



City of Naples

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City Council Workshop Meeting

Monday, September 28, 1992

Convened 9:00 am / Adjourned 12:05 pm

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City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 33940

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Mayor Muenzer called the meeting to order and presided

ROLL CALL

ITEM 2

Present: Paul W. Muenzer, Mayor
Fred L. Sullivan, Vice Mayor (Arrived at 9:35 a.m.)

Council Members:
Kim Anderson
R. Joseph Herms
Ronald M. Pennington
Peter H. Van Arsdale (Arrived at 9:35 a.m.)

Absent: Alan R. Korest, Council Member

Also Present:

Dr. Richard L. Woodruff, City Manager
Norris C. Ijams, Assistant City Manager
Maria J. Chiaro, City Attorney
Mark Thornton, Community Services Director
Sheldon P. Reed, Fire Marshal
David M. Lykins, Supervisor of Recreation/Enterprises
Jeff Whittaker, Police Lieutenant
Stewart K. Unangst, Purchasing Agent
Shirley Mann, Admin. Asst. to City Manager
Jon Staiger, Ph.D., Natural Resources Manager
John Daly, Police Communications Supervisor

Molly Root
Lyle Richardson
Mary Peterson
Al Mader

Other interested citizens and visitors

Media:

Eric Staats, Naples Daily News

ITEM 1

**RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, NORRIS C. IJAMS,
FOR CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT AND SERVICE FROM MAY 3, 1992
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1992.**

City Manager Woodruff recognized Assistant City Manager Norris Ijams for returning to the City's employ after retirement. Dr. Woodruff told Mr. Ijams that Council and staff greatly appreciate all he had done to help the City. Mr. Ijams was presented with a plaque expressing the City's gratitude. Assistant City Manager Ijams in turn thanked Council and the staff for the opportunity to work for the City.

Mayor Muenzer also thanked Mr. Ijams, noting that their working relationship went back to when Mr. Ijams was the City's Fire Chief. The Mayor said that Mr. Ijams' leadership and gentlemanly behavior were valued during what had been a very confusing period of time for the City. The individual Members of Council also voiced their appreciation for Mr. Ijams dedication and service.

ITEM 2

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Special Events Committee Chairman David Lykins and Committee Member Jeff Whittaker described the criteria used to review each conditional use permit filed for a special event. The criteria used varies according to the event and includes consideration of traffic control and congestion, pedestrian safety, volume of amplified music, time and scheduling of events, security, litter control, offsite parking, etc. Requests for dispensing alcoholic beverages and co-sponsorship by the City require close consideration. In addition, insurance coverage must be provided so that the City would never end up in a libelous situation. City Manager Woodruff noted that not all special event requests come to Council. However, every request requiring City co-sponsorship and any event which will involve 1,500 or more people must come to Council.

Mr. Lykins reviewed the list of major special events for 1993, their dates and estimated costs to the City. (This list is attached to the staff report and is available in the City Clerk's Office in the original meeting folder.) Mr. Lykins assured Council that the organizers of the various events had made considerable effort to address all the concerns of Council and staff. He also informed Council that the majority of comments received by staff pertinent to past events indicated that residents closely associated to the locations hosting each event were pleased with the efforts being made by event organizers to better control their activities. In addition, support continues

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to be voiced indicating the City residents wish to see certain events remain intact. Mr. Lykins informed Council that those 1993 special events requesting City co-sponsorship had met the criteria requested by the City.

City Manager Woodruff told Council that expenses for major events were incorporated into the departmental budgets for the coming year.

Mayor Muenzer stated that he did not think the City should involve itself in co-sponsorship for any events where the proceeds go into private funds. The Mayor requested that staff provide information relative to any City co-sponsored events, including the total receipts of each event and report on how the proceeds are used.

It was the consensus of Council that alternate sites for major events would not be required for the October 7th Council Meeting.

City Manager Woodruff told Council that staff would provide data at the September 30th Special Meeting pertaining to the special events which have occurred since Council established its 50% co-sponsorship policy. Dr. Woodruff clarified that all requests for permits for 1993 special events should be submitted by October 7th.

ITEM 3

UPDATE ON FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Fire Marshal Sheldon Reed distributed copies of the City's fire sprinkler ordinance (Number 87-5192) and informed Council that it had been comprehensive, enforceable and realistic. Mr. Reed noted that based on the simplicity of the ordinance and considerable publicity which was generated, the City received between 75 and 100 official requests for the ordinance, which has been used as a model in many areas.

The Fire Marshal went on to say that the Fire Inspection Bureau's inspection of 1988 discovered some buildings in the City that staff would recommend to have fire sprinklers installed, however it was determined that it would not have been a practical way of fire prevention. It was decided that it was not practical to require retrofitting. Mr. Reed said that the cost of fire sprinkler systems was coming down and becoming a part of normal construction procedures nationwide.

Fire Marshal Reed reported that requiring fire sprinklers had a positive effect on the City's ISO (Insurance Services Office) ratings, consequently impacting home insurance premiums. The most significant point, stressed Mr. Reed, was the fact that fire sprinklers work.

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Council Member Pennington stated that in his opinion it was necessary to review the matter of retrofitting. Fire Marshal Reed said that retrofitting could be examined as a part of a City-wide survey. A pre-fire planning study will be done soon pertaining to roof structures, insulation, etc., and the retrofitting problem could be included. City Manager Woodruff said that no major studies could be done without Council's endorsement. Council discussed whether or not retrofitting should be required. It was noted that retrofitting could be extremely expensive. Council Member Pennington suggested targeting a particular group, such as commercial or condominium. The City Attorney will report to Council as to whether or not a legal problem may exist should the sprinkler ordinance target a particular group. The Fire Marshal explained that the survey would identify materials utilized, then staff would examine the hazards and offer options to mitigate those hazards. He told Council that the primary survey would be completed in January, 1993. The training curriculum has already been developed.

