



City of Naples

City Council Chambers
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 33940

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<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>			
-MAYOR BILLICK - reported that Mr. Wood was ill - noted sea shell replica of City Seal - noted presence of Sloane Robbins, League of Women Voters re seminar March 13 - appointed Police Officer Cheryl Kennedy as S-A-A - postponed Agenda Item 9-a (Scarrino Trust) to next meeting - moved Agenda Item 10-b (Salary increase) to end of meeting			1
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---RESOLUTION 85-4674 ITEM 4

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE BEST WISHES AND APPRECIATION OF THE CITY OF NAPLES TO PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR WILLIAM F. "BILL" SAVIDGE UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Entire resolution read by City Attorney Rynders.

MOTION: To ADOPT the resolution as presented.

Council and audience gave Mr. Savidge a standing ovation as he received a framed copy of the resolution.

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-----CONSENT AGENDA-----

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Regular Meeting, 02/20/85

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PURCHASING ITEM 6

---RESOLUTION 85-4675 ITEM 6-a

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BIDS FOR FIVE (5) ECONOMY PICK-UP TRUCKS, ONE (1) ONE-HALF TON PICK-UP TRUCK AND ONE (1) THREE-QUARTER TON PICK-UP TRUCK; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS THEREFOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Title not read.

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---RESOLUTION 85-4676 ITEM 6-b

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BIDS FOR THE CITY'S ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS THEREFOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Title not read.

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---RESOLUTION 85-4677 ITEM 6-c

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BIDS FOR A SOD CONTRACT FOR THE BALANCE OF THIS FISCAL YEAR (THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1985); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS THEREFOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Title not read.

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---RESOLUTION 85-4678 ITEM 6-d

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR WALKWAY SYSTEMS AT THREE (3) CITY PARK LOCATIONS: FLEISCHMANN PARK, CAMBIER PARK, AND RIVER PARK COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER THEREFOR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Title not read.

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Anderson	X				
Barnett		X			
Bledsoe			X		
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RESOLUTION 85-4685

ITEM 12-a

A RESOLUTION RANKING THE TOP THREE FIRMS IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF A DIESEL GENERATOR AT THE EAST GOLDEN GATE WELLFIELD SITE TO PERMIT OPERATION DURING POWER FAILURES, A RAW WATER COLLECTION MAIN, AND PUMPS AND APPURTENANCES AT SAID SITE; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A FEE WITH THE TOP RANKED FIRM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Title read by City Attorney Rynders.

Mr. Anderson noted that CH2M Hill had been ranked No. 1 for this project and No. 2 for the auxiliary power at Water Plant No. 2. He speculated that there might be some savings by being able to contract with one company for both projects by spreading the overhead. City Manager Jones responded that this could be determined through the negotiation process. City Attorney Rynders stated that the motion should reflect the ranking of the firms; i.e. as per City Manager's recommendations in his memo dated February 21, 1985 (Attachment #4).

MOTION: To ADOPT the resolution as per the City Manager's recommendations (Attachment #4)

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RESOLUTION 85-4686

ITEM 12-b

A RESOLUTION RANKING THE TOP THREE FIRMS IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A DIESEL DRIVING AUXILIARY POWER SOURCE AND HOUSING FOR WATER PLANT NO. 2; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A FEE WITH THE TOP RANKED FIRMS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Title read by City Attorney Rynders.

MOTION: To ADOPT the resolution as per the City Manager's recommendations (Attachment #4)

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DISCUSSION/ACTION WITH REFERENCE TO DUTIES OF PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

ITEM 13

Requested by City Manager.

