



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 33940

City Council Workshop Meeting - March 25, 1996 - 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALL

ITEM 1

Present: Bill Barnett, Mayor

Council Members:

Bonnie R. MacKenzie
John R. Nocera
Fred L. Sullivan
Fred Tarrant
Peter H. Van Arsdale

Absent: Marjorie Prolman, Vice Mayor

Also Present:

Dr. Richard L. Woodruff, City Manager
Maria J. Chiaro, City Attorney
Missy McKim, Planning Director
Dr. Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Director
Richard Gatti,
Development Services Director
Ann Walker, Planner II
Susan Golden, Planner II
Virginia Neet, Deputy City Clerk
George Henderson, Sergeant-at-Arms
Werner Haardt
Chip Case
Frank Chase
James Lennane

Other interested citizens and visitors

Media:

Michael Cote, Naples Daily News
David Taylor, Continental Cablevision

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Mayor Barnett requested that the following item be added to the agenda:

Item 5 - Discussion of Acquisition of Pulling Property

.....ITEM 5

DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION OF PULLING PROPERTY ON THE CORNER OF GOODLETTE-FRANK ROAD AND CENTRAL AVENUE (*Requested by Mayor Barnett*)

(8:29 a.m.)

Mayor Barnett relayed a proposal by City resident John Pulling to donate one acre of land at Goodlette-Frank Road and Central Avenue. This proposal included an option for the City to purchase the adjacent 6½ acres at a "discounted price", payable over a ten year term. The exact price for the additional acreage would be established when the option is exercised. City Manager Richard Woodruff stated that two actions were necessary to proceed with this proposal: 1) authorization for the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents, including a purchase agreement, and; 2) authorization to obtain two independent appraisals from which Council would establish the property's value. Potential uses for the land were discussed, such as parks and government building sites. Dr. Woodruff suggested that Council consider the future, not the present, needs of the City and encouraged proceeding with this offer since the City already owns adjacent property. Council Member Nocera commented that this land would be an asset to the City and Council Member Sullivan described it as an unprecedented opportunity. Council Member Van Arsdale recommended a use less intensive than its current zoning; such as a park with baseball and tennis facilities.

MOTION by Sullivan to PROCEED WITH TWO APPRAISALS FOR THE PROPERTY IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A VALUE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS;
seconded by MacKenzie and carried 6-0 (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-absent, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

In response to Council, Dr. Woodruff indicated that, depending upon that actual value, the City would be able to purchase this property without financing and without any negative impact upon taxes or City programs. Dr. Woodruff also stated that he had individually briefed all Council Members regarding this offer and reported that Vice Mayor Prolman (absent from the meeting) had been in favor of the proposal.

.....ITEM 3

DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC CALMING ISSUES. (*Requested by Council Member Van Arsdale*) (8:41 a.m.)

City Manager Richard Woodruff explained that this presentation would update Council on current traffic conditions and traffic calming issues. Development Services Director Richard Gatti noted Naples' sophisticated traffic signal system and commended Signal Technician James "Mac" Smith for his expertise. Mr. Gatti described the City's collector street system as well organized and reviewed each component of the traffic information packet which was provided to Council. (A copy of this material is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office.) Mr. Gatti noted the locations of traffic monitoring stations which conduct traffic counts on a quarterly basis. Dr. Woodruff also pointed out that more stations could be added but cautioned against relocating any existing stations. Collector streets and arterials were also illustrated and Mr. Gatti described how by changing the traffic flow on one street, other streets are affected. He then outlined the locations and operations of the City's four traffic signal systems (loops) which, he said, were designed to both count traffic and optimize traffic flow. The systems need repair due to age, wear, and repeated road improvements. The City's goal, Mr. Gatti explained, is to achieve a totally traffic activated system.

Dr. Woodruff cautioned against judging the system by past performance and estimated that it would be fully functional by next season. Mr. Gatti then stated that neighborhood traffic would be reduced by optimizing conditions on U.S. 41.

Council Member Van Arsdale commented on various U.S. 41 intersections which he described as inefficient and suggested more attention to detail. Council also discussed other problem intersections with Council Member MacKenzie noting how Gulf Shore Boulevard is a faster route than U.S. 41. Mr. Gatti indicated that planned improvements to the traffic signal system would correct the signal timing on U.S. 41 and reviewed traffic counts through 1995 noting an average 4% increase in traffic. Additionally, he reported that the roundabout on 7th Avenue North had reduced the average traffic speed from 30 to 19 miles per hour.

Planner Ann Walker referred to the Traffic Calming Manual, endorsed by Council in 1995, which outlines 27 techniques for traffic calming and their implementation process. Goals of traffic calming include: 1) improved safety; 2) reclaimed space for pedestrians and cyclists; 3) improved pedestrian mobility; 4) better security, and; 5) environmental improvements. She reviewed current efforts to implement traffic calming techniques on Central Avenue and stated that a preliminary plan had been developed. This plan will be presented first at a neighborhood meeting then to Council for approval. Council Member Van Arsdale expressed concerns about this preliminary plan and suggested that the City establish a "menu of standards" for its streets to ensure that specific design aspects are maintained. He further recommended lane striping on Gulf Shore Boulevard between Fifth Avenue South and South Golf Drive; a roundabout at the intersection of Fifth Avenue South and Gulf Shore Boulevard; and a City policy discouraging collector roads in residential neighborhoods. After further discussion regarding these concerns, City Manager Woodruff suggested review of the Central Avenue plan prior to establishing specific standards or changing the traffic calming process. (See also additional discussion below.)

.....ITEM 4
INTERVIEWS WITH CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO ADVISORY BOARDS
(9:30 a.m.)

It is noted for the record that resolutions effecting the various appointments were approved intermittently during the interview process; however, for clarity, all resolutions are listed in order of approval.

