



City of Naples

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Neighborhood Town Meeting
May 23, 1990

Fire Station #2
990 26th Avenue North
Naples, Florida

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NEIGHBORHOOD TOWN MEETING



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Time 5:00 p.m.
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Mayor Crawford opened the meeting and presided.

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977 26th Avenue North, Naples, Florida

PRESENT:

Kim Anderson, Councilman

Alden R. Crawford, Jr., Mayor

ALSO PRESENT:

Franklin C. Jones, City Manager

Mark W. Wiltsie, Assistant City Manager

Christopher L. Holley, Comm. Serv. Director

Gerald L. Gronvold, City Engineer

Rand-Scott Coggan, Fire Chief

Paul C. Reble, Police Chief

Missy McKim, Comm. Development Director

Jon C. Staiger, Natural Resource Manager

James Chaffee, Utilities Director

Karen Peterson, Public Information Officer

James Dean, Parkways Supervisor

George Henderson, Sergeant-At-Arms

See Supplemental Attendance List - Attachment #1

Mayor Crawford called the Neighborhood Town Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and presided as Chairman. It has been a busy two weeks, he told the audience. The proposed annexation of Pelican Bay had failed and the sales tax had been approved for referendum.

Councilwoman Kim Anderson also welcomed the audience and stressed the importance of the Neighborhood Town Meetings.

Mayor Crawford then talked about City and County growth management, stating that it is quite possible the City will continue to make its thoughts known to the County Commissioners. The topic of the next City/County joint meeting will be

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emergency preparedness; a third meeting this fall will concern infrastructure (water, etc.).

Mr. Crawford also mentioned that he and the City Manager meet every month with the County Commission Chairman, County Manager and School Superintendent; their big concern at this time is to upgrade the schools and to work out problems of communication.

The next topic mentioned by Mayor Crawford was "Naples' Twenty-First Century." He explained that in the past the City had been happy with developers coming in, but if present growth continues, 33,000 additional parking spaces will be needed in downtown Naples alone, with all commercial areas built to capacity. Therefore, the City is researching various zoning concepts. Other concerns being addressed at this time are stormwater, a Gordon River Park, preventing pollution of Naples Bay, and affordable housing.

A citizen asked who was responsible for the alleyway behind Walgreens and Barnett Bank, stating that it had been in "terrible shape" for the past eight years. City Manager Frank Jones explained that adjoining property owners are responsible, and in this case it is condo owners and businesses. Mayor Crawford reminded the audience that the City would not be able to correct all stormwater problems: "Don't get your expectations up that there will never be any wet spots in town," he said.

With regard to new construction, it was asked if the City charges impact fees as the County does. The City Manager explained that there is no City road impact fee but when the County passes its new ordinance, the City will also put impact fees into

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effect. The City will, however, receive a part of the County's road impact fee (approximately \$200,000.00 per year) to use to improve existing roads.

The proposed County-wide "bed tax" was next discussed. Mayor Crawford told the audience that revenue gained from such a tax would be utilized for such facilities as the Philharmonic Hall or a baseball stadium. One citizen expressed concern over problems such as water, sewer, etc., as being more important and that the revenue should be spent for these needs first.

Councilman Anderson, however, informed the group that this issue would not be on the ballot, but had it been enacted, 50% would have gone to beachfront maintenance, and 25% to some cultural activity. She further explained that there are only seven possible categories for funding from a bed tax, according to State Statute; funds are not to be used for roads, etc. Councilman Anderson urged citizens to write their County Commissioners and express their opinion.

Beach renourishment was the next item of discussion. Mayor Crawford said that he would like to see something done that is not "too grandiose", that perhaps 150 feet of beachfront or dunes, for example, is not needed. He told the audience that Coastal Engineering has been hired by the City for the beachfront renourishment studies.

In response to a question as to whether federal money is involved, Mayor Crawford said there was some, but not a very substantial amount. Dr. Jon Staiger, Natural Resource Manager, explained the federal government does fund beach restoration projects, but it takes from ten to fifteen years to do so because of Congressional approval. He

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further states that in 1971 the Corps of Engineers concluded there wasn't enough sand although no project was authorized. Coastal Engineering is laying the groundwork to get another project off the ground, he said, and the City may be able to use federal money. Beach is now being lost at approximately one foot a year at high tide there is virtually no beach in Old Naples. Dr. Staiger further explained that if federal funds were received, it will be for beach renourishment and there is a chance the State will also reimburse the City.

It was asked if there will be a planned procedure for hazardous waste pickup and glass recycling. City Manger Jones advised the audience of Amnesty Days, sponsored by the County which occur four times a year.

Several citizens mentioned to Mr. Chaffee that the City should advertise the recycling schedule and allowable recyclable items with greater frequency in the Naples Daily News.

The Moorings Bay dredging project was the next topic of interest discussed. Mayor Crawford told the group that on June 16 the City should know the status of the dredging project. City Manager Jones explained that the City is not paying for the project but it is paying for the work that is done. The funds have not been used and therefore, have accumulated interest. If the contract is delinquent beyond the completion date, said Mr. Jones, the City will begin to collect a penalty fee. He further stated that the City had been monitoring the contractor's progress and the entire project had been bonded, therefore, the best course of action is to allow the contractor to work until June 16 and then decide what to do.

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Mr. Egon Hill, 430 Putter Point Court, stated that the contractor must dredge Doctor's Pass first. The contractor contends that because of weather conditions the last three weeks, he has been unable to dredge Doctor's Pass. Mayor Crawford agreed that the City made an unfortunate choice of contractor and that staff is eager to have the project completed.

When asked about the re-evaluation of City property, City Manager Jones answered that he hopes property taxes will be limited to a 3% increase, and Mayor Crawford mentioned that ad valorem taxes will go into effect.

There was an inquiry from the audience concerning the barricades at the north end of Gulf Shore Boulevard. Mayor Crawford said improvements are under present consideration, then asked if anyone had ideas for alleviating traffic on Crayton Road during the winter season. He mentioned the possible use of stop signs and lowering speed limits and further suggested the possibility of a cul-de-sac but said that ideas had not been well received.

Mr. Harry Hoffmeister, President of the Crayton Road Homeowners Association, expressed his concern about heavy traffic on U.S. 41 and City Engineer Gronvold explained that timed lights will be used on that section of 41. Mr. Hoffmeister asked that his association be notified if staff discusses cut-ins from Gulf Shore Boulevard to Seagate Drive, using Crayton Road.

Councilman Anderson reviewed plans for the bike-path and explained that by utilizing streets where sidewalks already exist, the City would incur less

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expense and property owners would not be inconvenienced.

Mayor Crawford thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ALDEN J. CRAWFORD, JR.
Mayor

JANET CASON
City Clerk

These minutes of the Naples City Council were approved on _____.