

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting April 6, 1983

City Council Chambers 735 Eighth Street South Naples, Florida 33940

-SUBJECT-	Ord.	Res. No.	Page
AWARDS - RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES' SERVICE			1
ANNOUNCEMENTS' -MAYOR BILLICK - Minutes of March 16, 1983 will be in packet for next meeting			1
-CITY MANAGER JONES - None			
RESOLUTIONS -Appoint Gilbert Weil to City PERC		83 - 4250 83 - 4251	1
-Authorize corrective quit claim deeds with Naples Community Hospital -Accept quit claim deed - water & sewer - World Tennis Center -Accept deed - R/W Anthony Park		83-4251 83-4252 83-4253	2
-Accept deed - R/W Anchony Park -Authorize amendment - DNR agreement for beach improvement project -Appoint William Blaikie to Airport Authority	•	83-4254 83-4257	2
-Request support for V.A. hospital in southwest Florida from Lawton Chiles, Paula Hawkins, Connie Mack and Tom Lewis		83-4258	
-Authorize amendment - contract w/Wilson, Miller, Barton, Soll & Peek, Inc. re City Dock		83-4259	5
PURCHASING -Award bid - autos and truck		83-4255	2
-Award bid - improvements on 11th Avenue South		83-4256	2 &
ORDINANCES - FIRST READING -Approve amendment - Handicapped Parking -DEFER ACTION - Amendment to taxicab requirements	83		4 4 8
DISCUSSION/ACTION - Internal Auditor position - MOTION TO HIRE AN INTERNAL AUDITOR - FAILED			6
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Time 9:05 a.m.

