



City Council Chamber  
735 Eighth Street South  
Naples, Florida 34102

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**City Council Regular Meeting - March 19, 1997 - 9:00 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:**

Dr. Richard L. Woodruff, City Manager  
Kenneth B. Cuyler, Interim City Attorney  
William Harrison, Assistant City Manager  
Virginia A. Neet, Deputy City Clerk  
Molly Reed, Administrative Assistant II  
George Henderson, Sergeant-at-Arms  
Minister Art Holt, Unity of Naples  
Anne Middleton, Mgr. Budget & Investment  
Ralph LaCivita, Comptroller  
Susan Golden, Planning Department  
Dr. Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Mgr.  
Flinn Fagg, Planner  
Don Wirth, Community Services Director  
Werner Haardt

Charles Andrews  
C.L. Hodge  
Jim Ricca  
Tom Storrer  
Mike Watkins  
Jack Keiser  
Virginia Clement  
Audrey Bender Sloan  
Joseph Herms  
Roy Norman  
Ken Fairchild

**Media:**

Tara Beer, Naples Daily News  
Frank Kinsman, WNOG

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.....ITEM 2**

Minister Art Holt, Unity Church of Naples

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:02 a.m.) .....ITEM 3**

Frank Balogh, Vice Chairman of the Disaster Recovery Committee of the Chamber EDC Coalition for Government and Community Affairs, officially presented the EDC Hurricane Re-Entry Program which will be available to all residents of Collier County in April. Sheldon Reed Fire Commander explained how the program will work.

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED (9:05 a.m.) .....ITEM 4**

Assistant City Manager William Henderson requested that the following items be added to the agenda:

Item 15 The Settlement of a Workman's Compensation Claim

Item 16 The appointment of a consultant selection committee for Port Royal Water System Improvements

Item 17 The appointment of a consultant selection committee for engineering of Drainage Basin VI

***MOTION by Van Arsdale to SET AGENDA ADDING ITEMS 15, 16, and 17; seconded by Sullivan and unanimously carried, all members present and voting. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-yes, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)***

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES..... ITEM 5-a**

February 17, 1997 Workshop Meeting; February 24, 1997 Joint Council/PAB Workshop Meeting; March 3, 1997 Workshop Meeting; February 19, 1997 Regular Meeting.

**RESOLUTION 97-7931..... ITEM 5-b**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF NAPLES PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMISSION FOR TERMS COMMENCING MARCH 19, 1997 AND ENDING MARCH 19, 2001; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Title not read.

**.....ITEM 5-c**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A 15-PASSENGER VAN FOR USE BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT \ Vendor: Revels Chrysler, Starke, Florida \ Cost \$20,843.00 \ Funding: Utility Tax Capital Improvement Fund (unrestricted reserves).**

**.....ITEM 5-d**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Joint Committee for Youth Activities High School Dance 3/22

Cultural Festival and Parade 4/26  
Fifth Avenue South Mother's Day Weekend - 5/10-11

In response to questions from Council Member MacKenzie, Assistant City Manager William Harrison noted that the City was not aware of any financial contribution by the County or the Collier County Schools to the Joint Advisory Committee for Youth Activities High School Dance or to the Cultural Festival and Parade.

.....ITEM 5-e  
**CONSIDER A \$500.00 CO-SPONSORSHIP AND AUTHORIZATION TO USE NAPLES LANDING AS A DEBRIS COLLECTION POINT FOR ANNUAL 'BAY DAYS' ACTIVITIES - 4/26**

***MOTION*** by Van Arsdale to ***APPROVE*** the Consent Agenda as submitted; seconded by Sullivan and unanimously carried, all members present and voting. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-yes, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

**END CONSENT AGENDA**

**ORDINANCE (Continued)..... ITEM 6-a**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX A 3.27 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED WITHIN THE WILDERNESS PUD, IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE CITY LIMITS, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A 3-STORY, 134-UNIT HOTEL AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Title not read (9:10 a.m.)

