



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 33940

City Council Workshop Meeting - February 26, 1996 - 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALL

ITEM 1

Present: Bill Barnett, Mayor
Marjorie Prolman, Vice Mayor

Council Members:
Bonnie R. MacKenzie
John R. Nocera
Fred L. Sullivan (Arrived at 8:25 a.m.)
Fred Tarrant
Peter H. Van Arsdale (Arrived at 8:02 a.m.)

Also Present:

Dr. Richard L. Woodruff, City Manager
Maria J. Chiaro, City Attorney
Ann Walker, Planner II
Virginia Neet, Deputy City Clerk
George Henderson, Sergeant-at-Arms
Charles Andrews
James Rideoutte
Werner Hardt
Frances Barsh
Robert Somer
Ellie Krier

Media:

Michael Cote, Naples Daily News

Other interested citizens and visitors.

ITEMS TO BE ADDEDITEM 2

None. (8:02 a.m.)

It is noted for the record that Council Member Van Arsdale arrived at the meeting at 8:02 a.m.

**.....ITEM 3
DISCUSSION OF ISSUES REGARDING ANNEXATION OF PELICAN BAY (8:02 a.m.)**

City Manager Richard Woodruff referred to prior workshop discussions wherein it was the consensus of Council that the Pelican Bay annexation issue should be brought to a referendum. Dr. Woodruff clarified that the purpose of this Workshop Meeting was to address logistics concerning forthcoming public meetings relating to annexation and used overhead transparencies to review current annexation law (Chapter 171, Florida Statutes), meeting dates/topics, potential meeting locations, and options relating to a referendum date (Attachment 1). The proposed meeting dates were intended to allow optimum public attendance with the intention of educating the public by providing neutral information. He further explained that Pelican Bay annexation would require a dual referendum and a majority affirmative vote both in the City and in Pelican Bay, but, pointed out that many of the affected property owners are domiciled elsewhere and not registered Collier County voters.

City Attorney Chiaro explained the State Law which prohibits formation of a new municipality within two miles of an existing municipality and under what circumstances an exemption could be granted. Dr. Woodruff then outlined the different location options for the public meetings and recommended that the City Council Chambers be utilized since it would accommodate live television coverage. He also noted the cost savings of holding the annexation referendum in conjunction with the 1996 General Election and proposed that Council appoint a neutral Citizens Advisory Board to review and confirm the accuracy of the data disseminated to the public.

It is noted for the record that Council Member Sullivan arrived at the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Mayor Barnett and Council Member Tarrant commented on the importance of live television coverage and Council concurred with utilizing the Council Chambers. Council Member Van Arsdale further suggested off-site television monitors to accommodate overflow attendance. It was determined that public input would be permitted at the conclusion of the meetings but limited to the data provided. Methods to address questions from the public not in attendance were also discussed and Council Member Tarrant requested further information relating to County's continuing responsibility for the Clam Bay mangrove problem.

It was the consensus of Council to conduct the Special Meetings, regarding the annexation of Pelican Bay, in the Council Chambers on the following dates: March 12, 1996 @ 7:00 p.m.; March 26, 1996 @ 7:00 p.m., and April 9, 1996 @ 7:00 p.m. (as outlined in Attachment 1). It was also determined that the

annexation referendum would be held on November 5, 1996.

Council Members Tarrant and MacKenzie requested specific language in the annexation ordinance identifying those Council Members opposed to the annexation. Council Member Tarrant further requested that this information be included in news releases from City Hall relating to the issue. City Manager Woodruff responded by suggesting that the ordinance include a clause reflecting the actual vote of Council. Further Council discussion pertained to the presentations at the Special Meetings and the formation of a Citizen Advisory Board to assist in the annexation process.

It was the consensus of Council that a Citizen Advisory Board would not be formed and that staff would conduct the presentations during the Special Meetings, strictly in the capacity of neutral information providers.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS.....

None. (9:01 a.m.)

OPEN PUBLIC INPUT (9:02 a.m.).....

Charles Andrews, Naples (no speaker registration slip provided)

Mr. Andrews questioned the logic in proceeding with the annexation process when the Pelican Bay residents had not formally requested to be annexed into the City.

Francis Barsh, Pelican Bay (no speaker registration slip provided)

Mrs. Barsh contended that the City's annexation ordinance predisposes annexation and requested further research into the need for its adoption. She also commented that the Pelican Bay community was unusual since a majority of residents do not vote in Collier County; therefore, the referendum may not be truly representative.

ADJOURN.....

9:09 a.m.

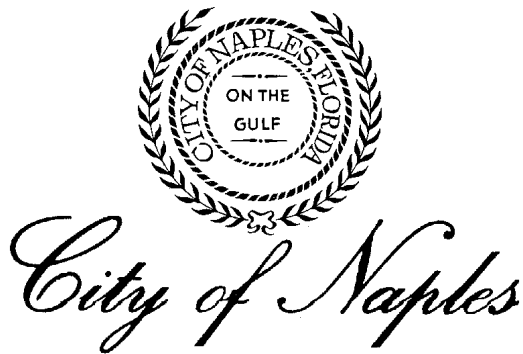
Bill Barnett, Mayor

Tara A. Norman
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Prepared by:

Virginia A. Neet
Deputy City Clerk

Minutes approved: 3/20/96



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