

**SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2007**

Council held a reception in recognition of the re-elected Councilman Jennings and newly elected Councilman Peter Pappas.

Oath of Office - Councilmember Jim Jennings

Ms. Zimomra administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Jim Jennings.

Councilman Jennings thanked the residents of Sanibel.

Oath of Office - Councilmember Peter Pappas

Ms. Zimomra administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Peter Pappas.

Councilman Pappas thanked the residents of Sanibel.

Members present: Mayor Johnston, Vice Mayor Denham, Councilman Jennings,
Councilman Pappas, and Councilman Ruane.

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 9:10 a. m.

Mayor Johnston gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Mayor

Mr. Cuyler spoke to the procedures of electing Mayor and called for nominations of Mayor.

Councilman Jennings nominated Vice Mayor Denham for Mayor.

Mayor Johnston made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ruane, to close nominations.

The motion carried.

Councilman Jennings made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ruane, to nominate Vice Mayor Denham as Mayor.

The motion carried.

Election of Vice Mayor

Mayor Denham asked for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Councilman Pappas nominated Councilmember Johnston as Vice Mayor.

Councilman Pappas made a motion, seconded by Mayor Denham, to nominate Councilmember Johnston as Vice Mayor

The motion carried.

Ms. Zimomra administered the Oath of Mayor to Mayor Denham.

Mayor Denham thanked Council for their faith. He also thanked Ms. Johnston for her hard work during her tenure as Mayor. He spoke to his promise to do his best for Sanibel with honest discussion and dedicated teamwork.

Ms. Zimomra administered the Oath of Vice Mayor to Vice Mayor Johnston.

Vice Mayor Johnston thanked the residents

Council recessed at 9:20 a. m.

Council reconvened at 9:35 a. m.

PRESENTATION(S)

2007 Hurricane Preparedness Seminar Announcement

Ms. Zimomra called Council and the audiences' attention to the first hurricane preparedness seminar on March 29th at 1:00 p. m. held at B.I. G. Arts.

Acknowledgement of employees completing the Skywarn Training

Ms. Zimomra spoke to a new national program of training individuals to recognize weather problems.

Mayor Denham recognized the following employees for completion of the program.

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| • Laura Wesserling | Elaine Fannon | Karen Gudella |
| • Renee Lynch | Frances Slane | Donna Kholer |
| • Mike Claney | Lance Henninger | Rob Loflin |
| • Lt. Mike Cooper | Stephanie Dowd | Lt. Jamie Phillips |
| • Cheryl Waite | Matt Fannon | Nick Brown |
| • David DeFonzo | Ron Orr | Debra Almedia |

PROCLAMATION in support of SCCF Land Acquisition Purchase

Mayor Denham read and presented a proclamation to SCCF and Mr. Bob Wigley supporting the recent land acquisition by SCCF.

Erick Lindblad spoke to the closing of the land acquisition. He further spoke to the Sanibel River corridor preservation.

Mr. Wigley thanked the residents of Sanibel.

PROCLAMATION acknowledging Rob Jess, Executive Director, J. N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge

Mayor Denham spoke to the help provided by Rob Jess during the aftermath of Hurricane Charley. He read and presented the proclamation to Mr. Rob Jess, Executive Director of J. N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge.

Mr. Jess thanked the partnership of City entities and the residents for the proactiveness of the partnership.

Councilman Jennings spoke to the remaining Councilmember from Hurricane Charley and viewing the devastation and the equipment and men working to clear the road.

Public Comments

Claudia Burns, Sanibel spoke to her volunteering for Snowy Plovers. She also spoke to the Snowy Plovers being on the endangered species list, and the declining numbers.

Judy Minchie, business owner spoke to a Tourism Development Council (TDC) report and 2007/08 funding.

Council Comments

Councilman Ruane welcomed Councilman Pappas and spoke to looking forward to working with Council.

Councilman Jennings spoke to his congratulations to Councilman Pappas, Mayor Denham and Vice Mayor Johnston.

Vice Mayor Johnston welcomed Councilman Pappas.

Mayor Denham spoke to the sitting Council, and welcomed Councilman Pappas.

Planning Commission Report

Commissioner Les Forney gave the following report of March

- Consideration of resolution to replace an existing seawall with a new seawall
- Denying a variance from the Riviera Restaurant for a residential structures

Mayor Denham spoke to a possible joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting the 1st week in May.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Denham stated that a resident had requested Consent Agenda item (g) be pulled.

Ms. Zimomra read the following title of Resolutions 07-038, 07-037, 07-039, 07-023 as amended, 07-040, and 07-042.