**Public Input:** None (9:10 a.m.)

***MOTION*** by Van Arsdale to ***CONTINUE*** 6a to the April 16, 1997 Regular Meeting; seconded by Sullivan and carried 6-1, all members present and voting. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-yes, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-no, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

A prior motion by Council Member Tarrant to reject the petition because a Hilton Hotel project will occur at another location, failed for lack of a second.

**RESOLUTION (Continued)..... ITEM 6-b**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WHICH ESTABLISHES THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR A 3.27 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED WITHIN THE WILDERNESS PUD, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Title not read (9:13 a.m.)

**Public Input:** None (9:10 a.m.)

***MOTION*** by Van Arsdale to ***CONTINUE*** 6-b to the April 16, 1997 Regular Meeting; seconded by Sullivan and carried 6-1, all members present and voting.

*(MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-yes, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-no, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)*

Council Member Sullivan pointed out that this Item was not properly advertised and so Council could not move forward at that time.

**Public Input:** (9:14 a.m.)

**James Ricca of 104 Wilderness Drive, President of the Wilderness Country Club** addressed the Council and explained that Wilderness residents had obtained the right of first refusal from the owner for The Wilderness Country Club to purchase the site in question. The right of first refusal was given to the Wilderness even though the owner allegedly had a contract with TelTrust and might invite a breach of contract suit from Teltrust. Mr. Ricca noted that these documents had been sent to Council to demonstrate his group's position that a contract between the land owners and Teltrust has never existed. He pointed out that documents between Teltrust and the Frank family are not dated, are not signed by the Frank family, that the transfer of money had occurred only in the past two days, and finally that these funds are being held by the Teltrust attorney rather than the Frank family. Mr. Ricca also pointed out the Wilderness had offered to annex to the City which would grow the City in a logical way, but added that to take just 3.27 acres does not make sense in light of the tax base potential from the entire Wilderness development. He added, however, that good faith between Wilderness residents could be restored if the City rejects this petition.

Mayor Barnett reminded Mr. Ricca that the loss of good faith resulted from the land owners and not Wilderness residents. He said the residents hold the key to a solution since they now have the right of first refusal on the property and the City is no longer needed. Should the residents choose to exercise the option of annexing to the City, they would be welcomed, he added.

Mr. Ricca also pointed out that Hilton Hotels had now elected not to build at the Wilderness.

Council Member Van Arsdale said that rather than grow the City, his concern is that development on the City's borders meets the standards typical to the City. Council Member Nocera encouraged the Wilderness to purchase the land to prevent development, and noted that the option had existed for years.

Council Member Tarrant said he felt the City has put Wilderness residents in the position of having to buy the property or be threatened with incompatible commercial development, and that the City should not force people to buy property to avoid a situation that is incompatible with annexation.

Mr. Ricca then expressed doubt about residents' ability to purchase the property within the twenty-day limit because they are spread throughout the country and organizing them would be very

difficult.

**RESOLUTION 97-7932 (9:24 a.m.) .....ITEM 12**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT**  
**BETWEEN BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH OF NAPLES AND THE CITY OF NAPLES, FOR**  
**THE PURCHASE OF 1.28 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED ON FIFTH**  
**AVENUE NORTH IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO ANTHONY PARK; AND**  
**PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Title read by Assistant City Manager Harrison (9:24  
a.m.)

City Attorney Cuyler clarified for the record that the contract will include an exact legal description and submerged land sovereignty issues will be incorporated into the contract.

In further discussion, Council also learned that the 1.30 acre parcel directly north (Attachment 1) is part of Anthony Park, that the surveyors have confirmed there are no breaks in the legal description, and that the northerly parcel was purchased by the City approximately five years ago and was recently improved with a parking lot.

Council Member Tarrant asked why the City needs this property, and Planner Susan Golden responded that because the site is zoned Public Service, it could eventually be utilized for such things as Anthony Park boat launching or parking. Because the future land use designation is single family, homes could also be built on the site, although the current orientation is toward recreational use.

Vice Mayor Prolman observed that the City is fortunate to be able to obtain a waterfront parcel like this.

