



City Council Chamber  
735 Eighth Street South  
Naples, Florida 34102

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**City Council Workshop Meeting – November 17, 1997 – 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

**Absent:** Peter H. Van Arsdale

**Also Present:**

Dr. Richard Woodruff, City Manager  
Kenneth Cuyler, City Attorney  
Tara Norman, City Clerk  
Kevin Rambosk, Chief of Police and  
Emergency Services  
Susan Wiesing, Human Resources  
Director  
Missy McKim, Planning Director  
Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Manager  
Ronald Lee, Planner  
Susan Golden, Planner  
Molly Reed, Recording Secretary

State Representative Burt Saunders  
Werner Haardt  
David Brandt  
Sam Wilson  
Dr. Michael Cavoto  
Clifford Flegal  
Matthew Levins  
Stephen Miller  
Eric West  
Casey Wolff  
Nick Eny  
Emerson Drake  
Mark Schwarz  
Everett Thayer  
See also Supplemental Attendance List  
(Attachment 1)

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED .....ITEM 1**

None.

**.....ITEM 3**

**APPEARANCE BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE BURT SAUNDERS. (8:31 a.m.)**

State Representative Burt Saunders said he was interested in learning Council's concerns regarding issues that would lead to legislation and offered to be of assistance. Council Member Tarrant requested action by the State to allow enforcement of a 20 mph speed zone on US 41 at school crossings. City Manager Richard Woodruff clarified that since the State controls all posted speed limits on US 41, it did not allow either the County or City to impose a speed limit in school zones. However, he said, meetings between the City and the Florida Department of Transportation had been productive and a solution to this problem was at hand. Representative Saunders, nevertheless, offered legislative assistance if needed.

Vice Mayor Prolman expressed concern regarding an amendment prohibiting the State Legislature from abolishing municipalities. Dr. Woodruff explained that unlike the State mandated process to create a municipality, a referendum is not needed to eliminate one, as was discovered when an attempt was made to abolish Port Richey. The resolution before Council, he added, was to request amendment to that law, and Representative Saunders offered to assist.

**.....ITEM 4**

**PRESENTATION REGARDING TELEVISION COVERAGE OF VARIOUS CITY MEETINGS. (8:38 a.m.)**

Council Member MacKenzie suggested two options to provide more thorough television coverage of City meetings. She reported that neither represented a cost to the City and included an Internet website and more extensive broadcasting on Public Access Channel 54. Mrs. MacKenzie suggested that, in addition to live broadcasts of Council Meetings, special meetings, presentations, and committee meetings could be video taped for rebroadcast on a published schedule.

Police Chief Kevin Rambosk explained that previous plans for an expanded broadcasting capability had been delayed during discussions regarding renovation of the Council Chamber. At that time, he said, the total cost for a system that would offer every current and future capability was approximately \$80,000. He then reviewed alternatives, and Council learned that there was no cost to the City for the broadcasts on Channel 54; the camera currently used in the Council Chamber is on loan from Media One; and the City could have an exclusive public access channel so long as it could be programmed. Council Member Tarrant said that, although he would support broadcasts of the Council Workshops and the Planning Advisory Board meetings, he was reluctant to commit to substantial additional expense and staff. Council Member MacKenzie commented, however, that a student could function as a camera operator for a limited fee allowing advisory boards to be broadcast.

Vice Mayor Prolman expressed her support for rebroadcasting Council meetings but opposed the additional expense. Dr. Woodruff then asked whether there were objections to replacing the camera on loan from Media One or to the purchase of a recording pack for off-site video capability.

***It was the consensus of Council to purchase a video camera and mobile recording pack (not to exceed \$20,000) to replace the loaned camera in the Council Chamber. (Van Arsdale absent)***

In response to a question from Mr. Tarrant, Chief Rambosk explained that part of the franchise agreement with Media One permitted the City to request its own channel at any time in the future.