- a. **RESOLUTION 07-038 ACKNOWLEDGING THE VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE MARCH 06, 2007 MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA; ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE JIM JENNINGS AND PETER PAPPAS; ACKNOWLEDGING THE APPROVAL BY THE ELECTORATE OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS NUMBERED ON THE BALLOT AS (NO. 1) ADDING THE SANIBEL VISION STATEMENT TO THE SANIBEL CHARTER; AND (NO.2) ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.17 CLARIFICATION OF THE TERM “NEW VEHICULAR TRAVEL LANES” AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**
- b. **RESOLUTION 07-037 APRPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2007-057 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (to appropriate \$25,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to the legislative departmental budget for the costs associated with holding the Special City Council Election. There are no new additional funds appropriated by this Budget Amendment)
- d. Approve purchase of a ¾ ton pickup truck with 4 wheel drive option from Sam Galloway Ford for a net cost of \$17,100.00 (including trade-in of Unit 204. This allocation is for the funds included in the current year budget in Public Works) and **RESOLUTION 07-039 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE OR SURPLUS FIXED ASSETS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**
- e. **RESOLUTION 07-023 OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 0535 AND SENATE BILL 1474, WHICH EXPAND THE LAKE OKEECHOBEE PROTECTION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE PROTECTION OF THE CALOOSAHATCHEE AND ST. LUCIE RIVERS AND THEIR ESTUARIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mr. Cuyler stated that Resolution 07-023 included the amendments directed by Council at their last meeting.

h. RESOLUTION 07-040 OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL, ACCEPTING THE INVENTORY OF COMMERCIAL AND USES IN THE CITY, PREPARED BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, MARCH, 2007, PURSUANT TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 126-1024 MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE OF COMMERCIAL FLOOR AREA OCCUPIED BY FORMULA RETAIL STORES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

i. RESOLUTION 07-042 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO.2007-056 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (to appropriate \$10,355 from the General Fund Reserve for Environmental Initiatives to the Environmental Defense Fund for an Algae Management fact-finding research site visit for the Natural Resources Director, Environmental Health and Water Quality Specialist, and Deputy Public Works Director. There are no new or additional funds appropriated by this budget amendment)

Vice Mayor Johnston made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to adopt Resolutions 07-038, 07-037, 07-039, 07-023 as amended, 07-040, and 07-042.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council requested that the City Attorney make certain that the Bill number in Resolution 07-023 was 392.

c. Acceptance of grant from South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) for \$75,000 for Dixie Beach Restoration and authorize City Manager to execute same

f. Approval of an agreement between the City of Sanibel and SUNCOM for long distance services for the City complex and authorize the City Manager to execute same

Vice Mayor Johnston made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ruane, to approved items (c) and (f).

The motion carried unanimously.

g. RESOLUTION 07-041 APPROVING ADJUSTED SEASONAL MINIMUM SERVICE LEVELS FOR CONDOMINIUM RECYCLING; APPROVING A REVISED EXHIBIT "A" ENTITLED "FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007 SOLID WASTE RATES (REVISED)", WHICH DOES NOT CHANGE RATES OR CHARGES BUT DOES PROVIDE FOR THE ADJUSTED SEASONAL MINIMUM SERVICE LEVELS FOR CONDOMINIUM RECYCLING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 07-041. She explained that in an effort to increase recycling Council directed staff to work with CASI and condominiums to develop a program more similar to the residential program, which was charging everyone to recycle to give an economic incentive. She continued to explain that condos were commercial and in reviewing the volume of waste coming from condos staff looked to find a more aggressive way for participation. She also explained that after the first season Council directed staff to work with the waste hauler to develop a system with seasonal fluctuation.

Public Comment:

Karen Barker spoke to the resolution being based on the approximate occupancy during the off-season. She spoke to the formula being based upon what the expected occupancy would be and the amount of garbage. She further stated the revised resolution does not go far enough, spending too much money for recycling totes that were required without the ability to fill them up. She suggested making the time frame at least 6-months and change the ratio of totes.

Mr. Gates Castle spoke to the following:

- Minimum of the level of service was one-half of the service level required by Lee County and there were discussions regarding the time period (June through September)

Keith Banasiak spoke to following:

- Began with Lee County
- Began with one-half of Lee County's service area

Discussion ensued regarding the process to amend the resolution, Mr. Cuyler noted that there was an attached rate level and the only change was for the service level for condos, he further stated that Council could take no vote today, ask staff to review and amend with additional public input, was the resolution time sensitive, and Mr. Castle answered that Waste Pro would need 2 months lead time with recommended equipment needs.

