City Council Minutes

Special Meeting Sept 18, 1985

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City Council Chambers 735 Eighth Street South Naples, Florida 33940



Date September 18, 1985

Time 5:35 p.m.

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Also present: Franklin C. Jones, City Manager David W. Rynders, City Attorney Frank W. Hanley, Finance Director						
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Mark Hart, News Press						
Gary Arnold, WEVU TV-26						
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Ordinance read in full by City Atto	orney Rynders.					
Public Hearing: Opened - 5:37 p.m	Closed - 5:51 p.m.					
Citizen J. Sandy Scatena question Manager Jones' automobile telephone in the record (Attachment #1). He the hours City Attorney Rynders is responded that the City Attorney very minimal amount of time. Gary Naples Little League, thanked cooperation in improving facilities	e and placed twenty-one exhibits e also asked for verification of working, to which Mayor Billick had been away from City Hall a r Tice, representing the Greater Council and staff for their	Anderson Barnett Bledsoe Richardson Schroeder	x	x	x x x x x x x x x	
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ORDINANCE 85-4830	ITEM 2					
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ATTACHMENT #1; 93 Opening Statement - Naples City Council Meeting - September 18, 1985 Final Budget Slearing - 5:30 P.M. Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor and Councilmen: For the Record _ my name is J. Sandy Scatena and Preside At 2990 Binnacle Drive. Thave lived in the (ity of Naples for over 13 years, have swoned Properties) in Collies County since 1967 And in 1975 opened A Women's Apparel Shop - Clothes Rack on Fifth AVE., So. As A year round resident and established_ Member of the Business Community, I Am here today of this final Public, Hearing of the Naples ("ity Budget for the Fiscal year 1985/1986 to viscuse) Certain expenditures within the City Managers Department and the Citie Attorney's Department. Before I proceed Dwill place into the Record these Erhibits marked NO.Y through NO.21, which I will make comments on. These Exhibits the all pertinent to my discussion.

ATTACHMENT #1 - page 2 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NAPLES CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER NAPLES, FLORIDA, ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1982, AT 9:10 A.M. Present: Stanley R. Billick Mayor R. B. Anderson C. C. Holland Harry Rothchild Wade H. Schroeder Randolph I. Thornton Kenneth A. Wood Councilmen

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AGENDA ITEM 12. Discussion/action on City Manager's notice of his desire to receive a car allowance for use of his personal vehicle in lieu of his City furnished vehicle Requested by Councilman Holland

Mr. Anderson noted that other agencies in Naples provide a higher mileage allowance than City Manager Jones was requesting and that the City Manager could have done it administratively without consulting Council. City Attorney Rynders confirmed the second statement. Mr. Rothchild noted that others were usually reimbursed \$.20/mi for the use of their personal cars. In response to a question from Mr. Holland, Mr. Anderson noted that the use of a car for personal use had been a provision of employment for the prior City Manager. Sue Smith, citizen, spoke in opposition to the request. After further discussion, Mr. Anderson moved to approve the request by City Manager Jones to receive \$200.00 a month in lieu of the use of a City car, seconded by Mr. Schroeder and carried on roll call vote, 4-3; Mr. Anderson, yes; Mr. Holland, no; Mr. Rothchild, no; Mr. Schroeder, yes; Mr. Thornton, yes; Mr. Wood, m Mayor Billick, yes.

