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NEIGHBORHOOD TOWN MEETING - Precinct 14 - Norris Community Center	1-



Time 5:00 p.m.

Date 01/11/89

Mayor Putzell called the meeting to order and presided as Chairman:

NEIGHBORHOOD TOWN MEETING - PRECINCT 14  
Wednesday, January 11, 1989 - 5:00 p.m.  
Norris Community Center  
755 Eighth Street, South, Naples, Florida

Present: Edwin J. Putzell, Jr.,  
Mayor  
Paul W. Muenzer,  
Councilman  
Franklin C. Jones,  
City Manager  
Paul C. Reble,  
Police Chief  
Paul Siraci,  
Police Captain  
Ann "Missy" McKim,  
Community Development Director  
Christopher L. Holley,  
Community Services Director

See Supplemental Attendance List - Attachment #1.

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Mayor Putzell thanked those in attendance for coming and advised that precinct meetings such as this are a part of the City's People to People program. This program, he said, brings the government officials to the public in a less formal setting to discuss citizens' concerns. Mayor Putzell then introduced the remaining government officials in attendance.

Referring to the City's financial condition, Mayor Putzell said that he was very proud of its progress. Since this administration took office, the millage rate has been lowered, the general obligation debt has been satisfied, utility tax revenue bonds are rated in the A-1 category (achieved only by four other Florida cities) and City staff has been encouraged to find ways to operate in a more efficient manner.

The Council has just adopted the City's Comprehensive Plan at its last meeting, January 4, 1989. This Plan, Mayor Putzell explained, is a five-year planning tool which is mandated by the State in its Growth Management Plan, the function of which is to indicate development plans for the future as illustrated in the land use designation element; traffic circulation element; affordable housing element; etc. It also addresses implementation of a historic district; the City is currently in the process of drafting a historic district ordinance funded, in part, by State grants. Another planning tool which the staff hopes to implement in the very near future, is a computer input system which would enable someone to look at the history of a piece of property from its inception.

Referring to the City's effluent reuse program, the Mayor commented that wastewater currently is being used on many area golf courses, medians along U.S. 41 North, Moorings Park and Fleischmann Park, to name a few. The City hopes to expand this program further, he said, and the ideal is to use all wastewater for irrigation of private properties, as well. This concept is supported by the State

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Legislature in its program to protect its natural resources.

Newspaper Recycling has saved the City approximately \$55.00 per ton, Mayor Putzell advised. Beginning sometime this year, the City plans to implement the second phase of this program, recycling aluminum cans and glass prior to State mandate for this sort of conservation.

The subject of another bridge over the Gordon River has recently come up again, Mayor Putzell said, and the City is in the process of studying the feasibility of such a bridge and a location which would cause the least amount of environmental damage. Other aspects to take into consideration include traffic flow, hurricane evacuation routes, financial impacts, etc. A consultant has been hired to conduct a traffic study which would entail many of the above factors in addition to studying traffic flow in the Fifth Avenue South area and many other traffic problems.

The City Council has been holding Strategic Planning Sessions wherein Council, Department Heads, and a Consultant meet to discuss future plans for the City. Main areas of discussion were annexation; growth; drugs (not only on a local basis, but nationally); community services; examination of road system with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); beach nourishment supported by both City and County governments; communication; and the recycling of wastewater, newspapers, etc., Mayor Putzell explained.

Referring to recent City expansions, the Mayor pointed out that the Naples Police Department's crime lab has recently been expanded at a cost of \$1.5-million. In addition, the City has built a new wastewater treatment plant and also expanded several other areas of the Utility Department as well this past year.

Naples beaches are eroding at a startling rate of 1.5 feet per year. If the City and County were to cooperate in a joint effort, perhaps a renourishment project might qualify for State grants. City staff currently is in the process of working with the County on this very important issue, he said.

The proposed "re-site" of the Naples Fire Station to the South could enable the City to have a piece of equipment within 2.5 miles of every structure. This, of course, is the optimum goal which would also provide the citizens with preferred insurance rates, Mayor Putzell explained.

The Police Department has been concerned with the drug problem in the area for quite some time now and has requested the addition of another canine to the force. This dog would be fully narcotic trained and bring the total force up to three dogs.

