



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

City Council Town Hall Meeting – Monday, February 1, 1999 – 7:00 p.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
Joseph Herms
John Nocera
Fred Tarrant
Peter H. Van Arsdale

Also Present:
Dr. Richard Woodruff, City Manager
Tara Norman, City Clerk
Don Wirth, Community Services Director
George Archibald, Traffic Engineer
Ralph Cox, Police Sergeant

Other interested citizens and visitors

Media
AnneElena Foster, Naples Daily News

**Prior to commencement of the agenda,
Mayor Barnett requested that speakers
restrict their comments to two minutes
so that all would have an opportunity to
be heard.**

See speaker list (Attachment 1)

WELCOME BY MAYOR.....ITEM 2

Mayor Barnett welcomed all present and stressed that the Town Hall Meeting series was designed for Council to receive input from citizens.

PRESENTATION BY STAFF.....ITEM 3

City Manager Richard Woodruff made a brief report on the status of the US 41/Gordon River Bridge reconstruction project, including beautification which would be added to the structure at the behest of the City. He also reported on the status of the beach rock removal program (Attachments 2 and 3, respectively).

COMMUNITY ISSUES / PUBLIC DISCUSSION.....ITEM 4

A summary of issues and concerns raised by speakers is contained in Attachment 1. In response, staff and Council also indicated the following:

1. **Design of entrance to Royal Harbor at Sandpiper Street** The City will request that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) send a high-ranking representative to a meeting with Council and citizens relative to problems being experienced in this location. In the interim, City staff will verify the turning radii onto Sandpiper.
2. **Stormwater flooding on Kingfish Road** It is anticipated that this will be alleviated when the FDOT completes and opens the final drainage system in conjunction with the US 41 rebuilding project.
3. **Sale of shopping center at Sandpiper Street and US 41** Mayor Barnett indicated that he and City Manager Woodruff had met with Publix CEO Charles Jenkins, who was considering purchasing this property. Mr. Jenkins stated, however, that he had rejected the property due to poor experience with the Publix store located one mile east of this site. Staff denied refusing to grant requested right-of-way which had been said to have caused the sale not to take place. Mayor Barnett expressed the belief that the property will however soon be sold to another buyer.
4. **Process of installing underground power in Royal Harbor** Separate easements for Florida Power & Light (FPL) will be necessary because, unlike cable TV and telephone lines, which are in the public rights-of-way, FPL facilities are installed on private property. Competitive bidding for such systems is not advisable because the electric utility system is owned by FPL which must maintain the lines once installed.
5. **Banyan Blvd. Landscaping** In-fill trees will be installed on Banyan and a design for the Banyan Blvd. entrance at US 41 will be presented to the City Council for approval in the near future.

ADJOURN.....
8:17 p.m.

Bill Barnett, Mayor

Minutes prepared by:

Tara A. Norman, City Clerk

Minutes approved: 2/17/99.

Speakers at 2/1/99 Town Hall Meeting (in order of appearance)

Clifford Mitchell
Raymond Bowie
Jean Humphries
Peter Shochet
Richard Baker
John Steinhauser
Rosmary Nocera
Al Kris
Eric Watland
Howard Shanahan
Jean Hill
Jill Brack
John Penner
Gloria Kovacs

Issues raised by citizens attending the 2/1/99 Town Hall Meeting:

Royal Harbor entrance (Sandpiper Street) in conjunction with US 41 reconstruction:

- Restore median to original width
- Correct turning radius onto Sandpiper from US 41
- Address drainage problems on Kingfish Road
- Establish access to Sandpiper from Davis Blvd.
- Improve synchronization of traffic signals
- Allow two left turn lanes from Sandpiper onto US 41 to alleviate traffic backup
- Enlarge traffic storage lane for right turn onto Sandpiper from US 41

Proposed project to install underground power in Royal Harbor:

- Costs should be computed by linear foot rather than a set amount per lot
- Project should be competitively bid rather than automatically given to FPL
- Concern that FPL requires easements apart from those used by cable TV and telephone

Slowing boat speeds should be considered prior to installing riprap proposed for outer shores of Royal Harbor; concern that riprap-type revetment will attract rats.