



City Council Chamber  
735 Eighth Street South  
Naples, Florida 34102

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**City Council Workshop Meeting – May 18, 1998 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  
Bonnie R. MacKenzie, Vice Mayor  
Council Members:  
Fred Coyle  
Joseph Herms  
John Nocera  
Fred Tarrant  
Peter H. Van Arsdale

**Also Present:**

Dr. Richard Woodruff, City Manager  
William Harrison, Assistant City Manager  
Kenneth Cuyler, City Attorney  
Tara Norman, City Clerk  
Missy McKim, Planning Director  
Dick Gatti, Development Services Dir.  
Don Wirth, Community Services Dir.  
Dr. Jon Staiger, Natural Resources Mgr.  
George Archibald, Traffic Engineer  
David Lykins, Recreation Manager  
Molly Reed, Recording Specialist  
Mary Gruszka, Recreation Supervisor  
Valerie Johnston, Recreation Supervisor  
Regina Devlin, Administrative Coord.  
Duncan Bolhover, Administrative  
Specialist

Arlene Guckenberger  
Charles Kessler  
David Trowbridge  
Cheryl Coyle  
James Rideoutte  
Eric West  
John Dyehouse  
Mac Smith  
Ed Chlumsky  
J. Dudley Goodlette  
Other interested citizens and visitors  
(Attachment 1)  
**Media:**  
Dave Taylor, Media One  
Marc Caputo, Naples Daily News  
Denis Husty, Ft. Myers News Press

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED .....ITEM 2**

None

**CITY MANAGER BRIEFING.....ITEM 3**

Development Services Director Dick Gatti delivered a presentation regarding design options for 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South as well as 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and US 41. (Copies of the drawings and options presented by Mr. Gatti are included in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office.) Option #1 for 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South from 8<sup>th</sup> Street South to Tin City, included three traffic lanes to accommodate left-turn lanes and diagonal parking along the south side of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Option #2 provided for left turn lanes at the intersections with only two traffic lanes in the center of the block to permit additional landscaping. The latter option, he said, was staff's recommendation.

Mr. Gatti then described the proposal for 12<sup>th</sup> Street South between US 41 and Tin City, south to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, emphasizing that proposed State regulations will prohibit entering US 41 from 12<sup>th</sup> Street South and only eastbound traffic will be permitted to turn into 12<sup>th</sup> Street. However, he noted that staff was considering the viability of closing 12<sup>th</sup> Street South altogether since entry from US 41 would prove confusing. Council Member Van Arsdale, however, cautioned against forcing additional traffic onto 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and noted that the proposed right-of-way parking was contrary to proper urban design.

***It was the unanimous consensus of Council not to close 12<sup>th</sup> Street South at US 41.***

It was determined to postpone a decision regarding right-of-way parking, pending the outcome of a petition to use 12<sup>th</sup> Street for parking by the 1100 Building on US 41 which appears on the May 20 Regular Meeting Agenda.

Dr. Woodruff then reviewed the budget considerations for 6<sup>th</sup> Street modifications, which included new curb and gutters or swales for roadway drainage, waterline improvements and brick pavers at the crosswalks. The street lighting would coordinate with that of Cambier Park.

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**It is noted for the record that Council deferred completion of this discussion. (See page 8) See page 4 for continuation of the City Manager's briefing.**

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**.....ITEM 6  
PRESENTATION REGARDING THE LOCATION OF THE NEW GIRL SCOUT  
HOUSE IN CAMBIER PARK AND THE EXPANSION OF THE NORRIS CENTER  
(CONTINUED FROM 5/4/98) (9:00 a.m.)**

Assistant City Manager William Harrison explained that Council had requested preliminary designs in order to determine whether or not the Girl Scout House should remain in its current location or be incorporated into a renovated Norris Center at Cambier Park. Architect John Dyehouse of Dyehouse and Geshay presented conceptual floor plans for the Norris Center. (Copies of this location study and floor plans are contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office.) He noted that the Norris Center does not conform to current building codes and is built below the flood plain with an elevation of approximately 8 feet.

In summary, Mr. Dyehouse said that, although there were cost savings by combining the two facilities, the scheduling of activities would be difficult and there would be limited open space

for Girl Scout use. Further, he pointed out that the Norris Center expansion was only in the developmental phase whereas the Girl Scouts were prepared to proceed with a new building at their current location. Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB) Member Clark Russell, said that the Norris Center should be expanded, adding that land constraints favored combining the two facilities. Council Member Van Arsdale expressed concern with both the use agreement and the Girl Scout House design, which he said should better relate to the park. Mayor Barnett then determined that the Girl Scouts preferred to remain in their current location.