Annexation is a major issue in the City at the moment. Its annexation policy targets areas contiguous to the City and within its current water/sewer system (East to Airport-Fulling Road and North to Pine Ridge) for acquisition, Mayor Putzell

\*AMENDED: 02/01/89 -  
Replace the words "crime lab"  
with "Public Safety Building".



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noted. If the City remains stagnant and growth continues at this startling rate, there might be areas of unbridled growth and unrelated pockets of government, Mayor Putzell said. Under State law, areas slated for annexation must approve said annexation by referendum of 50% of the voters plus 1. In addition, the City must approve such an annexation by the same margin. Those properties to be annexed will only gain from such an action by increased property values, City services, lower millage rates and the like. It is important that the City maintain a positive, successful annexation program for this upcoming election, March 7, 1989.

Councilman Muenzer then spoke briefly regarding the volunteer program and quality staff which the City is fortunate to have.

City Manager Jones then thanked those in attendance for coming and asked for any questions or comments.

One audience member asked about possible water restrictions in the very near future. City Manager Jones briefly reviewed the City's water resources and capabilities and noted that the City has a capacity of pumping 30-million gallons per day at its water plant. Currently, 23-million gallons per day are being used. During the tourist season several things occur, not only does use increase but it is the dry season. These factors all impact the water situation, monitored by Southwest Florida Water Management Council (SWFWMC), which is responsible for instituting water restrictions in the area. Mayor Putzell added that the effluent reuse program has saved approximately 3 to 4-million gallons of water per day which, in light of the recent drought experienced by the area, enabled it to avoid such restrictions thus far.

Citizen Tom Morgan expressed concern about police officers parking next to one, another for "chit-chat". He said he believed this encouraged drug offenders and criminals, not dismayed them. Mayor Putzell pointed out the City was very concerned with the increased drug problem and fully supported the Police Department's efforts in trying to curb this horrendous situation. Police Chief Reble added that oftentimes officers do have to exchange information that cannot be conveyed over the air waves.

Several members of the audience expressed concern regarding speed offenders in the Old Naples area, particularly Gordon Drive. Police Captain Sireci commented that the force was doing everything it could in combatting this problem and have, in fact, placed officers in that area to monitor the speeding. He further noted that the Department has not received any complaints about speeding from that area. Mayor Putzell then asked those citizens concerned with speeding to raise their hands. It was the consensus of the audience that this indeed was a problem in their precinct.

Another gentleman pointed out that the City was fortunate to have far-sighted founding fathers who adopted a City Charter which, in effect, gave the citizens some control over their government. The

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County does not have this opportunity, it is governed by the State.

After a brief discussion regarding the drug problem in Naples, several citizens expressed concern that offenders were being placed back on the streets soon after their arrests. Councilman Muenzer noted that many first-time drug offenders are immediately released with bond because of the current overcrowding situation at both the County jail and State prisons. He further commended the Department on its efforts involving drug arrests and fully supported the Chief's drug arrest program. Chief Reble added that during the last ten days, his Department has made 29 drug-related arrests. While this does not cure the problem, it helps deter it somewhat.

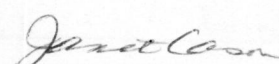
Referring to a question about the noise level experienced by homeowners in the path of aircraft arriving and departing from the airport, Mayor Putzell pointed out that the Airport Authority is an independent entity created by the State Legislature and further suggested that any questions concerning noise be directed to that Authority.

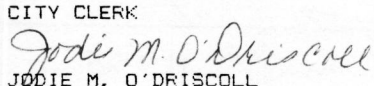
One audience member expressed concern regarding repair of the Naples Fishing Pier; however, Mayor Putzell advised that during the Council's workshop session today, it was noted that proceeds received from the insurance company would take care of the necessary repairs to this structure.

Mayor Putzell adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:25 p.m. reiterating that all citizens' questions and comments are welcome at City Hall.

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EDWIN J. PUTZELL JR., Mayor


  
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DEPUTY CLERK

These minutes of the Precinct 14 Neighborhood Town Meeting were approved on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Mr & Mrs R. O. Ruff	314 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave S.
Mr & Mrs R. H. Roach	8 <sup>th</sup> Ave South
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Priscilla Reed	173 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave S
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Jean B. Polchery	" " "
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