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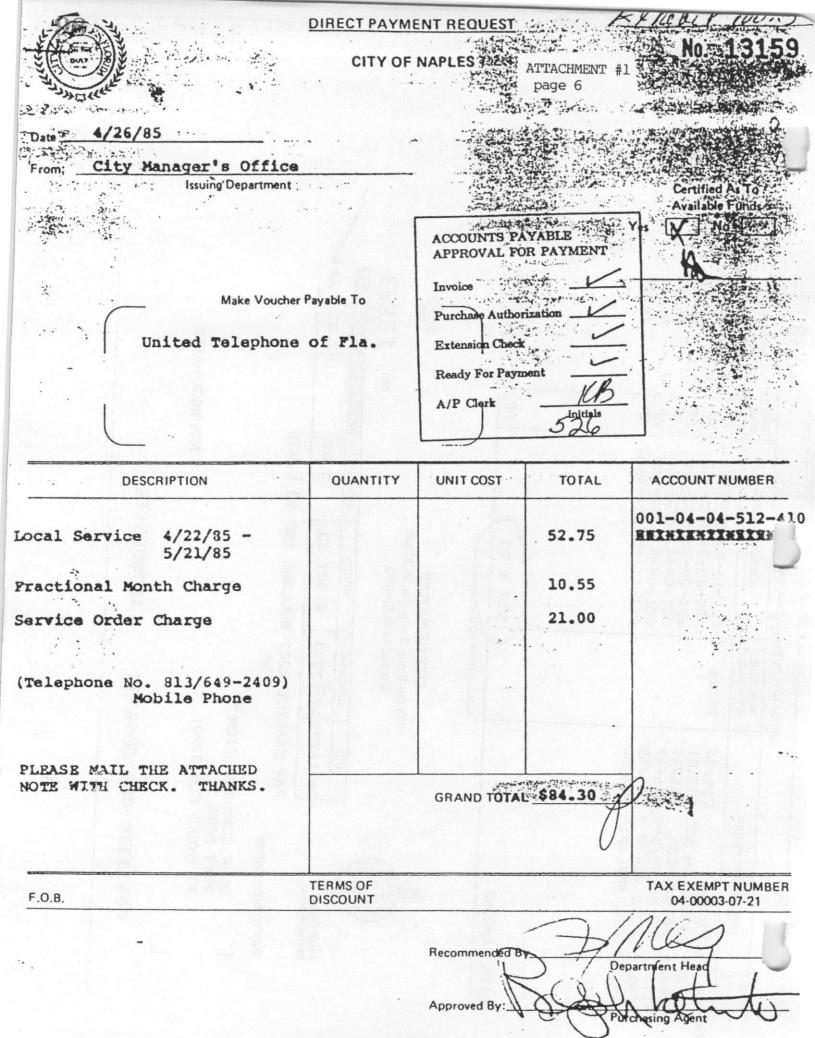
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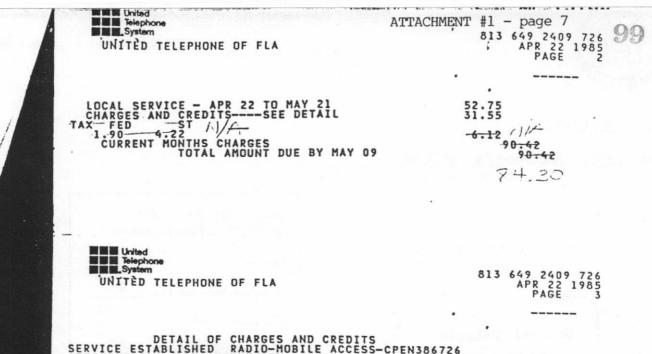
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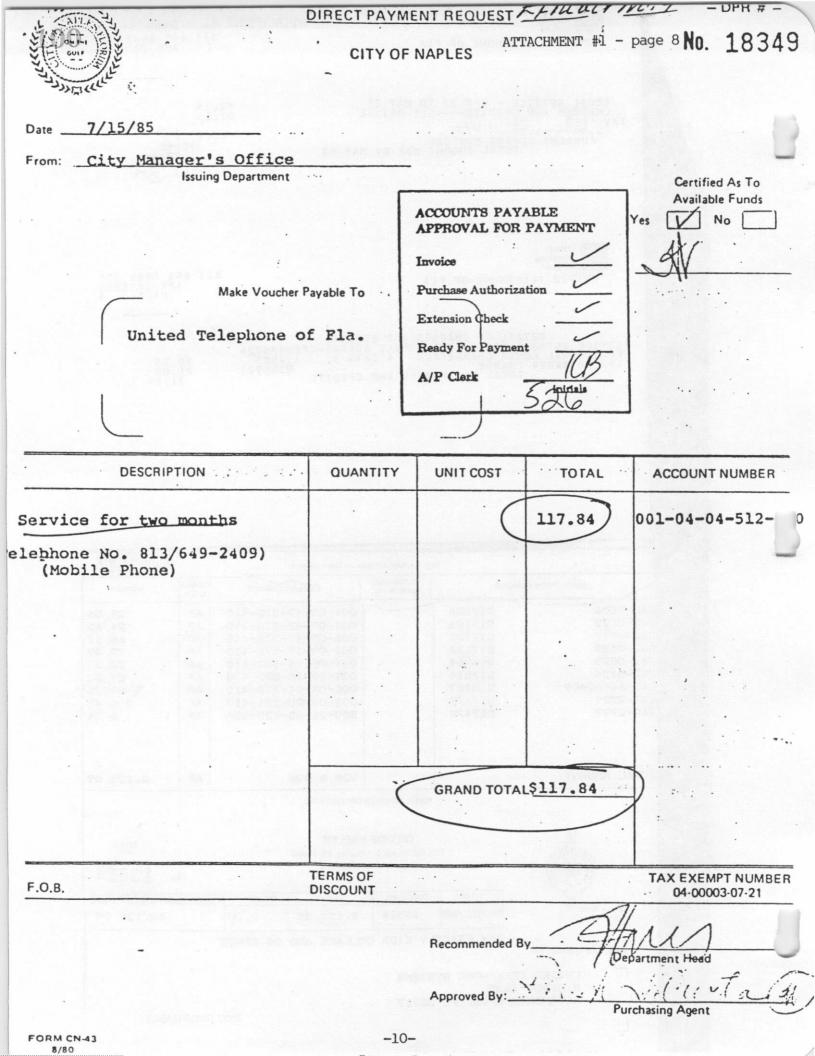
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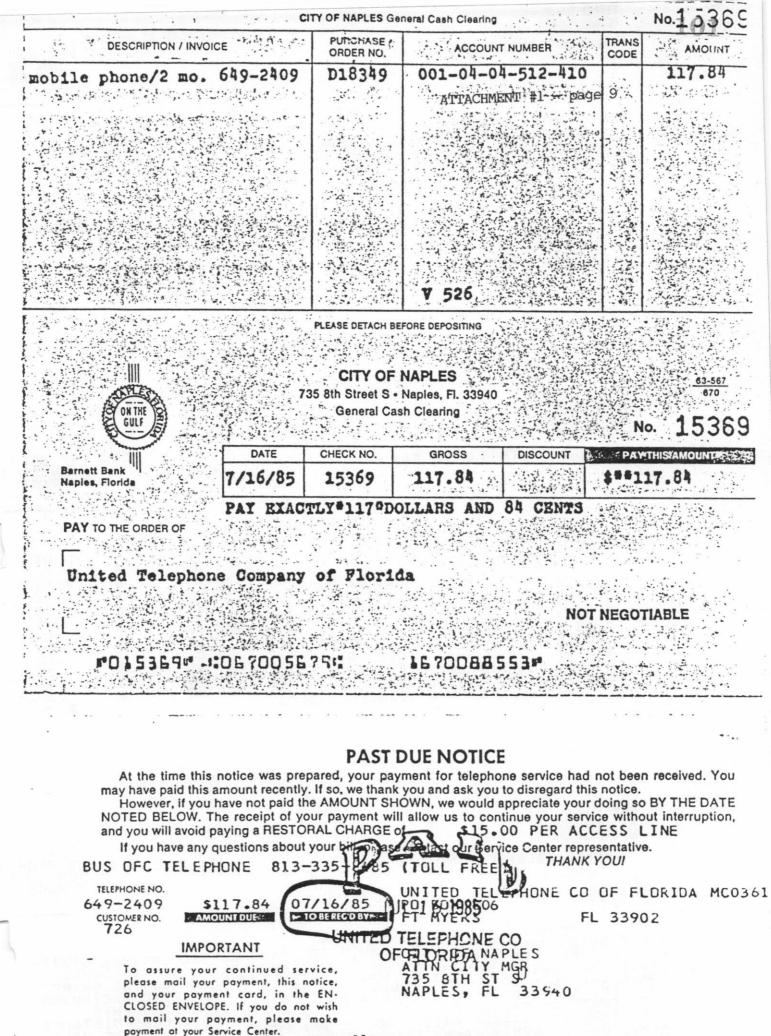