**Public Input:** None.

***MOTION*** by Prolman to ***APPROVE*** Item 12, seconded by Van Arsdale and  
carried 6-1 all members present and voting. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes,  
Prolman-yes, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-no, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

.....**ITEM 7**  
**PRESENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL**  
**YEAR 1996.** (9:28 a.m.)

Assistant City Manager Harrison stated the City Council has retained KPMG Peat Marwick to audit the City's financial records on an annual basis. Donald Jones, representing the firm, explained that Naples is a financially well-run city. After describing the audit process, he called attention to the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, a copy of which is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office, and highlighted the \$25 million upgrade and expansion of the wastewater

treatment plant and installation of a new computer system this year which enabled the City staff to compile the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Mr. Jones complimented the City staff and noted that their efforts reduced his fees charged to the City by \$9,000.00.

Mr. Jones also highlighted Fund Balances, Capital Projects Funds, Governmental Revenues, Governmental Expenditures, and the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund.

Council Member Van Arsdale requested clarification of general government debt and Mr. Harrison responded that the City has no general obligation debt although some utility tax revenue bonds are outstanding. In response to Council Member Tarrant, Mr. Jones explained that total debt would be between \$46 - \$47 million. Interest for 1997 is estimated at \$2 million. Mr. Harrison also noted that the great majority of these sums are the result of new bonds issued to finance capital improvements in the water and sewer systems. Mr. Harrison also noted that the cost of borrowing from the state revolving fund is only 2.7 percent so the City will be calling the bonds sold in 1995 and funding as much as possible from the state's subsidized fund. Vice Mayor Prolman requested that, in the future, debt amounts appear on a summary page.

In response to Council Member Tarrant, Mr. Jones noted that none of his other Florida governmental clients include tennis facilities in enterprise funds. Mr. Tarrant also asked how \$15 million in taxes paid by City residents to the County affected calculations of the City's financial health, especially in light of the fact that only a portion is returned in benefit to the city. Mr. Jones noted that tax distribution would depend on what services Collier County provides to the City and is a political rather than an audit issue.

In reviewing the Internal Service Funds, Jones noted a fund deficit of \$300,000 on Equipment Services, suggesting either increasing rates or initiating a transfer to eliminate this deficit. Assistant City Manager Harrison assured Council that charges would be increased along with an equity transfer. Jones also clarified that the problem in Equipment Services seems to be City departments going outside to buy parts and not fully understanding the costing structure. Council Member Van Arsdale asked about privatization, and Jones responded that police departments generally object to privatization because of the risk of having vehicles out of service. In fact, he noted, many municipalities are offering fleet maintenance services to other governmental entities. Assistant City Attorney Harrison said that fleet maintenance is usually done in-house since some of the public safety vehicles require special certification in order to service them. He then advised Council that this issue would be dealt with in budget discussions over the summer.

A loss in risk management in 1996 was noted although no deficit resulted. Jones confirmed for Council Member Tarrant an increasing trend for municipalities to create special taxing districts.

**Public Input:** None (9:57 a.m.)

***MOTION by Sullivan to ACCEPT The Audit Report; seconded by Nocera and carried 6-1, all members present and voting. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes,***

*Prolman-yes, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-no, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)*

**ORDINANCE 97-7933..... ITEM 8**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (f) OF SECTION 66-87, PRIVATE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NAPLES, FLORIDA TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY IN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONNECTION TO A CENTRAL SEWER SYSTEM; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER PROVISION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Title read by Assistant City Manager Harrison (9:57 a.m.)

**Public Input:** None. (9:57 a.m.)

***MOTION*** by Sullivan to ***APPROVE*** Ordinance 97-7933 as read; seconded by Van Arsdale and carried unanimously, all members present and voting. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-yes, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

**RESOLUTION 97-7934..... ITEM 9**  
**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPLES, FLORIDA URGING THE 1997 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO CREATE A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE FOR STATEWIDE BEACH MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 103; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Title read by Assistant City Manager Harrison (9:58 a.m.)

