

Still No Decision On Dana Shores Taxes

Some former Tampans, those living in Dana Shores who were "disannexed" by the Florida Legislature, will have to wait awhile to find out if they will get any of their 1969 city property taxes rebated.

County Commissioner Frank Neff, appearing as spokesman for a group from Dana Shores, argued to City Council yesterday:

"This is not a just tax because they do not have representation."

THE DANA SHORES section was cut off from the city Aug. 5 and Neff argued its property owners should get a rebate of the city tax for the last five months of the year, when they are not getting municipal services.

Henry Williams, assistant city attorney, related the history of the Dana Shores section, which was annexed in 1953, saying the city supervised construction of streets and homes in the area.

He explained that the tax

year in Florida is as of Jan. 1 and that the law requires payment of taxes, even if the building being assessed burns Jan. 2.

HE TOLD councilmen that the Dana Shores area was annexed to the city in April of 1953, but no taxes were paid to the city for 18 months.

"I see no legal, equitable or moral way" to remit or otherwise give back taxes, Williams said.

Council decided to wait until City Attorney Reece Smith has had an opportunity to comply with Mayor Dick Greco's request for legal research before making a decision. That report will not be ready before January.

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