



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 33940

Joint City Council/County Commission Meeting - February 9, 1994 - 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Muenzer called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALL

ITEM 2

Present:

CITY OF NAPLES

Paul W. Muenzer, Mayor
Alan R. Korest, Vice Mayor

COLLIER COUNTY

Timothy Constantine, Chairman

Council Members:

Ronald M. Pennington
Marjorie Prolman
Fred L. Sullivan
Fred Tarrant
Peter H. Van Arsdale

Commissioners:

Bettye Matthews
John Norris
Burt L. Saunders
Michael J. Volpe

Also Present:

Dr. Richard L. Woodruff, City Manager
W. Neil Dorrill, County Manager
Maria J. Chiaro, City Attorney
Richard Gatti, Engineering Manager
William Harrison, Finance Director
Terry Fedelem, Comm. Serv. Operations Mgr.
David Lykins, Recreation & Enterprise Supt.
Mike Arnold, County Utilities Administrator
Dick Clark, County Community Development Dir.
George Henderson, Sergeant-At-Arms
Marilyn McCord, Deputy City Clerk
Tara A. Norman, Deputy City Clerk

Tom O'Riley
Werner H. Haardt
Robert Noble
Charles Andrews
Mike Slayton

Kim Kobza
Other interested citizens and visitors

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ITEM 1

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Arthur Holt
Unity Church of Naples

ITEM 3

ITEMS TO BE ADDED

Emergency Medical Services update will be added as Item 9.

ITEM 4

**PRESENTATION BY MIKE SLAYTON OF THE BIG CYPRESS BASIN
REGARDING AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY, AND A POSSIBLE
JOINT PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY/COUNTY/BIG CYPRESS BASIN
BOARD.**

An update of the aquifer storage and recovery program was presented by Mike Slayton of the Big Cypress Basin and County Utilities Administrator Mike Arnold. (See Attachment #1.) Mr. Arnold reviewed some of the considerations for joint participation between the City, the County, and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) pilot program. Mr. Arnold noted that providing adequate water supply and facilities are key components of both the City's and County's growth planning. The ASR concept offers the potential to reduce or mitigate both current and future irrigation demands on the drinking water system.

Mr. Arnold told the group that the SFWMD has proposed to contribute \$400,000.00 to a pilot ASR project. Total cost of the project will be \$1,015,000.00. The first step is to dig a test well in order to determine if the technology will work in the strata existing in this area. If the test well is a success, a test injection will be done. The first test will be funded by SFWMD.

A variety of methods are being studied, said Mr. Arnold. He noted that sometimes there is a problem of excess effluent water; perhaps some of the City's effluent water could be tied into the County's, resulting in an overall, comprehensive County-wide system. Questions from the group

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were answered. Mr. Arnold explained that in this part of the country reservoirs typically do not work well. He said that he envisions the effluent water program becoming a third utility. Along with rates for drinking water and wastewater, there would be an irrigation rate.

Council Member Tarrant commended the SFWMD for its innovative work. He asked if pure water will be contaminated if water from the Golden Gate Canal is pumped into the group. Mr. Slayton addressed the issue of quality and assured everyone that nothing points to a water quality problem. Should any data exist that implied contamination, stressed Mr. Slayton, this project would not be pursued.

Mr. Tom Taylor, consultant from Hole, Montes & Associates, told the group that the proposed project would allow storage of millions of gallons of water underground, at a fraction of the cost of water tanks.

Vice Mayor Korest suggested that the City and County staffs continue to work together on this project, along with Big Cypress Basin. He asked that more detailed data be supplied at a Workshop.

Council Member Tarrant expressed the desire to learn more about reservoir type tanks which have been built in other parts of the country. County Commissioner Matthews asked for more information relative to possible stress on the aquifer. County Manager Dorrill said that an overhead geological study will be included in order to determine whether environmental problems are being created.

ITEM 5

REPORT ON BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT.

Council Member Pennington provided a brief status report and reviewed the master control plan which identifies fill structures and which groins are to be removed or rebuilt. Mr. Pennington distributed copies of the Naples/Collier County Beach Restoration Preliminary Design Schedule of Activities (Attachment #2)

Mr. Pennington announced that there will be a Joint City/County/Beach Renourishment Committee Meeting on April 13, 1994. At that time any adjustments to the schedule of activities will be made in order to make a final recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

ITEM 6

REQUEST TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR BEACH PARKING.

Collier County Public Services Administrator Thomas Olliff presented the proposed agreement to provide free beach parking stickers for County residents at the City's beach locations. There is very little change from last year's agreement. The proposed agreement maintains all of the conditions within the existing agreement and simply increases the Fiscal Year 1993-94 payment of \$163,960.00 by 3%. Mayor Muenzer said that Council will act on this matter within thirty days. He also noted that ways in which to make this a more user friendly program will be explored.

MOTION: To continue the beach parking agreement with the County.

Korest	M	Y
Pennington		Y
Prolman		Y
Sullivan	S	Y
Tarrant		Y
VanArsdale		Y
Muenzer		Y
(7-0)		
M=Motion S=Second		
Y=Yes N=No A=Absent		

BREAK: 10:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

ITEM 7

OVERVIEW OF CITY PROJECTS FOR COUNTY CONSIDERATION - C.I.P. FUNDING.

