



City of Naples

City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

City Council Workshop Meeting – March 30, 1998, 8:00 a.m.

Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALL ITEM 1

Present: Bill Barnett, Mayor
Bonnie R. MacKenzie, Vice Mayor

Council Members:
Fred Coyle
Joseph Herms
John Nocera
Fred Tarrant
Peter H. Van Arsdale

Also Present:

Dr. Richard Woodruff, City Manager
Kenneth Cuyler, City Attorney
Missy McKim, Planning Director
Kevin Rambosk, Chief of Police and
Emergency Services
Richard Gatti, Development Services
Director
Don Wirth, Community Services Director
Dan Mercer, Utilities Director
Bob Middleton, Utilities Operations Supt.
Dr. Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Mgr.
Ron Lee, Senior Planner
Ann Walker, Planner
Keeth Kipp, Utility/Solid Waste Coord.
Molly Reed, Recording Specialist

Werner "Duke" Haardt
Arlene Guckenberger
Bill Boggess
Eric West
Dale Chlumsky
Peter Gerbosi
Other interested citizens and visitors

Media:

David Taylor, Media One
Marc Caputo, Naples Daily News
Brett Batton, Naples Daily News

Prior to commencing the agenda, Mayor Barnett delivered a statement regarding Council policies and practices. (A copy of his statement is included in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk’s Office.) First he urged caution from all Council Members regarding statements to the press that are derogatory to other Council Members and to personnel at City Hall. He noted the negative effects of such statements upon the community and City staff. He also encouraged Council Members to focus on working as a team, stressing the importance of putting aside individual personalities. Mayor Barnett then addressed what he described as interference with responsibilities within the purview of the City Manager and staff, urging that proper procedures should be followed. The Mayor then enjoined each Council Member to accept the actions of former Councils as well as the outcome of all votes, stressing that each Member accept the will of Council to achieve greater efficiency and productivity. He then said that, though he preferred to refrain from confrontation, he would not overlook infractions and expressed the opinion that Council was capable of doing a better job in the future.

Following Mayor Barnett’s statement, Council Member Tarrant said that his statement in the press referring to rot at City Hall had been taken out of context and, further, that he considered the Mayor’s not placing the issue of the City’s annexation policy on the agenda, as he had requested, to be confrontational. Council Member Herms then said he believed additional discussion was required in order to determine a majority position on a variety of issues. Mayor Barnett said that Mr. Tarrant’s comments on annexation reinforced his statements. He said he had, in fact, responded to the annexation issue by explaining the City’s policy, which is simply that annexation is never initiated by the City. Mayor Barnett closed by reiterating that Council Members should consider the impact their remarks have on the community and the public’s perception of the City.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED **ITEM 2**
None

BRIEFING BY CITY MANAGER..... **ITEM 3**
(8:16 a.m.)

In lieu of briefing items, City Manager Richard Woodruff turned the meeting over to Vice Mayor MacKenzie for an update on plans for the Diamond Jubilee Celebration. Mrs. MacKenzie reviewed the schedule of events and noted that the celebration’s mission statement included all citizens in the celebration. (A copy of her report is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk’s Office.) She emphasized that plans for the event continue to evolve and cited proposals to be developed so long as donations are sufficient.

Chief of Police and Emergency Services Kevin Rambosk reported that he had met with Media One who would dedicate a cable channel to the City prior to September. A digital camera had been purchased at a \$2,000 saving, he said, and reported that Naples High School may provide interns to assist with production and rebroadcasts adding that he had also talked with other schools and universities in the area. Council Workshops will be broadcast beginning April 13th and, once the City has its own channel, the meetings will be rebroadcast the following evening. Plans are developing to televise other City boards. Chief Rambosk also explained that the digital format camera enabled better tape duplication and compatibility with future systems. He also suggested upgrading microphones to improve audio reception.

Council Member Herms suggested a volunteer or part-time employee to assist in preparation for full-time programming; Vice Mayor MacKenzie proposed programs created by various clubs and organizations in the community. City Manager Woodruff, however, urged caution to control costs. Council Member Coyle recommended an advisory committee consisting of media experts. Chief Rambosk said all offered assistance would be welcome. It was determined to explore programming options in order to develop an orderly production plan.

.....**ITEM 6**
UPDATE REGARDING 800 MHz COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. (8:37 a.m.)

Chief of Police and Emergency Services Kevin Rambosk said that the two major concerns for a communication system are adequacy and safety. The current aging system experiences breakdowns in the repeater system. (A copy of this presentation material is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office.) Chief Rambosk explained that while police have two satellite repeater channels, Fire Operations is dependent only on radio and fire apparatus communications. He said that while current radios would be costly to replace, many had already exceeded life-expectancy. He therefore reviewed significant features of state of the art equipment, including expansion capabilities, and said that 800 MHz digital transmissions may become a Federal requirement by 2002, making it unwise to purchase equipment that could not be upgraded.

Chief Rambosk reviewed the following three options:

- Continue with the present VHF equipment and replace items as necessary;
- Consider updated versions of the current equipment with expansion capabilities; or
- Join the County's 800 MHz system (using repeaters, satellites, etc.)

