

**ROLL CALL**

**ITEM 1**

Present: Kim Anderson, Mayor

John M. Passidomo, Vice Mayor

William E. Barnett

R. Joseph Herms

Alan R. Korest

Paul W. Muenzer

Fred L. Sullivan

Council Members

Also Present:

Dr. Richard L. Woodruff,  
City Manager

David W. Rynders,  
City Attorney

Ann (Missy) McKim,  
Community Dev. Director

James Byrne,  
Police Captain

James Dean,  
Parks & Parkways  
Supervisor

Al C. Lane,  
Instrumentation Tech.

Tara Norman,  
Public Info. Officer

Norris C. Ijams,  
Asst. City Manager

Paul Reble,  
Police Chief

Bill Harrison,  
Finance Director

Kevin Rambosk,  
Interim Community  
Services Director

George Henderson,  
Sergeant-At-Arms

Marilyn McCord,  
Recording Secretary

See Supplemental Attendance List - Attachment #1

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**ITEM 2**

**RECOGNITION OF THE SENIOR LEAGUE  
BRAVES AND LITTLE LEAGUE QUEENS GIRLS'  
SOFTBALL TEAMS**

Mayor Anderson congratulated the Senior League Braves and Little League Queens girls' softball teams, their coaches and parents. The teams had once again won the Little League Softball World

Series in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The Mayor proclaimed the day "Naples Braves and Naples Queens Day." Each girl was presented with a City of Naples Proclamation and a red rose, and recognized by the Mayor and City Manager Woodruff. The recognition ceremony was followed by a brief reception.

BREAK: 5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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RESOLUTION NO. 91-6467

ITEM 3

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING BUDGET  
POLICY CONCERNING PROCEDURES FOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFERS BETWEEN  
OPERATING FUNDS OF THE CITY;  
ESTABLISHING BUDGET POLICY CONCERNING  
PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFERS FOR PAYMENT  
IN LIEU OF TAXES AND FRANCHISE FEES;  
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Title read by City Attorney Rynders.

City Manager Woodruff reviewed the discussions and directions which had occurred leading up to the second reading of this resolution. He said that during those work sessions the Mayor and Council had been very clear in setting forth new budget policies and had reviewed the budget in detail. The resulting direction to staff was to bring back to Council a budget of 1.18 or 1.20 mills, and Council approved the 1.18 budget on September 5th. Dr. Woodruff pointed out that no further changes had been requested.

The City Manager thanked Council for an excellent budget process and said that staff's top priorities in the coming year would be to seriously investigate privatization and to look closely at the matter of tax equity.

In answer to Vice Mayor Passidomo's question, Dr.

Woodruff verified that from the 1.18%, 1.125% is required to correct the insurance fund. The balance of the millage increase is than 5 1/2% of the total.

MOTION: To APPROVE the resolution as presented.

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ORDINANCE NO. 91-6468

ITEM 4-a

**AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND FIXING  
THE 1991 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 1991 TAX LEVY AND  
MILLAGE RATE.**

Title read by Finance Director Harrison.

PUBLIC HEARING: Opened: 5:46 p.m.  
Closed: 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Sue B. Smith, 15 11th Avenue South, addressed Council, saying that she recognized this was a very serious evening. Mrs. Smith noted that the economic condition of the nation was forcing all agencies to cut spending and the same should be true for Naples. Our City must deal with "self-inflicted mistakes," she continued, resulting from "tremendous mismanagement."

Mrs. Smith referred to several topics which had been dealt with in the recent past, including spending more than \$10,000 this year for the Public Information Officer's salary, and the fact that Council had concluded that former City auditor Ron Wood had knowledge of the City's fiscal irresponsibility. The litigation of Mr. Wood will finally bring out the truth, said Mrs. Smith, and it would be inappropriate to economize on this issue.

Next, Mrs. Smith brought to Council's attention the fact that there are monies due from large water accounts, and they should be collected rather than ask the citizens for additional tax dollars. With regard to beach parking, Mrs. Smith suggested that County residents should not be given free parking privileges.

