



The Depot Cultural Center
1051 Fifth Avenue South
Naples, Florida 34102

**City Council Town Hall Meeting – Tuesday, March 26, 2002 – 7:00 p.m.
(Oyster Bay and Royal Harbor)**

Mayor MacKenzie called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALL ITEM 1

Present:

Bonnie R. MacKenzie, Mayor
Gary Galleberg, Vice Mayor

Council Members:

Joseph Herms
Clark Russell
Penny Taylor

Absent:

William MacIlvaine
Tamela Wiseman

Also Present:

Kevin Rambosk, City Manager
Ralph LaCivita, Comptroller
Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Manager
Pam Schwartz, Human Resources Supervisor
Bob Middleton, Utilities Director

Don Wirth, Community Services Director
Ron Lee, Planning Director
Steven Moore, Police Chief
Brenda Blair, Recording Specialist
Fred Coyle, County Commissioner
Bill Barnett, former Mayor
Peter Eschauzier, Airport Authority Commissioner
See also following pages

WELCOME BY MAYOR..... ITEM 2

Mayor MacKenzie introduced City Council Members, former Mayor Bill Barnett, Naples Airport Authority Commissioner Peter Eschauzier, County Commissioner Fred Coyle, homeowner association presidents and staff, and told the audience that the purpose of the meeting was to hear their concerns.

PRESENTATION BY STAFF..... ITEM 3

City Manager Kevin Rambosk reviewed the City's 2020 Vision Strategic Plan. (A copy of this material is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office. For a full summary of the points highlighted at the various Town Hall meetings in this series, see the minutes of 3/14/02.) Citizens of the Oyster Bay and Royal Harbor neighborhoods also learned that the City is addressing drainage problems in their area by relining drainage systems and repairing inlet boxes/outfalls; the City is also replacing swales and installing underdrains to reduce water on roads during rainstorms. City Manager Rambosk said that a new citywide traffic master plan would be presented to Council the following month, and that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) had funded replacement of mast arms for traffic lights that would be

computerized and allow traffic to flow more effectively. He then indicated that staff planned to address water quality in Naples Bay and related issues.

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

Tony Wood, Tarpon Road – Expressed concern with ongoing seawall erosion along Naples Bay and questioned whether "no wake" speed zone signs beyond Marker 26 would be installed. *(Mayor MacKenzie said that Council would consider forming a boating and waterways committee at its next workshop to address these types of issues. Council Member Herms suggested that residents express their desires to the City Council through their associations since no action is taken unless residents demand it.)*

City Manager Rambosk provided the following information:

- EB's Restaurant – City Manager Rambosk's meeting with owner resulted in a commitment to make all necessary changes to the building and grounds according to the original plans. A follow-up meeting is scheduled the following week with results to be conveyed to associations.
- Joint City/County effort to paint all traffic light mast arms along US 41; FDOT contributed only \$60,000; additional funds will be required.
- Cul-de-sac prototype design submitted to Royal Harbor Association Board for evaluation with restoration to commence October 2002; estimated completion dates to be conveyed to the Royal Harbor Board.
- Results of the City's appeal of FEMA's proposed flood elevation maps is anticipated in three months; the outcome to be conveyed to associations.
- Boathaven – Original offer to purchase no longer valid; Planning Department has received inquiries from engineering companies about prior approvals and code requirements for the property.

Unidentified, Curlew Avenue – Complained about the noise and dumping in canals. *(City Manager Rambosk requested that residents call the City with noise complaints which will be passed on to code enforcement.)*

Dorothy Gilmore, 1395 Curlew Avenue – Complained about the area being an eyesore, contractors dumping dredged material into the canal and noise from trucks dumping rocks and lumber. She advised of prior phone calls to code enforcement and police, correspondence to City Council the previous year, and correspondence to the Oyster Bay Homeowner Association that year with a copy to Council Member Wiseman. To-date no response has been received. *(City Manager Rambosk responded that he would call her the following day.)*

Mr. Rambosk then advised that the City is considering reducing the speed limit to 25 mph citywide.

County Commissioner Fred Coyle noted a joint City/County effort to address concerns at the Sandpiper Street/Davis Boulevard/Commercial Drive intersection. Proposed intersection changes include the construction of a turn lane and modifications to the center island to address incoming traffic; funding is to be provided by the County that year. Citizens also learned that the developer of the southeastern quadrant of that intersection has agreed to donate sufficient property to widen Sandpiper (to near Blue Point Avenue) and the entire corner of the property to construct a right turn lane when funding becomes available.

