



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 33940

City Council Workshop Meeting - June 7, 1993 - 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Muenzer called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALL

ITEM 2

Present: Paul W. Muenzer, Mayor
Fred L. Sullivan, Vice Mayor

Council Members:

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

Absent: Kim Anderson, Council Member

Also Present:

Dr. Richard L. Woodruff, City Manager
Kevin Rambosk, Assistant City Manager
Maria J. Chiaro, City Attorney
William Harrison, Finance Director
John Johnson, Auditor
Mary Margaret Gruszka, Rec. Suprv. II
Dan Mercer, Utilities Director
Leighton Westlake, Engineering Manager
Al Lane, Engineering Technician
Mike Whitcavage, Utilities Analysis
Bob Middleton, Operations Supt.
David Graff, Utility Maintenance Supt.
Katie Gibson-Jones, Admin. Asst. I

David McNair, Supt. Water Distributions
& Wastewater Collections
George Henderson, Sergeant-At-Arms
Marilyn McCord, Deputy City Clerk
Burt Saunders, County Commissioner
Justyna Ford
Werner W. Haardt
Walter Keller
Diane Holling
Wes Frusztacki
Other interested citizens and visitors

Media:

Eric Staats, Naples Daily News

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ITEM 1

ITEMS TO BE ADDED

None.

ITEM 2

DISCUSSION OF TAX INEQUITY

To be continued at the June 10, 1993 City Council Workshop Meeting.

ITEM 3

UPDATE BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER BURT SAUNDERS

The proposed gasoline tax was the main topic of discussion between County Commissioner Saunders and Members of Council. Mr. Saunders said that should Council be supportive of the tax, it was important to make that statement publicly.

The gasoline tax and the status of the Gordon River Bridge Study will be discussed at the Joint City/County Workshop Meeting on June 9, 1993, which will be held at the Collier County Courthouse.

ITEM 4

**INTERVIEWS WITH CANDIDATES FOR ADVISORY BOARD ON
REDEVELOPMENT AND BOARD OF APPEALS**

The following individuals were interviewed by Council for positions on the Board of Appeals and the Advisory Board on Redevelopment:

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Board of Appeals

Walter Keller

Redevelopment Advisory Board

A. Gail Boorman

Marvin C. Cecil

Carolyn Inman

John Ribes

Irv Maizlish (Not present but interested in serving on the Board.)

Robert Sitta

Larry Warner

Fereidoun Kermani

ITEM 5

PRESENTATION OF TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY (PHASE I DRAFT REPORT)

City Manager Woodruff announced that a full copy of the Transit Feasibility Study draft report was available for Council's inspection. Dr. Woodruff then introduced Collier County Planner II Diane Holling and Mr. Wes Frysztacki of Weslin Consulting Services, Inc., who conducted the Study. Using visual aids, Mr. Frysztacki and Ms. Holling reviewed components of the Study.

A telephone survey of 300 registered voters had been conducted in the County and found that 88% of those people surveyed drove to work alone. A public transit system could contribute to reducing that percentage, but cannot solve the problem completely. Mr. Frysztacki reported that results of the survey indicated that public transportation was one of the issues people believe should be considered by the local government.

Council Member Korest noted that Council had recognized the need for public transportation, which would have some impact on road building requirements and in turn have a direct economic impact on the community.

Mr. Frysztacki explained that large buses would not necessarily be used in the area. A bus custom designed for this area and attractive to tourists may be recommended. He reported that two-thirds of the people surveyed were of the opinion that public funds should be used for public transportation improvements. Mr. Frysztacki emphasized the fact that this area was eligible for approximately one-half million dollars in Federal revenue for public transportation, however that amount would have to

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be matched by local funds.

Mr. Fryszacki told Council that the local elected officials would need to make a major policy decision if they chose to get involved with public transportation. He commented, "There are many ways of funding, including State and Federal grants. If there is something you want that public transportation system to do, I'd like to hear it."

City Manager Woodruff reported that the next step in this program is for the Transit Advisory Committee to meet with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O.) and decide whether it is feasible to further consider establishing a transit system. Should the M.P.O. determine further investigation is not necessary, further study will not be done.

Ms. Holling encouraged everyone to come to the public workshop regarding public transportation, which is tentatively scheduled for July 21, 1993. That meeting will be advertised.

BREAK: 3:40 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.