Mrs. Smith commented that there are many important issues that should be handled, and that several citizens would be composing a newsletter with regard to those. In summary she said, "We'll be watching you now very closely. You are giving us less, asking much, much more. It is too much you are asking."

Mr. Morris Greeley, 67 Eighth Avenue South, asked that Council at least acknowledge the fact that because of the higher assessment value of his property, the increase in his taxes would be over 30%.

Council Member Herms said that there had obviously been some severe management problems, however, he expressed a very conservative attitude about the amount of millage increase Council should pursue. He commented, "I'm looking at the situation and saying that our City government is still fat. We still have some problem areas and need to do some cutting." With the quality management now present, the City can achieve savings. He recommended reduction of manpower in the Utilities Department and Streets Division. Mr. Herms expressed willingness to compromise because he hoped the difference in the 1.10 millage rate he had proposed and the 1.18 rate would be saved.

Mr. Herms also brought attention to the fact that because City regulations differed from F.E.M.A. (Federal Emergency Management Act) regulations, some residents may have serious problems renovating their property. City Manager Woodruff assured Mr. Herms that review of the F.E.M.A.

regulations was on the list of future Council Workshop topics.

Council Member Korest said that he agreed with several of Mr. Herms' comments regarding the budget increase, however, the City Manager had just "come aboard" and at this time next year, Council and staff would be in a better position, since many of the issues of concern would have been analyzed by then. He emphasized that Council and staff were attempting to work in the best interests of the community.

MOTION: To ADOPT the ordinance at second reading.

City Manager Woodruff noted that it was correct to state that if Council had not had to address the insurance matter, if the Fire Department staff had been left as it was, and if the City was not negotiating labor contracts, Council would have been able to roll back the millage rate. He said, however, that those three matters did not make the tax increase any more favorable.

Mayor Anderson stated that the increase did not please her. In her mind, she said, government should be more efficient than private industry. Through fair play, the City hopes to work through an open government to establish integrity, she added. The Mayor pointed out that this Council had called on every staff member and Council Member to pursue the goal of cost efficiency. This Council had seen inefficiencies of past management, noted the Mayor, but is now working with all expediency to satisfy a unified goal. Mayor Anderson in summary stated that the City staff, under the leadership of City Manager Woodruff, would exhibit fairness and integrity.

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ORDINANCE NO. 91-6469

ITEM 4-b

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1991-92 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 1991-92; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PURPOSE: TO ADOPT THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1991-92.

Title read by Finance Director Harrison.

MOTION: To ADOPT the ordinance at second reading.

Council Member Muenzer expressed support of the budget and satisfaction that staff could work with the budget cuts Council had made adding that perhaps in six months more could be cut. Council Member Herms agreed, but noted that a signal should be sent to all supervisory employees stating that efficiency must be increased. Mr. Herms said, "From my standpoint, I'll pat on the back those who have....we need to encourage those great employees. If it means one less person in a department, that's great."

PUBLIC HEARING: Opened: 6:17 p.m.  
Closed: 6:21 p.m.

Mrs. Sue B. Smith, 15 11th Avenue South, said that citizens do not want services cut back, but "there's a lot of fat that could be cut out. For all of you to sit there and say this must be done we find repugnant. If you don't know all the things yet that can be taken out, the S.T.A.R. Program, public relations...all we demand is that

you give us services. We don't demand perfection but we do expect services." Mrs. Smith asked that the City's good employees not be mistreated or "bounced out of jobs" but that superfluous employees should be cut out.

Mayor Anderson ended the meeting by saying, "We are trying to make things better. We submit to you that we are doing the best we can. Not one of us is callous. We have to balance the books."

The Mayor thanked City Manager Woodruff, Finance Director Harrison, and the staff for their attempts in bringing as lean a budget as possible to Council, and for their support.

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**ADJOURN:** 6:25 p.m.

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**KIM ANDERSON, MAYOR**

JANET CASON  
City Clerk

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Marilyn McCord  
Recording Secretary

These minutes of the Naples City Council were approved on \_\_\_\_\_.