Herb Rubin spoke to on-site management at condos and the success was greater with on-site management. He further spoke to part occupancy at his condo unit was August and September.

Discussion ensued regarding residential properties also reduce.

Karen Barker spoke a second time to the resolution not fair for condos and would like to have recycling the same way as solid waste with the availability to order equipment.

Mr. Banasiak spoke to Lee County staff recommending mandatory recycling in Lee County as of October 1st.

Discussion ensued regarding if rates change it would change for all condos, Ms. Zimomra stated any change would impact the user, and the need for further information.

Ms. Zimomra requested clarification to contact other condos.

Council directed staff to bring back additional recommendations for April 03, 2007 Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Quality Issues

Beach Status

Current Beach conditions and follow-up

Ms. Zimomra gave the following report:

- Primary focus was stopping Lake Okeechobee releases and minimize impact
- Pursue two areas in the last 24 months 1) legislative; and 2) regulatory
- This past week Vice Mayor Johnston in Washington, D. C. and Tallahassee
- Mayor Denham and Councilman Jennings in Tallahassee next week
- Top priority was C-43 to hold water, but does not treat water
- Funding of the MOD projects including cleaning culverts, building a bridge and Federal officials support MOD project
- Excess water acreage land – very important

- Worked hard to get the water release schedule changed
- Should be resources from those responsible for the nutrient laden water clean-up
- Council pursuing 3 prongs on a regional basis to control other contaminated water sources 1) fertilizer run-off; 2) septic systems malfunctioning; and 3) nitrogen from sewer treatment plants
- Regional Planning Commission adopted a resolution to ask all municipalities to adopted fertilizer regulations
- Council adopted a new fertilizer ordinance more stringent of best practices
- Council tasked staff with the development of an educational program as part of the fertilizer ordinance
- Continue to install the sewer system
- Directed Public Works Director to review the nitrogen releases from the City's water treatment facility
- Monitoring phosphorus at water treatment plant not required by DEP
- Working with a filter media to bring nitrogen releases down and reviewing various medians available for filtering
- Established goals to get the nitrogen level below 3.0 parts per million and the DEP permit allows 12 parts per million
- Phosphorus to 5 parts per million without no requirement from DEP
- Staff ceased the use of fertilizer on ball fields
- As a result of nutrient in the water Sanibel continues to receive large amounts of red drift algae on the beach on a daily basis
- Managing algae problematic due to the weight when wet, migratory nature and expense to remove
- Deal with environmental processes
- Purchased camera equipment to observe red drift algae in the water
- To date spoke to other communities and most do not give the same level of attention to the environmental process as Sanibel
- Accepting RFQ's for mechanical equipment that was the least invasive
- Evaluate and researched for any technology for water-based equipment and most successful program in Hawaii
- City delegation traveling to Hawaii to review the equipment and
- Directed Public Works Director to receive bids for hand-raking if Council were to authorize hand raking
- Last hand raking funded by TDC
- Hurricane contractor completed last beach clean-up work

Discussion ensued regarding other plans, Dr. Loflin spoke to diving last week with several transects by towing the underwater camera, and he further spoke to establishing a map on locations of red drift algae in the water and would look for funding. He also stated the red drift algae was not only off the Sanibel shore, but may extend in to San Carlos Bay.

Dr. Loflin explained that a transect was a line that was generally perpendicular or parallel to shore that gives a quicker look of an area.

Report from Natural Resources Department

Staff Reports

Mr. James Evans gave a short film presentation on red drift algae in the water.

- Two transects at the east end of the island from Lighthouse Beach
- Algae began 2,000 feet from shoreline
- Density increases when light reaches bottom in about 8 to 10 feet deep
- Algae attached to everything
- Transect 3 showed a lot of dead shells

Dr. Loflin spoke to the following:

- Dense algae beds off San Carlos Bay
- West end of island had less algae and complete mapping of algae beds off island
- Looking for contractor to get more information regarding density and nutrient cycling within the off shore beds
- Saw a lot of detached algae
- Appears to be growing

Discussion ensued regarding long-term problems expected, and plans to expand, Dr. Loflin spoke to Lee County finding algae north on the reefs, but the north beaches not affected, working with algae task force and Lee County very helpful, sampling for dive with Lee County, other governmental entities getting involved and the federal governmental had provided \$16,800 from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission, frequency of diving and measurement of density, Dr. Loflin answered, developing a map of red drift algae beds, seeing response from federal government and a much greater degree than earlier due to having physical evidence, TMDL program to establish limits on nutrients for tributaries and the time table had been moved forward, study papers show clearly that the basin was overloaded with nutrients, but affected by the high volume of Lake Okeechobee freshwater releases, 2005 paper showed positive signs due to removal of sewer plant releases in to the Calooshattee River and upper river basins, S-79 (Franklin locks) and S-77 no water quality samples being taken, need flow data that shows load and volume of water nutrient concentration, information receive during the Tallahassee trip was to receive an additional 30 days for comments from the SFWMD, and SFWMD commitment was for 450,000 water storage acreage was only 250,000 feet of water acreage.

