



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

City Council Special Meeting – Wednesday, September 7, 2005 – 5:05 p.m

Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALLITEM 1

Present:

Bill Barnett, Mayor
Tamela Wiseman, Vice Mayor (arrived 5:08 p.m.)

Council Members:

Johnny Nocera
Gary Price
John Sorey III
Penny Taylor

Absent:

William MacIlvaine

Also Present:

Robert Lee, City Manager
Robert Pritt, City Attorney
Tara Norman, City Clerk
David Lykins, Community Services Director
Steven Moore, Chief of PESD
Robin Johnson, Budget & Investment Mgr.
Ann Marie Ricardi, Finance Director
Dan Mercer, Public Works Director
Steve Weeks, Technology Services Director
James McEvoy, Deputy Chief
Denise Perez, Human Resources Director
Elizabeth Rogers, Recording Specialist
Susan Smith

PUBLIC HEARINGSITEM 2

ORDINANCE (First Reading).....ITEM 2-a(1)

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND FIXING THE 2005 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 during discussions below (5:09 p.m.). Mayor Barnett read a prepared statement on the procedures to be followed for the Special Meeting, noting that the first substantive issue to be discussed would be the percentage rate necessary to fund the budget and the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues are to be increased. (See Attachment 1.) In response, City Manager Robert Lee explained that the millage rate had been established at

1.14 mills and the rollback rate at 1.0545 mills. He added that the reason for the increase in the tax levy was due to the budgeted increases in employee wages, the addition of an Accounting Technician position in the Finance Department to assist with GASBE 34 compliance, and anticipated increases in operating costs; these include liability insurance, technology and support costs, fuel, a new City boundary survey, equipment repair costs, and increased costs for landscape maintenance.

It is noted for the record that Vice Mayor Wiseman entered the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT.....

(5:09 p.m.) **Sue Smith, 11th Avenue South**, noted that although the City is an affluent community, the Council, as custodians of City's business, must carefully consider the needs of the residents when appropriating funds and avoid tax increases if possible.

MOTION by Sorey to APPROVE ITEM 2-a(1) AT FIRST READING;
seconded by Nocera and carried 6-0 (MacIlvaine-absent, Nocera-yes, Price-yes,
Sorey-yes, Taylor-yes, Wiseman-yes, Barnett-yes).

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, 2005 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006;
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF NAPLES
FOR THE GENERAL OPERATION OF 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, 2005, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006;
PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER PROVISION AND AN
EFFECTIVE DATE. Title read by City Manager Robert Lee (5:15 p.m.). Council Member Taylor voiced concern about appropriating \$600,000 this year for the lighting project north of Seventh Avenue on U.S. 41, saying she believed the project to be unnecessary, that it would not be funded by Tax Increment Finance (TIF) monies, and that the maintenance costs had not yet been determined. City Manager Lee affirmed that Council would in fact vote on the entire budget, rather than on specific line items. He however added said staff could later present additional information before awarding the contract. Miss Taylor said her only other concern was in securing a partnership with regard to the Gordon River Greenway project; Council Member Sorey affirmed that there would be a presentation to Council on all outstanding issues on that project. Council Members Price and Sorey expressed appreciation to the staff for answering all of their questions, noting they would bring up a few items for further discussion at a later time.

MOTION by Nocera to APPROVE ITEM 2-a (2) AT FIRST READING;
seconded by Price and carried 6-0 (MacIlvaine-absent, Nocera-yes, Price-yes,
Sorey-yes, Taylor-yes, Wiseman-yes, Barnett-yes).

ORDINANCE (First Reading).....ITEM 2-b(1)
AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND FIXING THE 2005 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 (5:21 p.m.).

**MOTION by Nocera to APPROVE ITEM 2-b (1) AT FIRST READING;
seconded by Sorey and carried 6-0 (MacIlvaine-absent, Nocera-yes, Price-yes,
Sorey-yes, Taylor-yes, Wiseman-yes, Barnett-yes).**

ORDINANCE (First Reading).....ITEM 2-b(2)
AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND FIXING THE 2005 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 (5:22 p.m.).

**MOTION by Nocera to APPROVE ITEM 2-b (2) AT FIRST READING;
seconded by Sorey and carried 6-0 (MacIlvaine-absent, Nocera-yes, Price-yes,
Sorey-yes, Taylor-yes, Wiseman-yes, Barnett-yes).**

ORDINANCE (First Reading).....ITEM 2-c(1)
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE EAST NAPLES BAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2005 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006; 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, 2005 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER PROVISION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title read by City Manager Robert Lee (5:22 p.m.).

**MOTION by Nocera to APPROVE ITEM 2-c(1) AT FIRST READING;
seconded by Price and carried 6-0 (MacIlvaine-absent, Nocera-yes, Price-yes,
Sorey-yes, Taylor-yes, Wiseman-yes, Barnett-yes).**

ORDINANCE (First Reading).....ITEM 2-c(2)
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE MOORINGS BAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2005 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF NAPLES FOR THE GENERAL OPERATION OF THE MOORINGS BAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR AND DURING FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2005 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER PROVISION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title read by City Manager Robert Lee (5:23 p.m.).

**MOTION by Sorey to APPROVE ITEM 2-c(2) AT FIRST READING;
seconded by Nocera and carried 6-0 (MacIlvaine-absent, Nocera-yes, Price-yes,
Sorey-yes, Taylor-yes, Wiseman-yes, Barnett-yes).**

Mayor Barnett announced that the final budget hearing would be conducted on September 21 at 5:05 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS.....
Vice Mayor Wiseman stated that she appreciated the information provided by staff regarding the bonded debt per capita. She urged that staff present the appropriate information so that the Council could proceed with bonding of new parking garages and other needed projects.

ADJOURN
5:25 p.m.

Bill Barnett, Mayor

Tara A. Norman, City Clerk

Minutes prepared by:

Jessica Rosenberg, Deputy City Clerk

Susan Cairns, Recording Specialist

Minutes Approved: 10/5/05

Tentative Budget Hearing 9-7-2005

Suggested Opening Comments

“Good Evening (indicate the time being after 5:00 p.m.) Welcome to the tentative budget and millage hearing for the City of Naples.

This is a special meeting of the City Council so only the items in the agenda will be considered.

State law requires that the first substantive issue discussed shall be the percentage rate necessary to fund the budget, and the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased if they are to be increased.

During this discussion, the City Council will hear comments regarding the proposed millage rates and the proposed budgets.

The general public will be allowed to speak and to ask questions prior to voting by the Council. The Council will approve at first reading its tentative millage rate prior to approving at first reading its tentative budget.

Tax levies and budgets for dependent Special Taxing Districts will be approved at first reading following discussion and

adoption of levies and budgets for the City.

**Council will publicly announce the date, time and place for the
final millage and budget hearing.”**

(Be sure to announce before the close of hearing)