**Public Input:** (9:22 a.m.)

**Gail Scott, 636 Portside Drive**, conductor of the Naples Concert Band, requested Council's consideration of additional restrooms and a renovated bandshell. She supported retaining the Girl Scouts' present location. **Phil DePasquale, 681 West Lake Drive**, CSAB Member, said he was concerned that too many buildings at the park entrances give the impression that the park is an extension of Fifth Avenue rather than relief from it. He expressed a preference for shared use at the Norris Center and all park facilities. **James DeWitt, 251 Monterey Drive**, president of the Naples Concert Band, reported that he had been appointed to the advisory board that would direct renovation of the bandshell. **Richard Melick, 264 Silverado Drive**, manager of the Naples Concert Band, urged Council to not combine park activities.

***It was the unanimous consensus of Council to retain the current location for the Girl Scout House.***

Mr. Harrison explained that because the Girl Scout building falls within the Fifth Avenue Overlay District, it will require approval by the Staff Action Committee (SAC) prior to Council's approval of a use agreement. Planning Director Missy McKim clarified that the building must be consistent with the Overlay District; otherwise, it would require a waiver from Council. It was also noted that the Girl Scouts could appeal SAC's decisions to Council.

Staff was directed to notify all residents within one block of the Norris Center of discussions and/or presentations regarding renovations to the building.

.....**ITEM 4**  
**CITY COUNCIL INTERPRETATION OF CODE OF ORDINANCES AS IT RELATES TO EXTERIOR LIGHTING OF THE TIDES INN AND BEACON HOUSE TOWERS I AND II. (9:40 A.M.)**

Planning Director Missy McKim explained that since the code applies only to multi-family structures, The Tides Inn would not be included since it is a transient lodging facility; however, since the Beacon House lights are not considered safety lights, they are not permitted. City Manager Richard Woodruff clarified that Council has the ability to direct the staff regarding code enforcement on specific properties and, therefore, could specify that the lighting at Beacon House may remain. With building rehabilitation, however, such lights would require Council approval. Ms. McKim suggested processing a variance petition for Beacon House similar to those of the Brittany and Ardissonne condominiums.

Ms. McKim reiterated that the ordinance specifies only type of use and Dr. Woodruff said that an amendment would be needed in order to include zoning districts pointing out that other transient lodging facilities could now install lighting that could not be prohibited.

***Council determined that the variance process would apply to the Beacon House and a text amendment to include a list of zoning districts would be drawn up to apply to transient lodging such as The Tides Inn.***

**Recess: 9:51 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. It is noted for the record that the same Council Members were present when the meeting reconvened.**

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**BRIEFING BY CITY MANAGER.....ITEM 3**  
*(continued from page 2) (10:05 a.m.)*

City Manager Richard Woodruff requested Council's designation of the City's 20-acre property on Goodlette Road Extension as surplus in order to accept bids for sale. He reported that City Attorney Kenneth Cuyler and the City auditor had concluded that Council has the ability to return the money to the water and sewer fund in addition to using the property as barter for other sites. Council Member Herms asked whether it could be bartered for park land, but Dr. Woodruff responded that the bartered property must demonstrate a potential use for water and sewer such as the property at Fleischmann Boulevard and US 41, which is directly across from the water treatment plant, or property in the vicinity of the aquifer recharge zone. Vice Mayor MacKenzie cautioned Council to comply with the requirement that funds obtained from the sale of the property must be returned to water and sewer.

***Council unanimously agreed to authorize staff to obtain appraisals for the 20-acre parcel on Goodlette Road Extension owned by the Utilities Department, and to proceed with the process to declare the parcel as surplus.***

**.....ITEM 5**  
**DISCUSSION PERTAINING TO A POLICY FOR STREET CLOSURES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS. (10:14 a.m.)**

City Manager Richard Woodruff presented a new policy for Council consideration regarding special event street closures. Two categories had been determined: A) events under four hours and B) events over four hours. (See Attachment 2) Category A, he noted, does not include neighborhood block parties. If the new policy were adopted, Fifth Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street South would relinquish up to eight street closures per year. Alternative locations available for art shows will then be Fleischmann Park and the new downtown parking structure.

