



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

City Council Workshop Meeting – Monday, August 03, 1998 – 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALLITEM 1

Present: Bill Barnett, Mayor
Bonnie R. MacKenzie, Vice Mayor
Council Members:
Fred Coyle
John Nocera
Fred Tarrant
Peter H. Van Arsdale
Absent: Joseph Herms, Council Member

Also Present:

Dr. Richard L. Woodruff, City Manager
William Harrison, Assistant City Manager
Tara Norman, City Clerk
Richard Gatti, Development Services Dir.
George Archibald, Traffic Engineer
Virginia Neet, Deputy City Clerk
Duncan Bolhover, Adm. Specialist
Ann Walker, Planner
Steven Moore, Police Commander

Arlene Guckenberger
Werner Haardt
Ted Toby
Joyce Heptner
William Boggess
George Mohlke
Amy Kalmans

News Media:

Eric Staats, Naples Daily News

Other interested citizens and visitors

Austin Lynch
John Wiseman
William MacIlvaine
Murray Hendel
Key Charles Pittman

INTERVIEWS WITH CANDIDATES FOR ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES....ITEM 4

The following individuals were interviewed: Austin Lynch, Board of Appeals; John Wiseman, Board of Appeals; William MacIlvaine, Police and Fire Pension Boards of Trustees; Murray Hendel, Police and Fire Pension Boards of Trustees; and Key Charles Pittman, Fire Pension Board of Trustees.

ANNUAL UPDATE BY NAPLES PLAYERS.....ITEM 5

Naples Players representative Joyce Heptner presented the report which appears as Attachment 1. Ted Toby, also representing Naples Players, announced that Ms. Heptner was leaving the organization and recognized her for outstanding service.

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DISCUSSION OF PRELIMINARY PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS FOR UNDERGROUNDING UTILITIES.

Assistant City Manager William Harrison called Council's attention to the material on this subject contained in the packet for the August 5 regular meeting. He indicated that one of the reasons for implementing this procedure was to alleviate obligation of taxpayer funds for preliminary designs of utility undergrounding projects in the event those projects do not reach the assessment stage. *It was the consensus of Council that under Item 2 of the proposed procedures, the Mayor would be designated to determine whether a City Council workshop to discuss any particular project would be waived.* It was also clarified in further discussion that neither Florida Statutes nor the local assessment district ordinance allow recouping of design funds if the assessment district does not subsequently go forward.

REVIEW OF OUTSIDE DINING REGULATIONS.....ITEM 6

City Manager Richard Woodruff explained that although the Fifth Avenue South Overlay District allows outdoor dining, the HC Highway Commercial zoning where restaurants are located has in the past been interpreted to prohibit dining tables being placed outside restaurants. In fairness to the growing number of restaurants wishing to offer outside dining, this provision of the code had not been enforced, Dr. Woodruff noted. He therefore requested Council's guidance relative to the following alternatives: 1) continue not enforcing the Code (which Dr. Woodruff recommended against); 2) strictly enforce the Code (which he also recommended against in light of the fact that outside dining is now allowed on Fifth Avenue); or 3) revise the Code to permit outside dining with certain controls. *It was the consensus of Council for staff to draft an ordinance amendment which would regulate dining outside restaurants, taking into consideration such factors as: whether a fee should be charged to restaurateurs for use of the public property outside the establishment; assumption of liability by the restaurateur; and various other criteria such as available parking and number of outdoor tables permitted in relation to the size of the facility.*

BRIEFING BY CITY MANAGER.....ITEM 3

City Manager Richard Woodruff, along with Development Services Director Richard Gatti and Traffic Engineer George Archibald, presented a plan for proposed modifications to the T-intersection at Crayton Road and Seagate Drive. Dr. Woodruff indicated that this plan is the culmination of a lengthy process involving meetings with the various interest groups in that area (Attachment 2). Although Council Members suggested various design alternatives, staff recommended that modifications not be made at this time because of the consensus building effort which had been involved. Mr. Archibald estimated that, depending upon landscaping used, the cost of the modifications could be approximately \$500,000 with funding possibly shared by area property owners, including the Registry Hotel and Collier County, whose Clam Pass Park rests at the western terminus of the road. Amy Kalmans of the Crayton Road Association traffic calming committee urged Council to support the plan as proposed. Council Member Nocera inquired about the status of the **traffic study data on the second Gordon River Bridge crossing**. Traffic Engineer Archibald indicated that this information would be

submitted to the Council in the near future and would be scheduled for review in conjunction with an upcoming appearance by Florida Department of Transportation representatives at a City Council workshop. In other discussion, City Manager Woodruff provided Council with a status report on **alleyway improvements** and indicated that this report, along with one on **tree planting**, would be provided periodically. City Council also gave its concurrence for the staff to proceed with contract negotiations with Larry Warner for architectural services relative to the **City Dock office**. This is due to the unavailability of Building Official William Overstreet to accomplish the design work in-house at this time. City Manager Woodruff invited the Council to attend a public input meeting regarding the proposed **new River Park Community Center** which will be conducted by the Community Services Advisory Board at the current River Park facility on Thursday, August 6, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Woodruff also reported that the time schedule for installation of the flapper gates under Seagate Drive had been extended to May 1999. This work requires the opening of the north end of Gulf Shore Blvd. at Naples Cay. The delay, Dr. Woodruff explained, is due to a need to assure that the permitting process addressed issues which the City deemed to be extremely important; namely, reference to causation of the problems in Clam Bay being largely the result of 27 additional inches of water from runoff which had resulted in the mangrove die-off. In response to Vice Mayor MacKenzie, Dr. Woodruff reported that Community Services Director Don Wirth and Parks & Parkways Superintendent Terry Fedelem had been assigned to discuss with Florida Power & Light the possibility of the City at least completing the **trimming of trees** to improve their appearance as limbs are removed to accommodate overhead power lines. It was noted that a prior contact with FPL had however not resulted in the desired coordinated effort. In response to Council Member Nocera, City Manager Woodruff reported that a possibility still exists for funding assistance from Collier County with the Fleischmann Park **skateboard park** improvements and that the staff would continue efforts in this regard. In response to Council Member Tarrant, Dr. Woodruff reported that improvements at the **Fleischmann Park playground** would go forward and that sufficient funds had been budgeted for this purpose.

REVIEW OF ITEMS ON THE 8/5/98 REGULAR MEETING AGENDAITEM 8

Item 23 (Wilkinson house) Staff provided an appraisal of the land occupied by the home. (This item will be considered first on the August 5 agenda; a copy of this appraisal is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office.) **Item 6** (ethics ordinance) A provision will be added to clarify the City Clerk's position not being included in the regulations. **Item 11** (variance for lot size) It was clarified that any alley vacation must be submitted to Council for approval. **Item 19** (surplus land) It was clarified that the size of the parcel is 24 acres. Staff will request an item be added to the agenda to amend the utility center project.

CORRESPONDENCE and COMMUNICATIONS.....

At the request of Council Member Van Arsdale, appointments to the **Airport Authority** will be deferred from the August 19 regular meeting to September 2 regular meeting. (Interviews will be conducted on August 17 as previously scheduled.) City Manager Woodruff announced that he is one of eight finalists for the position of City Manager of Greenville, South Carolina.

OPEN PUBLIC INPUT.....

None.

ADJOURN.....

10:23 a.m.

Bill Barnett, Mayor

Minutes prepared by:

Tara A. Norman, City Clerk

Minutes approved: 8/19/98.