



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

City Council Workshop Meeting – March 18, 2002 – 8:30 a.m.

Mayor MacKenzie called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALL (8:34 a.m.)ITEM 1

Present:

Bonnie R. MacKenzie, Mayor
Gary Galleberg, Vice Mayor

Council Members:

Joseph Herms (arrived at 8:35 a.m.)
William MacIlvaine
Penny Taylor

Absent:

Clark Russell
Tamela Wiseman

Also Present:

Kevin Rambosk, City Manager
Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Manager
Susan Golden, Planner
Brenda Blair, Recording Specialist
Karen Kateley, Administrative Specialist

Fred Coyle
Arlene Guckenberger
Virginia Corkran
Falconer Jones
Other interested citizens and visitors.

Media:

Dianna Smith, Naples Daily News

SET AGENDA.....ITEM 2

There were no changes noted.

DISCUSSIONS WITH COLLIER COUNTY COMMISSIONER FRED COYLEITEM 3

Commissioner Fred Coyle reported the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) agreed to a joint City/County meeting relative to the grade separation at Golden Gate Parkway/Airport Road if it is determined that funding is available.

It was noted for the record that Council Member Herms arrived at 8:35 a.m.

Commissioner Coyle advised that the County intends to implement year round water restrictions in the near future; with review of the related ordinance the first week in April. He then noted that the list of County Board/Committee vacancies will now be forwarded to the City. Council Member MacIlvaine noted that the City of Naples and the Naples Airport Authority entered into an interlocal agreement and formed an Airport Zoning Commission to investigate/regulate zoning districts surrounding the Naples Airport and suggested that the County Airport Commission do same with regard to the Marco Island Airport. In response to Vice Mayor Galleberg, Commissioner Coyle expressed concern with the Naples Daily News report of

members from both the Tourist Development Council and Tourism Alliance criticizing the BCC's administration of the Tourist Development Tax; he said he felt that individuals with the most knowledge to govern these funds are those directly involved in the tourist industry. Vice Mayor Galleberg voiced concern with TDC funds being used for advertising on behalf of private enterprises.

Council Member Herms noted that he met with County staff to discuss traffic volumes relative to the proposed grade separation at Golden Gate Parkway/Airport Road and related I-75 exit; the information however did not contain a breakdown of traffic volumes by peak periods. He cited current statistics of 21,500 vehicles per day, with approximately 33,000 vehicles per day projected in 2006 following completion of the project. He also expressed concern whether the intersection of Golden Gate Parkway and Goodlette-Frank Road could accommodate the projected additional 11,000 vehicles per day and noted the insufficient length of turn lanes at that intersection. Commissioner Coyle advised that the County intends to lengthen turn lanes where possible and noted that he would address this issue at a future BCC meeting and joint City/County meeting.

Council Member Taylor advised that former Naples Preserve Committee Member Dr. Robert Read had suggested soliciting the participation of the Smithsonian in a Naples Preserve fundraiser to help defray the cost of the property. Dr. Read, she said, had previous involvement with the Smithsonian in a commercial endeavor in Naples. She noted that subsequent conversations had then evolved into a possible joint City/County alliance with the Smithsonian to promote ecology-related tourism. Commissioner Coyle concurred, and noted that he had also met with two representatives from the Smithsonian in December and received subsequent correspondence from the Associate Director of Operations & Public Information expressing an interest in future participation. A discussion ensued relative to the types of exhibits, seminars, educational events, etc., that could become a part of such a joint effort. Council Member Taylor noted the wholehearted support of Naples Preserve Committee and suggested scheduling a fundraiser in October or November to benefit local businesses due to lower tourism which could also provide a showcase for the Conservancy, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary and Rookery Bay.

Although concurring with the concept, Mayor MacKenzie requested additional details prior to endorsement. Commissioner Coyle said he would propose to the BCC that a committee be established with the broadest possible representation to develop a plan which would be brought back for refinement to the City Council, BCC, and other entities involved. Council Member Herms recommended first contacting the Smithsonian to determine the types of programs that can be brought to the community and that a plan then be developed to include elementary schools, conservation groups and other environmental organizations. He further noted that the Smithsonian may have other types of exhibits that would increase area tourism. Commissioner Coyle suggested proceeding on a parallel. Council Member Herms noted that during his discussions with Smithsonian representatives it was proposed that some of their research scientists located throughout the world could present their latest research in some type of a public forum; Mayor MacKenzie suggested contacting the National Geographic to also solicit its participation.

.....**ITEM 4**
DISCUSSION REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A "BOATING AND WATERWAYS" COMMITTEE AND POSSIBLE RESTRUCTURING OF THE PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD *(Requested by MacKenzie)*

Continued to the 4/1/02 Workshop Meeting.

