all the way from Tampa to the Immokalee Road and then stops there for want of funding, we're going to have traffic running out our ears. When I-75 traffic hits the dead-end at the Immokalee Road, where can it go?

So, at this upcoming session with DOT officials, we hope city and county officials bring up the subject of I-75 and that vital stretch from Immokalee Road to Gator Alley. That's our long-sought "bypass." If we don't get it on schedule, we're in for more trouble than we can take.

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