.....ITEM 5

**INTERVIEW WITH CANDIDATES FOR THE NAPLES AIRPORT AUTHORITY.**

The following candidates were interviewed to fill two vacancies on the Airport Authority.

Dr. Michael Covoto	9:07 a.m.
Clifford W. Flegal, Jr.	9:14 a.m.
Verner J. Spohn	9:24 a.m.
Stephen H. Miller	9:34 a.m.
Eric West	9:43 a.m.
David Teetor	10:07 a.m.
Casey Wolff	10:19 a.m.
Nick Eny	10:33 a.m.

Candidate Matthew Levine was not present when called, and Charles Odermann had advised he would not be able to attend the meeting for an interview. Ronald Pennington had been appointed in August to fill an unexpired term and had requested reappointment.

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**Recess: 10:44 a.m. to 10:54 a.m. It is noted for the record that Council Member Nocera returned to the meeting at 10:56 a.m.**

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.....ITEM 6

**DISCUSSION REGARDING CENTRAL AVENUE MEDIAN. (10:54 a.m.)**

City Manager Richard Woodruff reported that a majority of Central Avenue residents in the 400 block had submitted a petition to the City requesting a change in the approved traffic calming program for their street. Lane narrowing techniques called bulb outs, he explained, had been scheduled for the 300 and 400 blocks, but the residents' petition called for a landscaped median at a cost of approximately \$65,000.

**Public Input:** (10:57 a.m.)

**Emerson Drake, 428 Central Avenue**, said there was no alley on his block and a median would eliminate on-street parking. **Mark Schwarz, 475 Central Avenue**, urged Council to eliminate speedbumps if a median were installed inasmuch as they create noise when crossed by trucks.

*It was the consensus of Council to consider this issue at the December 1, 1997 Workshop Meeting. (Van Arsdale absent)*

Vice Mayor Prolman requested information regarding the location of alleys in the area of Central Avenue. Council Member Tarrant said truck traffic on Central Avenue should be limited and learned that letters had been sent to local businesses requesting avoidance of Central Avenue.

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**Recess: 11:07 – 2:00 p.m. for a tour of the Coconut Grove Aquarium at 1001 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. It is noted for the record that all Council Members present attended the tour and were informed of plans which included researching systems for improving water quality in Naples Bay and displays of indigenous sea life.**

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**Council Member Van Arsdale was absent when the meeting reconvened at 2:01 p.m., and Council Member Nocera returned at 2:21 p.m.**

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.....ITEM 7  
**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
OBJECTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS (ORC) REPORT.** (2:01  
p.m.)

Planner Ron Lee explained that the ORC report was designed to elicit more clarity and detail in the City's Comprehensive Plan. The housing element section, he said, would not be discussed since a review of that had previously taken place between Council and Planner Susan Golden. However, Council Member MacKenzie said she would submit comments on that section at a later time.

Mr. Lee reviewed each page of the report. (A copy of the Department of Community Affairs ORC is contained in the file for this meeting the City Clerk's office.) He explained that the Comprehensive Plan encourages redevelopment directed toward a mixed use and, therefore, staff had determined that the "Future Land Use Element" should be separate from downtown standards and coastal high hazard areas. Further, he said that new construction in these areas would be upgraded so as to be warranted safe up to a category 3 hurricane and, although this would increase building costs up to 5%, there would be no need for residential evacuation. Planning Director Missy McKim pointed out that evacuation would be encouraged in the event of hurricanes of category 4 and up. She stressed that the issue concerned evacuation of residents living in commercial areas.

Notes of changes suggested by Council are contained in the copy of the ORC report in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's office.