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Randy Davis, Parks &	Recreation		st, Purchasing		1	1	1	1
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Max Hasse, Assistant			Assistant to		1	1	1	1
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INVOCATION - Councilm	nan Wood		ITEM 1		1			
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but would be included	d at the ne	xt meeting.			1	1	1	1
CITY MANAGER JONES			ITEM 4-b			1	1	1
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CONSENT AGENDA		II	EMS 5 thru 10		1	1	1	1
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CONSENT AGENDA (Cont)	ITEMS 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 (Cont		1	1			
RESOLUTION 83-4252							
	ITEM 8						
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A QUIT-CLAIM DI DISTRICT OF COLLIER COUNTY CONVEYING N THE WORLD TENNIS CENTER; AND PROVIDING	NATER FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN						
RESOLUTION 83-4253	ITEM 9		l				
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DEED FROM NAPLES, INC. FOR A RIGHT-OF-WAY IN PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.	BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH OF THE ANTHONY PARK AREA; AND						
RESOLUTION 83-4254	ITEM 10						
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROJECT AGREEMENT FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCESHORES, RELATING TO STATE FUNDING ASSPROJECTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE	E BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CES, DIVISION OF BEACHES AND DISTANCE FOR BEACH IMPROVEMENT	Anderson Richardson Rothchild Schroeder			E E C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C		
MOTION: To ADOPT Items 5, 7, 8 and Item 9 as amended	d 10 as presented and	Thornton Wood Billick	X	x	I 3 I 3		
END CONSENT	AGENDA				2		
RETURN TO ITEM 6							
PURCHASING	ITEM 6						
RESOLUTION 83-4255	ITEM 6-a						
A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BIDS FOR TWO ONE PICK-UP TRUCK; REJECTING ALL BIDS 4-DOOR SEDAN; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAY ORDERS FOR THE BIDS HEREIN AWARDED; AN	RECEIVED ON THE MID-SIZE NAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE						
Title read by City Attorney Rynders							
By discussion with Council and Purc Mr. Rothchild confirmed that the so notified that he had not met the so a full sized spare tire. He furthched bid Price" which denoted the effect expected life of the vehicle and when sideration when the award was made.	econd lowest bidder had been pecifications by not providing or noted the use of "Evaluated of fuel cost over the nich was taken into con-				x x		x
Mr. Anderson left Council table - ***	9:24 a.m. ***	Schroeder Thornton Wood	х	x	X X X		
MOTION: To ADOPT the resolution a	s presented.	Billick (6-0)			x		
*** Mr. Anderson returned to Council t ***	*** able = 9:26 a.m. ***	(0-0)					
<u>RESOLUTION 83-4256</u>	ITEM 6-b						
RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR RESURF ELEVENTH AVENUE SOUTH; AUTHORIZING TH ECUTE A CONTRACT THEREFOR; AND PROVIDI	E MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO	• 1000 - 1000					
Title read by City Attorney Rynder							
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the City to compare similar work done in-house. City Manager Jones agreed, but he noted that this would be taken into consideration when the comparisons were made. He added that these comparisons and evaluations would be made and brought back to Council in early May regarding several street projects that had been moved forward in the Capital Improvement Program. Mr. Richardson noted that an outside contractor had other expenses to include when figuring bids such as administrative costs, equipment maintenance, performance bonds, etc. MOTION: To ADOPT the resolution as presented.	Anderson Richardson Rothchild Schroeder Thornton Wood Billick (7-0)	x	x	X X X X X X	
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RETURN TO REGULAR AGENDA					
RESOLUTION 83-4257		1			
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE CITY OF NAPLES AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF ELMER E. JONES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.					
Title read by City Attorney Rynders.					
Mr. Rothchild nominated James Hirst	Anderson				X X
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Mr. Thornton nominated William Blaikie.	Anderson Richardson Rothchild Schroeder Thornton Wood ' Billick (6-1)	x		X X X X X	х
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MOTION: To ADOPT the resolution appointing William Blaikie to the Airport Authority.	Anderson Richardson Rothchild Schroeder Thornton Wood Billick (7-0)	x		XXXX	
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FIRST READINGS OF ORD	INANCES	ITEM 12					
ORDINANCE 83-		ITEM 12-a					
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Title read by City At	torney Rynders.		Anderson	x		x	
Mayor Billick noted the Attorney Rynders review March 28, 1983 (Attack	ewed the information hment #2).	in his memo dated	Richardson Rothchild Schroeder Thornton Wood		х	X X X	
MOTION: To APPROVE th	ne ordinance on First	Reading as presented.	Billick (6-0)			х	
ORDINANCE 83-		ITEM 12-b					
RESOLUTION REQUESTING T ND LAWTON CHILES AND U.S VETERANS' ADMINISTRATIO SERVE THE SOUTHWEST FI	S. REPRESENTATIVE CONNI	IE MACK IN OBTAINING THE FT. MYERS AREA					
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DISCUSSION/ACTION with reference to implementation of internal auditor position. Requested by City Manager.					
City Manager Jones reviewed the material presented to Council in the meeting packet, copies of which are on file in the City Clerk's office. Mr. Rothchild noted an editorial from the Naples Daily News April 5, 1983 edition (Attachment #4) which he requested be made a part of the minutes. He pointed out that he endorsed the editorial which advocated that the internal auditor report to the Council rather than the City Manager. Mr. Anderson noted that he was in favor of an internal auditor in theory but that he did not think the City was in a financial position to institute the position at this time. He stated he would like to hear City Manager Jones' presentation of the mid-year review before he made any decisions about filling that position. Mr. Rothchild repeated his feeling that the City did not need an internal auditor; but if they did have one, that position should report to the Council. He further suggested that the City Manager could enlarge the duties of the Finance Director to include the auditor position if the auditor was to report to the City Manager. Gilbert Blanquart, citizen, stated his opinion that there wasn't a need for an internal auditor in a city the size of Naples. Mr. Schroeder stated his feeling that an internal auditor would be beneficial to the operation of the City. MOTION: To hire an internal auditor at this time.	Anderson Richardson Rothchild Schroeder Thornton Wood Billick (2-5) FAILED	x	. х	XX	x x x x
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None					
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Mr. Rothchild asked that an item be put on the next agenda to discuss the concession stand at the City Pier.					

ADJOURN: 12:10 p.m.					
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Janet Cason City Clerk Ellen P. Maishall					
Ellen P. Marshall Deputy Clerk	•				
These minutes of the Naples City Council approved on 09-20-83					

Supplemental Attendance List - 04/06/83

Reverend Walter Lauster
Charles Andrews
Herb Anderson
Chuck Mohlke
Walter Olson
Gilbert Weil
Egon Hill
Nancy L. Leffingwell
Charles E. Longieliere
Marlin E. Wall

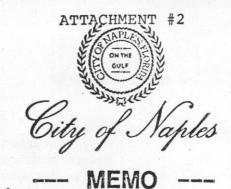
Tish Gray
Floyd Peterson
Edward McMahon
Willie Anthony
Bob Russell
Gilbert Blanquart
Sam Aronoff
Nicholas Smirnov
Paul Sireci
George D. Dampier

Arnold Lamm
Phillip Morse
Ocey Richardson
Ken Mastrodomenica
Gary Mastro
Bill Johnson
Joseph R. Ruggiero
Richard Whidden
Bobby L. Hunter

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Scott Stewart, TV-9
Jerry Pugh, TV-9
Susan Gardner, TV-9
Leslie Wyatt, Naples Star

Other interested citizens and visitors.