Council Member Anderson requested that should anyone choose not to retrofit, and do not present a hazard to their neighbors, they sign a form. Mrs. Anderson commented that she had a problem with requiring retrofitting unless a structure was a danger to its surrounding neighbors. City Manager Woodruff said that once staff had identified buildings with potential fire hazardous materials, that information would be reported to Council before proceeding further. Dr. Woodruff asked Council to submit any other questions they might have with respect to fire sprinklers, or to notify staff should they want to go on any inspections where a system is being installed.

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

ITEM 4

S.T.A.R. RADIO MAINTENANCE TEAM FOLLOWUP PRESENTATION

City Manager Woodruff mentioned that Council Member Pennington had spent a considerable amount of time with the S.T.A.R. Team discussing technical matters. Dr. Woodruff encouraged Council's involvement in staff activities and told them, "Feel free to at any time get involved where you feel you have expertise." Council Member Van Arsdale has attended meetings of the Computer Steering Committee and offered his help in that area.

Purchasing Agent Stew Unangst informed Council that it was still the Team's recommendation that Police and Fire radio equipment remain on service contracts. He explained that specialized technicians were needed for that equipment. Should the City use the method of time and materials only, just a few repairs of some of the sophisticated equipment could cost as much as the service contract itself. However, said Mr. Unangst, the radio equipment belonging to Public

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Works and Community Services should remain on a time and materials repair basis. Two and three year extended warranties are available in some cases; that action alone will substantially reduce the cost of repairs.

Council Member Pennington announced that he agreed with the S.T.A.R. Team's recommendations and pointed out that the Police and Fire Departments must have a rapid turnaround time for repairs.

The City Manager said that staff would be requesting an award of bid at the next Council Meeting. Staff will not be recommending the lowest bidder, but to the second lowest, because of a difference in the quality of service available. Team Member John Daly explained that Motorola had an excellent service record and was the manufacturer of the equipment, therefore its technicians were better trained.

Council Member Herms asked staff to compare the cost of warranties to the actual cost of repairs. Staff will track all radio purchases made from January 1, 1990 to the present.

ITEM 5

BEACH RENOURISHMENT COMMITTEE--COUNTY MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION

Council Member Pennington reported that the Beach Renourishment/Maintenance Committee had discussed the County's recognition of the Committee. The Committee had provided data to the County, however the County had yet to recognize the Committee. The Committee believed this recognition was desirable for help in potential funding. County Commissioner Saunders had this matter placed on the County Commissioners agenda for the meeting of September 15, 1992. At that meeting current Committee Chairman Arthur Newmann addressed the Commissioners and reviewed the history of the Committee. Mr. Pennington said that he also spoke at that meeting, and at that time he clarified that the Committee had continuously considered the beach renourishment program from the County's perspective and was not considering the City's beach separately.

Mr. Pennington reported further that at the County Commissioners meeting it was suggested that the Committee should have some County membership. The Committee will be pursuing additional funding for construction and needs the County's support. It was suggested that someone from East Naples and North Naples serve on the Committee.

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City Manager Woodruff interjected at this point that he had asked County Manager Neil Dorrell to supply the City, in writing, information pertaining to the funding source for the proposed Golden Gate pool.

Council Member Anderson commented, "If the County doesn't want to contribute, we can make the beach private. I've said it many times." She noted that the intent of the Committee was to determine what types of renourishment would be used and where the funding would come from.

Mr. Pennington said that the County Commissioners agreed to review the City/County Interlocal Agreement. He remarked that this would be a continuing, questionable issue. Mr. Pennington reminded Council that everyone must be very mindful of the fact that the TDC (Tourist Development Council) Tax would not pay for reconstruction of the beaches. He told Council that the County would probably implement a resolution establishing a County-wide beach renourishment/maintenance committee, with the City group as its core. Council Member Herms stated that he envisioned a tremendous disadvantage to that concept, noting, "We've spent two years and a tremendous amount of review. I picture us starting all over."

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Woodruff announced that the Post-Event Review Committee would be submitting a report on the fire at Naples Floor Covering.

With regard to the fire, Council Member Anderson said that she had been advised that protection gauges were available for firefighters, and asked that staff research that equipment. She also requested a report of why the water pressure had been so low at the time of the fire. In reply to Mrs. Anderson's question as to why one of the business owners was not allowed inside with an escort, Dr. Woodruff said that no materials can be removed from a fire site until the arson investigation is finished. The post-event report will supply detailed information.

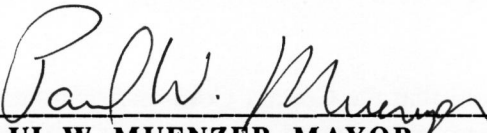
Dr. Woodruff reported that six City Police Officers had been working in Homestead to help with the hurricane aftermath situation.


The City Manager advised Council that Mr. Charles Rhoades had requested copies of telephone logs from the Manager's Office from 1990. The former City Attorney had told staff it was not necessary to keep those logs. If the logs were in fact disposed of, it was without the completion


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of the proper destruction forms. Dr. Woodruff told Council that a S.T.A.R. team was presently reviewing file retention. Staff will supply to Council information with regard to retention times.

ADJOURN: 12:06 p.m.


PAUL W. MUENZER, MAYOR


Janet Cason
City Clerk


Marilyn McCord
Deputy City Clerk

These minutes of the Naples City Council were approved on 10/21/92.