



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

City Council Town Hall Meeting – Thursday, January 18, 2001 – 4:00 p.m.

Mayor MacKenzie called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALL ITEM 1

Present: Bonnie R. MacKenzie, Mayor **Absent:** Tamela Wiseman
Joseph Herms, Vice Mayor
Council Members:
Fred Tarrant
William MacIlvaine
Penny Taylor
Gary Galleberg

Also Present: Interested Citizens and Visitors
Kevin Rambosk, City Manager
Brenda Blair, Recording Specialist

WELCOME BY MAYOR ITEM 2

Mayor MacKenzie welcomed those attending and explained that this Town Hall Meeting was an informal forum for citizens (Coquina Sands and Moorings condominium/cooperatives south of Doctors Pass) to address Council. In his presentation, City Manager Kevin Rambosk noted upcoming changes to City Hall's telephone system, which are intended to upgrade internal communications equipment; citizens will be noticed of any telephone number changes. Mr. Rambosk also advised that the Collier County Clerk of Courts and the Collier County Tax Collector would soon establish fully functional branch offices in City Hall to better serve City residents; he further reported on various City projects, including the new Development Services Building, the reconstruction of the Gordon River Bridge (Gateway project), and the Naples Preserve (corner of Fleischmann Boulevard and US 41). City Manager Rambosk then outlined plans to expand and renovate various City parks and to establish a 41-10 task force to address concerns of this redevelopment area. Additionally, he reported an 11% decrease in crime (City), which he credited to citizen involvement and the efforts of the Police and Emergency Services Department.

Issues raised by those attending are as follows:

1. **Lester Thurston, 2150 Gulf Shore Boulevard North**, inquired as to the proposed expansion of the Beacon House marina and questioned whether adjacent property owners would be allowed to express their concerns on this issue. Mr. Thurston also commented on a recent Naples Daily News article regarding a proposed building at the current Tides Inn site. City Manager Rambosk explained that the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers (Jacksonville) would be reviewing the Beacon House marina expansion. This expansion will also require conditional use and development of significant environmental impact (DSEI) approval; as such adjacent property owners will be notified of the Planning Advisory Board and City Council review. Vice Mayor Herms noted that as a result of the proposed building (Tides Inn), Council will workshop the issue of cupolas/embellishments. Other related issues such as first floor parking for multi-story structures and pile driving were noted and Council Member Galleberg pointed out that the proposed Tides Inn building meets current zoning standards.

2. **Franklin Stark, President of the Gulf Shore Property Owners Association**, maintained that developers should adhere to the City Code and requested that any final elevations and drawings be provided to adjacent condominium associations. Mr. Thurston then suggested that the elevations for the above referenced Tides Inn building be presented at the Gulf Shore Property Owners' Association Annual Meeting on January 30, 2001. There was also discussion on revising the Code as it relates to first floor parking in multi-family structures.
3. **Jerry Locke, 1900 Gulf Shore Boulevard North**, questioned the anticipated completion of the Tides Inn building and the status of Warm Weather Investments' proposal to redevelop Bayshore Villas (currently in litigation). City Manager Rambosk explained that an arbitration hearing (Warm Weather Investments, Inc. vs. City of Naples) is scheduled for the following week; construction for the Tides Inn building is expected to commence within one year.
4. **Henry Waters, 1121 Gulf Shore Boulevard North**, questioned the status of the proposed redevelopment of Gulfshore Square and it was noted that a scale model of the project is available at the architect's office on site. There was also discussion as to whether there would be sufficient parking for the proposed upscale residential units.
5. **Steve Lewis, 1568 Gulf Shore Boulevard North**, questioned whether the Gulfshore Square redevelopment required a change in zoning and Vice Mayor Herms provided information on the City's various zoning districts and Code provisions relating to permitted uses, conditional uses, and planned developments.

At the request of Council Member Tarrant, City Manager Rambosk provided an update on current land use-related lawsuits against the City and an **unidentified speaker** questioned whether the litigation could be protracted through the appeal process. Council Member Taylor noted the new channel (76) for the City's television broadcasts and Council Member Tarrant noted that Collier County staff would meet with Council on January 19th (1:00 p.m.) to present its proposal for an Aquifer Storage & Recovery (ASR) test well. Mr. Tarrant relayed historical information and statistics on ASR technology and reiterated his position that these wells could threaten local drinking water. Council Member MacIlvaine noted conflicting views by the technical experts on this issue and said any error in judgment should be on the side of caution. Council Member Galleberg then reminded the audience that the final decision on this issue rests with the County Commission; as such, it is important to communicate any concerns to the County officials. He added, however, that a decision must be made on how to dispose of surplus reclaimed water. An **unidentified speaker** asked whether these water concerns signaled that it was time to limit new building permits and there was general discussion on current potable water supplies. Vice Mayor Herms also noted the recent failure of a deep-well injection in the Miami area.

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City Manager Rambosk then provided an update on the proposed dredging of Doctor's Pass and estimated that the project would be complete within six to eight weeks. The contractor will also clear the shoal that has formed in the Pass.

Mr. Thurston then thanked the Mayor and Council Members for their time and efforts.

ADJOURN
5:11 p.m.

Bonnie R. MacKenzie, Mayor

Minutes prepared by:

Virginia A. Neet, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes approved: 5/2/01