AGENDA ITEM #12-2 4/6/83

March 28, 1983

TO: Hon. Mayor and Members of Council

PROM: David W. Rynders, City Attorney

RE: Handicapped Parking Ordinance

In the course of prosecuting some violations, the State Attorney's office has made some suggestions for revising our handicapped parking requirements. I wrote to Mr. William Register, who is the attorney who drafted the ordinance, with a copy to Mr. Nelson Rose, outlining the changes and asking for their comments in connection therewith. A copy of my letter, which more fully explains the purpose of the proposed changes, is attached.

Mr. Rose called our office and indicated that the changes are a good idea. After some considerable period of time, we h still received no comment from Mr Register; but with Mr. Rose concurrence, this office feels comfortable in submitting the attached ordinance and recommending its adoption on first reading at the Council meeting on April 6, 1983. The paragraph proposed to be amended is set forth below with the revisions noted.

"All parking lots (whether now existing or hereafter constructed) and-ewned used by any business, firm or other person required to be licensed to do business with the public shall be required to comply with the requirements of Section 508.3(a), except that the construction of building ramps, which shall not be construed to include curb cuts and approaches, shall not have retroactive application."

David W. Rynders City Attorney

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On Monday, April 4, the Board of Directors of the Old Kaples Association had an in-depth discussion on the proposed re-building of the City Dock.

We feel that it is essential that the docks be re-built, and 76 slips looks as if it would be a good manageable number at this location. We feel that any additional docks should be constructed in the area north of the Coes Guard Auxiliary Station with access from the park that already exists behind the time-share lodgings. This would spread out the traffic load. Also it would not tie up parking, that the merchants at the Cove need, with boaters' can be covered to the covered to the covered that already exists behind the time-share lodgings.

For the last two months at verious times of the day - evenings as well as weekends - we have been monitoring the use of both park areas at the Naples Landing. We find that very few people use these facilities except for launch boats. We have also discussed the advisability of the park concept at the dock with people who own boats. The feeling seems to be that they would rather have more electrical and water connections than a park that would bring non-boaters who would invade the little privacy they do get - and possibly attract vandals. There are already existing parks for public use in the area and the public could still walk on the docks.

What we DO need is substantial dock space primarily for sailboats, since the commercial mariners provide limited sail dockage. This should include permanent and transient slips with facilities for gas, laundry, rest rooms and basic supplies.

We do not feel that the park should be considered on the basis that if we so not have it we cannot get state funding. This state money is still texpays soney and we should be able to build our own dock and fund it from slip rental as well as sale of goods to the users.

The Board of Directors has voted that we request the City Council to appropriate that will construct a new dock with 76 slips without a park area. We also suggest that parking meters be installed at the new parking area adjacent to the Cove Inn and that the meter charge and permit system be the same as we now have in effect at Naples Landing.



TIMOTHY A. O'CONNOR

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Education has in America's whole history been the major hope for improving the individual and society.

Auditor Should Report To Mayor, City Council

There is an old saying about no man being able to serve two masters, and we think it is applicable to Naples' proposed new internal auditor.

City Manager Frank Jones, who made the recommendation that an internal auditor be hired, feels the auditor should report to him rather than the City Council.

Mayor Stanley Billick and City . We are not in any way question-Councilmen Harry Rothchild and Lyle Richardson, on the other hand, think the auditor should answer directly to council.

We feel good business practice dictates that the latter position be adopted. Otherwise, it would be like sending the fox to guard the chicken coop.

'Under Jones' plan, he not only would hire the internal auditor, he also would be his boss, working with him on a day-to-day basis. Jones would work with the auditor on reports to council, which would include the audit findings as well as suggested ways to correct improper spending and accounting procedures.

Inasmuch as the auditor would

be reviewing the work done by Jones and his various departments, having him report to the very individual he is auditing appears to be unwise.

The city's external auditor, Ron Wood, agrees with the mayor and the two councilmen that the internal auditor should answer to the council for total independence.

ing Jones' honesty. What we are concerned about is the appearance of impropriety that is possible if the auditor reports to Jones. The public must feel that the auditor is independent if it is to . have confidence in his findings.

In addition, we cannot see how having the internal auditor report directly to council hampers Jones in the performance of his duties. In fact, we are hard pressed to find any advantage in doing it Jones' way while there are numerous advantages in having the auditor report to the council.

The Issue is expected to come up at Wednesday's City Council meeting. We hope common sense and good business practice pre-