Unidentified – Requested an update concerning prior research by City Traffic Engineer George Archibald concerning the lack of a storage lane for traffic turning left on to Commercial Drive at the Davis Boulevard/Commercial Drive/Brookside Drive intersection. *(Commissioner Coyle responded that he would ask FDOT representative Norm Feder to follow up with City Traffic Engineer Archibald.)*

Unidentified – Requested a large overhead street sign indicating Sandpiper Street for traffic westbound on US 41. *(Commissioner Coyle agreed to address this request. City Manager Rambosk said the final design for this intersection would be completed in 60 days and construction completed by October 1, 2002.)*

Unidentified – Requested a contact to whom to offer suggestions for traffic flow improvements. *(City Manager Rambosk suggested that residents call his office and he would provide that information. Commissioner Coyle also recommended the installation of a traffic signal and storage lane at the intersection of Commercial Drive/Davis Boulevard.)*

Ray Bowie, Sheephead Drive (Royal Harbor) – Asked what action was being taken to address the problem of property owners renting a portion of their property, such as docks and driveways. *(Mayor MacKenzie recommended that residents reach a consensus through their association which could petition City Council to amend the applicable overlay district ordinance.)*

Falconer Jones – Distributed a list of suggestions for inclusion in the Sandpiper Street master plan (Attachment 1). *(City Manager Rambosk said he has already authorized the City Engineer to proceed with a conceptual master plan, and Council Member Herms requested that all suggestions be made to both the City and County since Sandpiper Street is located in both jurisdictions.)*

Unidentified – Requested information on what is being planned for the Oyster Bay/Royal Harbor area. *(Natural Resources Manager Jon Staiger responded that plans include landscaping and sidewalk improvements, and possibly a roundabout at the intersection of Sandpiper Street/Blue Point Avenue.) (It is noted for the record that the audience indicated opposition to a roundabout). (Dr. Staiger also said that due to the increase in property values, the City is considering reactivating the Advisory Committee for the East Naples Special Taxing District to determine what projects must be done such as canal maintenance dredging. Mayor MacKenzie noted the City Clerk's phone number for those interested in serving on this Committee.)*

Unidentified – Questioned whether a study has been performed concerning the impact public transportation is having on the Davis Boulevard/US 41 intersection. *(Commissioner Coyle said that he was unaware that such a study had been undertaken, but that the County is currently studying route segments to determine efficiency. With regard to growth, Mr. Coyle provided the following information: 1) the County is undertaking a complete review of the land development code; 2) the code currently allows 20-story buildings along Davis Boulevard; 3) there are currently 80,000 dwelling units in the County already approved, but unbuilt; and 4) the County is planning to build infrastructure to serve eastern County residents.)*

Jodie Colgate, Blue Point Condominiums (Blue Point Avenue/Sandpiper Street) – Complained about speeding, particularly after lounges close, and noted that speed enforcement vehicles had been very visible in the past. *(Police Chief Steven Moore suggested that residents contact either City or County law enforcement to report specific problems; he agreed to provide additional radar enforcement, particularly on weekends.)*

Unidentified – Asked how many police patrol cars are on the street on any given day. *(Police Chief Moore explained that the minimum at any given time is five plus one supervisor, with 10 to 15 on patrol during the day.)*

Unidentified – Questioned whether residents are allowed to report to police the license plate numbers of individuals speeding. *(Police Chief Moore said that residents can in fact report speeders and the police will in turn contact that individual.)*

Unidentified – Complimented the police for being especially visible in Royal Harbor.

Unidentified, Royal Harbor – Suggested that the County research why the Towne Center mall has deteriorated.

Unidentified, Royal Harbor – Noted that residents will be in the future expressing opposition to City Council regarding rental of boat docks in Royal Harbor, and opposition to a 400-slip marina. *(Mayor MacKenzie recommended residents reach a consensus through their association and that the association petition City Council to amend the applicable overlay district regulations.)*

Jack Kennedy, 1312 Chesapeake Avenue – Noted a recent appearance before City Council to express concern regarding what he described as a dangerous traffic situation in front of the main post office on Goodlette-Frank Road. *(City Manager Rambosk indicated that he had written to the County Manager addressing these concerns and requesting that left turns be prohibited onto Goodlette-Frank Road.)*

Unidentified, Tarpon Road – Asked whether the City is considering plans for additional green space for play areas for children other than in Fleischmann and Cambier Parks; and also questioned whether school class sizes would be reduced. *(Mayor MacKenzie responded that green space is addressed in the 2020 Vision Strategic Plan, and recommended the addition of small pockets of green space throughout the City. The Collier County School Board however controls school-related issues, she said. City Manager Rambosk also said that the horticultural transfer site will be relocated and much of that space will become a park/play area.)*

ADJOURN
8:50 p.m.

Bonnie R. MacKenzie, Mayor

Tara A. Norman, City Clerk

Minutes Prepared by:

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Minutes Approved 8/20/02