



City Council Chamber
735 Eighth Street South
Naples, Florida 34102

City Council Special Meeting – September 3, 2008 – 5:04 p.m.

Mayor Barnett called the meeting to order and presided.

ROLL CALLITEM 1

Present:

Bill Barnett, Mayor
Penny Taylor, Vice Mayor

Council Members:

Teresa Heitmann
Gary Price, II
Margaret Sulick
John Sorey, III
William Willkomm, III

Also Present:

William Moss, City Manager
Robert Pritt, City Attorney
Vicki Smith, Technical Writing Specialist
Tara Norman, City Clerk
Roger Reinke, Assistant City Manager
Bob Middleton, Utilities Director
Russell Adams, CRA Executive Director
Ann Marie Ricardi, Finance Director
Paul Bollenback, Building Official
Denise Perez, Human Resources Director
Ron Wallace, Construction Mgmt. Director
David Lykins, Community Services Director
Robin Singer, Planning Director
Richard Yovanovich

Sue Smith
Vin DePasquale
Linda Bloom
Joel Kessler
Mark Steiner
Trista Kragh
Matthew Kragh
Irwin Scharfeld
John Callis
Lois Bolin
Lou Vlasho

Media:

Jenna Buzzacco, Naples Daily News
Other interested citizens and visitors

PUBLIC HEARINGS – (TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND BUDGET)ITEM 2-a

THE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE IS THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MILLAGE OVER THE ROLLED-BACK RATE NECESSARY TO FUND THE BUDGET, IF ANY, AND THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH AD VALOREM TAX REVENUES ARE BEING INCREASED. (THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHALL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK AND TO ASK QUESTIONS PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF ANY MEASURES BY THE GOVERNING BODY.) Finance Director Ann Marie Ricardi noted that, as a special meeting, no items except those on the agenda may be considered; she also said that the final budget hearings would occur on September 17, 2008, at 5:05 p.m. The proposed millage rate for the

City of Naples is 1.1315 which reflects a balanced budget with no percentage over the roll back rate utilized, Ms. Ricardi noted.

ORDINANCE (First Reading).....ITEM 2-b(1)
AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND FIXING THE 2008 TAX LEVY AND
MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF NAPLES, EXCLUSIVE OF DEPENDENT
TAXING DISTRICTS, FOR PROVIDING SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL
FUND OPERATIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER
PROVISION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title read by City Manager William Moss (5:06 p.m.).

Public Comment: (5:07 p.m.) (It is noted for the record that documentation provided by public speakers is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office.) The following speakers voiced support of the proposed art gallery to be located in the Gordon River pedestrian underpass (US 41), proposing a partnership between the City and private sources, funding for which had been deleted from the fiscal year 2008-09 budget: **Lois Bolin, 1300 Third Street South, Vin DePasquale, Attorney Richard Yovanovich, representing Bayfront business complex, John Callis, representing Tin City, Lou Vlasho, 700 Fifth Avenue South, Matthew Kragh, 1520 Blue Point Avenue, #102, Linda Bloom, 3260 Bermuda Isle Circle, #718, Trista Kragh, 1520 Blue Point Avenue, #102, and Joel Kessler, representing von Liebig Art Association.** Also speaking were the following: **Sue Smith, 11th Avenue South,** stating that although she supported the proposed millage rate, she disagreed with the loss of employees due to budgetary issues. **Mark Steiner and Irwin Scharfeld, AFSCME Union representatives,** also took issue with the loss of employees, noting their belief that reserves should have been utilized, at least in regard to five employees who had been unable to procure employment elsewhere. Following public comment, Council indicated that while it fully supported the project, it could not, in light of the current economic situation, designate funding for the aforementioned art project. It was noted that \$25,000 had been earmarked for this budgetary cycle and \$25,000 for the next. Various of the above speakers said that they believed at least \$50,000 had been committed from private sources and that more was to be pursued.

MOTION by Sorey to APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE on First Reading, as submitted; seconded by Price and carried 6-1, all members present and voting (Heitmann-yes, Price-yes, Sorey-yes, Sulick-yes, Taylor-yes, Willkomm-no, Barnett-yes).

ORDINANCE (First Reading).....ITEM 2-b(2)
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NAPLES,
EXCLUSIVE OF DEPENDENT TAXING DISTRICTS, FOR FISCAL YEAR
COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2008, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009;
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, 2008, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER
30, 2009; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER PROVISION AND
AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title read by City Manager William Moss (5:47 p.m.). Discussion of the above noted pedestrian underpass continued. Council Member Willkomm expressed support

of the project and the desire to reinstate funding. Council Member Sorey urged that those involved with the project continue their efforts, complete its design, ascertain the complete cost, and at that time request that Council consider a budget amendment. He also cautioned that the necessary permitting from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) had not been obtained to date, and that possible grant funding from the Tourist Development Council (TDC) could be also be sought.

Council Member Price explained that he supported the project, but that if funding could be found within the budget, he would first support reinstating employees; Council Member Willkomm agreed.

Public Comment: (6:08 p.m.) None.

MOTION by Sorey to APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE on First Reading, as submitted; seconded by Barnett and carried 5-2, all members present and voting (Heitmann-yes, Price-no, Sorey-yes, Sulick-yes, Taylor-yes, Willkomm-no, Barnett-yes).

ORDINANCE (First Reading).....ITEM 2-c(1)
AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND FIXING THE 2008 TAX LEVY AND MILLAGE RATE FOR THE EAST NAPLES BAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR 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 William Moss (6:09 p.m.).

Public Comment: (6:10 p.m.) None.

MOTION by Taylor to APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE on First Reading, as submitted; seconded by Sorey and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Heitmann-yes, Price-yes, Sorey-yes, Sulick-yes, Taylor-yes, Willkomm-yes, Barnett-yes).

ORDINANCE (First Reading).....ITEM 2-c(2)
AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND FIXING THE 2008 TAX LEVY AND MILLAGE RATE FOR THE MOORINGS BAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR 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 William Moss (6:10 p.m.).

Public Comment: (6:10 p.m.) None.

MOTION by Taylor to APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE on First Reading, as submitted; seconded by Sorey and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Heitmann-yes, Price-yes, Sorey-yes, Sulick-yes, Taylor-yes, Willkomm-yes, Barnett-yes).

ORDINANCE (First Reading).....ITEM 2-d(1)
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE EAST NAPLES BAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2008, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; 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, 2008, AND ENDING

SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER PROVISION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Title read by City Manager William Moss (6:10 p.m.).

Public Comment: (6:11 p.m.) None.

MOTION by Taylor to APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE on First Reading, as submitted; seconded by Barnett and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Heitmann-yes, Price-yes, Sorey-yes, Sulick-yes, Taylor-yes, Willkomm-yes, Barnett-yes).

**ORDINANCE (First Reading).....ITEM 2-d(2)
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE MOORINGS BAY SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2008, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; 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, 2008, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REPEALER PROVISION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Title read by City Manager William Moss (6:11 p.m.).

Public Comment: (6:12 p.m.) None.

MOTION by Taylor to APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE on First Reading, as submitted; seconded by Price and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Heitmann-yes, Price-yes, Sorey-yes, Sulick-yes, Taylor-yes, Willkomm-yes, Barnett-yes).

ADJOURN
6:12 p.m.

Bill Barnett, Mayor

Tara A. Norman, City Clerk

Minutes prepared by:

Vicki Smith, Technical Writing Specialist

Minutes Approved: 09/17/08