**Public Input:** None. (9:58 a.m.)

***MOTION*** by Van Arsdale to ***APPROVE*** Ordinance 97-7934 as read; seconded by Sullivan and carried 5-2, all members present and voting. (MacKenzie-no, Nocera-yes, Prolman-yes, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-no, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

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**Recess 10:01 a.m. to 10:03 a.m. It is noted for the record that Council Member Sullivan was absent when the meeting reconvened.**

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***MOTION*** by Van Arsdale to ***ADD ITEM 18 TO THE AGENDA*** [a resolution amending the plat on the Villas of Old Naples]; seconded by MacKenzie and carried 6-0. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-yes, Sullivan-absent, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

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**It is noted for the record that Council Member Sullivan returned to the meeting at 10:04 a.m.**

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**..... ITEM 10**  
**A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO THE LOW**

**BIDDER, WHICH IS APAC-FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE ALL LABOR, MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT TO CONSTRUCT A ROADWAY AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FACILITIES AND OPERATION CENTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.** Title read by Assistant City Manager Harrison (10:03 a.m.)

Assistant City Manager William Harrison noted that APAC was the low bid at \$348,467.23, and that funding will be a combination of gasoline tax, utility tax, some stormwater funding, and impact fees. Council Member MacKenzie questioned why the projections by the Engineering Department had been nearly fifty percent higher than the final bids, and Harrison explained that staff always tries to work with very conservative budget numbers and generally results in a cushion of twenty percent.

**Public Input:** None (10:05 a.m.)

**MOTION by Van Arsdale to AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO APAC-FLORIDA; seconded by Sullivan, and carried 7-0. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-yes, Sullivan-absent, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)**

**RESOLUTION 97-7935.....ITEM 11**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT, SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED HERETO, WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NAPLES, TO PROVIDE BANKING SERVICES TO THE CITY FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1, 1997 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2000; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Title read by Assistant City Manager Harrison (10:06 a.m.)

**Public Input:** None. (10:06 a.m.)

**MOTION by Van Arsdale to APPROVE Resolution 97-7935 as submitted; seconded by Sullivan and carried 6-1, all members present and voting. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-yes, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-no, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)**

**RESOLUTION 97-7936.....ITEM 13**  
**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CITY RESIDENT TO THE MOORINGS BAY TAXING DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Title read by Assistant City Manager Harrison (10:08 a.m.)

**Public Input:** None. (10:08 a.m.)

**MOTION by MacKenzie to APPROVE Resolution 97-7935 as submitted; seconded by Sullivan and carried 7-0, all members present and voting. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-yes, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)**

**ORDINANCE (First Reading).....ITEM 14**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF GARAGE SALE IN SECTION 82-10 BY ELIMINATING THE PROVISION THAT LIMITS ADVERTISING TO A CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT, IN ORDER TO CORRECT AN INTERNAL INCONSISTENCY WITHIN THE CODE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER PROVISION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title read by Assistant City Manager Harrison (10:09 a.m.)**

**Public Input:** None. (10:09 a.m.)

***MOTION*** by MacKenzie to ***APPROVE*** as submitted; seconded by Sullivan and carried 7-0, all members present and voting. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-yes, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

**RESOLUTION 97-7937.....ITEM 15**  
**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION CLAIM NO. 202-24-61559, FOR EMPLOYEE VIRGINIA PLETNICK IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title read by Assistant City Manager Harrison (10:10 a.m.)**

**Public Input:** None. (10:10 a.m.)

***MOTION*** by MacKenzie to ***APPROVE*** as submitted; seconded by Sullivan and carried 7-0, all members present and voting. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-yes, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

**RESOLUTION 97-7938.....ITEM 16**  
**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CONSULTANT SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING SELECTION CRITERIA, REVIEWING PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FIRMS AND SETTING UP THE INTERVIEW PROCESS RELATIVE TO THE PORT ROYAL WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title read by Assistant City Manager Harrison (10:10 a.m.)**

**Public Input:** None. (10:10 a.m.)

***MOTION*** by Van Arsdale ***APPROVE*** as submitted; seconded by Sullivan and carried 7-0, all members present and voting. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-yes, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)

**RESOLUTION 97-7939.....ITEM 17**  
**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CONSULTANT SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE**

**PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING SELECTION CRITERIA, REVIEWING PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FIRMS AND SETTING UP THE INTERVIEW PROCESS RELATIVE TO THE DRAINAGE BASIN VI STORMWATER PUMP STATION AND SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Title read by Assistant City Manager Harrison (10:11 a.m.)

