



City Council Chamber  
735 Eighth Street South  
Naples, Florida 33940

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**City Council Workshop Meeting - November 18, 1996 - 8:30 a.m.**

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Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order and presided.

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**ROLL CALL**

**ITEM 1**

**Present:** Bill Barnett, Mayor  
Marjorie Prolman, Vice Mayor

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

**Also Present:**

Maria J. Chiaro, City Attorney  
William Harrison, Asst. City Manager  
Donald Wirth, Comm. Services Director  
Missy McKim, Planning Director  
Richard Gatti, Dev. Services Director  
Tara Norman, City Clerk  
Sheldon Reed, Fire Commander  
Shirley Moore, Recording Secretary  
George Henderson, Sergeant-at-Arms  
Andrea Clark Brown, PAB  
Dennis Cronin, PAB  
James Rideoutte, PAB  
Pamela Mac'Kie, County Commissioner

H. Bud Beecroft  
Steve Kingston  
Richard Gentil  
Michelle Gorman  
James Boorstin  
Michael Leodoro  
Stephen Roszel  
Ronald Soulard  
Werner Haardt  
Russell Ferguson

**Media:**

Gina Edwards, Naples Daily News

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED .....ITEM 2**  
None.

**APPEARANCE BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER PAM MAC'KIE .....ITEM 3**  
Collier County Commissioner Pam Mac'Kie indicated that she wished to meet with Council on a regular basis and requested that Council Members notify her of particular issues which they wish to address in future Council workshop appearances.

**.....ITEM 5**  
**APPOINTMENT OF BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL SALARIES, PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2.5.**

During nomination by Council Members of members to the Blue Ribbon Committee, City Attorney Chiaro clarified that the Code contains no language regarding failure to appoint such a committee but, instead, merely provides a vehicle to address salary and benefit issues. Therefore, Council may wish to first address this, she said. In further discussion it was noted that the committee is charged with review of both salary and benefits and that it is to be independent of Council. The following individuals were then nominated:

Council Member MacKenzie	Charles Dauray
Council Member Nocera	Sam Wilson
Vice Mayor Prolman	Kathleen Passidomo
Council Member Sullivan	Werner Haardt
Council Member Tarrant	Robert Noble
Council Member Van Arsdale	David Perlmutter
Mayor Barnett	Ronald Pennington

It is noted for the record that a resolution will be prepared for addition to the November 20th Regular Meeting Agenda to effect these appointments.

**REVIEW OF ITEMS ON 11/20/96 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA.....ITEM 7**

Mayor Barnett indicated that **Item 6** (proposed hotel within Wilderness PUD) may be withdrawn from the November 20th agenda. Council Members then requested the following information: **Item 9** (Fifth Avenue Waiver) Council Member MacKenzie requested further information regarding backflow prevention devices and how they are accommodated in the right-of-way. With reference to **Item 16** (Median maintenance), Council Member Sullivan received confirmation that there was a 30-day cancellation clause in this proposed contract. City Attorney Chiaro requested that she receive in advance any information which may be provided with reference to **Item 11** (City Attorney contract). **Item 17** (Vehicle purchase) Council Member Nocera requested additional information as to why Ford Explorers were being proposed for this purpose instead of vans. Vice Mayor Prolman received clarification that the departments involved are in effect guaranteeing an amount of savings from other Capital Improvement Program projects to offset this particular expenditure.

At this point, Council Member Tarrant was recognized in order to review a proposal with reference to selection of board appointees. He suggested that each Council Member receive a listing of all candidates interviewed. On the first round, each Council Member would select three candidates which he or she feels is most qualified; then upon tabulation any candidate who did not receive four votes would be removed from subsequent rounds. On the second and third rounds the list would be narrowed further so that on the third round Council Members would select only one candidate. He said he felt this would be more logical and fair than the current method of each Council Member making a nomination. However, after further discussion, it was the consensus of Council that no changes in procedure would be made at this time.

