



City of Naples

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Workshop Meeting 8-03-92

City Council Chambers
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 33940

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Time 9:00 a.m.Date 8-03-92

Mayor Muenzer opened the meeting and presided.

ROLL CALL

Present: Paul W. Muenzer, Mayor
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
Maria J. Chiaro, City Attorney
Ann (Missy) McKim, Community Development Director
John Cole, Chief Planner
Jon Staiger, Ph.D., Natural Resources Manager
Leighton Westlake, Engineering Manager
Tara A. Norman, Deputy City Clerk
Mark Thornton, Community Services Director
Mary Kay McShane, Human Resources Director
David M. Lykins, Enterprise Operations Supervisor
Jeff Whittaker, Police Lieutenant
David A. Graff, Utility Maintenance Superintendent
Virginia F. Stack, Building & Zoning Permit Clerk
Robert J. Egan, Dockkeeper
Susan D. Villani, Training & Development Coordinator
George Henderson, Sergeant-At-Arms
Marilyn McCord, Deputy City Clerk

See Supplemental Attendance List - Attachment #1.

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ITEM 1

**GREATER NAPLES CIVIC ASSOCIATION
DISCUSSION OF ITS PROPOSAL FOR A TOLL
BRIDGE ACROSS GORDON RIVER.**

Mr. Lyle Richardson, representing the Greater Naples Civic Association, distributed copies of the presentation made on July 31st by CH2M Hill at the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) meeting. Mr. Richardson reviewed the report, the first phase of which would be completed by Christmas 1992. The Florida D.O.T. (Department of Transportation) offered its cooperation and the bridge could in fact be in use by the third quarter of 1996.

Mr. Richardson reported that the MPO determined that the City should proceed with negotiations for the necessary preliminary study. That study would determine whether the project was feasible, outline the challenges which would be involved and define coordination requirements. When asked about the cost of the study, City Manager Woodruff replied, "No dollar figure is an accurate figure." He said that staff would be working to finalize the negotiations and payment. Dr. Woodruff told Council that the consultant would bring back scenarios for the different possible funding sources. The consultant will also be researching whether there was any feasibility to a Federal payback.

Council Member Pennington stated his concerns with respect to the traffic data supplied. He said that he would request a thorough traffic analysis showing the impact to other roads, adding that he believed the present report gave conflicting information. Mr. Pennington emphasized that he was primarily concerned with the impact to City residents with or without the bridge. He drew attention to the fact that Council must consider the impact to downtown redevelopment including the need for additional parking. Mr. Pennington asked if Council should attempt to dissuade the State from eight-laning U.S. 41 between Four Corners and Davis Boulevard. The overall impact on the City would be extreme, he said, and would have a big effect on downtown redevelopment. Mr. Pennington suggested doing a careful, expanded study before any work is begun. Mr. Richardson explained that public hearings pertaining to

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the Gordon River Bridge had been held for the past two to three years. If anyone was of the opinion it would harm the City, those concerns should have been voiced before now, he added.

Council Member Korest said that although he recognized the fact that there were individual concerns about the bridge's impact on the City, he was comfortable with the direction in which the project was moving. Mr. Korest commented that he had been persuaded by the data developed by the MPO that a second bridge would be needed by the year 2000. With respect to the two old bridges, Mr. Korest pointed out that they were not structurally sound and had to be replaced. Mr. Korest emphasized that should an emergency occur a severe evacuation problem would result in the County. Therefore, another route over the Gordon River was a necessity. Mr. Korest informed Council that should environmental or other problems be found, a second bridge could not be built, however, a study must be done to determine whether it can be built. The MPO staff will be working closely with Engineering Manager Leighton Westlake and the City's engineering group. Mr. Korest noted, "We have a lot of talent here now."

Council Member Pennington reiterated that in his opinion, parking capacity, as well as vehicle traffic figures, must be studied and made a part of the equation. He agreed with Council Member Herms' suggestion that a source destination study be made.

Council Member Van Arsdale also agreed that the scope of the study should be broadened. Mr. Van Arsdale stressed the importance of considering the ambience of the City. Engineering Manager Westlake agreed that the entire project, including the evacuation problem, would have to be reviewed in a very detailed fashion.

