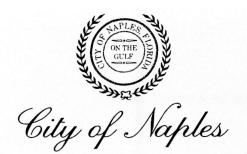
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES



Workshop Meeting 4-13-92

City Council Chambers 735 Eighth Street South Naples, Florida 33940

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Time 9:00 a.m.

Date 4-13-92

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	Mayor Mue	nzer called the meeting to	order and presid	ded.				
	ROLL CALL	Paul W. Muenzer, Mayor Fred L. Sullivan, Vice May R. Joseph Herms	yor	COUNCIL MEMBERS	O T I	N	Y E S	A B S E N T
	Absent:	Alan R. Korest Ronald M. Pennington Peter H. Van Arsdale Council Members Kim Anderson, Council Member						
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VOTE CITY OF NAPLES, FLORIDA M S A 0 E B City Council Minutes Date 4-13-92 T C S I 0 COUNCIL 0 N E N MEMBERS N D S 0 Mr. Clarence Perry, representing Save Our Homes, Inc., addressed Council. He appeared for the purpose of asking Council to pass a resolution in favor of the Save Our Homes, Inc. constitutional amendment to place a 3% limit on the annual assessment of homestead property. Mr. Perry said, "We're not advocating a rollback in millage or assessment. We're asking cities and counties to live within their means." Mr. Perry referred to the fact that foreign companies operating in the United States pay very little, or no, tax. "What is more fair than a windfall profit tax?" asked Mr. Perry. explained that such a tax would be paid only when there was a profit made in a real estate sale. City Manager Woodruff noted that some of the proposal's aspects had merit. Council discussed the proposal, and Vice Mayor Sullivan emphasized that something must be done about the continuous escalation of assessment. It was the consensus of Council to prepare a resolution supporting the homestead valuation limitation amendment to the Florida Constitution. Staff will obtain homestead exemption data from the County Assessor's Office and do a five-year analysis, showing the total assessment base on the homestead properties and what those properties would have done under the 3% cap. (For the City, this would be the revenue they would have produced in those five years.) Staff will supply a dollar shortfall to show what the variance would have been. Staff will have the information ready for the May 20th Council Meeting at the latest, and will notify Save Our Homes, Inc. of the date. *** *** ITEM 2 FOURTH OF JULY EVENT - COLLIER COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL. 2

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collections and reviewed the new EMS rates. He told Council that as long as partial payment is made every thirty days, no administration fee is added to the bills. County residents receive a \$269 credit on their EMS bills. Mr. Reardon agreed that the County's overall collection rate was in the 50 percentile. Mr. Wampler pointed out that 30% of EMS calls within the City are non-emergency transports. Fire Chief Tom Smith said that State statutes allow private industry to provide non-emergency transport. Staff will clarify the number of non-emergency responses within the City. EMS Chief of Operations Mr. Don Eckherdt addressed quality of care. He reviewed the EMS level of care and the employment process. Mr. Eckherdt described the department's rotation policy. He pointed out that in the City there are almost no pediatric calls and by rotating EMS personnel gives them a variety of calls. Using visual aids, Mr. Eckherdt described EMS zones and explained how units are shifted, depending on the volume of calls. Mr. Eckherdt said that approximately 40 of the 60 paramedics have been employed with the County for five years or more. Mr. Bill Griffin of the County's Emergency Services Division reviewed simultaneous multiple calls which occurred within the City during 1991 of which there were 189. Emergency Services Director Reardon next gave a brief financial review of the City of Naples Fire Department EMS plan. He described the traditional 50% user fees). Mr. Reardon said that County staff had estimated a first-year shortfall of \$122,537.00. A \$68,392.00 shortfall was visualized after five years and would probably have to be subsidized by ad valorem taxes. It would cost the City approximately \$109.29 per capita to provide its own EMS service.						