Dr. Woodruff then elucidated the rationale for limiting street closures which included protection of the City's traffic circulation system and to encourage earlier event booking. Vice Mayor MacKenzie pointed out that, in all, 12 street closures would be permitted and expressed concern regarding a fair way to distribute them. Dr. Woodruff suggested not granting special event permits more than 12 months in advance, noting that all such events require Council approval. Planned amenities to Fleischmann Park would encourage use, he said, and Coastland Mall is amenable to use of its parking facilities for weekend events at Fleischmann. Mrs. MacKenzie suggested the City charge a fee for use of City park facilities.

**Public Input: (10:32 a.m.)**

**Kimberly Packard, 821 Bluebird Street**, president of Naples Art Crafters, said the Art Crafters prefer to hold their shows on 8<sup>th</sup> Street South or Cambier Park. **Tim Willis 681 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE**, business owner on Fifth Avenue South, said the street events are beneficial to his business and induced him to locate there. He suggested ample advance signage to inform motorists of the street closure. **Christine Buol, 2170 Gulf Shore Boulevard North**, vice president of the Naples Women's Club, expressed support for the events on Fifth Avenue. **Huguette Nelson, 305 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**, read a letter from Ad Miller Associates in support of special events and street festivals on Fifth Avenue. **Gloria Kovacs, 677 Banyan Boulevard**, said she valued the community atmosphere among the merchants on Fifth Avenue. **Jim Smith, 3355 Gordon**

**Drive**, reported that Bob Gibbs, who works with the Fifth Avenue redevelopment consulting firm, had pointed out the importance of street events in order to acquaint the public with the downtown area. He said he felt the new regulations were reasonable and expressed support for more frequent off-season events. **Jeannette Kessler, 415 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**, representing the Naples Art Association, said 8<sup>th</sup> Street South was needed once per year for the National Art Show which is instrumental in supporting the Art Association and its new structure at Cambier Park. **Melody Bales, 476 Fifth Avenue South**, said she was representing the businesses who benefit financially from weekend street closures. **Muffy Clark Gill, 2725 12<sup>th</sup> Street North**, expressed support for the proposed policy and, supported art events at Fleischmann Park rather than the parking garage. **James Clark, 700 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**, chairman of the Taste of Collier festival, urged Council to retain traditional events and consider lifting restrictions for street closures during the off-season. **Barry Witt, 643 Fifth Avenue South**, offered to lend his expertise on art festivals, including methods for obtaining revenue for the City. Vice Mayor MacKenzie explained that the purpose of charging show sponsors was to simply offset the cost to the taxpayer of providing additional amenities to the vendors. **Patrick Distasio, 6654 Tannin Lane**, representing the Fifth Avenue South Association, said that 75% of the funding for the Main Street program comes from street closure events. However, he expressed support for the proposal to limit the number of events and reported the willingness of the association to address parking problems. In addition, he urged Council to initiate the policy in 1999 since present bookings for street closures in 1998 already exceed the number that would be permitted. **Clark Russell, 3005 Ft. Charles Drive**, chairman of the Community Services Advisory Board and a Fifth Avenue business owner, said that street closures hamper customer access and that business should not be dependent on street events, although he expressed support for off-season events. He encouraged staff to carefully scrutinize groups to determine whether they actually represent local entities.

Council Member Van Arsdale said that the Gordon River bridge construction warranted the elimination of street closures on Fifth Avenue and that street closures disrupt the neighborhood concept by discouraging local residents. However, he expressed support for Sunday use of the parking garage and urged the elimination of street closures from November 15<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>.

*It was the consensus of Council to adopt a street closure policy that included the following provisions: 1) limited advance permit application; 2) preference for Sunday only events and locally sponsored events; 3) the City will strongly encourage alternate sites; and 4) Council will approve applications on one, specified date. Staff was directed to establish the application period for 1999 and return to Council with recommendations for the application period for the year 2000 and beyond (Van Arsdale dissenting).*

.....**ITEM 7**  
**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN CITY PARKS (REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TARRANT) (11:26 a.m.)**

Council Member Tarrant referred to his memorandum to Council which stated that alcoholic beverages cannot be permitted at any location of a public City park. (A copy of Mr. Tarrant's memorandum is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office.) The Art Association had received what he described as many taxpayer concessions, including permitting alcohol to be served at special events, but pointed out that the prevailing use agreement could not be transferred, precluding private events, such as weddings, from serving alcohol.