City Manager Jones reviewed the information contained in his memorandum dated March 1, 1985 (Attachment #5). Marshall Davenport, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, requested that Council postpone their discussion/action on this matter. He noted that this item had been scheduled for 10:55 a.m. but this meeting had been conducted very rapidly. He noted that because it was now an hour early, several members of the Parks Board had not yet arrived. He stated that he had understood that the Board and the Council would discuss the matter in depth prior to the Council being asked to take any action. Mr. Anderson said he thought that an in-depth discussion might be time well spent and Mr. Barnett said he was in favor of a workshop for this discussion. City Manager Jones responded that a workshop could be scheduled for March 19 which would be before the next regular Council meeting. Mr. Bledsoe agreed that discussion would be desirable; however, he noted his opinion that Section 16-6 was vague regarding the Board's duties. Gina Hahn, member of the Parks Board, noted that at their meeting City Manager Jones had suggested a workshop and she was in favor of that as opposed to a discussion at a Regular Council Meeting. It was the consensus of Council to schedule a workshop meeting on March 19, 1985 for a joint discussion with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

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BREAK: Recessed - 9:53 a.m. Reconvened - 10:08 a.m.

*** RETURN TO REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 10-b ***

ORDINANCE 85-4687

ITEM 10-b

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SALARIES OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEN; AMENDING SECTION 2.5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NAPLES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR FROM \$12,000.00 PER YEAR TO \$18,000.00 PER YEAR, AND THE SALARY OF EACH COUNCILMAN FROM \$9,000.00 PER YEAR TO \$12,000.00 PER YEAR.

Title read by City Attorney Rynders.

Public Hearing: Opened - 10:09 a.m. Closed - 11:14 a.m.

Citizen and local businessman J. Sandy Scatena addressed Council and placed two exhibits in the record (Attachment #6). He criticized the inclusion of Councilmen in the General Pension Plan and noted that increasing the salaries would also increase the subsequent pensions for those Councilmen who would become eligible for one. Citizen Charles Andrews stated his opinion that the service given by Councilmen was worth more than the amounts being discussed, but that higher salaries would only attract professional politicians. Ed McMahon, speaking as a private citizen, voiced his feeling that the prestige of the job and the opportunity to serve the City were greater attractions than the salary and he felt the matter of salary should go to referendum. Former Councilmen Arnold Lamm (whose statement appears as Attachment #7), Phil Morse, Gilbert Blanquart and Jim McGrath spoke in opposition to the increases. Messrs. Lamm, Morse and Blanquart all questioned the propriety of councilmen being eligible for a pension and suggested that the salary increase be put before the electorate in a referendum. Mr. Morse read into the record letters from former Councilwoman Virginia Corkan (Attachment #8) and Past Chairman of the Planning Advisory Board Clayton Bigg (Attachment #9). Citizen Egon Hill suggested that any increases voted upon should not take effect during the current terms of present Council members. Dennis Lynch, currently a member of the Planning Advisory Board, stated his belief that it was not the salary that deterred younger people from running for Council; rather he felt the Financial Disclosure and the Sunshine Law requirements were greater deterrents. He stated he did not believe the increase was called for at this time. Former Councilman Harry Rothchild spoke at length against the inclusion of the Councilmen in the General Pension Plan and the proposed salary increase. He asked that the Pension Board revoke their inclusion of Councilmen in the General Pension Plan, and that Council deny the proposed increases. **AMENDMENT to minutes as approved at Regular Meeting, 03/20/85.

MOTION: To ADOPT the ordinance as presented on Second Reading.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS - None

ADJOURN: 11:16 a.m.

Janet Cason City Clerk Ellen P. Weigand Deputy Clerk

Stanley R. Billick, Mayor

**In response to a question from Mayor Billick, City Attorney Rynders cited Florida Statute 112, Paragraph 1., "The intent of the (Florida Legislature is to authorize and direct each city and town to provide a system of retirement for elected officials". Mayor Billick noted that at the July 1, 1981 meeting Councilman Rothchild suggested "that a formula be set up for the purpose of increasing Council salary such as is set up for the County Commissioners and the School Board members, rather than having the onus fall on the Council to increase their own salaries". Mr. Rothchild indicated that he still felt the same way. Mayor Billick also noted that Mr. Rothchild had voted for the increase at the 1981 meeting.