Mr. Reardon told Council that perhaps some non-traditional methods could be considered. EMS could accept insurance assignments, he said, and the balance of the bill not pursued. A flat rate of \$80 would be charged and would be the maximum anyone would pay. Mr. Reardon cautioned Council that getting into the EMS business was very expensive but commended the City for considering the establishment of a quality EMS system within the Fire Department. City Manager Woodruff pointed out that although the City initiated only 16-17% of all EMS calls, it provided almost 26% of its income. He asked if there was any way to address that inequity. Dr. Woodruff assured Council that staff would revise its figures pertaining to an EMS system, based on Mr. Reardon's information. Staff will demonstrate to Council what it would cost to start the City's own EMS system, based on that information. Dr. Woodruff also asked that Council Members contact him within the next few days should they desire additional information or have any further questions. County Manager Neil Dorrill addressed Council. He noted that in terms of per capita costs, the county was spending approximately \$17.80 per capita County-wide for its EMS service. He said that the County has one of the highest levels of pre-hospital care and one of the lowest per capita costs in the State Mr. Dorrill asked that the County as any particular group in town and is obligated to provide EMS service county wide. He concluded by saying, "Please remember we can't just look at this as what is best for city residents." City Manager Woodruff stated that he had every confidence the County would do what was best for the people. He asked that the County review the inequities that exist. Going to the 50/50 plan would make those inequities greater, he said.	CITY OF NAPL	4 12 02	COUNCIL MEMBERS	M O T I O N	SECOND		ABSENT
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Dr. Woodruff ended his comments by saying that he hoped the whole issue would be reviewed with the proper perspective and fairness on both sides of the budget.						
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ITEM 4						
STORAGE OF SAILBOATS ON THE BEACH.						
council Member Pennington had made a tally of coats on the beach. Copies of that tally were istributed. The tally revealed in a total of 74 coats on the beach, 26 on public property and 48 on private property.						
community Development Director Missy McKim told council that a poll of other cities found that cost have chosen to prohibit the storage of cailboats on the beach. The only exception was the City of Delray Beach which sells forty thereits each year. Ms. McKim displayed a map thowing the private and public platted property long the beach.						
Mext Ms. McKim reviewed the options available to address the issue, which were suggested by staff:						
1. Prohibit the storage of boats on the beach.						
 Limit the daily use/access of launching boats to the three beach ends with wide dune cross-overs. 						
 Restrict the storage of boats to the platted beach ends. 						
4. Develop a registration program for placement of boats at the beach ends.		- 1 - 1				
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5. Any boats stored on private property, to the west of residential property, would be the responsibility of the property owner to enforce. 6. Allow storage of boats at Lowdermilk Park. City Manager Woodruff said that staff's recommendation was to begin with a registration program, requiring all boats parked on the beach to be registered. Should a problem occur, staff could then identify the owners. Dr. Woodruff stressed that everyone who registered a boat be given a set of guidelines. Such guidelines would include: If City staff finds a boat is blocking access to a walkway, it will be towed. If a boat is blocking the normal walkway on the beach, it will be towed. If a boat is parked in the sea oats, it will be towed. If no registration is evident, the boat will be towed. Staff will ascertain who tows abandoned vehicles from the City rights-of-way. Does the City have a contract with a firm for that service? Dr. Woodruff suggested that Council authorize an impound fee so the City will have a way of recovering its costs. Dr. Woodruff reported that in the southern portion of Lowdermilk Park, it would be possible to park from eight to twelve boats depending on their size. Staff would not recommend that policy, however, since it would infringe on the sunbathing area and would not be aesthetically pleasing. Council discussed whether this might be treated as a zoning issue. City Attorney Chiaro noted that because of the problem the City has had with boats on the beach, Council had a valid reason to use its police powers to require registration of the boats. She said that a small administrative fee could be charged for the purpose of identifying boats which will be kept on the					