Community Services Operations Manager Terry Fedelem and Recreation & Enterprise Superintendent David Lykins distributed booklets, "Naples Landing Park Redevelopment and Naples Pier Renovations." They also provided a slide presentation depicting the Naples Landing Park and proposed renovations. No fees are charged at Naples Landing, nor does the City

contemplate a fee.

In response to Council Member Tarrant, County Manager Dorrill said that the County was in favor of helping with the renovations, however he could not make a commitment at this time. The County has priority budgeting; Mr. Dorrill said that this item would have to be projected into the budgeting process. He mentioned that the City may want to explore community park impact fees, which would help with enhancements to existing parks.

Commissioner Saunders commented that clearly some County projects would benefit the City, and the County should help to fund certain City projects, including the Pier and Naples Landing. Commissioner Volpe also expressed his support of some sort of joint venture. He said that perhaps Tourist Development Taxes should be used for renovating the Pier, since it is a tourist attraction. Council Member Pennington reported that the Beach Renourishment/Maintenance Committee took a strong position in opposition to any changes in the criteria for use of the Tourist Development Tax.

It is noted for the record that Deputy City Clerk Tara A. Norman relieved Deputy City Clerk Marilyn McCord as recording secretary at this point in the meeting, until adjournment.

City Recreation & Enterprise Superintendent, David Lykins, provided an overview of the current condition of the Fishing Pier and of repairs which are needed. He indicated that work is most needed west of the concession stand. A detailed report by Suboceanic Consultants would be received the following week and would include methods of piling replacement.

Commissioner Volpe suggested that a trust fund be established to receive private donations for Pier upkeep and repair. Dr. Woodruff noted that a recommendation in the upcoming budget would include establishing a repair and maintenance fund for the facility rather than burdening one year's capital improvement program in the year repairs are needed.

ITEM 8

TRAFFIC IN DOWNTOWN NAPLES - PRESENTATION BY COUNCIL MEMBER PENNINGTON.

Council Member Pennington reviewed various alternatives to alleviate anticipated increases in traffic in the downtown Naples area when planned modifications are in place on U.S. 41, including

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widening of the Gordon River bridges. One alternative would be to reroute U.S. 41 over Goodlette-Frank Road and maintain the present U.S. 41 (Ninth Street) as a local boulevard; another is to build a second Gordon River crossing. One of the goals for downtown redevelopment, Mr. Pennington pointed out, is to retain a more pedestrian-friendly atmosphere rather than providing a means of merely routing traffic. Studies have shown, he said, that the majority of the traffic across the present bridges is not destined for downtown. Should a new crossing be built and should it be funded by toll revenues, the widening of the existing bridges to move more traffic would result in an estimated 10% reduction in toll revenues. (See the file of this meeting in the City Clerk's Office for copies of materials provided by Mr. Pennington during this discussion.)

Mr. Pennington said that the Council was asking for the support of the County Commission on retaining six lanes on U.S. 41 east to Davis Boulevard, and for retaining the current Gordon River Bridges at six lanes combined with construction of an additional Gordon River crossing. He noted that more information on the progress of the Department of Transportation's (DOT's) design of eight lanes would be forthcoming at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MOP) meeting the following day.

MPO Coordinator, Jeff Perry, explained that one of the issues to be considered by the MPO and DOT with reference to widening U.S. 41 and the bridges involves the concurrency impact on traffic flow elsewhere in the area. While DOT has the final determination on the project, MPO input is very important. City Manager Woodruff pointed out that it was very likely that cooperation from the DOT would depend heavily on whether there is a local commitment to build an additional bridge. He asked Mr. Perry to determine whether funding designated for widening the current bridges could be diverted to construction of a new bridge.

It was noted that various Members of Council would attend the MOP meeting on the subject the following day at the Collier County Courthouse.

ITEM 9

EMS UPDATE.

Commissioner Saunders reviewed discussions between the City and County to find ways of making emergency medical service funding more equitable. The Board of County Commissioners had asked the EMS Department to provide various funding scenarios for discussion during budget meetings this summer. Commissioner Volpe pointed out that County Commission District 2 had a higher assessed value than the City and that the issue of tax equity should include other means of funding than ad valorem taxation. The County representatives indicated that they would keep the City informed as this issue develops.

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CORRESPONDENCE and COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Woodruff noted that at a 4:00 p.m. meeting in the Council Chamber that day, planner Andres Duany would review proposals for new zoning regulations in the Fifth Avenue South business district.

Council Member Tarrant requested that a formal complaint be lodged by the Council regarding what he termed a "scurrilous anonymous letter" which had been circulated to voters just prior to the February General Election.

OPEN PUBLIC INPUT

Bernie Young, newly elected president of the Greater Naples Civic Association, informed the Council that the organization's new priority was growth management. He urged the governmental units to involve both staff and elected officials in a total planning process which not only includes traffic and roads but all aspects of community facilities and life.

ADJOURN: 12:13 p.m.

Paul W. Muenzer, Mayor

Marilyn McCord
Deputy City Clerk

Tara A. Norman
Deputy City Clerk

Janet Cason
City Clerk

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These minutes of Naples City Council approved on March 16, 1994.



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