- Anderson X
Barnett X
Bledsoe X
Richardson X
Schroeder X
Wood X
Billick (6-0) X

X

These minutes of the Naples City Council approved 03/20/85

Supplemental Attendance list - Regular Meeting, 03/06/85

Charles Andrews
 Austin H. Calderwood
 Lloyd Sarty
 Egon Hill
 Gilbert Blanguart
 Gina Hahn
 Sloane Robbins
 Harry Rothchild
 Tish Gray
 Dr. & Mrs. Moses Howard
 William Bethke
 John Dyehouse

Ronald Tarvin
 Herb Anderson
 Jack Amaral
 Dennis Lynch
 Robert Galloway
 L. H. Hanson
 Tom Brown
 Mr. & Mrs. James Alicoate
 Robert Russell
 Gilbert Weil
 Jim McGrath
 Joan Vega

Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Lamm
 Phil Morse
 Arlene Guckenberger
 Alice LaResca
 Glenn Mackay
 Ed McMahon
 Herb Jacobi
 J. Sandy Scatena
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Grant
 Archie Turner
 Marshall Davenport
 Officer Cheryl Kennedy

News Media

Ed Solberg, TV-9
 Jerry Pugh, TV-9
 Anna-Marie Carsello, TV-9
 Bev Cameron, WINK TV-11
 John Moore, WINK TV-11

Scott Beyerl, WBBH TV-20
 Tom Morgan, Naples Sun
 Denes Husty, News Press
 Donna Wares, Miami Herald

Don Goodwin, Naples Star
 Chuck Curry, Naples Daily News
 Mary Armbruster, WEVU TV-26
 Curt Johnson, WEVU TV-9

Other interested citizens and visitors.

CALL IN YOUR RESERVATIONS TO THE CONSERVANCY, 262-0304, OR THE LEAGUE OFFICE, 263-4656. WHILE EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE LATE REGISTRANTS, YOUR COOPERATION IN REGISTERING IN ADVANCE WILL BE APPRECIATED.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Collier, Charlotte, Lee and Sarasota Counties

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S FUTURE: GUIDED GROWTH OR CHAOS?

at

THE CONSERVANCY

1450 Merrihue Drive, Naples, FL

Co-sponsored

by

The League of Women Voters of Collier County

and

The Conservancy

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1985

Registration	8:45 - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Program	9:15 - 12:00 p.m.
Luncheon	12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
Afternoon Program	12:45 - 3:30 p.m.

What does growth mean to Southwest Florida? How does the public view growth management? What tools are there for growth management at the State, Regional and Local levels? Are they doing the job? How can growth management be improved?

SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS WILL INCLUDE:

Non-governmental

Dr. Mark Benedict, Director, Environmental Protection and Resource Management at The Conservancy
Lance de Haven-Smith, Associate Director, Florida Atlantic University

State

Franklin B. Mann, State Senator, Florida 38th District
Victoria Tschinkel, Secretary, Florida Dept. Environmental Regulation

Regional

Wayne Daltry, Executive Director, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Stanley Hole, Chairman, South Florida Water Management District

Local

Missy McKim, Collier County Community Development Division
Dr. Paul Monroe, Chairman, Charlotte County Commission
Rita Roehr, Sarasota City Commission

Directions: I-75 to exit 16 (Pine Ridge Road). West to Goodlette/Frank Road (approximately 4 miles). South on Goodlette (approximately 3 miles) Green sign indicates "Conservancy Nature Center." Turn left onto 14th St. N. Entrance to Conservancy about 200 yds. on left.

Reservation Form for LWV Conference, March 13, 1985

Name _____ Please use separate sheet to list additional names

Address _____

League and Conservancy members \$8 _____ (includes lunch and registration)

Others \$10 _____ (includes lunch and registration)

Sponsor, \$25 _____ (includes one reservation, lunch and registration)

Patron, \$50+ _____ (includes two reservations, lunch and registration)

Contributions will be used for educational purposes

Amount enclosed _____ for _____ reservations

Please make checks payable to: LWV of Collier County and mail to:

LWV of Collier County, 355 5th Ave. South, Suite A, Naples, FL 33940 Attention: Jane Lahy

Seating Capacity is limited. Reservations will be honored in the order in which they are received.

Deadline for receipt: March 8.

