



City of Naples

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Workshop Meeting 3-09-92

City Council Chambers
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 33940

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ROLL CALL

Fred L. Sullivan, Vice Mayor

R. Joseph Herms
Alan R. Korest
Ronald M. Pennington
Peter H. Van Arsdale
Council Members

Absent: Kim Anderson
Council Member

Also Present:

Dr. Richard L. Woodruff, City Manager
Larry Barnet, Utilities Director
Bill Harrison, Finance Director
Al Lane, Public Works Analyst
Dan E. Mercer, Utilities Manager
David A. Graff, Utility Maint. Supt.
Silas Crane, Treatment Plant Operator
Al Monteleone, Distribution/Coll. Supt.
Ray Amos, Treatment Plant Super.
Michael Whitcavage, Wastewater Coll.
Tradesworker
George Henderson, Sergeant-At-Arms
Marilyn McCord, Deputy Clerk

See Supplemental Attendance List - Attachment #1

ITEM 1

**INTERVIEWS FOR VACANCIES ON EAST NAPLES
BAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT AND BEACH
RENOURISHMENT/MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE.**

East Naples Bay Special Taxing District

Mr. Howard Shanahan was interviewed by Council for the vacancy on the East Naples Bay Special Taxing District Advisory Board.

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Beach Renourishment/Maintenance Committee

The following were interviewed by Council for the vacancy on the Beach Renourishment/Maintenance Committee:

John E. Ayres
Fern Aitchison
Kenneth Lee Abernathy

Not present for the interview but interested in serving on the Committee: David L. McElrath, Esq.

It was the consensus of Council that Mr. Howard Shanahan would be nominated to fill the vacancy on the East Naples Bay Taxing District Advisory Board.

It was the consensus of Council that Mr. Kenneth Lee Abernathy would be nominated to fill the vacancy on the Beach Renourishment/Maintenance Committee. Several of the Council Members brought attention to the fact that it would be advantageous to have someone on that Committee who resides at the north end of the beach. In addition, Mr. Abernathy is involved with his condominium association and can bring that input to the Committee.

Discussion ensued with respect to the makeup of the Committee and Mayor Muenzer noted that Council had agreed it was important to have political representation on the Committee. It was the consensus of Council that the composition of the Beach Renourishment/Maintenance Committee will remain as it currently is.

BREAK: 10:40 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

ITEM 2

PRESENTATION OF UTILITY WASTEWATER,
RECLAIMED WATER AND SOLID WASTE RATE
STUDY BY HARTMAN & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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several years, the system had operated with deferred maintenance because of lack of funding.

Utilities Manager Dan Mercer distributed copies of a memorandum in which he outlined the condition of the Utility's Department facilities and infrastructure. Mr. Mercer noted that the data presented was only informative and he recommended an in-depth engineering study.

Mr. Mercer displayed a map of the City's water and sewer service areas and their ages. He noted that although the greatest percentage of the City's system consisted of cement asbestos pipe, studies by various water institutes have not shown any type of health hazard.

Capital needs were discussed and Mr. Mercer described maintenance requirements. Dr. Woodruff stressed that no one had been slack in their work assignments. Regardless of how well the system has been cared for, there are continuing maintenance items that get more and more expensive. To keep the City's system from becoming a major replacement item, it is vital to practice proper maintenance, he added.

The City Manager noted that the City's water and sewer system was a "massive utility system" including 263 miles of water line and approximately 200 miles of sewer line. The proposed rate increases would make it possible to begin a much-needed preventive maintenance program.

LUNCH RECESS: 12:30 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.

NOTE: Council Member Herms returned to the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Mr. Hartman described the proposed rate increases in detail. He explained that under the new rates, the capacity charge and billing charge would be combined into a base bill. Customers would be charged the base bill plus whatever usage exists at the rate of \$.75 per 1,000

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rates will also be provided. Mr. Hartman assured Council that his firm would also provide additional information with regard to what the existing system does, what is proposed, what and how the rates will generate and provide examples of impacts on specific bills. He added that Hartman & Associates could give another presentation to Council at its Workshop Meeting on March 16th.

The issue of unbilled water versus the amount of water produced was discussed. It was noted that the amount of water not billed had been substantially reduced. Council Member Herms requested the water plant production numbers. He also asked for a copy of the water and sewer section of the City's most recent financial report. Mr. Herms commented, "I need more information showing me exactly where we're going to be spending the money so that I can justify this increase."

Council and staff next discussed bond covenants and funding of C.I.P. projects and the fact that the City's Master Plan must also be considered.

City Manager Woodruff asked Council to direct any other questions they might have about the rates to Finance Director Harrison. He reminded Council of the importance of making its decisions about the rates soon. Realistically, said Dr. Woodruff, this matter should be finalized within the next two weeks. The proposed rates will be further discussed at the March 16th Council Workshop and if necessary a Special Meeting will be scheduled to consider first reading of the related ordinance.

Staff was thanked for the work put into this project. Mr. Hartman told Council that staff had saved the City considerable money by doing work which would otherwise have had to be done by a consultant.

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ITEM 3

DISCUSSION OF STORAGE OF SAILBOATS AND
OTHER SMALL BOATS ON THE BEACH.

This item will be rescheduled for discussion at a
future date.

ADJOURN: 4:30 p.m.

Paul W. Muenzer
PAUL W. MUENZER, MAYOR

Janet Cason
JANET CASON
CITY CLERK

Marilyn McCord
Marilyn McCord
Deputy Clerk

These minutes of the Naples City Council were
approved on March 18, 1992.

SUPPLEMENTAL ATTENDANCE LIST

March 9, 1992 - City Council Workshop

Charles Andrews
Tom O'Riley
Richard Copeland
Gerald C. Hartman

Werner W. Haardt
Lyle Richardson
Robert J. Ori

Other interested citizens and visitors.

NEWS MEDIA

Eric Staats, Naples Daily News
Traci Griffith, WNOG Radio
Evan Bacon, WNPL-TV