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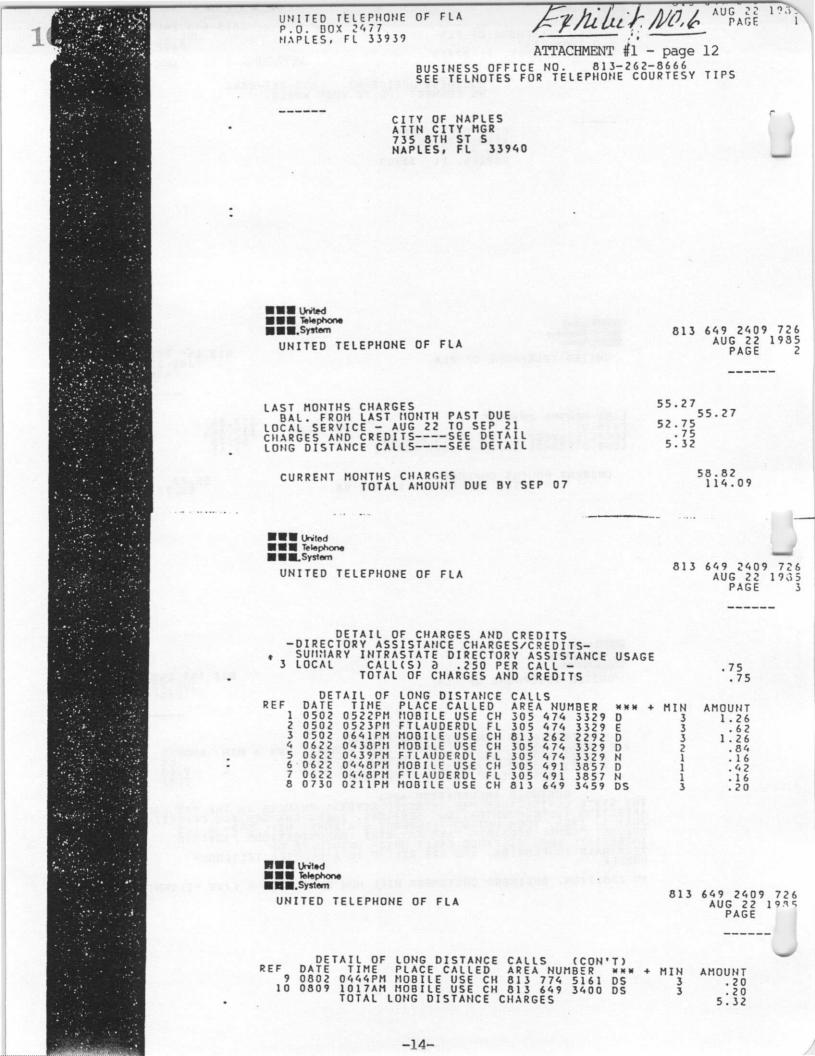
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CITY OF NAPLES TELEPHONE NUMBERS Effective June 24, 1985