ATTACHMENT TO AGENDA ITEM 75-8
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QUARLES & BRADY

The Four Hundred Building
400 Fifth Avenue South
Suite 301
Naples, Florida 33940-6597
(813) 262-5959

780 North Water Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Flagler Center
505 South Flagler Drive
West Palm Beach, Florida

First Wisconsin Plaza
1 South Pinckney Street
Madison, Wisconsin

Naples Resident Attorneys

F. Joseph McMackin III
Leo J. Salvatori

March 4, 1985

Mr. Frank Janes
City Manager
City Hall
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 33940

Re: Sciarrino Family Trust - Special Exception Petition

Dear Mr. Jones:

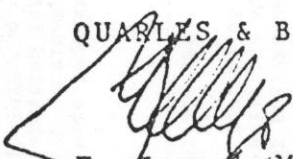
Further to my letter to you of February 18, 1985, please be advised that Mr. Kris Dane is still working on his engineering proposals in an effort to work out any objections that the neighborhood residents may have to the installation of the gas pumps, and he still has not completed this undertaking.

Accordingly, I would respectfully request that this matter be removed from the City Council agenda for the next meeting and rescheduled for the next City Council meeting on March 20, 1985.

We look forward to hearing that this matter has been removed from the agenda.

Respectfully

QUARLES & BRADY


F. Joseph McMackin III

FJM:mlo

xc: Mr. Herbert Cambridge
Mr. Willie S. Anthony
Mr. Kris Dane
Mr. Dennis Combs
Mr. Anthony Sciarrino

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CITY OF NAPLES, FLA.

AGENDA ITEM #12
3/6/85



City of Naples

--- MEMO ---

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER FRANKLIN C. JONES

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR RAW WATER MAIN AND AUXILIARY POWER C.I.P. 85115 AND AUXILIARY POWER FOR WATER PLANT NO. 2 C.I.P. 85105

DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 1985

BACKGROUND:

Letters of interest were requested from engineers interested in furnishing engineering services for the above-referenced project. Twenty-three firms submitted letters by the January 11, 1985 deadline. On January 21, 1985 the committee met and certified that all firms were qualified and short listed the following firms:

- Hole, Montes & Assoc.
- Wilson, Miller, Barton, Soll & Peek, Inc.
- CH2M HILL
- Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff
- Greeley and Hanson and Kris Jain
- Flood Engineers

On February 11, 1985 after reviewing material submitted and conducting interviews with each of the six firms, the committee has ranked the following firms for each of the projects as follows:

Raw Water Main and Auxiliary Power - C.I.P. 85115

- 1. CH2M HILL
- 2. Wilson, Miller, Barton, Soll & Peek, Inc.
- 3. Hole, Montes & Assoc.
- 4. Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff

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Emergency Power for Water Plant No. 2 - C.I. P. 85105

- 1. Greeley and Hanson and Kris Jain
- 2. CH2M HILL
- 3. Flood Engineers
- 4. Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff

RECOMMENDATION:

The committee recommends that the City Council approves the ranking of the firms and directs the City Manager to negotiate a fee for services with the firm ranked first.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin C. Jones
Franklin C. Jones
City Manager

Prepared by:

Gerald L. Gronvoid
Gerald L. Gronvoid, P.E., P.L.S.
Utility Engineer

Concurrence:

William F. Savidge
William F. Savidge
Public Works Director
GLG/dn

Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances establishes a Recreation Advisory Board and provides that recommendations and findings of the Board are made to the City Council; these recommendations shall not be binding on the City Council and shall be advisory only." Each of the duties listed in Section 16-6 clearly state that the Board will make reviews and make recommendations to the City Council. In no way does the Code provide for recommendations from the Board directly to the operating department. The only section which addresses the operations requires that recommendations go to the City Council.

I believe that the Board's desire to move from providing input in the policy making and planning process, which is caused by there being other provisions for adequate public input into the formulation of the Comprehensive Plan, the Capital Improvement Program and the Annual Operating Budget. In addition, contact is being maintained between the City staff and the property owner and neighborhood associations in the community. Since their function as a public input forum is reduced, the Board now feels that in order to have some meaningful work it must become involved in the day-to-day operation of the Parks & Recreation Department.