Mr. Harrison assured Council that they would be advised of the meetings of the Selection Committee so they could attend.

**Public Input:** None. (10:11 a.m.)

***MOTION by MacKenzie to APPROVE as submitted; seconded by Sullivan and carried 7-0, all members present and voting. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-yes, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)***

**RESOLUTION 97-7920 (Considered 2/19/97 -Amended).....ITEM 18**  
**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR THE "VILLAS OF OLD NAPLES," AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY RESOLUTION #95-7566, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS HEREIN, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Title to Resolution 97-7920 read by Assistant City Manager Harrison (10:12 a.m.)

Following a presentation by Andy Tennent representing the Villas of Old Naples, Council discussed whether its vote of February 19, 1997 approved a 30 percent lot coverage on the written proposal as opposed to the 32.6 percent lot coverage on the submitted plan. Council determined that their intent was to approve the higher percentage.

**Public Input:** None. (10:12 a.m.)

***MOTION by Van Arsdale to AMEND THE RESOLUTION DUE TO SCRIVENERS ERROR; seconded by Nocera and carried 6-1, all members present and voting. (MacKenzie-yes, Nocera-yes, Prolman-no, Sullivan-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes)***

***Staff was directed to propose amendments to Code to equalize lot coverage credits associated with attached and detached garages.***

Council Member Van Arsdale noted that there are a number of problems with Old Naples zoning which should not be resolved piecemeal. Planner Flinn Fagg added that the issue would be reviewed in a workshop setting. In addition, he noted that workshop discussions regarding the Mega House Report had been rescheduled for March 31, 1997.

**OPEN PUBLIC INPUT.....**

**Roy Norman, 123 Willow Lane**, appealed to Council to retain twelve shuffleboard courts at Cambier Park, the number required to hold district tournaments. He added that the usage of the shuffleboard courts per area available is greater than any other Cambier activity.

Council Member Tarrant cited communications he has received regarding the removal of the cat claw trees in Cambier Park, and urged Council to reexamine the park master plan and put it on hold in order to work with the public to determine what improvements should be made.

**Jack Keiser, 750 Mooringline Drive**, opposed further changes in Cambier Park and said that people are upset about the removal of trees and the addition of the arts building. **Ken Fairchild, 3058 Kings Lake Blvd.**, told Council that many people want Council to reconsider any renovations to the park. **Virginia Clement, 1020 13th Street North**, reviewed what she termed extensive changes to the park since the 50's, and urged Council to listen to the people rather than making further changes. **Audrey Bender Sloan, 2500 Gulf Shore Boulevard North (S.T.O.P. , "Save The Old Park")**, conveyed the goal of STOP to retain Cambier Park in its deed-restricted state, noting consistent strong opposition to park renovation over the past two years. **Michael Watkins, 439 Third Avenue North**, expressed his family's support of the park master plan which he said would provide more usable space. He noted that compromise is necessary for a better park. **Joseph Herms, 167 Third Avenue North**, said the City should hold additional public hearings to form a compromise with the people and the money for park renovation should be used to meet other needs.

Council Member Tarrant questioned the prudence of removing an additional 27 trees. Mayor Barnett then displayed cuttings from the removed cat claw trees, noting they are clearly diseased. In further discussion of tree removal, Don Wirth, Community Services Director clarified that a total of 18 trees would be removed from the park, including all invasive exotics. He predicted that a high percentage of the 27 transplanted trees from the park would survive.

Council Member Tarrant asked that the Council stop all further work at Cambier Park until more public input is derived.

**ADJOURN (10:57 a.m.).....ITEM 19**

Bill Barnett, Mayor

**City Council Regular Meeting - March 19, 1997**

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Tara A. Norman  
City Clerk

Prepared by:

Molly Reed  
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: 4/2/97