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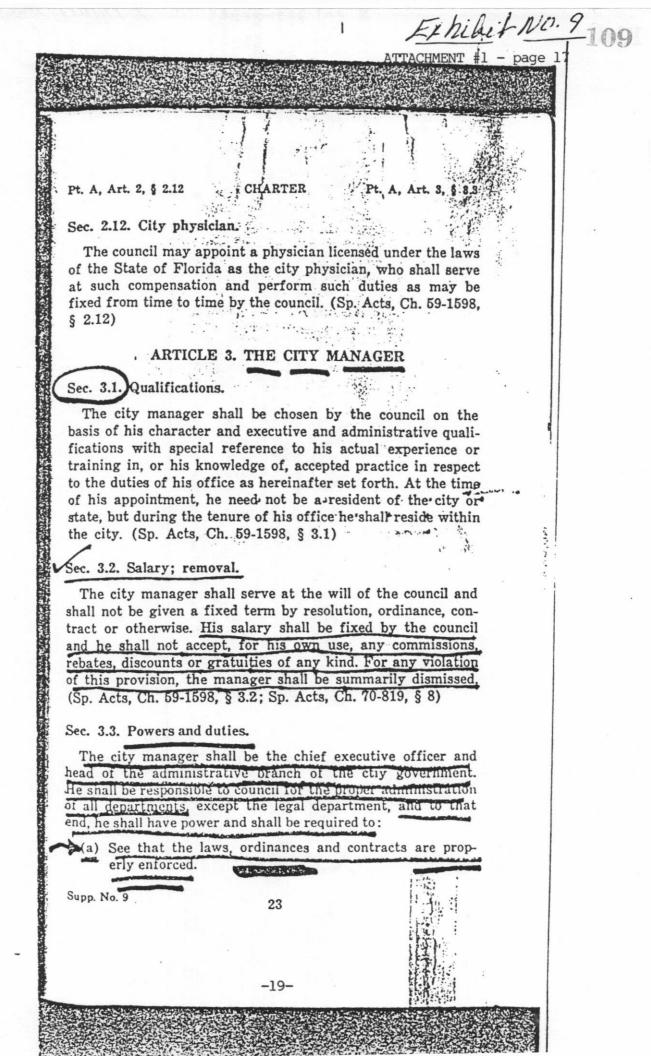
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Thurs., Sept. 5, 1985

Gets Tentative O **City Budget**

By CHUCK CURRY Staff Writer

With a \$24 million budget on the table Wednesday evening, the Naples City Council listened to only two complaints — one about a \$1,975 car telephone and the other over car mileage allowances.