Approximate costs for these options range from \$370,281 to \$790,388. (see Attachment 1) Chief Rambosk noted also that the City is assessed \$3.00 on each traffic citation to maintain the County-wide public safety radio system which was originally installed at a cost of \$9 million. Council Member Tarrant expressed concern that the Federal Government could enforce change in radio technology, and Dr. Woodruff explained that as the licensing authority, they can determine the requirements.

Chief Rambosk then further explained that staff's recommendation is to explore working on the County-wide infrastructure and to phase in digital equipment over three years. However, since the Fire Division repeater system must now be replaced, proposed equipment should be convertible to 800 MHz.

Chief Rambosk reported Phase One can be funded by \$27,000 CIP savings and Phase Two for \$164,000 in the upcoming CIP to place police officers on the 800 MHz system. The final phases, he said, would be to incrementally replace old equipment over one or two years at a cost of \$480,000 which would modernize the entire system.

Council Member Nocera said he understood that Sheriff's deputies felt their system was antiquated. Chief Rambosk responded that the County was, however, satisfied with the system's coverage. Although the City system would remain separate from the County, communication between the two would be enhanced, Mr. Rambosk explained, and noted that the surcharge fund is to maintain the system and to purchase new equipment. Nevertheless, confiscation funds could purchase additional equipment.

.....ITEM 5
DISCUSSION OF BEACH RENOURISHMENT – TRUCKING OF SAND. (9:14 a.m.)

Natural Resources Manager Dr. Jon Staiger reported that Collier County had requested an increase in the amount of sand stored at the Cadenhead quarry. Although the objective is to annually add sand on an “as needed” basis, it would entail trucking and a conveyor system. Dr. Staiger said the Beach Renourishment Committee was seeking direction from Council. He clarified for Council Member Tarrant that in order to meet deadlines, the original renourishment effort was short by 270,000 cubic yards, therefore, additional sand would restore the original plan and, over time, reduce the need for offshore dredging.

Vice Mayor MacKenzie, a Beach Renourishment Committee Member, noted that trucking would be considered although no definitive action had been taken because 250,000 yards of sand would require 12,600 round trips annually over 45 consecutive days. Council Member Herms, also on the Committee, said he preferred the trucking program, but Mrs. MacKenzie urged Council to delay until all logistical possibilities have been examined and pointed out that a full report from the committee would be available in approximately 30 days because, as confirmed by Dr. Staiger, 40,000 to 50,000 yards per year would maintain the beach. Council Member Coyle stated that he would support trucking.

City Manager Richard Woodruff described the various methods for acquiring high quality beach sand in terms of cost effectiveness and explained that the Committee simply needed to determine Council’s preferences. Mr. Van Arsdale supported an incremental program, regardless of the number of truck trips required.

It was the consensus of Council to approve trucking of stockpiled sand through the City to the beach.

Council Member Tarrant then suggested that the County install groins and sand fences to prevent sand erosion, and Mr. Herms noted that the County had not responded to the City’s request that all the rocks be removed from the beach.

Public Input: 9:41 a.m.

Bill Boggess, 1100 8th Avenue South, suggested Council obtain the 274,000 cubic yards of sand that are lacking and were specified in the original beach renourishment contract.

(Continued to 4/1/98)ITEM 7
UPDATE ON BROAD AVENUE SOUTH POTABLE WATER PUMP STATION.

MOTION by Herms to CONTINUE Item 7 to April 1, 1998; seconded by Van Arsdale and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Coyle-yes, Herms-yes, MacKenzie, Nocera-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes).

(Continued to 4/1/98)ITEM 8
DISCUSSION OF CONSERVATION GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS.

MOTION by Herms to CONTINUE Item 8 to April 1, 1998; seconded by Van Arsdale and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Coyle-yes, Herms-yes, MacKenzie, Nocera-yes, Tarrant-yes, Van Arsdale-yes, Barnett-yes).

.....ITEM 4
REVIEW OF ITEMS ON THE 4/1/98 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA. (9:44 a.m.)

Items 9 & 10: (Consider conditional use for staged entertainment at McCabe’s Irish Pub and Grill and at the Key Wester Fish an Pasta House) Vice Mayor MacKenzie requested that those responsible for policing these areas be present for the discussion, and Council Member Herms requested a copy of the current noise ordinance.

Item 11: (Consider amending an existing Planned Development document for 1332 Fifth Avenue South to permit marine-oriented facilities) Council Member Van Arsdale requested general information on the current Planned Development as well as a map of the airport noise overlay district in the new Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Barnett requested a staff presentation focused on specifics of this issue, and Vice Mayor MacKenzie requested a color chip of the proposed building color.

Item 15: (Consider a bid for landscaping and irrigation on 7th Avenue North) Vice Mayor MacKenzie requested a condensed copy of the landscape plan

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS.....

None (9:52 a.m.)

OPEN PUBLIC INPUT

None (9:52 a.m.)

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Bill Barnett, Mayor

Tara A. Norman, City Clerk

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Minutes Approved: 5/6/98