



City Council Chamber  
735 Eighth Street South  
Naples, Florida 34102

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**City Council Town Hall Meeting – Tuesday, October 24, 2000 – 5:00 p.m.**

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Mayor MacKenzie called the meeting to order and presided.

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**ROLL CALL ..... ITEM 1**

**Present:** Bonnie R. MacKenzie, Mayor  
Joseph Herms, Vice Mayor  
Council Members:  
Fred Tarrant  
William MacIlvaine

**Absent:** Gary Galleberg  
Penny Taylor  
Tamela Wiseman

**Also Present:**  
Kevin Rambosk, City Manager  
Steve Moore, Chief of Police  
Gil Sherburne,  
Zoning Enforcement Inspector  
Ron Wallace, City Engineer  
Ann Walker, Planner

Anthony Palermo, Police Officer  
Dr. Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Mgr.  
George Archibald, Traffic Engineer  
Virginia Neet, Deputy City Clerk  
Interested Citizens and Visitors  
**Media:**  
Denise Zoldan, Naples Daily News

**WELCOME BY MAYOR ..... ITEM 2**

Mayor MacKenzie welcomed those attending and explained that this Town Hall Meeting was an informal forum to receive input from the residents of Royal Harbor and Oyster Bay neighborhoods. City Manager Kevin Rambosk introduced the department heads in attendance and noted that they are available to answer the residents' questions. He also provided updates on various projects within the City, including the reconstruction of the Gordon River Bridge (Gateway project), redevelopment of land at 5th Avenue South/Sandpiper Street, the Royal Harbor entrance passive park, and the Fleischmann Property (Naples Preserve).

Issues raised by those attending are as follows:

1. **R. Singer** inquired as to progress on a City newsletter and the status of the Gordon River Bridge statue (Calusa Indian). He also relayed resident complaints regarding the silver poles used for traffic signals at 5th Avenue South and Sandpiper Street.
2. **Jean Hill, of Kingfish Road**, received confirmation that the new entrance at Marlin Dr. will include curbing and gutters. She also noted area trees in need of trimming.
3. An **unidentified speaker** inquired as to a parking ban on rights-of-way.
4. **Eric Walter** commented that the left-turn lane from 5th Avenue South to 10th Street South is insufficient and noted that a sign on 5th Avenue South erroneously states "Lane Ends".

5. **Bill Schmidt** noted recommendations by the Naples Bay Project Committee which the City Council has not addressed, specifically lower speed limits on Naples Bay and the establishment of guidelines for rip-rap seawalls.
6. **Richard Baker, of Kingfish Road**, noted that Boat Haven may no longer be available as a staging area for seawall contractors.
7. **John Nocera** provided information on local contractors qualified in seawall construction. He also noted the prior Council's discussion as to contracting with Kelly Brothers, Inc. to replace several seawalls in Royal Harbor at a discounted rate. Mr. Nocera also commented on the need for stricter speed regulations on Naples Bay and inquired as to the progress on the Royal Harbor entrance improvements.
8. **John Kuk** inquired as to a direct access to Royal Harbor from Davis Boulevard. Later in the meeting, Mr. Kuk commented on a discrepancy between the Royal Harbor plat and City Code as it relates to setbacks.
9. **Al Kriss, Oyster Bay Homeowners' Association**, commented on the Davis Boulevard access issue noting a recent Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) survey and upcoming report which, he said, may lend some encouragement for a future access from Davis Boulevard.
10. An **unidentified speaker** commented that Sandpiper Street is difficult to access and Traffic Engineer George Archibald provided information regarding the configuration of the Royal Harbor entrance.
11. **Jack Smith, of Marlin Drive**, said a 4-way stop is needed at the intersection of Marlin Drive and Sandpiper Street. City Manager Rambosk agreed and said the City would follow through with this request.
12. **Hank Schuster, of Sandpiper Street**, pointed out that there are four directional signs on the three-lane portion of Goodlette Road approaching 5th Avenue South.
13. An **unidentified speaker** inquired as to Council's ability to control cable television rates. City Manager Rambosk noted discussions with MediaOne regarding the recent removal of Channel 13; Vice Mayor Herms suggested that Council, as part of its upcoming consideration of a transfer of the cable franchise ownership, require that Channel 13 programming be reinstated.
14. An **unidentified speaker** questioned what the City is doing to educate the voters on the upcoming Charter amendment referendum (Conservation-zoned lands).
15. **Henry Kennedy** requested stricter enforcement of the speed limits in Royal Harbor and the "no wake" zones on Naples Bay.
16. An **unidentified speaker** said there is a problem with speeding cars on Chesapeake Avenue.
17. **Ray Hill, of Kingfish Road**, inquired as to how the City applies its "special perception" ordinance to development/redevelopment in Royal Harbor. Planner Ann Walker and Natural Resources Manager Jon Staiger responded and there was also discussion of the previously proposed "mega-house" ordinance.
18. **David Lambertson, of Kingfish Road**, inquired as to the City's responsibility to enforce the deed restrictions common to all Royal Harbor lots and Dr. Staiger explained that unless the deed restrictions are incorporated into the City Code, the Building Department could only advise a building permit applicant of the restrictions.
19. An **unidentified speaker** noted the increasing number of families with children in this area and suggested speed bumps on Sandpiper Street.

**ADJOURN** .....  
6:31 p.m.

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Bonnie R. MacKenzie, Mayor

Minutes prepared by:

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Virginia A. Neet, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_.