



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

City Council Workshop Meeting – January 18, 2000 – 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
Joseph Herms
John Nocera
Fred Tarrant

Absent: Peter H. Van Arsdale

Also Present:
Kevin Rambosk, City Manager
Tara Norman, City Clerk
Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Manager
Ron Lee, Planning Director
Jessica Rosenberg, Recording Specialist
Laura Roys, Admin. Specialist
Arlene Guckenberger
Cheryl Coyle
Charles Kessler
Amy Rego
John Sorey
Kevin Carroll
Vernon Dibeler
Michael Simonik

ITEMS TO BE ADDEDITEM 2

None.

.....ITEM 3

INTERVIEWS WITH ADVISORY BOARD CANDIDATES (8:35 a.m.)

John Sorey

Kevin Carroll

Vernon Dibeler

Michael Simonik

.....ITEM 7

CITY COUNCIL TOUR OF RIVER PARK COMMUNITY – UPDATE ON MASTER PLAN PROGRESS (9:33 a.m.)

It was the consensus of Council to postpone this tour until the new Council is elected.

.....ITEM 4

BRIEFING BY CITY MANAGER (9:35 a.m.) City Manager Kevin Rambosk stated that other than rock removal, the north end of the beach renourishment project is complete except for the Park Shore area; work should begin there in one week. / Mr. Rambosk then noted that he, the City Attorney, and appropriate City staff would meet with South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) officials on January 24th relative to a settlement on Calusa Bay lakes. Council Member Tarrant recommended that Council direct the City Attorney to file a law suit against the developer. / Natural Resources Manager Jon Staiger confirmed that testing has not detected gasoline additives in the City's drinking water. He added that staff would also test various locations of the Goodlette-Frank drainage ditch for contamination. / Noting possible contamination from water retention systems, Council Member Herms requested that the City Attorney initiate the appropriate process to enable the City to review and regulate County development along the City's wellfields. / Mr. Rambosk confirmed that he would at the Regular Meeting provide the current and initially permitted depths of the large lake at the Royal Poinciana Golf Club. / He then noted a reduction in the City crime rate for the fourth consecutive year. / Mr. Rambosk stated that tickets are available for the bonfire to be held January 29th from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and that Rib City would cater the meals. / He noted that work on a drainage construction project in the 10th Street area would primarily begin in April. / He announced a January 20th risk management open meeting at the Utilities Building relating to hazardous materials. / Mr. Rambosk noted that a street sweeper vehicle currently under consideration is now available for Council review. / He then noted that the Naples Community Hospital would submit to Council new plans of the Grand Central Station project and that he would confer with the City Attorney on whether these changes require Planning Advisory Board review.

.....ITEM 5

DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL REVISIONS TO THE COASTAL CONSTRUCTION SETBACK LINE VARIANCE APPROVAL PROCESS. (10:05 a.m.)

City Manager Kevin Rambosk stated that, subsequent to Council discussions on this issue, staff had researched means to simplify the approval process. Natural Resources Manager Jon Staiger provided a brief history noting that approximately 10 years ago, the City had adopted the State's coastal construction control line as its own, requiring a Council variance, but nevertheless scrutinized at the State level. He therefore proposed consolidating the permitting and variance process which would omit the City setback line variance and establish four levels of setback line permitting: 1) exemptions, for remodeling within the envelope of an existing structure; 2) staff permits, for expansion of non-habitable structures such as driveways, swimming pools, etc; 3) staff permits after notification of neighbors, for the expansion of a habitable structure or erection of a new non-habitable structure such as a garage; and 4) staff permits after notification of

neighbors and Council approval, for new habitable structures or any type of construction on the beach. Although the type #4 Permit would be placed on the next regularly scheduled Regular Meeting consent agenda, it may be removed for separate discussion should the neighbors and petitioner not concur. Dr. Staiger pointed out that this proposal would reduce the need for an advertised public hearing, yet would keep adjacent neighbors informed.

Council Member Herms noted a project that Council was forced to approve, lacking specific standards and therefore urged either administrative approval or standards that would give Council necessary latitude. Dr. Staiger noted that while current City standards are essentially the same as the State's, and are effectively protecting the dune system, the City should keep abreast of any amendments. Council Member Coyle stated that in some areas the setback line is in fact irrelevant, and recommended establishing development standards for what actually qualifies for exemptions, staff permits, etc. Council Member Nocera expressed approval for the proposed changes; however, Council Member Tarrant recommended retaining the present approval system, noting that Council should look at each individual case. In addition, Dr. Staiger commented that the State considers allowing height reductions for houses on the beach on a case by case basis.

Staff will research avenues to streamline the approval process for presentation to the newly elected Council.

.....ITEM 6
REVIEW OF ITEMS ON THE 1/19/00 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA (10:20 a.m.)
Added Item 5-h (purchase brass plaques for the Diamond Jubilee program). **Added Item 5-i (approve a change order to update the Stormwater Facilities Plan).** **Added Item 5-j (award a landscaping and irrigation bid).** **Added Item 18 (contract to construct a box culvert extension).** **Added Item 19 (purchase a street sweeper).** **Added Item 20 (contract to provide engineering services for Drainage Basin III).** **Item 5-d (engineering and architectural analysis proposal for Lowdermilk Park improvements)** – Council Member Nocera questioned the cost. **Item 6 (large scale Comprehensive Plan amendment relative to Royal Poinciana Golf Club)** – Council Member Herms requested that Council receive copies of any State correspondence. **Item 8 (Grand Central Station rezone) and Item 9 (Old Naples Seaport rezone and residential impact statement)** – Council Member Herms requested that the City Attorney provide an opinion on maximum density. **Item 12 (contract relating to construction of the Development Services Building, Solid Waste Building, and Wastewater Collection Maintenance Facility)** – Council Member Herms requested copies of the building plans, site plans, and elevations. **Item 15 (contract for engineering and permitting services associated with the beach restoration project using the Parker Sand Web System)** – Council Member Tarrant requested a copy of the patent. **Item 17 (application for a Florida Department of Transportation highway beautification grant and landscape agreement)** – City Manager Kevin Rambosk confirmed that FDOT had provided a written update on the Gordon River Bridge project.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS (10:26 a.m.)
Although noting broadcast difficulties, Vice Mayor MacKenzie expressed appreciation to staff for televising Planning Advisory Board and Community Services Advisory Board meetings; City Manager Kevin Rambosk explained that problems would be corrected. / Council Member Tarrant requested that the City Attorney provide an explanation of State law relative to the rendering of professional services especially as it relates to the Parker Sand Web System.

OPEN PUBLIC INPUT (10:28 a.m.)
None.

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10:28 a.m.

Bill Barnett, Mayor

Tara A. Norman, City Clerk

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