



City Council Chamber  
735 Eighth Street South  
Naples, Florida 34102

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**City Council Workshop Meeting – December 18, 2006 – 8:30 a.m.**

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Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order and presided.

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**ROLL CALL .....ITEM 1**

**Present:**

Bill Barnett, Mayor  
Johnny Nocera, Vice Mayor

**Council Members:**

William MacIlvaine  
Gary Price, II  
John Sorey, III  
Penny Taylor  
William Willkomm, III

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**Also Present:**

Robert Lee, City Manager  
Robert Pritt, City Attorney  
Vicki Smith, Technical Writing Specialist  
Tara Norman, City Clerk  
Stephen Weeks, Technology Services Director  
Jessica Rosenberg, Deputy City Clerk  
Ron Wallace, Construction Mgmt. Director  
Joseph Ramunni, Sr. Admin Specialist

Henry Kennedy  
Dorothy Hirsch  
Frank Denninger

**Media:**

Aisling Swift, Naples Daily News  
  
Other interested citizens and visitors.

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**SET AGENDA.....ITEM 2**

***MOTION by Price to SET AGENDA AS PRESENTED: seconded by Taylor and unanimously carried (MacIlvaine-absent, Nocera-yes, Price-yes, Sorey-yes, Taylor-yes, Willkomm-yes, Barnett-yes).***

**PUBLIC INPUT .....ITEM 3**

None.

**INTERVIEW WITH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD CANDIDATE.....ITEM 4**

Deputy City Clerk Jessica Rosenberg indicated that one candidate, James Black, was present to be interviewed for the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board (CRAAB).

**US41 SCENIC HIGHWAY.....ITEM 5**

Council Member Price explained that input from various municipalities was being sought by the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on possible impacts from reconsidering the de-designation of US41 as a scenic highway. Don Scott, Vice Chair, provided various applicable documents which are contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office. He responded to Council Member Taylor to the effect that US 41 had been designated a

“Florida Scenic Highway” in 1998, and in 2000 a “National Scenic Byway.” A Corridor Advocacy Group (CAG) which had initially lobbied for the designation had included owners of the land along the corridor, interested citizens and a member of the Board of County Commissioners, Mr. Scott said, noting that the group had wished to obtain funding for scenic highway enhancements such as pull-offs for overlooks, and national exposure for economic development. He further said that only three of the 126 federal scenic highway designations are in the State of Florida, although while US 41 had the scenic designation, approximately \$9-million in federal funding had been realized.

In responding to Council Member Sorey, Mr. Scott also explained that the 2005 de-designation by the MPO (the federal and state designation is still in effect) was due to the fact that when a Corridor Management Plan (CMP) was drafted, the Corridor Management Entity (CME), which had been formed to implement the planning and supervise the distribution of funding, was no longer active. Nevertheless, he said, many of the original CAG members are still supportive of the designation, but a CME must be formed and activated.

**Public Comment:** (8:49 a.m.) **Frank Denninger, 461 East 40<sup>th</sup> Street, Hialeah,** said that he was representing the Everglades Coordinating Council (ECC), a statewide organization aiding in conservation and other outdoor activities. He presented various materials to Council (contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk’s Office) and stressed that the issue is in fact control over the land abutting the highway which would reside with either the CME or with federal or state government. **Ellie Krier, 1100 Fifth Avenue South, #201,** stated that she had been involved with the CAG since its formation and listed additional issues. Both the Chamber of Commerce and the Collier County Economic Development Council (EDC) had expressed interest in the scenic highway designation due to the fact that US41 is a viable commercial corridor, and one that is vital to Everglades City. Therefore, if the roadway were not enhanced and made safer for tourists, there could be issues such as a speed limit reduction at the will of the FDOT. Ms. Krier also pointed out that federal agencies along the corridor could use the designation to enhance their grant points and thereby receive larger amounts of funding. Finally, she noted the issue of local control, saying that she felt it extremely necessary to have a duly constituted CME which she characterized as the only voice with regard to control over this corridor other than that of governmental entities which own approximately 80% of the lands along it. She said that she strongly urges reconsideration of the de-designation. In response to Council Member Price she said that when other scenic highways were designated around the state, stakeholders were identified and documentation reflecting this information was then drafted; these stakeholders were considered for CMC membership and included governmental entities, citizens, and businesses from the corridor.

Mr. Scott then suggested that Council directly send correspondence to the MPO voicing its support of the reconsideration, and Council Member Price noted that, as a member of the MPO (along with Vice Mayor Nocera), various issues remain to be addressed; namely, control of the area, maintenance of its historical character, and its viability as a commercial roadway. Council Member Sorey also expressed interest in ascertaining the amount or degree of control available to the local entities. Council Member Price also stressed that assurance must be made that funding obtained through the scenic highway designation of the applicable portion of US41 (CR96 to the Miami-Dade line) is used in that area and not elsewhere in the state. Council urged Mr. Scott to obtain the answers to the above questions as soon as possible. Mr. Price said that he

and Vice Mayor Nocera would work through the MPO to receive the needed information from representatives of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) who attended MPO meetings.

