



City Council Chamber  
735 Eighth Street South  
Naples, Florida 34102

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**City Council Budget Workshop Meeting – June 15, 1998, 5:01 p.m.**

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Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order and presided.

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**ROLL CALL**

**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:**

Bill Harrison	David Graff
Ann Middleton	John Voiles
Dick Gatti	Steve Weeks
Ron Wallace	Susan Overstreet
Tom Rodriguez	Stanley Dykes
Dan Mercer	Randy Bills
Bob Middleton	Richard Woodruff
Buddy Bennett	Dan Mercer

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

The City Manager introduced the budget process and thanked the Council Members for their continued support. The Manager stressed that the budgets prepared by the City began with the front line supervisors and reflects the direct needs and input of the front line staff. The budgets are not padded and, as such, come to Council in a format that reflects honest and basic requests from the workforce.

Ann Middleton, Budget Director for the City, provided an overview of the calendar of events showing the workshops of June and July and the proposed schedule for the September meetings. She explained that the County Commission and the School Board had to set their budget hearing dates before the City could finalize its dates for adoption.

### **PRESENTATION OF STORMWATER FUND**

Dick Gatti, Director of Development Services, provided an overview of the stormwater fund. He reminded Council that we are working on a ten year master plan adopted by the previous Council and that this plan will expend approximately ten million dollars over that time period. Previous Council directive was to fund projects on a pay-as-you-go basis rather than bond indebtedness. Mr. Gatti further explained that the City has been working with CDM Consultants on modeling the various drainage basins. Drainage basin six basically covers the area from the Gordon River over to Gulf View Middle School and generally from Third Avenue South up to Fifth Avenue North. This area has had substantial flooding over the years and the plan calls for the replacement of the pump station and other modifications. It is projected that the pump station will cost one million dollars for replacement. He then explained modeling studies being conducted in two other drainage basins. General discussion occurred with Council Members inquiring as to various options for on-site retention. Council Member Herms stressed the importance of finding solutions within the existing rights-of-way due to the limited amounts of retention/detention areas for the future. Mr. Gatti explained that areas such as Broad Avenue South could play an important role in underground retention for the future. However, the majority of our water retention/detention areas will have to be in the public rights-of-way. Mr. Gatti further explained that our goal is water quality, not the handling of water quantity. Even with the implementation of this master plan there will still continue to be flooding and continued standing water throughout the community.

### **BUDGET REVIEWS**

Council Members proceeded to work through the preliminary operating budgets for fiscal year 1999 for the following departments:

- Streets Fund
- Stormwater Fund
- Information Services Fund
- Solid Waste Fund
- Equipment Services Fund
- Water and Sewer Fund

The Council reviewed each of these budgets on a line item basis with various questions for clarification or for discussion of policy issues. The following items were suggested for future consideration:

1. In future budgets the operation budget and the capital improvement budget for each department or fund should be discussed at the same time.
2. The internal service funds should have their capital needs met through the charge-back system to the user departments rather than having those capital needs funded through the utility tax.
3. The staff is to study the possibility of installing a voice mail system for all Council Members.

4. The staff is to prepare a report showing the uncommitted fund reserve balances for each fund of the City.
5. The staff is to provide a report regarding recycling with specific attention given to possibilities of expanding catalogue and magazine recycling.
6. Staff is to proceed with contacting The Hole-In-The-Wall regarding new leases for the water wells on their property. Current lease totals \$3,500 per year.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

General discussion followed, including:

1. Status of non-metered water – Council Member Herms asked the staff what was the current percent of our water which was unaccounted for. Mr. Mercer, Utilities Director, answered that it is approximately 7.5%. Further discussion confirmed that the City was now on a ten year replacement cycle for all small meters and that annually the City checks and re-builds, as necessary, the 168 larger meters. Mr. Harrison explained that we continue every six months to check every meter that has registered two consecutive zero consumption readings.
2. The Council also discussed the possibility of additional funds for tree planting. It was agreed that the City staff would increase the current proposal from \$40,000 to a number more reflective of the cost associated with planting 1,000 trees. It was also agreed that trees which were part of capital projects such as cul-de-sacs or medians would count towards this 1,000 tree goal, as well as trees planted along the right-of-way.
3. City Council also authorized the staff to file the following ISTEAs:

• Park Shore Bridge:	\$572,978
• Fleischmann Blvd. Sidewalks:	\$ 82,500
• Goodlette Road Bicycle Path Greenway:	\$300,000
• Potential Funding by DOT in the year 2004	

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Bill Barnett, Mayor

Minutes prepared by:

Dr. Richard L. Woodruff,  
City Manager

Minutes approved: 7/22/98