In short order, the council passed on first reading the upcoming operating budget for city gov-

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ernment departments and approved a tax millage rate that will not cost most property owners more than they paid last year.

SO WENT THE first of two public hearings at City Hall on the 1985-86 budget. A half-dozen citizens attended the 5:30 p.m. meeting, with only one making comments for the record.

Businessman Sandy Scatena

wanted to know if City Manager Frank Jones and Assistant City Manager Mark Wiltsie would still collect a monthly car allowance if they drove city vehicles.

His second complaint centered around Jones having a mobile telephone installed in his private car at a cost of \$1,975 to taxpayers, who will also pick up a monthly tab for calls made on the device.

Scatena was told that Jones and Wiltsie, who began driving a city car after assuming duties as utilities chief last spring, would not be paid a monthly stipend if they drive city vehicles.

TOP ADMINISTRATORS will be getting city-owned cars to drive under a new vehicle replacement program which will be imple-(Please see BUDGET, Page 2A)

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mented starting later this year. As for the mobile telephone, councilmen said they support Jones' judgment and have no problem with the expense. Scatena countered by making a joke over the fact that councilmen "don't even know his telephone number."

For the most part of Wednesday's meeting, Mayor Stanley Billick opened and closed several public hearings — all required by

law — without one speaker stepping forward.

In the end, the council had tentatively approved a property tax millage rate of 1.2294, which is about 8 percent less than last year's mil-

lage. THIS DROP is attributed to the fact that the city wants to raise as much money from property tax for 1985-1986 as it did for this fiscal year. With some property values

having increased, the millage rate can come down.

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The new budget is 37 percent lower than this year's, which hit \$38 million because of the expansion project at the wastewater treatment plant.

Councilmen will meet again Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m. for the final public hearing on the budget, after which the panel will finalize the city's finances for 1985-1986.

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Tues., Sept. 10, 1985

Last Budget Hearing Planned by Council

The final public hearing is being held at 5:30 p.m. on Naples' city budget for in compliance with a state 1985-1986 is scheduled to statute that calls for these begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. type of meetings to be 18 in the City Council held after business hours. chambers.

Councilmen met in special workshop sessions throughout August, making a comprehensive review of the \$24 million operating budget for the next fiscal year.

Last Wednesday, the council tentatively approved the budget on a first reading. It will become final with an affirmative vote on Sept. 18.

The property tax millage being adopted by the council is about 8 percent lower than last year's millage rate - a decrease attributed to higher property values and new construction.

Any member of the public can speak at the Sept. 18 budget meeting, which

City Hall is located at 735 Eighth St. S.

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Pt. A, Art. 2, § 2.8

NAPLES CHARTER

Pt. A, Art. 2, § 2.11

Sec. 2.8. Posting.

Following enactment, a copy of the ordinance shall be posted in a prominent place in city hall by the city clerk for at least two weeks, but failure so to do shall not invalidate said ordinance. (Sp. Acts, Ch. 59-1598, § 2.8)

Sec. 2.9. Effective date of ordinances.

Ordinances shall go into effect upon passage, unless otherwise ordered therein. (Sp. Acts, Ch. 59-1598, § 2.9)

Sec. 2.10, Members of council not to interfere.

No councilman shall direct or request the appointment of any person to, or his removal from, office by the city manager or by any of his subordinates, or in any manner take part in the appointment or removal of officers and employees in the administrative service of the city except as provided in this charter. Except for the nurpose of inquiry, the council and its members shall deal with the administrative service solely through the city manager and neither the council, nor any member thereof shall give orders to any subordinates of the city manager, either publicly or privately. Any councilman violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to recall as herein provided. (Sp. Acts, Ch. 59-1598, § 2.10)

Sec. 2.11) City attorney. (

The council may employ an attorney-at-law to be known as city attorney, who shall perform such duties as directed by the city council for a term and at compensation to be fixed by council. (Sp. Acts, Ch. 59-1598, § 2.11; Sp. Acts, Ch. 63-1667, § 2; Sp. Acts, Ch. 70-819, § 7)

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City of Naples

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TO:	HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM:	DAVID W. RYNDERS, CITY ATTORNEY
SUBJECT:	MODIFICATION TO CITY ATTORNEY'S CONTRACT
DATE:	MAY 30, 1985
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Under Section 2.11 of the Naples City Charter, the City Council retains an attorney-at-law to be the City Attorney and determines the attorney's duties and compensation. The City has for many years retained counsel on a full-time basis. The present City Attorney's Contract was last reviewed in 1982 when an additional week of vacation was allowed. The last salary increase was effected in 1981.