Item 4-a (Moorings Bay Special Taxing District - 2 vacancies)

An interview was conducted with William Kroeschell. Candidate George Ehrhardt was not present for his scheduled interview.

It is noted for the record that Item 4 was continued until later in the meeting.

Then Council discussion briefly returned to traffic calming and Council Member Van Arsdale recommended replacing unnecessary intersection traffic lights with roundabouts. He cited other issues, including drainage, and stressed the need for additional discussion. Council Member Tarrant, however, urged that the current efforts of Central Avenue residents continue uninterrupted stating that they should control their traffic calming. Planning Director Missy McKim agreed and recommended additional workshop discussion in order streamline the overall process.

OPEN PUBLIC INPUT.....

Awaiting candidates for advisory board interviews, Mayor Barnett opened the meeting to public input.

Chip Case, 389 Central Avenue, a member of the Central Avenue Traffic Calming Project Team, explained specific aspects of the preliminary plan and concurred with Council Member Van Arsdale that City-established goals regarding traffic calming would be helpful.

Break 9:49 a.m. - 9:56 a.m. It is noted for the record that the same Council Members were present when the meeting reconvened.

Item 4-b (Affordable Housing Commission - 1 vacancy)

Interviews were conducted with candidates Bruce Mumm and Vanessa Fits. In response to Council Member Sullivan's concern about Mrs. Fits serving on the Collier County Citizens Advisory Task Force, Mrs. Fits indicated that she would resign from the advisory task force if appointed to the Affordable Housing Commission. City Attorney Chiaro also explained that the Florida Constitution prohibits holding dual offices only when the appointed or elected position has some responsibility other than advisory.

It was the consensus of Council to continue this appointment until the April 1, 1996 Workshop Meeting.

RESOLUTION 96-7668.....ITEM 4-c

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD (CRAAB) TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DAVID McWILLIAMS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title not read.

Interviews were conducted with Douglass Voris and Mark Morris.

Between the interviews, Planner Susan Golden provided an overview of the Affordable Housing Commission noting that it was a joint City/County commission. There was also a general discussion regarding affordable housing and Council Member Van Arsdale suggested that the commission analyze causes of higher housing costs.

Public Input: None.

MOTION by Nocera to APPROVE Resolution 96-7668 APPOINTING MARK MORRIS TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA ADVISORY BOARD (BANKING/FINANCE); seconded by MacKenzie and carried 4-2 (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-absent, Sullivan-no, Tarrant-no, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

A prior motion by Sullivan to appoint Douglass Voris; seconded by Tarrant failed 3-3 (MacKenzie-no, Nocera-no, Prolman-absent, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-no)

RESOLUTION 96-7669.....ITEM 4-a(1)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CITY RESIDENT TO THE MOORINGS BAY TAXING DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title not read.

Public Input: None.

MOTION by Sullivan to APPROVE Resolution 96-7669 APPOINTING

WILLIAM KROESCHELL TO THE MOORINGS BAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; seconded by Nocera and carried 6-0 (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-absent, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

RESOLUTION 96-7670.....ITEM 4-a(2)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CITY RESIDENT TO THE MOORINGS BAY TAXING DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title not read.

Because of his qualifications, Council Member Sullivan recommended that Mr. Ehrhardt be appointed to this advisory board without interview.

Public Input: None.

MOTION by Sullivan to APPROVE Resolution 96-7670 APPOINTING GEORGE EHRHARDT TO THE MOORINGS BAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; seconded by Tarrant and carried 6-0 (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-absent, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

It was the direction of Council that, in the future, interviews with advisory board candidates would be scheduled at 10 minute intervals, with the exception of Planning Advisory Board interviews which would be scheduled at 15 minute intervals.

Break 10:40 a.m. - 10:44 a.m. It is noted for the record that the same Council Members were present when the meeting reconvened.

RESOLUTION 96-7671.....ITEM 4-d

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE CITY RESIDENT TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title not read.

An interview was conducted with Edward Frerick.

Public Input: None.

MOTION by Sullivan to APPROVE Resolution 96-7671 REAPPOINTING EDWARD FRERICK TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS; seconded Nocera and carried 6-0 (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-absent, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

At this point in the meeting, Council Member Van Arsdale asked Council to reconsider the appointment of Mark Morris to the Community Redevelopment Area Advisory Board (Banking/Finance) since candidate Douglass Voris works in the district and may better serve the board.

It was determined that the prior appointment of Council would stand.

Break 10:49 a.m. - 11:11 a.m. It is noted for the record that the same Council Members were present when the meeting reconvened.

RESOLUTION 96-7672.....ITEM 4-e

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD (CRAAB) TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF JOHN NOCERA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Title not read.

Interviews were conducted with candidates William Ward and Robert Flinn. Mr. Flinn disclosed that he may be providing off-site record storage for the City.

Public Input: None.

MOTION by Nocera to **APPROVE** Resolution 96-7672 **APPOINTING ROBERT FLINN TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD (BUSINESS)**; seconded by Van Arsdale and carried 6-0 (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-absent, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

CORRESPONDENCE and COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OPEN PUBLIC INPUT

James P. Lennane, 4228 Gordon Drive - Mr. Lennane objected to signage posted to advertise a recent City event calling it visual pollution. All of the signs were located on U.S. 41 and Mr. Lennane urged the City take a zero-tolerance position to this form of promotion. Additionally, he asked for assurance that reuse water would be available to Naples citizens in the future and stated that the Gordon Drive traffic in front of his home was unacceptable and, again, urged Council action.

ADJOURNED

11:30 a.m.

Bill Barnett, Mayor

Tara A. Norman
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Prepared by:

Virginia A. Neet
Deputy City Clerk

Minutes approved: 5/1/96



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