Since the Board has been established as advisory to the City Council, it is clear that it should not be engaged outside the areas in which the City Council, itself, would normally operate. The Charter clearly provides for the Council's involvement in the operations of the City through the City Manager; this is a sound management principle allowing the organization to take direction from one source and assigning the that responsibility to the City Manager. To begin to allow an

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advisory board to become involved in the day-to-day operations would be a step backward and would decrease our management effectiveness.

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS: Because both the Board and I feel that some guidance is needed from the City Council, I would recommend that once the Council has established a consensus on the role which the Board should play, the staff be directed to prepare an appropriate amendment to Section 16-6. That amendment should provide a clear definition of the duties and responsibilities of the Board and also clearly state those areas where the Board should not be involved. A further alternative would be for the Council to eliminate the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board as a standing body and provide for the appointment of ad hoc committees that would be used if the Council identified the need for public review outside the normal policy making process.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin C. Jones
Franklin C. Jones
City Manager

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AGENDA ITEM #13
3/6/85



City of Naples

MEMO

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER FRANKLIN C. JONES
SUBJECT: PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
DATE: MARCH 1, 1985

BACKGROUND: For some time I have observed that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board has been tending to move away from the function of gathering public input and providing that input to the Council in the areas of policy making, and moving more toward a function of reviewing the day-to-day operations of the Parks & Recreation Department.

After reviewing the City's Charter and the section in the Code of Ordinances which establishes this advisory board, and the impact on our operations and organization, I find that the Board's involvement in day-to-day operations conflicts with the City Charter and would serve to decrease the effectiveness of our day-to-day operations.

I have discussed this subject with the Board and they have subsequently met to develop a consensus of what role the Board should play. Their perception continues to be that they should play an active role in the operation of the department by reviewing the activities and making recommendations to the director. My perception continues to be that the Board should fulfill the function of gathering public input that can be condensed and presented to the Council at an appropriate time to effect the policy making process that the City has developed through the use of the Comprehensive Plan, the Capital Improvement Program and the Annual Operating Budget. Since these two views are so widely divergent, both the Board and I feel that guidance from the City Council is needed.

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ANALYSIS: The Charter of the City of Naples established a Council/Manager form of government. Under the Charter, the Council is the policy making authority for the City. The City Manager is established as the chief executive officer. The responsibilities are clearly separated and the Council is precluded from direct involvement in the day-to-day operation, except through the City Manager. The City Manager is charged with the responsibility of assuring that those day-to-day operations carry out the policies of the Council.

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A run for the money?

Most mayors and most councilmen in most cities that we can think of didn't run for, nor are they serving in, their offices because of the salary attached to the job. Something called civic duty, or a desire to serve and better the community, is generally the prime factor.

So it is that we view with some scepticism Mayor Billick's contention that current salaries, \$12,000 a year for mayor and \$9,000 for council members, are an "insult" and should be raised, \$8,000 a year for his office and \$3,000 for council.

First off, and without prying into their personal finances which are really none of our business, we have the distinct impression that our top leaders are not exactly wanting. Indeed if it were a dollar-a-year job we think most would serve without a second thought.

We are not suggesting that these top city jobs go without pay nor are we pleading community poor mouth. But we can certainly come up with a list of job classifications further down the line where city tax money might well be distributed with more justification at this time.

Mayor Billick's other contention, that an increase in salary would make these jobs more attractive to younger candidates is a nice try, but it also doesn't wash with the reality of things. It takes money, backing and powerful political endorsement to run for office here. The city takes pride in past achievement and position in life and has an understandable respect for the judgement and experience of its elders.

For city voters to accept or even seriously consider new relatively untested young candidates without intense and costly campaigning seems unlikely. With the only plum an \$18,000-a-year job we don't see young people giving it a try—unless, of course, they already have a nest egg of their own. If they have, Mayor Billick's suggested increases wouldn't make a difference anyway.