Mayor Barnett acknowledged that former City Attorney Maria Chiaro had been in error to condone a conditional use that would subject the City to a lawsuit if it were to be rescinded. City Attorney Kenneth Cuyler said he would not have advised the City to include alcohol in the use agreement since, in general, the City cannot enter into an agreement that is contrary to an existing law. He then reviewed the possible legal arguments that could arise if the issue went to litigation.

Bette Young, spokesperson for the Naples Art Association, clarified that for the past 44 years the Art Association has served wine at monthly, invitation-only, receptions that are not open to the public and occur for an hour and a half on Sundays. Council Member Van Arsdale suggested amending the ordinance to exempt the Art Association. Ms. Young acknowledged that the use agreement permitted the Art Association to lease rooms for private functions, although the issue of a leasee serving alcohol had not been addressed. Vice Mayor MacKenzie stated that she would not condone reversing a prior agreement, regardless of whether or not she had agreed with it at the time. City Attorney Cuyler suggested that staff examine other areas within the parks where serving alcohol may be acceptable so that he could tailor an ordinance to clarify exceptions.

City Manager Richard Woodruff recalled that staff had not supported allowing alcoholic beverages to be served, but nevertheless stated that the only solution is to formally amend the law. He warned that the City would be vulnerable to the assertion of anyone arrested for consuming alcohol in the park that it is permitted. Council Member Herms received clarification that alcohol consumption outside establishments on Fifth Avenue depends on the license issued to the vendor. Ms. Young confirmed that signs would be posted confining the consumption of alcohol to inside the building.

.....**ITEM 12**  
**GORDON PASS EROSION CONTROL REPORT. (11:56 a.m.)**

John Remington, representing nine property owners on Gordon Drive, reported concern regarding beach erosion at their properties and that remedial steps had been taken. Brett Moore, of Humiston & Moore Engineers, delivered a presentation to review the project design to maintain the Gordon Pass inlet. (Copies of the maps used for illustration are contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office.) He explained that sand tends to drift southward toward the inlet that was formerly 50 feet wide and is now 500 feet wide. He illustrated earlier efforts to prevent further sand erosion through the construction of jettys and groins. Mr. Moore then described the rock revetment treatments each of the nine property owners had placed at their seawalls in order to dissipate the scouring effect of wave action. Further solutions include the construction to two rock mound T-groins and the addition of 15,000 cubic yards of sand.

Natural Resources Manager Jon Staiger said that the plan includes a groin field similar to those tested on Marco Island and on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, both having proven successful. Funding has been supplied by the property owners, he said, noting that permitting was proceeding through the Department of Environmental Protection, and additional funding would be sought from the Tourist Development Council (TDC). City Manager Richard Woodruff said that Council was being asked to sponsor the applications to have the groins built and authorization to apply to the TDC for funding. In response to Council Member Tarrant, it was estimated that up to 25 barge loads of rocks would be required and that Naples Landing could become the staging area.

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**It is noted for the record that Mayor Barnett left the meeting at 12:25 p.m.**

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Council Member Tarrant requested that the issue be tabled inasmuch as use of Naples Landing was the subject of an ongoing lawsuit. Dr. Woodruff pointed out that the lawsuit settlement agreement would allow the use of Naples Landing under strict conditions, and Dr. Staiger said it was possible that vacant property on Gordon Drive could serve as a staging area. Mr. Remington stated that the homeowners had contributed over \$150,000 for permitting; he confirmed they were not seeking reimbursement.

*It was the unanimous consensus of Council to proceed with sponsorship of the required applications and to file the documents with the County for TDC funding so long as all agreements relating to Naples Landing are adhered to. (Mayor Barnett had given his concurrence prior to leaving the meeting.)*

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**Recess: 12:38 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. It is noted for the record that Council Member Herms arrived at 1:36 p.m. and Council Member Nocera arrived at 1:38 p.m.**

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**CONTINUED TO 6/1/98 .....ITEM 14  
CONTINUATION OF 5/4/98 DISCUSSIONS REGARDING A PROPOSED ETHICS  
ORDINANCE –(12:37 p.m.)**

Council Member Coyle requested postponement of the ethics proposal to a special workshop dedicated to this issue only.