ITEM 6

BUDGET REVIEW

ITEM 6-a

PRELIMINARY 1993-94 OPERATING BUDGET FOR WATER/ WASTEWATER/EQUIPMENT SERVICES/SOLID WASTE

City Manager Woodruff introduced the Water and Sewer Fund Budget Proposal and stated that each budget presented to the Council is a very conservative, projected balanced budget. Dr. Woodruff noted that the Water and Sewer Fund Budget included depreciation and results in no rate increase for the coming year. He added that in water and wastewater areas, the funds set up are enterprise funds and user fees in order to obtain sufficient revenues to offset the total costs. Dr. Woodruff reported that the City serves approximately 15,000 water customers and 8,000 sewer customers.

Dr. Woodruff reviewed the projected budget amounts and personnel changes in the respective

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departments. He further stated that with the adoption of the Hartman Study, a higher conservation rate had been expected, however, no sign of water conservation change has emerged to date.

Council Member Herms inquired about the status of the compound meters and their present condition, the percentage of water that runs through them and the amount of revenue they produce. Dr. Woodruff directed staff to present, at the June 10, 1993, Council Workshop Meeting, information concerning the 67 compound meters and the percentage of revenue they produce versus the City's total revenue of water sales.

Finance Director Harrison reviewed the debt service figures and noted that projections for 1995-96 indicate that debt service would level off at \$3.5 million and remain at that point for approximately ten years. He reported that even though the City would not have to raise rates this year, an increase would be necessary the following year to cover debt service and depreciation. Vice Mayor Sullivan noted that prior to 1991, the City paid nothing toward depreciation, so rates were artificially deflated.

Mr. Harrison noted that with a fully financed utility, he would project an approximate 10% increase in rates each year. He verified that all the numbers presented were constantly reviewed by Craig Dunlap and explained that since inflation was a weakness of depreciation accounting, City policy included a cushion in budgeted depreciation.

Departmental accomplishment were next reviewed by Utilities Director Mercer. (See Attachment #1.) Accomplishments in the following areas were described:

- Water Treatment Plant
- Water Distribution
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Laboratory
- Wastewater Collections
- Utilities Maintenance-Water Plant
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Lift Stations
- Equipment Services
- Engineering

Mr. Mercer also indicated that by July 31, 1993, all meters would be raised and restored. Dr. Woodruff noted that the Fire Department and Utilities check every fire hydrant annually and problems are reported immediately.

Mayor Muenzer recommended that the Fire Department prepare and sign a document each year indicating that all fire hydrants have been properly inspected. City Manager Woodruff directed staff to set policy relevant to this recommendation.

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Discussion ensued concerning the amount of water and the measurement of water flow through the old meters versus the new large meters and water flow and measurement through fire hydrants. Dr. Woodruff explained that during fire hydrant usage, water measurement was estimated and not metered. He noted that these estimates, based on the amount of time the water is flowing, could never be completely accurate. Some questions were raised about fire meters and Dr. Woodruff and Mr. Harrison explained that there were 28 accounts identified as having a direct connection with no meter. Staff is proceeding to identify these accounts by location and report them to the Utilities Department. Those lines will then be raised and meters installed. Dr. Woodruff stated that a report was being prepared relevant to the fire meters and that it would be available in the near future.

NOTE: Mayor Muenzer left the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Dr. Woodruff continued to review the Sewer and Water revenues. Some discussion and questions followed concerning the recommended \$30,000.00 figure for re-use water for 1993-94, compared to April 30, 1993, when the re-use water figure had only reached \$12,089.00. Dr. Woodruff stated that an adjustment would be made to that figure.

City Manager Woodruff stated that staff had attempted to make this year's budget document as easy to understand as possible. In response to further discussion, Dr. Woodruff added that major studies had been requested to address what equipment items need to be replaced. He explained that projection of costs in this area presented a challenge due to previous years when no maintenance or repair was budgeted.

Vice-Mayor Sullivan announced that budget review would continue from this point at the Thursday, June 10, 1993 Workshop.

ITEM 6-b

1993-99 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Review of the 1993-99 Capital Improvement Program budget will be continued at the June 10, 1993 City Council Workshop Meeting.

ITEM 7

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

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Discussion of the Gordon River Bridge Fatal Flaw Study will be added to the agenda for the June 10, 1993 City Council Workshop Meeting.

ADJOURN: 5:40 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 June 16, 1993.



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