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City of Naples

City Council Minutes

Workshop Meeting July 13, 1988

City Council Chambers
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 33940

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COUNCIL MEMBERS	MOTIONS	VOTE		ABSENT
		YES	NO	

Ms. Hawkins referred to a Bill she had introduced at the Session, fractional year tax roll, which met with great opposition and was unsuccessful. This Bill would have allowed cities and counties to perform a service fee for those properties which were completed but not on the tax roll. Before this Bill can be successful, a Constitutional amendment must first be approved separating real and personal property, she said.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) was given funding for their "strategic plan" by way of bonds during this Session, this plan includes funding for CR 951 in Collier County and the purchase of many County rights-of-way. A Constitutional amendment has been proposed which would transfer a portion of gasoline tax revenues from the Primary Road Trust Fund into the Bridges and Rights-of-way Trust Fund.

In 1976, this area was awarded a Water Management Basin which provides for lower taxes and local control of the water basin. The Water Basin District will sunset this year, however, Ms. Hawkins advised that she was successful in obtaining authorization of the basin for one more year. She will then have to lobby next year to obtain further approval.

Mayor Putzell referred to a tax which could be implemented on the transfer of real estate for development of rights-of-way. Ms. Hawkins attributed such a tax to the services tax, which was unpopular and repealed. This may be discussed by the Legislation at a future date.

ITEM 3

PRESENTATION BY CONSULTANT/LOBBYIST PAUL A. PILLER WITH REFERENCE TO THE SERVICES OF HIS FIRM.

Mr. Paul Piller extolled the many benefits a lobbyist could provide for the City in Tallahassee (Attachment #2). There are approximately 3400 Bills presented before the State Legislation each year, he said, too many for local representatives to keep track of. A lobbyist could help introduce legislation because many times representatives are limited as to the number of Bills which they can submit; this year, however, there were no such restrictions.

City Manager Jones pointed out that Mr. Piller was making presentations to both City and County officials and currently serves the Lee, Cape Coral and Sanibel areas.

Mayor Putzell noted that the City was currently a member of the Florida League of Cities, an effective group of lobbyists.