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Council Member MacKenzie requested that staff study the means available to the City to regulate the amphibious military vehicles which had been proposed to conduct tours. She said she had received contacts from constituents who indicated more concern for noise and disturbance on landside than waterside operation. Planning Director Missy McKim indicated that the Naples Landing boat ramp appeared to be the only ramp in the City deep enough to accommodate this type of craft. This, she said, may also be the only avenue open to the Council for regulation. It was the consensus of Council that Ms. McKim work with the City Attorney to provide further information to the Council in this regard, including the maximum vehicle width allowed to traverse City streets.

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**SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST BY COUNCIL MEMBER NOCERA .....ITEM 8**

It is noted for the record that although this item was announced, discussion was conducted later in the meeting. (See Page 4)

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**Break: 9:00 to 9:08 a.m. It is noted for the record that the same Council Members were present when the meeting reconvened.**

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**.....ITEM 4  
DISCUSSION OF PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL  
REGARDING A SUPERMAJORITY VOTE BY COUNCIL WHEN IN CONFLICT WITH  
A PAB UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

Chairman of the Naples Planning Advisory Board, Andrea Clark Brown, addressed comments in her letter of October 28, 1996 (Attachment 1). The PAB comments, she explained, reflect community concern that a unanimous PAB recommendation can move to Council and receive contrary action by only one vote. She noted it was frequently through their dedication to community that PAB members made difficult decisions to deny petitions to the very people with whom they do business.

Mayor Barnett expressed Council's appreciation of the fine work of the PAB as well as the sensitivity of their position in the community, but noted he could not support a supermajority requirement of Council because Council is responsible for final action.

In response to Council Member Van Arsdale, City Attorney Chiaro advised that a change in language in the code would be required as follows: "in situations where the recommendation of the PAB is unanimous, five votes would be required to approve or disapprove."

Council Members further observed that the PAB is in fact more constrained in decision making by a set criteria and noted that only 6 of the last 101 variances had not been granted by Council against a PAB recommendation. Although a code amendment was not supported by Council, it was concluded that joint workshops between Council and the PAB may be scheduled whenever needed.

**SPECIAL EVENTS REQUEST BY COUNCIL MEMBER NOCERA.....ITEM 8**

Council Member Nocera asked for consideration of a bonfire on the beach as a special fundraising event to benefit the Cambier Park playground and asked Community Services Director Donald Wirth to review the role to be played by staff. Mr. Wirth indicated that staff could facilitate this event as far as site and safety issues are concerned, pending Council direction.

Council Member Tarrant raised concerns about safety issues and the effects of smoke on residents in the area with medical conditions; however, he said he supported some type of fundraising event. Council Member Sullivan also supported a fundraising event, but suggested it occur at Cambier Park where people could also see the proposed playground area. He said he had received a very divided response from citizens regarding a bonfire. Council Member MacKenzie said residents also expressed concern to her about bonfires on the beach and about parking. She recommended using other properties for this purpose such as the former Harbortown site on Goodlette Road.

Mr. Nocera asked Council to consider his request as more than just a one-time event. Council noted, however, that opposition to a fundraising bonfire most likely stemmed from public perception that the City was going to continue to permit bonfires on the beach, therefore, ***it was the consensus of Council that staff would provide assistance in staging a bonfire and other activities at Lowdermilk Park in January as a one-time only fundraising special event for the Cambier Park playground. (Tarrant, Sullivan and MacKenzie dissenting)***

.....**ITEM 6**  
**INTERVIEWS WITH CANDIDATES FOR NAPLES AIRPORT AUTHORITY (9:50 a.m.)**

Interviews were conducted with H. Bud Beecroft, Steve Kingston, Richard J. Gentil, Michelle L. Gorman, James B. Boorstin, Michael J. Leodoro, Stephen S. Roszel and Ronald A. Soulard, (William W. Hill was not present for interview.)

**CORRESPONDENCE and COMMUNICATIONS** None.

**OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:** Mr. Russell Ferguson, who had registered, declined to speak when called.

**ADJOURN.....**  
11:08 a.m.

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Bill Barnett, Mayor

Tara A. Norman  
City Clerk

Prepared by:

Shirley A. Moore  
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: 12/4/96.