The question comes up for its second reading on March 8. We hope council will take a careful reading of both the proposal and its own conscience. It is not the amount of money that's at stake here. It's the principle upon which it is based.

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THE FIFTH COLUMN

By TOM MORGAN

This is the week of the obliviot—my own word for the person who is an idiot and oblivious to the fact, or even seems to glory in that peculiar status.

He is particularly evident in traffic, as might be seen Monday at the Four Corners on the Tamiami Trail where an Atlas Van Line van—that is a van-van, not a semi-truck—switched from the right turn lane to the through lane and nearly took off my front bumper. I gave him a modest toot to remind him he was endangering my car, and his reaction was immediate.

He stopped across two lanes, threw open his door and said several things to me, while waving his arms. My windows were closed, so I couldn't hear his message, but I fear I could not have repeated it in this family newspaper.

That afternoon a lady in a large brown car went through the same cross-traffic routine there, starting from the right turn lane and ending up turning left, fortunately not as close this time.

These are what I call obliviots, as crazy as the red-headed flicker who bangs his brains out daily on the back of the stop sign across from my house.

The message from this sermon is, drive very carefully out there. It can be dangerous. And I don't even mention the people in little cars who find a parking space on the wrong side of Fifth Avenue and cut across traffic the wrong way to get it.

Supporters of Mayor Stan Billick's plan to raise the salaries of the mayor and council to attract younger candidates are just not looking at the facts. No candidate can win a Naples election without Voter's League support, and it doesn't usually support young people. And nobody connected with the real world of business has been on council since Red Holland left in 1982 to go to the county commission.

Campaign funds are another aspect of local elections and they aren't readily accessible to young people. When Billick was first elected he won out over one of his own generation whose campaign cost \$10,000, or five times the most

ever spent in an election here till then. John Pistor, the travelling county commissioner now on a world cruise, spent over \$42,000 for a job paying \$20,000. Only a very wealthy young man who doesn't need to look at the salary can campaign successfully today.

On the positive side today in the county, we have had a 911 emergency system since, I think, 1978. Lee County is getting big publicity because it is moving toward the same thing—to start operating in 1987. Obviously the city and county here are way ahead.

Incidentally, the United Telephone System is trying to educate people to say 911 as "Nine, one, one," so there can be no mistakes. We do have phones now with both an 11 and a 12 key, and you can't get through in an emergency if you punch in 9-11, as most of us say it.

I now classify as Yankee reporters those innocent news people who write such lines as this, combined for emphasis: "He was a Naples city commissioner who ran an orange farm and lived in a cinder-block house on the ocean."

Item by item that should be councilman—orange grove—concrete block—and gulf. Cinder block really gets me because we don't have them. They are a product of the frozen north where coal furnaces produce lots of cinders which are used in blocks that have less than half the strength of our concrete ones.

On that line, and just as frustrating, are the newspapers that sanctimoniously protest their pure motives in refusing to print grand jury testimony and the names of juveniles and rape victims. The truth is the law requires all this purity, not their pure intent. For example: quote a grand jury witness and he goes to jail.

Here's a final laugh from Colonel Chicken. Local Kentucky-fried outlets are offering money-saving coupons of three kinds. All have the expiration date of Feb. 31, 1985. I wonder what day of the week that will be?

I vehemently oppose the proposed salary increase for City Council. You all knew what the salary was when you ran for office. Did you make the increase part of your campaign? Did you plan on asking for this raise when you ran. Did you have in mind getting a pension for life? If you have such a concern for getting young people on Council why didn't you make these increases ^{in valid} ~~only for~~ ~~for~~ for anyone now serving on Council and avoid the conflict of interest. Naples residents have a long history of serving their City either gratuitously or for a small compensation. It ill behooves this group to become a "gummie" Council. The mayor's statement on T.V. that the new criteria for this Council is that "you get what you pay for" is an insult to those scores of people who have had a genuine rather than a self-serving interest in protecting the ambiance, charm & livability of this lovely town.