BRIEFING BY CITY MANAGER.....ITEM 5

City Manager Rambosk advised that the City's website has been updated to include Council annotated agendas from 1992 and meeting minutes from 1991. He noted that the Planning Department met with the Port Royal Association to discuss fence and wall criteria. He advised that a vested rights meeting is scheduled for March 22 regarding Castle Bank. He then reported a tabletop exercise scheduled the following day with the domestic security task force. He then noted commencement of beach renourishment with the placement of 50,000 cubic yards of sand between 3rd Avenue South from Central Avenue to 7th Avenue North and Lowdermilk Park. Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Manager, advised that the sand to be used is from E.R. Jahna Industries and that the DEP had not yet approved the sand from Big Island Excavating. Mr. Rambosk then noted that Code Enforcement would be reviewing all sandwich board signs along 5th Avenue South and that staff is reviewing traffic calming requests from residents. He also noted that a restaurant had placed twice the number of tables and chairs as approved in the Cultural Walkway. Vice Mayor Galleberg requested further direction from the City Attorney on this issue and Mr. Rambosk agreed to provide Council with an update at the 3/20/02 Regular Meeting. He then noted that the Community Services Department applied for grant funding for Fleischmann Park improvements; \$150,000 having been received for Phase I and an application having been submitted for Phase II with the outcome to be known in June. He then said an overview of bond-funded projects will be presented at the 4/1/02 Workshop. Mr. Rambosk also noted previous discussions relative to the loss of Community Development Block Grant funds and that a letter (a copy of which is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office) had been drafted for consideration to forward to elected officials. Changes in the City Manager's Office include the return of the agenda and packet preparation process, and he noted that the search for a Finance Director was extended to include advertisement in professional periodicals.

REVIEW OF ITEMS ON THE 3/20/02 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA.....ITEM 6

Added item: Item 23 (Gordon Pass sand tightening project); Item 6 (Water and Sewer Bonds) Withdrawn; Item 16 (Bailey's Antique Mall) Withdrawn; Item 17 (Boating and Waterways Committee, PAB restructure) Continued. Item 7 (Hotel Escalante) Vice Mayor Galleberg requested that an alley maintenance agreement be incorporated; and Item 8 (amplified outdoor live entertainment) requested that the revised ordinance be provided to Council. Item 9 (Fleischmann Park Youth Football Committee recommendation) Council Member Herms requested clarification on the dissenting voter; Mr. Rambosk advised that this had been Recreation Supervisor Mike Leslie; Vice Mayor Galleberg requested a copy of the correspondence from Mark Simmons. Item 10-b-1 Council Member Taylor requested removal for separate discussion with regard to resident complaints concerning parking. Item 10-b-2 Vice Mayor Galleberg requested removal for separate discussion to clarify the difference between the request and staff's recommendation. Item 13 (fence and wall waiver) Council Member Herms asked whether staff reviewed fence options; Mr. Rambosk noted a presentation by staff at the 3/20/02 Regular Meeting. Item 21 (River Park Community Center) Council Member Herms

requested confirmation that the final demolition contract price is the same as the original submittal; Mr. Rambosk to confirm.

PUBLIC COMMENT.....

None.

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS.....

Council Member Taylor requested clarification on committee service by Vice Mayor Galleberg (Coastal Advisory Committee and Tourist Development Council). Mr. Galleberg noted that the County Attorney had not perceived a conflict since the Coastal Advisory Committee provides technical recommendations only and the Tourist Development Council reviews the information and allocates funding for beaches and other projects. Council Member Taylor sought information concerning an area known as black water which had developed in the Gulf of Mexico; Natural Resources Manager Jon Staiger explained that he was unable to contact a scientist at the Florida Marine Research Institute before the meeting; but would attempt to obtain more information by the 3/20/02 Regular Meeting. Council Member Herms noted conversations with the City Manager concerning resident complaints regarding the lack of parking at the Naples Landing Park; City Manager Rambosk agreed to follow up with City staff. Vice Mayor Galleberg said he attended a meeting with residents of Third Street with City Traffic Engineer George Archibald to discuss traffic calming; conclusions included enforcement of existing laws by the Police Department, and posting of additional 25 m.p.h. signs. Mr. Archibald had also suggested painting white lines on the street to mark pedestrian/bike rights-of-way. City Manager Rambosk advised that he had reviewed this information, authorized the proposed changes and had forwarded that information to City staff that morning for implementation.

ADJOURN.....

10:05 a.m.

Bonnie R. MacKenzie, Mayor

Tara A. Norman, City Clerk

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Minutes Approved: 05/01/02