Vice Mayor Sullivan commented that there had been pressure on the City to respond to the situation on Golden Gate Parkway which is essential to the City's evacuation plans. Mr. Sullivan said that he was concerned with respect to the significant discrepancy in the way the members of the MPO voted. City Manager Woodruff noted that Mr. Jeff Perry of the MPO was meeting with the County Attorney's staff to clarify whether the MPO's role. Mr. Sullivan suggested that the MPO and City could form a joint committee. He also agreed with Council

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& Zoning Permit Clerk Virginia Stack, Dockkeeper Bob Egan, Team Leader Tara Norman and Team Facilitator Susan Villani. Fire Lieutenant Tom Mastroberto and Police Lieutenant Steve Moore are also Team Members but were not present at the Workshop Meeting.					
Ms. Villani told Council, "I think this is a S.T.A.R. success story - employees working together, using all the resources to identify problems, management priorities items after brainstorming by employees."					
Mrs. Norman reviewed the cost containment measures as determined by the S.T.A.R. Team. She explained that the Team had studied other insurance plans offered by several local major employers. Recommended cost containment measures include:					
Extend health insurance eligibility for new employees from 30 to 90 days.					
Lower the annual ceiling for chiropractic care from \$3,000 to \$1,000.					
Establish an employee education/awareness program to show how cost containment and effective consumerism directly affect health insurance premiums in the City's self-funded plan.					
Study establishment of a wellness program which might include health testing as well as fitness programs.					
Next Mr. Egan described the Team's recommended options for improvement to current coverage:					
Provide a flexible benefit plan outside the self-insurance program for employees to purchase, at their own expense, additional coverages such as dental and optical care.					
Provide for pre-tax payment of health insurance premiums as well as unfunded medical expenses and dependent care through Sections 125 and 129 of the Internal Revenue Code.					

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hundreds of manhours to the event and viewed the Festival as a gift to the community. Mr. deLachappelle concluded by saying that the event's record had been excellent; it had been crime and violence free.

Police Lieutenant Jeff Whittaker gave a brief overview of the application, noting that the biggest problem in the past had been the parking situation. This year, twice as many trolleys will be available as well as off-site parking. Area employees will be asked to carpool on the day of the event. Lieutenant Whittaker told Council that results of the survey sent to residents of the area by the Special Events Committee showed an overwhelming response to support the function. There were a few minor complaints, he said, such as the parking situation.

Ms. Rafferty informed Council that the off-site parking areas as well as the free trolley service would be advertised more thoroughly than in the past.

Council Member Korest stressed the fact that those off-site parking areas and the availability of free trolley service must be well advertised. Council Member Pennington commented that his concerns had been alleviated by the Special Events Committee's survey.

ITEM 5

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUILDING PERMIT FEES.

NOTE: City Manager Woodruff announced that Item 5 would be rescheduled to a future Workshop.

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**REVIEW OF ITEMS ON AUGUST 5, 1992
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Item #4 - Registration of sailboats on designated beach ends: Staff will clarify the language in the ordinance pertaining to storage of boats in relation to the mean high water line. The ordinance should also include a specific definition with respect to the size of cement blocks which may be used as anchors.

Council Member Van Arsdale suggested that in the future, Council and staff should discuss the possibility of the City installing the anchors.

Item #5 - Rezone petition/Chef's Garden patio area: Before the August 5th Council Meeting, staff will contact Mr. Roger Barry at Neapolitan Enterprises and determine how this rezoning request originated.

Item #8 - Rezone petition/Windstar Country Club: At the August 5th Council Meeting, staff will provide information pertaining to proof of ownership.

Item #17 - Workers' Compensation Claim: At the August 5th Council Meeting, staff will provide figures describing the maximum payment schedule on Workers' Compensation claims.

NOTE: City Attorney Chiaro announced that the previous day's Naples Daily News article pertaining to the Sabal Bay litigation contained incorrect information. She stated that at no time has the Hearing Officer required a settlement proposal and the newspaper will issue a change or clarification.

SUPPLEMENTAL ATTENDANCE LIST
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Lyle Richardson
Charles Andrews
Douglas Clark
Barry Johnson
Linda Odeneal

Werner W. Haardt
Artie D. Pratt
Karen Rafter
Debbie Bruce
Robert Noble

Other interested citizens and visitors.

NEWS MEDIA

Eric Staats, Naples Daily News
Traci Griffith, Fort Myers News Press
Paul Kenney, WBBH-TV