**.....ITEM 9  
PRESENTATION OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEASIBILITY AND FUNCTIONAL DESIGN STUDY FOR COUNTY-WIDE TRAFFIC  
SIGNAL SYSTEMS. (1:32 p.m.)**

City Traffic Engineer George Archibald said that the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) had completed a design study for a more responsive traffic signal system for the City and Collier County. He reviewed the benefits to the City including elimination of costly intersection delays, installation of a fiber optics system, a new control center and lower maintenance and operating costs. Bruce Friedman from Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc., delivered a presentation describing the results of a study of 39 City intersections resulting in solutions for efficient traffic flow. (The system would be a closed loop, which would remain operative in the event of an emergency.) (A copy of the study and Mr. Friedman's presentation are contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office.) The project would be completed in two phases with construction occurring in July 2000; the cost to the City would be \$50,000 per year for operation and maintenance and would include an additional full time employee. Mr. Friedman said he was there to request a signed approval from Council in order to continue Phase I implementation of the project. Phase II has not yet been funded.

In the discussion that followed, Council learned that television cameras would cover more than one intersection and that the mast arm system would eliminate the need to remove street lights due to impending storms. Mr. Friedman also clarified that the system would delay but not eliminate the need for flyovers. Mr. Archibald noted, however, that three County intersections had been reserved for future flyovers.

It was also learned that a password-driven control system could be located anywhere a modem is available but that the main the main center would be located in the refurbished steel building. An

all-ways red light system at intersections will continue to be available and traffic engineering can be applied to influence travel through a one-way signal timing capability.

**BRIEFING BY CITY MANAGER.....ITEM 3**

*(continued from page 2) (2:26 p.m.)*

Development Services Director Dick Gatti reviewed the proposals for 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Traffic Engineer George Archibald clarified that the area is indeed urban and by shifting the center line of the roadway pedestrian plazas would be created along with the addition of over 100 trees along the route from Cambier Park to the waterfront. Parking on the north side of the street is prohibitive, he said, due to numerous driveways and, therefore, parking was possible only on the south side which is not part of the 41-10 district. It was further clarified that approximately 75% of the proposed parking was already in place. Mr. Van Arsdale however stated that he believed both sides of 6<sup>th</sup> Street South to be in the 41-10 redevelopment plan and, therefore, buildings with a setback permitting a parking lot fronting the street were not compatible with urban design.

City Manager Woodruff also explained that the street is primarily pedestrian oriented and would not impact traffic patterns; sidewalks, he said, would be straight with appropriate lighting in a corridor of trees. Council Member Herms stated his preference for requiring parking on-site rather than on the street in the rights-of-way.

*It was the consensus of Council to accept the proposed curvilinear plan for 6<sup>th</sup> Street South using crushed shell for parking areas wherever possible (Van Arsdale dissenting).*

**.....ITEM 10**

**REVIEW OF ITEMS ON THE MAY 20, 1998 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA. (2:48 p.m.)**

**Item 5d** (Municipal Parking Garage inspection services) Vice Mayor MacKenzie requested clarification regarding which firm is being referred to as well-qualified.

**Item 5f** (Contract amendment to add design services for 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Plaza) Council Member Herms requested this item be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

**Item 10** (Settlement of litigation relating to Naples Landing) Vice Mayor MacKenzie requested a copy of Resolution 97-7930 regarding the conditional use for Naples Landing. Council Member Van Arsdale requested a recap and summary of the decisions made regarding the settlement.

**Item 12** (Reimbursement of legal fees pertaining Naples Landing litigation) To be continued to June 1, 1998 Workshop Meeting.

**Item 15** (Alley vacation south of the building at 600 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South) To be continued to June 17, 1998 Regular Meeting.

**Item 16** (Consider amending Code of Ordinances to clarify methods of enforcement) To be continued to June 3, 1998 Regular Meeting.

**Item 18** (Parking changes at 1100 Building on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South) Vice Mayor MacKenzie requested a map showing location of additional parking spaces.



.....ITEM 8  
**DISCUSS A POLICY REGARDING THE USE AND SALE OF 87 UNCOMMITTED PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL PARKING GARAGE. (2:55 p.m.)**

Planning Director Missy McKim presented a map indicating the parking reserve allocations in the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South redevelopment area. (A copy of this map is contained in the file for this meeting in the City Clerk's Office.) Ten of the surplus spaces have been allocated, she said. Following clarification of allotments to specific locations, she reported that 71,745 square feet of 14 existing properties would probably be redeveloped and reviewed Council's possible options for allocation of the 77 remaining spaces in the parking garage. (Attachment 3) In addition, Ms. McKim noted that 28 spaces was the average number allotted per property from the parking reserve. The Staff Action Committee (SAC) had concluded that, in order to encourage residential use, the cost for residential parking spaces should be exempt or considerably less than the cost for commercial spaces. Vice Mayor MacKenzie noted that development of mixed-use properties was complicated by mortgage lenders and cost per square foot and, therefore, it would be more equitable to charge more for commercial parking spaces.