I hope that when you rethink your position on the outrageous, clandestine, surreptitious action of secretly securing even more compensation than a pension plan in which you have no right to participate you will take steps to negate that illegal action. I was a member of Council when the employee pension plan was rewritten in 1973 and I can assure you that not one Councilman contemplated that one day some future Councilmen would try to insinuate themselves into that plan. By its very structure any fair minded person upon reading it could only conclude that under no circumstances were elected officials eligible

to participate in the plan. Its an unenforceable
 as if you tried to become a member of the
 police of firemens pension plan. The employees
 plan deals with such items as vacation pay
 unemployment insurance, workmans compensation
 military service & many other items not at
 all applicable to elected officials. By what
 ledgerdomain the city attorney was able to perform
 a legal head stand and approve this action
 is beyond belief. Can you imagine this
 in the minutes of the pension board "City
 Attorney Dyanders noted the threshold of a 20 hour
 work week for employees to participate in
 benefits. "It was agreed that councilmen work
 20 hrs a week, but an individual could specifically
 state in writing that that was not the case
 if that person did not wish to participate"

What mental gymnastics the ruling pension
 board members of Schroeder Wood & Jones must have
 gone thru to make these aged council members,
 double, triple & quadruple dippers in the
 public trough, !!! ~~What was their~~
~~shanting about in council meetings, like Phil Morse~~
~~who had served for 10 or 12 years, or Ted Holland~~
~~or Harold Lucas for that matter. Can you~~
 imagine giving these people - & so in some
 cases their wives a pension for life? Chick

These councilmen must have
 gotten together out of the sunken to cook
 up this plan of pigggy backing on the
 employees pension plan. ~~Competent attorneys~~
 Competent attorneys have advised that
 it was patently illegal & unconstitutional -
 Not being a lawyer I can only

it was a gross case of moral turpitude.

If a pension plan was proper for elected officials of Naples, which it is not, the only proper & ethical way to do it would have been to devise an entirely new & separate plan & submit it to public scrutiny. Naples does not like things done in the dark - Let's not let greed, avarice & rapaciousness ruin this fair city!

~~Financial Affairs~~
~~Debt~~
~~Philmore Red Hilland~~
~~Report on the Care of the City~~
~~Debt~~
 Always had plan for a long time - only 86 month -
 Bill Savage - budget

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Naples City Council

What's a Council member worth? An honest, dedicated person is beyond price, and the Community couldn't ever pay enough.

The salary increase proposed doesn't mean anything, and I oppose it. As a City Council member - and working in the Community too - I was the only Council member to oppose the first increase doubling the salary from \$3,000 to \$6,000! I feel the same way today.

The City Council "job" is a Community Service. All of those on Council today, and those who run for the job in the future should so regard it. If they're running for the money, we don't want them.

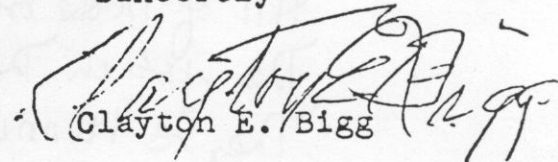
Virginia B. Corkran

Gentlemen:

Is it not strange that no voice has been heard that raises any question as to the legality of the action taken by the Naples City Council when they voted to raise their salaries? I challenge the legality of this action because it was unilateral and did not have the guidelines of statutory authority to so act. I fail to find any statutory law nor does this city charter give them that right. In the early years of ancient history the knights of the realm of old England drew up what is known as the Magna Carta and forced King John to meet their terms. Part of this document provides that no property rights of the citizens should be taken without due process of law. When the 14th Amendment to the Constitution was passed by Congress they took a page from the Magna Carta, a part of which was incorporated into the 14th Amendment involving due process of law protecting property rights. Therefore, Council by this attempt to unilaterally raise their salaries violated the 14th Amendment by side-stepping the due process provision and failing to go through legal channels.

I therefore ask the City Attorney, if he can, by what authority of law is vested in Council to act as they did in this matter? It is my opinion that they should have taken this matter before the electorate or sought for a referendum on the matter. They could have sought legislative statutory authority, all of which actions would be the exercise of due process which we are seeking.

Sincerely


Clayton E. Bigg