



City Council Chamber  
735 Eighth Street South  
Naples, Florida 34102

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**City Council Special Meeting – September 17, 2008 – 5:04 p.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  
Penny Taylor, Vice Mayor

**Council Members:**

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

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**Also Present:**

William Moss, City Manager  
Ann Marie Ricardi, Finance Director  
Tara Norman, City Clerk  
Roger Reinke, Assistant City Manager  
Vicki Smith, Technical Writing Specialist  
Paul Bollenback, Building Official  
David Lykins, Community Services Director  
Denise Perez, Human Resources Director  
Tom Weschler, Interim Police Chief  
Stephen Weeks, Technology Services Director  
Robert Middleton, Acting Public Works Director  
Robin Singer, Planning Director  
Ron Wallace, Construction Mgmt Director

Carolyn Teal  
Sue Smith  
Mark Steiner

**Media:**

Jenna Buzzacco, Naples Daily News  
Other interested citizens and visitors.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS (FINAL 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. 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, she noted.

**ORDINANCE 08-12196.....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.) **Mark Steiner, AFSCME Union representative**, questioned whether, in light of economic projections, additional employee layoffs would not in fact occur in the next budget cycle as well; he therefore urged that the roll-back rate, plus 4% be considered. **Carolyn Teal, 4201 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW**, as one of the City employees to lose their positions, noted that her duties had become the responsibility of someone receiving a higher hourly rate than hers and questioned the wisdom of this decision. **Sue Smith, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**, stated that she believed that budget trimming could have been done without the loss of employees; she also questioned whether Council should continue with its practice of a two-month summer recess.

In response to Vice Mayor Taylor, Community Services Director David Lykins explained that although the funding for the interlocal agreement with Collier County School District for the use of the Gulfview Middle School gymnasium had been omitted from the budget under consideration, and thereby saving approximately \$100,000, an all-encompassing agreement remains in effect wherein the City and its residents can continue to use such facilities without additional costs. The summer basketball program would continue, he assured Council.

***MOTION by Sorey to ADOPT ORDINANCE 08-12196 as submitted; seconded by Taylor and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Taylor-yes, Willkomm-yes, Sorey-yes, Sulick-yes, Heitmann-yes, Price-yes, Barnett-yes).***

**ORDINANCE 08-12197.....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 (5:20 p.m.). Council Member Price indicated that he would not support the budget as proposed due to the belief that retaining employees should have been more of a priority, that other areas of the budget could have been more closely scrutinized with regard to cost savings. Furthermore, he said, he did not believe enough had been removed from the proposal under consideration to safeguard the coming year's budget. Cuts must begin at the top he said, reiterating his belief that the Council's level of compensation should also have been reviewed.

**Public Comment:** (5:21 p.m.) None.

**MOTION** by Taylor to **ADOPT ORDINANCE 08-12197** as submitted; seconded by Sorey and carried 5-2 (Willkomm-no, Heitmann-yes, Price-no, Sorey-yes, Sulick-yes, Taylor-yes, Barnett-yes)

**ORDINANCE 08-12198.....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 (5:23 p.m.).

**Public Comment:** (5:23 p.m.) None.

**MOTION** by Taylor to **ADOPT ORDINANCE 08-12198** 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).

**ORDINANCE 08-12199.....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 (5:23 p.m.).

**Public Comment:** (5:23 p.m.) None.

**MOTION** by Taylor to **ADOPT ORDINANCE 08-12199** 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).

**ORDINANCE 08-12200.....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 (5:24 p.m.).

**Public Comment:** (5:24 p.m.) None.

**MOTION** by Taylor to **ADOPT ORDINANCE 08-12200** as submitted; seconded by Heitmann and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Heitmann-yes, Price-yes, Sorey-yes, Sulick-yes, Taylor-yes, Willkomm-yes, Barnett-yes).

**ORDINANCE 08-12201.....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 (5:25 p.m.).

**Public Comment:** (5:25 p.m.) None.

***MOTION by Taylor to ADOPT ORDINANCE 08-12201 as submitted; seconded by Willkomm and unanimously carried, all members present and voting (Heitmann-yes, Price-yes, Sorey-yes, Sulick-yes, Taylor-yes, Willkomm-yes, Barnett-yes).***

**ADJOURN.....**  
5:25 p.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 L. Smith, Technical Writing Specialist

Minutes Approved: 10/01/08