City Manager Richard Woodruff requested Council's consensus regarding whether or not the surplus parking spaces should be sold. Council Member Herms stated that redevelopment should be discontinued and, therefore, he opposed selling the surplus parking until all proposed construction had been completed. Vice Mayor MacKenzie said she preferred retaining the spaces exclusively for residential, at no charge, since only 11 residential units had been built on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but Ms. McKim cautioned that to do so would stop further redevelopment which cannot occur without available parking. Council Members Coyle and Tarrant expressed a preference for allocation of the surplus spaces to eliminate existing parking lots and Council Member Van Arsdale said he was concerned that efforts would be made to convert apartments into parking lots via a conditional use petition.

***It was the consensus of Council to retain the 87 surplus parking spaces to be allocated at no charge for residential use (Nocera and Barnett dissenting).***

Dr. Woodruff clarified the result of Council's consensus as limiting all further redevelopment on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to residential.

***It was the consensus of Council to instruct staff to formulate a plan to use the surplus spaces to encourage residential redevelopment (Coyle, Herms, and Tarrant dissenting).***

.....ITEM 13  
**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MODIFICATIONS TO "THE EDGE" SKATEBOARD PARK IN FLEISCHMANN PARK. (3:29 p.m.)**

Community Services Director Don Wirth reported that four companies had been consulted but only one provided a competitive quote for expansion of the skateboard park. Implementation would occur in three phases including design services and pre-fabricated components that would be assembled by community volunteers. Funding would be provided with a combination of sponsorships and user participation. City Manager Richard Woodruff explained that the \$5.00 annual membership fee, which covers insurance, would not be affected by changes in the facility nor would personnel and maintenance costs increase. However, he suggested a fund-raising program for the members with the City matching funds collected.

Mr. Wirth explained that the County skateboard facility was significantly more expensive for users and, as a result, the City facility had experienced a threefold increased in use. Recreation Manager David Lykins noted that the County facility was privately leased and marketed toward competitions and transient users. Council Member Nocera pointed out that the objective of the City facility was to offer youngsters a skateboarding location apart from local streets. Council Member Coyle expressed concern that 85% of the users of the City facility were County residents and Council Member Van Arsdale explained that the City needed the County memberships and participation to support the facility.

*It was determined that improvements to the skateboard park would be funded with matching funds from the City for Phase 1 and that Council Member Nocera would request financial assistance from the County Commission for Phases 2 and 3.*

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**ITEM 11**  
**DISCUSSION REGARDING A REVIEW PROCESS FOR CITY ATTORNEY APPLICANTS. (3:52 p.m.)**

Vice Mayor MacKenzie suggested that non-attorneys or former Council Members be appointed because attorneys may be selecting their courtroom competition.

*The following selection committee members were announced:*

*Vice Mayor MacKenzie:..... Ron Pennington*

*Council Member Herms:..... Leo Salvatori*

*Council Member Nocera:.....Maria Chiaro*

*Mayor Barnett:..... Holly Chernoff*

*Council Member Van Arsdale:..... Kim Johnson*

*Council Member Coyle:..... David Rice*

*Council Member Tarrant:.....Larry Ingram*

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**It is noted for the record that the selections by Council Members Van Arsdale and Coyle were announced following adjournment of the meeting.**

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**CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS .....**  
**(3:55 p.m.)**

Council Member Tarrant determined that Vice Mayor MacKenzie will introduce the issue of a super-majority vote for zoning issues in either August or September as part of the discussion on ethics.

Council Member Tarrant requested a consensus to institute an investigation into the role of Coastal Engineering Inc., that resulted in rocks being left on the beach following the renourishment project they supervised. It was determined that the Mayor would contact County Commission Chairman Berry to determine the County's status of the contract with Coastal Engineering, Inc., and the Commission's intentions.

City Manager Richard Woodruff reported that he had received Planning Director Missy McKim's resignation in order to accept a position with the City of Fort Walton Beach.

**OPEN PUBLIC INPUT** .....  
None (4:02 p.m.)

**ADJOURN** .....  
4:02 p.m.

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Bill Barnett, Mayor

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Tara A. Norman, City Clerk

Prepared by:

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