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beaches. However, said Ms. Chiaro, in drafting an ordinance she would make no statement with respect to keeping the boats on private or public property. Vice Mayor Sullivan commented that he would be disposed to eventually prohibiting parking of the sailboats on the beach altogether. Registration was an essential step towards that goal, he said, and would probably result in a significant reduction in the number of boats left on the beach. Staff will draft an ordinance for first reading on May 20th, requiring the registration of any boat which will be parked on the beach. The ordinance will include a statement that upon notification from the National Weather Bureau of impending severe weather, boats must be removed from the beach or they will be impounded. Staff will investigate charges for boat towing and storage and the possibility of limiting the parking privileges to City residents and/or limiting the number of permits. City Attorney Chiaro told Council that to be legally enforceable, the ordinance would be presented as a public safety matter. City Manager Woodruff stressed that when a boat is on private property, the City's Zoning Officer is not the enforcing agent, however, private property owners have the right to get the boat towed off their property. Mayor Muenzer directed staff to publish public notice of the proposed ordinance prior to its enactment. **** *** *** *** *** *** TIEM 5 REVIEW LAND USE PETITION PROCESS: REZONE, VARIANCE, CONDITIONAL USE, ETC. City Manager Woodruff said that the proposed revisions would streamline the process for certain petitions and applications and would						
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	avoid duplication of effort by Council and the PAB (Planning Advisory Board). In reviewing past land-use items, it was found that staff, PAB and Council all agreed on the outcome. In addition, nowhere was a situation found in which the PAB recommended approval and Council recommended denial. Community Development Director McKim reviewed staff's proposal: The PAB's decision would be final unless it appealed to Council by either the applicant or an affected party (one who is within the area which is required to be sent notification of the petition.) Ms. McKim said					
	that the PAB endorsed the changes adding that it would make the process more efficient, and in her opinion, PAB would appreciate that vote of confidence.					
	Council Member Pennington expressed his support of the proposed changes. He said it would save the petitioner a lot of time, effort and money. He suggested reviewing the process in one year.		26			
	After discussion, Council agreed that staff should amend the ordinance language and schedule it on a Regular City Council Meeting agenda. Staff will continue to work on revisions to the current procedures. The time period for filing appeals should be addressed in the ordinance. Filing must be done with the City Clerk within ten days. The City Attorney will research the possibility of a five-day appeal period. If that can be sustained it will be included in the ordinance. The term "affected parties" will be amended to state any party within 500 feet or any homeowners' group. A one-year review of the ordinance will be required.					

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Item 4 will be continued to allow staff more time to work on the language of the ordinance. Item 6 - Beach Project Funding Natural Resources Manager Staiger will discuss this item with Council Member Pennington before the April 15th Council Meeting. Item 7 - Boat and Trailer Storage Staff will clarify the ordinance language and present Council with some options at the April 15th Meeting. Staff will also clarify the ording "number of boats stored on one trailer" and define "completely screened." Item 9 - Taste of Collier The City Attorney will research the possibility of handling the sale of alcoholic beverages at Taste of Collier" as a variance in the future. Item 12 - Purchase of Police Vehicles Staff will report to Council with respect to the price difference from dealer to dealer, even though the City is dealing with a State contract. Staff will also provide warranty information on the vehicles. Item 13 It the request of staff, Item 13 will be continued. Item 14 - Confiscation Funds Expenditures Staff will determine whether these funds can be used to purchase the ninth vehicle referred to in the confiscated funds. Expenses related to maintenance of the vehicles and risk management aspects should be included in the C.I.P.				

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Council Member Pennington expressed concern about approving a full-time employee in the City Attorney's Office unless one position is eliminated elsewhere. City Manager Woodruff assured Council that should they approve the requested position, one position elsewhere within the City will be eliminated. Council Member Herms asked that the Community Development Department positions be reviewed. NOTE: Council Member Van Arsdale left the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Item 16 - Fuel Dispensing Sites Engineering Manager Leighton Westlake and Equipment Service Manager James Miller were present to answer Council's questions. Council Member Herms asked that staff supply a breakdown of the \$18,200 estimated cost of repairs and improvements for fiscal year 1991-92. He also requested the cost of underground double-walled tanks and pipes. Staff will also provide the estimated cost of computerizing the fueling system. *** ***							
City Manager Woodruff and Mayor Muenzer will report on their trip to New York at the April 15th Council Meeting. The trip was made in connection with the Water and Sewer Bond Issue. ***** City Manager Woodruff announced that State funds will be available in approximately five years to totally rebuild the Mooring Line Bridge. *** *** ***	,						

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ADJOURN: 5:15 p.m. Janet Casa JANET CASON City Clerk Marilyn McCord Deputy Clerk These minutes of the Naples City Council were approved on May 6, 1992.					
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