



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

City Council Special Meeting - September 27, 2004 – 5:05 p.m.

Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALL ITEM 1

Present:

Bill Barnett, Mayor
Tamela Wiseman, Vice Mayor (arrived 5:07 p.m.)

Council Members:

William MacIlvaine
Johnny Nocera
Clark Russell
John Sorey III
Penny Taylor

Also Present:

Robert Lee, City Manager
Jessica Rosenberg, Deputy City Clerk
Ann Marie Ricardi, Finance Director
Anne Middleton, Budget & Investment Manager
Denise Perez, Human Resources Director
Chief Steven Moore, Police & Emergency Svcs.
Steve Weeks, Technology Services Director
Ron Wallace, Construction Management Director

George Archibald, Traffic Engineer
David Lykins, Community Services Director

Other interested citizens and visitors.

Media:

Ilene Stackel, Naples Daily News
Kathy Saenz, Fox 4 TV

City Manager Robert Lee explained, in response to various Council Member's inquiries, that the increase in the aggregate millage rate to 1.17 was due to unexpected losses of revenues, an unexpected pension deficit, unanticipated increased expenses for the renovation of Fire Station #2, and anticipated increases to the health benefit premiums. He further responded that it would not be appropriate, in this fiscal year's budget, to allocate funds from reserve accounts, saying the budget was financially sound.

During the actions taken below, Vice Mayor Wiseman said that she could not support the increase in the millage rate because of the diligence previous Councils had taken to reduce or maintain taxes. She acknowledged the reasons cited by City Manager Lee as understandable, however, she said that she felt there must be alternatives to reduce the budget and suggested adopting the previous fiscal year's millage rate and directing staff to investigate other options to meet the budget needs. Mayor Barnett said, that with continued increases in costs and expenses, together with a loss of revenue, there was no other option that year but to slightly raise the millage rate. Council Members Russell and MacIlvaine acknowledged that they, too, did not

desire an increase in taxes. Although offering their support, due to the unexpected revenue losses and expenses, they recommended additional efforts be made to avoid an increase the following year. Council concurred and Council Member Nocera said that staff did successfully comply with the City's Vision Statement. City Manager Lee explained that staff had significantly reduced budget requests in an effort to avoid an increase, and he commended all department directors for their efforts. He also said that the Council approved adjustment of sanitation fees might, in some cases, actually offset some residents' taxes. Council Member Sorey said accomplishing the various goals established, such as improving Naples Bay, does require funding, and suggested that more effort be made to accurately estimate costs in the future.

ORDINANCE (FIRST READING).....ITEM 2-a(1)
AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND FIXING THE 2004 TAX LEVY AND MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF NAPLES, EXCLUSIVE OF DEPENDENT TAXING DISTRICTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER PROVISION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title read by City Manager Robert Lee. (5:08 p.m.)

MOTION by Russell to APPROVE AT FIRST READING; seconded by Sorey, and carried 6-1, (Sorey-yes, Russell-yes, MacIlvaine-yes, Wiseman-no, Taylor-yes, Nocera-yes, Barnett-yes).

Public Comment: (5:08 p.m.) None.

ORDINANCE (FIRST READING).....ITEM 2-a(2)
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NAPLES, EXCLUSIVE OF DEPENDENT TAXING DISTRICTS, FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2004 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF NAPLES FOR THE GENERAL OPERATION OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY, INCLUDING UTILITIES, AND FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE SINKING FUNDS OF THE CITY TO PAY INTEREST ON AND PROVIDE FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE OUTSTANDING BONDS AND OTHER FIXED OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY AND THE UTILITY TAX FUND FOR AND DURING THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2004, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER PROVISION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title read by City Manager Robert Lee. (5:13 p.m.)

MOTION by Sorey to APPROVE AT FIRST READING; seconded by MacIlvaine, and carried 6-1, (Wiseman-no, Russell-yes, Taylor-yes, Sorey-yes, Nocera-yes, MacIlvaine-yes, Barnett-yes).

Public Comment: (5:13 p.m.) None.

ORDINANCE (FIRST READING).....ITEM 2-b(1)
AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND FIXING THE 2004 TAX LEVY AND MILLAGE RATE FOR THE EAST NAPLES BAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER PROVISION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title read by City Manager Robert Lee. (5:17 p.m.)

MOTION by Russell to **APPROVE AT FIRST READING**; seconded by MacIlvaine, and carried unanimously, all members present and voting, (MacIlvaine-yes, Nocera-yes, Russell-yes, Sorey-yes, Taylor-yes, Wiseman-yes, Barnett-yes).

Public Comment: (5:17 p.m.) None.

ORDINANCE (FIRST READING).....ITEM 2-b(2)
AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND FIXING THE 2004 TAX LEVY AND MILLAGE RATE FOR THE MOORINGS BAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER PROVISION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title read by City Manager Robert Lee. (5:18 p.m.)

MOTION by Russell to **APPROVE AT FIRST READING**; seconded by MacIlvaine, and carried unanimously, all members present and voting, (MacIlvaine-yes, Nocera-yes, Russell-yes, Sorey-yes, Taylor-yes, Wiseman-yes, Barnett-yes).

Public Comment: (5:18 p.m.) None.

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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE EAST NAPLES BAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2004 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF NAPLES FOR THE GENERAL OPERATION OF THE EAST NAPLES BAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR AND DURING FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2004 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2005; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER PROVISION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title read by City Manager Robert Lee. (5:18 p.m.)

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PUBLIC COMMENT.....
None.

ADJOURN.....
5:30 p.m.

William Barnett, Mayor

Tara A. Norman, City Clerk

Minutes prepared by:

Pamela M. Koepke, Recording Specialist

Minutes Approved: **10/20/04**