I have been with the City for 7 years and have 15 years experience in the practice of law, 14 of which were in local government. At this point it is obviously my desire to continue to expand my own earning ability as my experience and capabilities grow. Rather than requesting a further salary increase or other additional benefits from the City, I would suggest a modification to the Contract which would allow me to achieve my goals and perhaps provide an indirect benefit to the City as well. This modification would be to permit me to take on a limited amount of private legal work while I continue to provide the City with all of the legal counsel and representation it requires. In such a private practice, I intend to seek work on selected cases in which my experience in local government law can be brought to beat. By undertaking such work, my own knowledge and experience will broaden thereby indirectly benefiting the City through my increased abilities.

The conditions of such a modification should include the following: The City will always be my first and primary concern and any other work will be secondary. While both work will recognize that undertaking such parties necessarily require that I be absent from City Hall on occasion, I will arrange to be absent only when the demand for legal work at City Hall permits and will always be prepared to suspend any private work in order to tend to City business. In this regard, the demand for legal work at City Hall has never fallen neatly into a 40 hour weekly schedule. That is to say, sometimes more than 40 hours has been necessary and sometimes less. I will take advantage of the periods of less demand to undertake any private work, and I expect that much of this work will be done outside of normal working hours anyhow. In any event, the City Council should review the circumstances after a period of no more than six (6) months to determine whether any absence or unavailability exists and whether any further change in the Contract is necessary.

Memorandum to Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council page two Mah 30, 1985

A suggested Resolution amending the City Attorney's Contract to permit the handling of outside legal matters while still providing the City with a current and adequate level of legal support is attached.

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RESOLUTION NO.

AGENDA ITEM #16 6/5/85

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY ATTORNEY'S CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF NAPLES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- WHEREAS, the City Attorney desires to handle outside legal matters while still providing the City with a current and adequate level of legal support; and
- WHEREAS, the City Attorney desires to amend his Contract with the City as outlined in his memorandum dated May 30, 1985, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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

- SECTION 1. The present City Attorney is hereby permitted to undertake private legal work on the terms and conditions outlined in his memorandum to the Mayor and City Council dated May 30, 1985, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- SECTION 2. The City Attorney will continue to provide the City with all of the legal counsel and representation it requires and be available and present when and if needed by the Council and staff of the City.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED IN OPEN AND REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF . THE CITY OF NAPLES, FLORIDA, THIS DAY OF JUNE, 1985.

Mayor

Stanley R. Billick

ATTEST:

Janet Cason City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY BY_

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David W. Rynders, City Attorney

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Thursday, June 6, 1985 The Miami Herald

City OKs side job for its attorney

Naples to allow part-time work

By TODD HOLZMAN Herald Staff Writer

The highest-paid man in Naples government is preparing to augment his salary

with a parttime job.

City Attorney David Rynders got a cheerful g o - a h e a d W e d n e s d a y from the City Council to open what he described as a "limited" private practice, in lieu of a raise.



Rynders has Rynders

not asked for a pay increase since 1981, when he signed an annual

'It is my desire to continue to expand my earning ability as my capabilities and experience continue to grow.'

David Rynders, Naples city attorney

contract for \$56,121. City Manager Frank Jones, second on the pay scale, makes \$55,000. Collier County Attorney Burt Saunders is a shade below Rynders at \$56,000. "I'm perfectly happy with the

way the city has treated me." Rynders said, explaining his reluctance to ask for more money. "However, it is my desire to continue to expand my earning ability as my capabilities and experience continue to grow." In 1984, Rynders at manpted to increase his income in a traditional fashion. With the council's blessing, he embarked on a lengthy job hunt, but narrowly missed higher-paying positions in Orange County, Miami, and Miami Beach.

Now he will turn to "select cases in which my experience in local government can be brought to bear." Mayor Stanley Billick, a fellow attorney, will "supervise" the extracurricular activities.

"I'm all in favor of this, and I don't think it's as difficult as we might make it," Billick said. "What we're doing is trying something out here. We'll monitor it on a day-to-day basis.

"We're not doing anything we can't change the minute we think we've made a mistake."

Only the lonely and oft-ignored voice of frequent council gadfly J. Sandy Scatena was raised against the proposal.

"I'm 100 percent against granting Mr. Rynders' request," he said. "If he wants to be a part-time attorney, give him part-time pay."