Vice Mayor Prolman, citing the "Transportation Element" in the ORC, requested inclusion of a reference to the possibility of a second Gordon River bridge, and Planner Lee confirmed that this could be included with Council direction. Council Member Tarrant pointed out that the public had, however, expressed opposition to another Gordon River Bridge via a prior straw vote. Vice Mayor Prolman then noted that the Comprehensive Plan covers a five-year period, and therefore, a non-committal reference to explore the feasibility of another bridge should be included rather than remain silent on the issue. Council Member MacKenzie, however, reasoned that the plan could be amended every six months and, therefore, should be delayed following a new straw vote scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs. Prolman, however, took the position that to amend the plan after a straw vote subjected Council to accusations that they had ignored the issue altogether since such a reference is in the current Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Barnett agreed. Council Member Sullivan pointed out that reference to a second bridge did not entail a commitment by the City, and Mayor Barnett said that this would continue to be the case.

***It was the consensus of Council to include language in the text portion of the Comprehensive Plan to the effect that the City would "explore the possibility" of a second Gordon River bridge. (MacKenzie and Tarrant dissenting, Van Arsdale absent)***

Planner Lee said that the second reading of the Comprehensive Plan would include the changes that had been suggested by Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the December 17<sup>th</sup> scheduled adoption of the Airport Master Plan (noted on page 18, Objection 6, Policy 2-7), and Planning Director McKim explained that DCA required adoption of the Comprehensive Plan including the ORC prior to December 29<sup>th</sup>. She

said it was not necessary that the Airport Master Plan be adopted prior to the deadline so long as the City included various data from the Airport Master Plan in the Comprehensive Plan. Planner Ron Lee clarified that all amendments to the Airport Master Plan must, in turn, be referenced in the City's Comprehensive Plan. Council Member MacKenzie expressed concern that there would be just seven days between PAB approval and Council consideration of the airport plan. City Manager Richard Woodruff therefore suggested the date for adoption of the Airport Master Plan be temporarily left blank, but Council Member Tarrant inquired whether there would be penalties for bypassing the deadline. Ms. McKim then proposed referring instead to the 1984 Airport Master Plan with the accompanying explanation that the updated version would be included in the Comprehensive Plan's first amendment. In addition, she warned that the DCA could withhold state funds if the City fails to adopt a Comprehensive Plan or it is determined that the plan does not conform to State Statutes.

***It was the consensus of the Council to insert a blank line for the adoption date of the Airport Master Plan. (Van Arsdale absent)***

Council Member Tarrant noted, for the record, that he objected to having to expedite a decision on the Airport Master Plan prior to the February 3<sup>rd</sup> election.

It was determined that a reference in the Comprehensive Plan for special taxes to preserve green space was not necessary since Council already held that authority. Further, Susan Golden reported that the Board of County Commissioners had reestablished the original goal of 700 affordable housing units to 500 per year.

In closing, Mr. Lee explained that the Comprehensive Plan provided a time frame for City commitment and action for accomplishing the goals of the plan and, further, the public could demand that the schedule be observed. City Attorney Kenneth Cuyler added that Council's development orders must be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Vice Mayor Prolman asked whether the vision statements for the Comprehensive Plan had been completed, and Mr. Lee responded that this was linked to adoption of the Airport Master Plan. Mrs. Prolman said, however, that Council should determine the wording for the vision statements at a designated workshop and Council Member MacKenzie agreed. City Manager Woodruff said that workshops would be scheduled in order for Council to analyze and become familiar with the Airport Master Plan following its adoption by the Airport Authority, adding there would also be a workshop for review of the final Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Tarrant expressed concern that there would not be sufficient time for the public to understand the airport document.

Vice Mayor Prolman called for an additional workshop regarding vision statements for the Comprehensive Plan and Mrs. MacKenzie inquired whether Council was permitted to express support for general goals of the Airport Master Plan. City Attorney Cuyler cautioned Council against mandating any concepts or proposals in areas outside of Council jurisdiction. Council Member Tarrant asked whether Council had authority over zoning at the airport. Mr. Cuyler explained that if the zoning related to compatibility between a land use at the airport and land adjacent to the airport, Council was not obliged to approve that specific item in the Airport Master Plan. This review, he added, is accomplished through the City's General Development Site Plan (GDSP) process which uses compatibility as a criterion, and the Airport Authority would be required to come before Council as a petitioner.

It was determined that a workshop regarding vision statements for the Comprehensive Plan would be held in December.

