



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

City Council Special Workshop Meeting – May 14, 2007 – 1:30 p.m.

Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALL (1:30 p.m.).....ITEM 1

Present:

Bill Barnett, Mayor
Johnny Nocera, Vice Mayor

Council Members:

William MacIlvaine
Gary Price, II
John Sorey, III
Penny Taylor (Arrived 1:34 p.m.)
William Willkomm, III

Also Present:

Robert Lee, City Manager
Robert Pritt, City Attorney
Vicki Smith, Technical Writing Specialist
Tara Norman, City Clerk
Steve Weeks, Director of Tech. Services

Franklin Duane
Ron Pennington
Lou Vlasho
Henry Kennedy
Charlie Thomas
Sue Smith
John Passidomo
Fred Hirshovits
Chuck Mohlke
Carl Erickson

Ernest Linneman
Ted Soliday
Lois Selfon
Sharon Kenny
AnnaElena Foster

Other interested citizens and visitors.

SET AGENDA.....ITEM 2

No Changes.

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DISCUSSIONS WITH CHAIRS OF VARIOUS CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Barnett expressed his appreciation for those who serve on the City's various boards and committees and encouraged those in attendance to present any concerns with which City Council may assist.

Lois Selfon, Chair of Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB) thanked Community Services Director David Lykins, Administrative Specialist Kathy Brisson, City Manager Robert Lee, and Parks and Parkways Superintendent Joseph Boscaglia for their generosity and time. The CSAB, she said, unanimously supported Council reclaiming City rights-of-ways for the purpose of addressing stormwater runoff and drainage concerns. Mrs. Selfon also requested that Council

be sensitive to the cultural balance in the City by fostering programs oriented to adults and seniors. CSAB also supported Natural Resources Manager Michael Bauer's efforts in cleaning the lakes that flow into Naples Bay as well as efforts to improve Anthony Park and expressed appreciation for the River Park Neighborhood Needs Assessment, Mrs. Selfon concluded.

Carl Erickson, Fifth Avenue South Action Committee (FASAC), stressed that parking and other projects were of primary concern. There was uncertainty, however, as to whether FASAC had performed to the expected degree, and also noted a lack of continuity due to member turnover. Nevertheless, he said he believed FASAC had now developed a better understanding of the committee's role in the area of parking which he reiterated was the single active concern. He also stressed the importance of achieving not only an improved understanding of FASAC responsibilities, but the roles of the various other boards, which he said would greatly benefit the City.

Further, with reference to parking, Mr. Erickson stressed the need at the west end of Fifth Avenue South. He expressed satisfaction with the involvement and responsiveness of staff but noted that he had not received survey information pertaining to alleys as they relate to parking. Council Member Taylor suggested creation of a tree of responsibility in conjunction with staff to clarify areas of responsibility as it pertains to projects, pointing out that the outline should include the Executive Director of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). Mr. Erickson concurred that this would be a helpful tool.

Sharon Kenny, Chair of Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC), reported attending a recent conference relative to this subject matter and commended Council for recently changing the landscape architecture requirement within PAAC membership. She said she looked forward to implementing the percentage for art ordinance passed in November, and Council Member Taylor commended Ms. Kenny for her leadership.

Franklin Duane, Chair of the Design Review Board (DRB), reported a positive relationship with staff. He also reported that the City architects had offered favorable comments with reference to the DRB which, in 2007, will have reviewed approximately 50 projects. He also reported on recommended Code changes in terms of multi-family building height measurements as well as the possibility of creating an architectural awards program.

Mr. Duane then advised that a memorial service for the late DRB member Russ Reddick would be held at City Hall. He also expressed appreciation for Council's recent appointment of Thomas Scangarello, noting that the next DRB meeting would be his last. In response to Council Member Taylor, Mr. Duane also agreed that a tree of responsibility or some other type of schematic would be extremely helpful.

Ernest Linneman, Chair of the Naples Airport Authority (NAA), stated that the areas of critical concern are relevant to governance of the NAA and community outreach. The airport, he said, is a major element of the community's infrastructure and important to its development emphasizing the need for a team effort in addressing public concern. He stated that the NAA is a five-person board and operates in accordance with Chapter 286, Florida Statutes (Sunshine Law) and is closely and actively related to the Citizens Airport Noise Compatibility Committee. Mr.

Linneman then referenced the various governmental entities with jurisdiction at the airport in addition to the City of Naples, including the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as it pertains to airway systems and airports. He noted the addition of Community Director AnnaElena Foster to the airport staff and encouraged increased public involvement. He however assured Council that stimulation of air traffic is not encouraged.