A similar situation developed with John Fletcher, who preceded Rynders as city attorney. In 1977, Fletcher signed an annual contract for \$50,000, but several months later he decided to move to Dade County.

Fletcher proposed that the council cut his salary to \$36,000 and allow him to continue on a part-time basis. Before the move could be completed, however, he resigned the post. Rynders was hired shortly thereafter.

One of the provisions of the new arrangement is that Rynders work on private cases from a private office. The 39-year-old attorney said he doesn't know whether he will open an office himself, or join a city firm.

"I haven't really given any serious thought to it," he said. "But I am anxious to start making some money."

He conceded that his outside practice will be limited by the need to avoid conflicts of interest.

"Obviously I can't sue the city and I probably can't sue [Collier] County, either," he said. Then he broke into a smile. "But there's always Lee County."

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NAPLES DAILY NEWS

Thurs., June 6, 1985

City OKs Attorney's Private Practice

By CHUCK CURRY

salary with a private law Pleased that he can now supplement his \$56,121 practice, City Attorney Dave Rynders knows he will have to be careful about the clients he ac-Staff Writer cepts.

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Rynders, a seven-year veteran with Naples' government, asked to be allowed to handle private "rather than requesting a further salary increase or other additional benefits from the IT WAS IN 1981 when agement)," Rynders said. cases city."

Rynders last received a pay hike.

Councilman Ken Wood from his government post. unanimous vote by the wanted assurance The move, approved in a

that

City Council on Wednes-day, could ultimately save the city some money.

Mayor Stanley Billick said that if Rynders' pricity officials could "expect a reduction in pay" for the vate practice is successful attorney.

through private work might benefit the city, offi-Also, experience gained

"What we're doing is trying out something here. I'm inclined to think he would be able to take on cials pointed out.

some private practice. I think we should give it a try," Billick said. IF THE EXPERIMENT Billick Rynders, the highest paid city official, to give up his private cases or resign added, the city could force work, doesn't

Rynders would not be get- didn't like the idea. ting into potential conflicts of interest.

Rynders told the council

that he will operate his private practice in an office outside City Hall, han-dle all city business first and drop any private cases the minute he is needed by Naples officials.

While the council was receptive to Rynders' proposal, one civic activist

"Why all of a sudden should we have a part. Sandy Scatena, a local time attorney?" asked J. businessman.

 plied for several powerful a legal posts in Miami and J, other large cities in Flor- w ida, should stay full time 1 at City Hall, Scatena h RYNDERS, who has ap-

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laughter and comments from spectators during his sharp attack on Rynders, said he is "100 percent against" Rynders being al-

who 1970s before Rynders was hired, at one time was worked for the city in the Once before, Naples had a part-time city attorney. lowed to do private work. Fletcher, John

commuting from a home in Miami to Naples.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The reputation of power IS power. — Thomas Hobbes

Naples Shouldn't Have Part-Time Attorney

One can't really blame Naples City Attorney David Rynders for asking to be allowed to take on some outside clients while still serving the city — every self-respecting lawyer keeps an eye out to make an extra buck.

But something certainly went haywire when the City Council approved the proposition. Rynders must exercise nearly hypnotic control over the council to get them to agree to accept a parttime attorney at a full-time premium wage of \$56,000 per year.

In the past, the council has been committed to a full-time attorney whose sole obligation is to the city. That way no conflict of interest can exist. But now the city has thrown the door wide open to the possibility — even probability of serious conflict.

Rynders acknowledged the problem when he admitted his private practice would have to be limited. "Obviously, I can't sue the city," he said. But is it proper to use his insider's knowledge of city affairs for the benefit of any private client?

We just can't believe Rynders will never — however inadvertently — accept a client who does not have some axe to grind with local government. And if he joins a local law firm, as he says he might, we can see clients signing up in droves with other members of the firm to take advantage of Rynder's position and access to municipal decision makers.

Traditionally, young attorneys gain contacts and seasoning in public jobs and then go into private practice to cash in on the experience. But Rynders wants the best of all possible worlds: the security and healthy salary of public employment as well as the financial opportunities of private practice.

We can't blame him for trying — but we certainly challenge the City Council's good judgment in ever agreeing to such an arrangement. The council should reconsider its action.

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Two masters—one man

There is a text well-known among the literate that a man cannot serve two masters, and it particularly applies, we think, to Dave Rynders, the city's \$56,000-a-year attorney. With council's full approval, he has just been permitted private practice as well by council fiat.

