



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 33940

City Council Special Workshop Meeting - September 18, 1996 - 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALL

ITEM 1

Present:

Bill Barnett, Mayor
Marjorie Prolman, Vice Mayor (Arrived at 8:34 a.m.)

Council Members:

Bonnie R. MacKenzie
John R. Nocera (Arrived at 8:36 a.m.)
Fred L. Sullivan
Fred Tarrant
Peter H. Van Arsdale

Also Present:

Dr. Richard L. Woodruff, City Manager
William Harrison, Assistance City Manager
Missy McKim, Planning Director
Dr. Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Mgr.
Don Wirth, Community Services Director
Flinn Fagg, Planner I
Virginia Neet, Deputy City Clerk
George Henderson, Sergeant-at-Arms
Burt Saunders,
State House of Representatives
Charles Andrews
Werner Haardt
George Dondanville
Henry Watkins

Other interested citizens and visitors

Media:

Dave Taylor, Continental Cablevision
Gina Edwards, Naples Daily News

ITEMS TO BE ADDED (8:32 a.m.)
None.

.....**ITEM 3**
UPDATE ON GREENSPACE TAX BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE BURT SAUNDERS.
(8:32 a.m.)

It is noted for the record that Vice Mayor Prolman arrived at the meeting at 8:34 a.m. and Council Member Nocera arrived at 8:36 a.m.

State Representative Burt Saunders distributed copies of his September 17, 1996 transmittal to the Board of County Commissioners in which a proposed ordinance creating a Land Acquisition Advisory Board was presented. (A copy of this material is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office.) Representative Saunders reported that the County Commissioners would consider this ordinance for adoption on October 8, 1996. The proposed ordinance, with the modifications outlined in the September 17, 1996 memorandum, were then reviewed by Council and Representative Saunders noted that this ballot question would sunset in four years. Additional provisions relating to land acquisition procedures and the creation of a 17-member Land Acquisition Advisory Board were outlined. It was noted that the City Council could either enter into an interlocal agreement with Collier County or enact its own ordinance creating a Land Acquisition Advisory Board. Educational and experience standards of the L.A.A.B. Members were also discussed. Representative Saunders then indicated that the proposed ordinance addressed concerns expressed by the Commissioners, Council, and the public and assured Council that a viable land acquisition program would be presented to the voters in November.

Council Member Tarrant questioned the legality of this proposal pointing out that the ballot language was not "clear and unequivocal" and the absentee ballots had already been distributed. The proposed ordinance, he added, was an attempt to play catch-up as the election had already started. He also noted, for the record, that the Commissioners were not unanimous in their vote to consider this ordinance for adoption and stated that he wanted to attend any County/City discussions regarding an interlocal agreement. In response, Mayor Barnett clarified that a meeting scheduled with County representatives regarding this issue would be canceled since an interlocal agreement may not be necessary. City Manager Richard Woodruff also stated that any decision regarding an interlocal agreement would be premature prior to the election. Representative Saunders also relayed discussions with the County Attorney and disagreed with Council Member Tarrant's concerns regarding legality.

In response to Vice Mayor Prolman, Representative Saunders indicated that the City may be eligible for additional land acquisition funds under the Preservation 2000 Program and other grant programs. He estimated that this tax would generate \$16 to \$17 million in the first year with annual increases of 5% to 7%. It was also noted that the L.A.A.B. would determine their meeting schedule subject to Council approval. In response to Council Member Van Arsdale, Representative Saunders stated that although specific plans regarding land acquisition had not been developed, he was confident that the County Commissioners and City Council could develop individual plans. Dr. Woodruff added that the L.A.A.B.'s first responsibility would be to research potential land acquisition sites and submit their recommendations to Council.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS.....

None. (8:58 a.m.)

OPEN PUBLIC INPUT.....

None. (8:58 a.m.)

ADJOURN.....

8:58 a.m.

Bill Barnett, Mayor

Tara A. Norman
City Clerk

Prepared by:

Virginia A. Neet
Deputy City Clerk

Minutes approved: 10/02/96



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Convened 0:00 a.m. / Adjourned 0:00 p.m.