**NAPLES PRESERVE ROOF REPAIR .....ITEM 6**

Construction Management Director Ron Wallace gave an electronic presentation (a printed copy of which is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office) to review the situation with reference to needed roof repairs at the Naples Preserve visitor center. He said that presently an unsightly blue tarp is covering the structure whose roof he described as both aged and hurricane-damaged. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had visited the site, he said, and reviewed the necessary repairs for reimbursement; a standing seam metal roof had been specified and opened to bidding. However, citizens and Council Members had expressed concern that the historical character and architectural style would be compromised without restoration of the existing roof style which he described as Bermuda (concrete) tile. Therefore, an alternative method was researched, and staff is recommending a process by Dura Loc whereby the old concrete tile is restored by cleaning and sealing with a waterproof membrane, and then painted. (It is noted for the record that a copy of the company brochure is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office.) He pointed out that this method has a five-year warranty with initial application costing \$8,500 compared to approximately \$50,000 for the aforementioned metal roof. In response to Vice Mayor Nocera, he explained that there was little apparent water damage when examined from inside the attic and damaged areas would be replaced before restoration of the roof. Council suggested that an architect first be consulted, or perhaps presenting the issue to the Design Review Board (DRB) for its input; however, Mr. Wallace cautioned that it was unknown whether FEMA would reimburse for repair other than the standing seam metal roof.

During further discussion, various Council Members expressed personal experience and prior knowledge of the Dura Loc process which was related as having generated varying degrees of success. Director Wallace agreed but stressed that the maintenance of the existing roof appearance was of utmost importance and that he felt with the application of the Dura Loc process, the lines and design of the existing roof would remain.

*Consensus to obtain architectural advice and/or input from the Design Review Board for recommendation on course of action to retain original look of roof.*

**YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT .....ITEM 7**

Administrative Specialist Joseph Rammuni gave a brief electronic presentation (a printed copy of which is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office) outlining the format for the Youth in Government program which is to begin in the next few weeks. The program is to involve 30 junior and senior Naples High School students who will be shown the inner workings of City government while affording the City the opportunity to better understand the needs and interests of its youth. The program will involve five components: 1) core curriculum (City Hall tour, classes on City government and City Council question-and-answer session); 2) City facilities tour; 3) hands-on experiences (police, fire/EMS, Community Services, and Natural Resources expedition to Keewaydin Island); 4) Youth in Government documentary video (student video prepared for City Council and possibly broadcast on the City's cable TV channel); and 5) Youth Council (six students elected by their peers will serve for the following school year, meet periodically with City Council and present a youth petition at a City Council meeting). Mr. Rammuni explained that Dr. Michael Bauer, Natural Resources Manager, would

give a presentation during the Keewaydin Island experience involving Naples Bay and the area's natural resources. Council expressed its approval for the program which it deemed a tool for improving youth awareness of how the City functions.

**BRIEFING BY CITY MANAGER .....ITEM 8**

(It is noted for the record that a copy of material pertaining to this item and referenced during the discussion is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office.) City Manager Robert Lee noted issues raised recently by James Lennane regarding the construction of Collier County Sheriff's SWAT facility at Naples Municipal Airport. He explained that due to possible security issues, however, an executive session for Council may be necessary in conjunction with the workshop on January 8. He also noted that an update on parking in rights-of-way adjacent to private property would be included on the January 16 workshop agenda. Council Member Taylor questioned the number of open employee positions and requested the budgeted amounts for the positions and how they are being advertised for recruitment. Council Member Price requested clarification of what he termed a drastic difference between the \$1-million budgeted for capital expenditures, in conjunction with the 41-10 streetscape, and the amended amount of \$102,000 in the 2006-07 budget (page 21).

**REVIEW OF ITEMS ON THE 12/20/06 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA .....ITEM 9**

Council Member Sorey noted the request by City Clerk Tara Norman to continue Item 6-a (Minutes) from the consent agenda to the January 10 regular meeting. Regarding Item 6-f (vehicle purchase), Council Member Willkomm requested the method of disposal of used City vehicles and Council Member Price requested a summary of reasons for the replacements, including vehicle service histories. Item 6-h (carriage franchise) is to be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion at the request of Council Member Taylor, who also requested a transcript of a recent citizen's comment regarding carriage service. The history of experience on various dredging projects was requested by Council Member Sorey regarding Item 6-j (West Naples Bay dredging project) and information on rankings of bids by Council Member Price on Item 6-k (Bond Counsel Services agreement). City Manager Robert Lee requested continuance of Item 13 (anchorage ordinance) to January 10 regular meeting, and requested the addition Item 17 (litigation settlement).

**CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS .....**

Mayor Barnett reminded the public of the joint workshop with the Collier County Commission scheduled later that day, and Council Member Willkomm noted the possibility of land being available for acquisition by the City for public purposes due to some development projects having been shelved. Council Member Price recommended that a mechanism be developed for tracking Council actions/requests for information, and stated that he felt some items should be brought before Council for input prior to staff working with the community and others, particularly citizen initiatives. He further expressed the view that attendance by City Council Members at visioning meetings with the public could possibly have a dampening effect. Vice Mayor Nocera recommended that Council Members consider attending various upcoming conferences. He also noted a digital vandalism deterrent system which had become available on the market and that Florida Power & Light (FP&L) had recommended upgrades such as the undergrounding of utilities. Council Member Taylor requested an update on the Lorenzen rental marina situation at Wharfside and voiced concerns about citizens asking the City Clerk to dispense information to City Council. City Clerk Tara Norman assured Council that such requests were rare and had not to date become burdensome. Council Member Sorey noted that Broward County is becoming a major destination for travelers due to the area's leisure market

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status, which is doing well. He also disagreed with Council's Member Price with regard to Council Member attendance during citizen meetings in conjunction with the visioning process and reported on the positive nature of the process to date.

**ADJOURN** .....  
10:30 a.m.

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Bill Barnett, Mayor

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Tara A. Norman, City Clerk

Minutes prepared by:

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Vicki Smith, Technical Writing Specialist

Minutes Approved: 1/17/07