We are disregarding a possible overriding consideration that the city doesn't need a full-time city attorney anyway, but we can't quarrel with anyone's desire to make as much money as possible. In Rynders case however, he seems to be doing reasonably well. He and his wife, a county employee in the \$30,000-a-year range, with their perquisites are pushing close to \$100,000 a year.

Rynders says it's not the money "but the desire to continue to expand my earning ability as my capabilities and experience continue to grow...to select cases in which my experience in local government can be brought to bear."

He translates that with a smile as meaning he would represent private citiens in lawsuits aganist government in Lee County. He specifically denies the wish to engage in probate, divorce or criminal law, where the possibility of conflict of interest is slight. So City Attorney Dave Rynders, wearing his private lawyer's hat, may represent Joe Citizen in suing Lee County or Cape Coral or Fort Myers in a case whose decision may have a serious impact upon the interests of his full-time employer the City of Naples.

At least one circuit judge of considerable experience questions the ethics of this situation in advance.

Rynders, who spent a lot of time last year looking for work elsewhere, says the outside law practice is something he chooses rather than requesting "a further salary increase or other additional benefits from the city."

Such modesty on the part of one who is now certified as a part-timeworker means little when we consider he is already the highest paid city employee, making more than the city manager.

By their complete approval of Rynders request to earn legal fees from both the city and private clients, councilmen quite obviously weren't concerned with the possible conflict of interest on the part of a man who is now legally serving two masters.

In reaching their decision we hope they had the advice and counsel of a lawyer. Or maybe they did.

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NAPLES DAILY NEWS

Letter

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Part-Time City Attorney Should Be on Agenda

Editor, Naples Daily News:

The agenda for the Naples City Council meetings is controlled by City Manager Frank Jones and Mayor Billick. Nothing goes on the agenda without their approval. When City Attorney David Rynders' request for a change in his contract with the city was placed on the agenda of the June 5 meeting it was a clear indication that the Rynders' request would be approved, and it was unanimously.

Only one citizen spoke in opposition to the request and he was harassed and ridiculed for his effort. Many interested citizens had Sun., June 16, 1985

discussed the city attorney's proposal and we agreed that we needed the support of our local newspapers if we were to have any chance to prevent another raid on the public treasury. Your editorial (June 11) is the answer to our prayers.

Your editorial last year on the \$5.4 million "Greedy Grab For Federal Funds" for the Never Fail-Edgewater Beach Hotel project was of tremendous help in alerting our citizens to the impropriety of this council in attempting to place the affluent city of Naples on the federal welfare rolls.

I have submitted a request to the city manager to place an item on the agenda of the June 19 council meeting calling for a full discussion of the council's action on June 5 when they gave us a part-time attorney who will continue to receive his high salary and the most generous fringe benefits.

I have very little hope that my request for a hearing on this matter will be granted but with your help and the help of other interested citizens we shall persevere and ultimately succeed. Honesty, justice and decency are on our side.

Harry Rothchild Naples

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Thursday, August 8, 1985 / The Miami Herald .



Vows 100 percent dedication to job

By LORI ROZSA Herald Staff Writer Naples City Attorney David Rynders asked for and received - a 15 percent pay citt Wednes-day, but he said he'll still do 100 percent of the work. "I'll still be doing all their [City Council's] legal work." Rynders said. "I'll put in all the time it requires... Rynders salary will go from \$56,121 to \$47,500 Sept - Ir He asked for the cut after June 5 when the city gave him permission to resume his privata practice while he's still city attorney. "T wanted an opportunity to make a little more money." Ryn-ders said. "Now I have to make enough money to get me back where I was, and hopefully a little more." In other business, council mem-

In other business, council members passed on first reading an ordinance that will regulate the size, appearance and placement of newspaper vending machines in the city.

Members of the Naples Beautifi-cation Committee told the council the machines are "unsightly and unsafe." President Herb Anderson said his committee has been trying

said his committee has been trying to get the city to regulate the machines for three years. "Over the past few years, these vending machines have proliferat-ed. Now it's a question of safety, too," Anderson said.

Anderson said the machines pose a safety hazard because people stop their cars in the middle of the road and jump out to buy a paper.

He also said the newspaper boxes are placed erratically around town and are not anchored sufficiently, and that "a hurricane would blow those things all over the place."

Representatives of The Miami Heraid and The Naples Daily News told council members any regulation of the boxes might infringe on the newspapers' First Amendment rights.

"We're more than willing to comply with the beautification committee's requests and make the racks nicer," Daily News Circulation Director Ken Tanner said. "But there's a very real question here. When you don't have freedom of distribution, you don't have freedom of speech and nress." press."



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