.....**ITEM 8**  
**REVIEW OF ITEMS ON THE 11/19/97 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA.** (2:59 p.m.)

**Item 5g (Purchase order for tennis court lights at Naples High School)** Vice Mayor Prolman requested this item be scheduled for separate discussion.

**Item 9 (Bid award for trimming City-owned palm trees)** Council Member MacKenzie requested information regarding the Collier County offices of Environmental Care.

.....**ITEM 9**  
**DIAMOND JUBILEE UPDATE.** (3:05 p.m.) Council Member MacKenzie requested the Diamond Jubilee report be delivered at the November 19, 1997 Regular Meeting.

.....**ITEM 10**  
**TOM REED – COCONUT GROVE BOAT ISSUE.** (3:06 p.m.)

Mr. Reed informed Council that he was proposing a temporary, six-month ferry service to Marco Island departing from the Coconut Grove boat basin. He requested use of twelve parking spaces at Turner Marine in order to increase the boat's service capacity to 96 passengers. Council Member MacKenzie noted that the capacity for the boat was 149 passengers, but Mr. Reed explained that the Coast Guard had certified the vessel at only 96 passengers.

Planning Director Missy McKim explained that under existing ordinances a temporary use permit would extend for only 45 days, and, on the other hand, the City's conditional use ordinance for off-site parking is intended for a permanent structure. Council Member Sullivan pointed out that there was precedent since it was established that Council could grant approval on a trial basis.

*It was the Consensus of Council to consider this issue as the first item of business at the Regular Meeting of November 19, 1997. (Van Arsdale absent)*

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS.....**  
(3:11 a.m.)

Council Member Tarrant referred to his memorandum to Council regarding City Attorney Kenneth Cuyler's acceptance as interim City Attorney to the new City of Marco Island. Mr. Tarrant expressed concern as to the appropriateness of this in the event of conflicts of interest. Mayor Barnett noted, however, that Mr. Tarrant had expressed no objections to this proposal when Attorney Cuyler had polled Council by telephone. Attorney Cuyler stated that inasmuch as his is a large law firm, conflicts of interest may occasionally arise, although he could determine no conflict regarding temporary assistance to Marco Island. He added that should his relationship with Marco Island extend beyond the designated interim capacity, he would return to Council for discussion.

*It was the consensus of Council not to object to Attorney Cuyler acting as interim attorney for the City of Marco Island. (Van Arsdale absent)*

**OPEN PUBLIC INPUT.....**  
(3:23 a.m.)

**Bruce D'Elia, 5880 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW**, distributed a letter complaining about the bid award for City palm tree trimming. Mayor Barnett advised that the issue would be dealt with during the November 19, 1997 Regular Meeting. **Everett Thayer, 1690 Avion Place**, said he was concerned about the City's annexation of property on North Road, and Council Member

MacKenzie explained that this was done to avoid having two jurisdictions maintaining the road. **James Shucart, 1810 Gulf Shore Boulevard North**, stated that the City should honor the zoning that was in effect when he purchased a condominium building on Gulf Shore Boulevard. **Peter Gerbosi, 1908 Gulf Shore Boulevard North**, expressed the Gulf Shore Boulevard Property Owners' support of Council's decision to maintain the current comprehensive plan designation for low-rise buildings in Coquina Sands and the Moorings. Further, he urged Council to set hurricane standards to reflect the possibility of hurricanes making landfall from the west. **Virginia Corkran, 213 Ninth Avenue South**, reviewed corrections to the Comprehensive Plan and concurred with Council Member Nocera's suggestion for a fund to acquire open space, urging Council to pursue the idea. Her additional comments would be presented to Council in writing, she said.

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**It is noted for the record that Russell Ferguson and Bill Boggess were not present when called to speak.**

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**ADJOURN** .....  
3:42 p.m.

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Bill Barnett, Mayor

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Tara A. Norman, City Clerk

Prepared by:

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Molly Reed, Recording Specialist

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