Mr. Linneman further announced that Ted Baldwin, a noise abatement expert, was scheduled to examine issues including nighttime flyover concerns and referred to a new campaign to encourage airport users to respect the curfew. In response to Council Member Price, he said that those arriving after curfew are met, greeted, and notified of the infraction. Council Member Willkomm expressed concern regarding the potential for environmental pollutants at the airport site, noting that it was previously a military base and landfill; he therefore proposed an environmental survey be implemented in an attempt to proactively address potential concerns in this regard. Council Member Willkomm also recommended increasing the time allotted for public speakers at NAA meetings be increased from three to five minutes.

In reference to a Part 151 Study (noise), Mr. Linneman explained that as a result of projected data from a study done in the year 2000, information was still relevant but assured Council that Mr. Baldwin, the aforementioned noise expert, would be most qualified to speak on this issue. He cautioned however that the expense of a revised noise study may be over \$500,000, yet not reveal significantly different information.

Ron Pennington, Chair of the Moorings Bay Citizens Advisory Committee, stated that his group was charged with making recommendations to Council regarding the Moorings Bay waterways system. He explained the origins of the taxing district and the advisory committee. The initial .5 mil ad valorem tax levy provided funding for maintenance dredging in the canals and waterways, including Doctors Pass and its approaches, he said, and explained that dredging of Doctors Pass and its approaches is now reimbursed by tax funds from the Tourist Development Council (TDC). The remainder of bay system maintenance is funded by the taxing district. The committee monitors:

- Maintenance of necessary aides to navigation;
- Various warning signs throughout the basin;
- Inspection of seawalls; and
- Surveillance of surface water pollution.

In addition to oversight, Mr. Pennington said that the committee is also responsible for:

- Reviewing the budget development work requirement;
- Projected expenditures;
- Projected income; and
- Recommendations to Council for special millage rates to be adopted for each fiscal year.

Mr. Pennington also explained that during the past years, Council re-established and renamed the committee. The action also consolidated other directives to the committee that had accumulated over the years. The taxing district is composed of all properties that abut the waters of the Moorings Bay system including Coquina Sands, the Moorings, and Park Shore, with property values at approximately \$1.7-billion; the annual millage therefore yields \$37,000 from over 2,500 taxpayers at a rate of .025. The taxing district financial position continues to be strong,

Mr. Pennington added, with approximately \$150,000 in its accounts which is considered at least sufficient for projected storm recovery needs.

Mr. Pennington reiterated that recent expenditures were required for replacing and bringing into legal conformance navigation and cautionary signage throughout the bay system. Annual monitoring of the dredging of Doctors Pass is complete, as required by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) dredging permit, and results indicated that almost 20,000 cubic yards of sediment had been re-deposited since the 2005 dredging in the outer sediment basin, he said. Updating and/or replacement of the Doctors Pass entry lights is complete, he said, and the monitoring depth survey was performed at a cost of \$20,000; reimbursement of this cost was allocated from the County's TDC Fund. Mr. Pennington also noted that the deterioration of the north jetty had been a concern and is in the restoration process. Committee members actively monitored conditions throughout the bay system and there was excellent cooperation from City staff, he added, including Natural Resources Manager Michael Bauer, Marina Compliance Specialist Roger Jacobsen, and Waterfront Operations Manager Mike Klein.

In the future, the committee will continue to closely observe the conditions of the Moorings Bay system and advise Council and staff of needs while carefully overseeing expenditures of tax dollars, Mr. Pennington noted. Dredging of Doctors Pass is anticipated in fiscal year 2009, including removing rocks from beyond the ends of jetties to allow dredging of the outside sediment basin to its designed depth. The estimated cost of \$800,000 will be reimbursed from tourist tax funds.

Committee Chairman Pennington stated that his service on the Collier County Coastal Advisory Committee would be complete that month, but reported that the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association had announced that the Naples beach was selected as one of the top restored beaches for 2007 and one of seven such beaches in the nation.

In response to Council Member Price, Mr. Pennington said that the Army Corps of Engineers will consider dredging only commercial passes and, while Gordon Pass may qualify, Doctors Pass is considered a private access.

Chuck Mohlke stated that he was appearing on behalf of Carver Finance, Inc., which annually monitors all fiduciary aspects of the corporation to ensure that City Council continues in the position of independence from finance or management of the Carver Apartments.

Public Comment: **Sue Smith** stated that she is a citizen of Naples and expressed appreciation for Ron Pennington and the efforts of the Moorings Bay Citizens Advisory Committee with reference to beach restoration. She however described what she characterized as a tremendous responsibility on the part of the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) to choose and maintain art for public areas. She urged that art however be placed in various neighborhoods, not just Old Naples. She advised Ernest Linneman of the Naples Airport Authority (NAA) that a noise study was unnecessary and encouraged consultation with residents who report that aircraft are too low and too frequent at night. She also questioned whether rock quarrying was allowed to take place at the Naples Airport in terms of the deed restrictions.

ADJOURN
2:37 p.m.

Bill Barnett, Mayor

Tara A. Norman, City Clerk

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Minutes Approved: 6/6/07