



City of Naples

City Council Minutes

Special Meeting 09/06/89

City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 339

-SUBJECT-	Ord. No.	Res. No.	Page
<u>RESOLUTIONS:</u>			
-APPROVE tentative millage rate for 1989.		89-5924	1
-APPROVE tentative budget for fiscal year 1989/90.		89-5925	4
<u>ORDINANCES - First Reading:</u>			
-APPROVE fixing the 1989 tax levy and millage rate.	89-_____		4
-APPROVE adoption of the final budget for fiscal year 1989/90.	89-_____		5

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opportunity for citizens to provide input relative to the millage rate and budget. The proposed millage rate, Mr. Jones continued, has been rolled back to 1.2024.

Mrs. Marjorie H. Jones of 205 11th Avenue South advised that her tax bill had increased from approximately \$875 to \$1325 from last year. She expressed frustration and asked what measures could be taken to help reduce these taxes. City Manager Jones briefly reviewed the procedure for assessing property and the State Statutes pertaining to the levying of taxes upon those assessments. The property appraiser is required by State law to assess property at 100% of its fair market value. Local governmental agencies have been asked by the State to take into consideration the higher assessed value of property when establishing their millage rates. City of Naples taxes, City Manager Jones continued, make up approximately 10% of the entire tax bill.

Councilman Anderson-McDonald said that while she empathized with Mrs. Jones predicament, the majority of tax to be collected was established by the County. She reiterated that the City was only responsible for 10% of the total tax due. The City Council has spent hours reviewing the budget by line item, Mrs. Anderson-McDonald commented, to ensure that the taxpayers' money is spent appropriately.

Citizen J. Sandy Scatena of 2990 Binnacle Drive said that he believed most citizens of Naples intended to live here the remainder of their lives and would not be able to afford these astronomical tax bills on a fixed income. Mr. Scatena then noted that the City had hired a public information officer and also funded in the budget an amount for the public relations consultant. He said that he believed it unnecessary to employ two individuals to handle public relations. City Manager Jones pointed out that the money for the public relations consultant had be funded; however, a contract for his services has not yet been executed.

Referring to the surcharge imposed upon those water/sewer customers in the unincorporated areas,

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Mr. Scatena asked why this money could not be used to reduce the City of Naples residents' bills. City Manager Jones explained that the surcharge was imposed upon those users in the unincorporated area to make up for ad valorem taxes which City residents pay for the general operation in providing this service pursuant to State law.					
Mr. Scatena then asked about the City's recycling program and the current tipping fees paid to the County. City Manager Jones explained that when the recycling program was implemented the City had to bear the expenditures of equipment and workers. The program has since recovered the majority of those costs, he said. The County's tipping fees have remained constant because the cost of this recycling program has been so great. Mr. Jones further pointed out that the State would in the very near future mandate that local governments provide a means to reduce the amount of waste dumped at landfills.					
Regarding sidewalks on Fairway Terrace, Mr. Scatena once more requested that Council consider installing sidewalks in this area as requested by many of the residents in that neighborhood. City Manager Jones pointed out that a survey would be conducted in the very near future which would include a question about sidewalks and the need for the same.					
Mr. Bill Earles asked for clarification of his tax bill. City Manager Jones showed Mr. Earles the columns indicative of the proposed tax and existing tax.					
Councilman Crawford then reiterated the millage rate and said that there was a tax increase in the City. The majority of the budget, he continued, is earmarked for personnel services. If the budget amount was reduced, some of those services would also have to be reduced, he said.					
Mrs. Mifa VanArsdale reiterated a question asked earlier about why her property taxes increased by nearly 50%. Vice-Mayor Barnett explained once again that the City's portion of the tax bill amounted to less than 10% and further that the taxes are figured on the assessed value of property. Any questions with that assessed value,					

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he said, should be directed to the property appraiser's office.

Mr. Jim McGrath asked the City Council to contact the Legislature and request something be done regarding these higher tax bills.

MOTION: To APPROVE the resolution as presented.

---RESOLUTION NO. 89-5925

Item 2-b

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1989-90; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Title read by City Attorney Rynders.

PUBLIC HEARING: Opened: See Item 2-a
Closed: See Item 2-a

See discussion under Item 2-a.

MOTION: To APPROVE the resolution as presented.

-----FIRST READINGS-----

ITEM 3

---ORDINANCE NO. 89-

Item 3-a

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND FIXING THE 1989 TAX LEVY AND MILLAGE RATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. PURPOSE: TO FIX THE 1989 TAX LEVY AND MILLAGE RATE.

Title read by City Attorney Rynders.

PUBLIC HEARING: Opened: See Item 2-a
Closed: See Item 2-a

MOTION: To APPROVE the ordinance as presented at first reading.

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---ORDINANCE NO. 89-

Item 3-b

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1989-90 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF NAPLES FOR THE GENERAL OPERATION OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY, INCLUDING UTILITIES, AND FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE SINKING FUNDS OF THE CITY TO PAY INTEREST ON AND PROVIDE FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE OUTSTANDING BONDS AND OTHER FIXED OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY AND THE UTILITY TAX FUND FOR AND DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1989-90; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. PURPOSE: TO ADOPT THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1989-90.

Title read by City Attorney Rynders.

PUBLIC HEARING: Opened: See Item 2-a
Closed: See Item 2-a

City Manager Jones noted one item which had to be amended in the ordinance. The total budget appropriations should be \$31,869,716, he said.

MOTION: To APPROVE the ordinance at first reading amending the total budget appropriations to read: \$31,869,716.

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Barnett
Crawford
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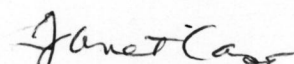
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ADJOURN: 6:35 p.m.

WILLIAM E. BARNETT, Vice-Mayor


JANET CASON
CITY CLERK

JODIE O'DRISCOLL
DEPUTY CLERK

These minutes of the Naples City Council were approved on 9/20/89.

SUPPLEMENTAL ATTENDANCE LIST

Mrs. Julian Anderson
Helen Radke
Maureen Dowgiello
Mary Evans
Mifa Van Arsdale
Conor McDonald
John Passidomo

Mrs. W. Baumgartner
Theresa Richards
Alfred Dowgiello
Aubrey Evans
Mrs. Lyle Richardson
J. Sandy Scatena

Other interested citizens and visitors.

NEWS MEDIA

Gina Binole, Naples Daily News
Dave Bristow, WNOG