Public Comment

Dick McNeill spoke to developing a position paper. He recommended 3 methods for removal 1) off-shore harvesting; 2) on-shore removal and hand raking in areas of environmental significance and 3) mechanical methods proven to be environmental responsible. He further spoke to the request as follows: 1) listen by reading paper; 2) endorse recommended removal methods; 3) be guided by proposed actions in developing a plan; 4) commit to complete an implementable plan before next season (end of September); and 5) support opinion paper.

Herb Strauss spoke to the resistant to mechanically removal of algae on the beach.

Brad Lear spoke to his understanding of the red drift algae problems, his education in Environment Science, concern the human organisms were not given equal attention, and hundreds of families were supported with tourism dollars.

Clare Mallon spoke to supporting Council's decision to do no mechanical clean-up on the beach.

Herb Rubin spoke to getting a beach clean-up permit, the algae coming back after it was removed by hand,

Evelyn Strauss spoke to the Chamber petition. She also spoke to Lee County dumping the old Causeway bridge becoming an artificial reef.

Dr. Loflin stated the artificial reef was not causing red drift algae growth.

Discussion ensued regarding the Chamber petition being given to City Council.

Dick Walsh spoke to Council keeping steadfast in their decision not to mechanically rake the beach.

Ric Base presented the petition to Council to mechanically clean the beaches. He spoke to the need to evaluate equipment, and offered help from the chamber.

Barbara Cooley spoke to the City not being the cause of the red drift algae, but SFWMD and ACOE. She further spoke to the need to send e-mails from those that signed the petition to Governor Crist for an appointment to the SFWMD Board.

Louise Johnson spoke to red drift algae a natural phenomenon.

Judie Minchie spoke to the need to remove the red drift algae.

Brad Lear spoke a second time regarding letters and comments received from tourists.

Council recessed at 11:40 a. m.

Council reconvened at 11:46 a. m.

Discussion ensued regarding a report given by Rae Ann Wessell, origin of the water quality problem, Governor Crist made aware that Sanibel was under represented on the SFWMD board, Lt. Governor had given his approval of a representative on the SFWD board, effects of red drift algae to health, Dr. Loflin answered Dr. LaPointe spoke to crushed coral sand and Sanibel sand was different, the crushed shell could be affected due to the acid, people need to e-mail Governor Crist for an appointee on the SFWMD board, Governor Crist allocated \$40 million dollars for the estuaries in the 2007/08 budget with a SFWMD match, the need to contact SFWMD and governor's office to secure property adjacent to C-43 for storm water treatment.

Council decided to discuss the following.

COMMITTEE, BOARDS COMMISSION

Recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee regarding the User Fee System for the Recreation Facility

Dick Muench, Vice Chairman of Parks and Recreation Committee spoke to the following recommendation:

Discussion ensued regarding resident cost would be \$60.00, residents distinguished as a voter, requirements of a resident, the need to allow those that own property to pay the resident fee not only those that pay a homestead exemption, Ms. Zimomra stated that if Council give direction to staff that those people that receive the homestead first tier, property tax 2nd tier, Ms. Zimomra stated that there had been discussion to allow employees/employers on the island to purchase passes and Council agreed to both issues, time sensitive, Ms. Zimomra stated that the remaining issues would come to Council in the next 2 months, any passes for shorter periods of time, new definition of families, and fees would be consistent with the Interlocal Agreements.

Public Comment:

Bernie Lubetkin spoke to the Interlocal agreement with Lee County and the City speaks to recreation facility fees, which covers the un-incorporated Lee County (Captiva).

Dick Walsh spoke to the non-resident tax payer should be included.

Judy Minchie spoke to time-share people paying taxes and should be included as property owners.

Dick Muench spoke to Lee County paying one-third of the cost of building the new Recreation Facility.

Council recessed at 11:22 p. m.

Council reconvened at 12:50 p. m.

Reports from City Councilmembers

None

NEW BUSINESS

Designation of Council delegates and liaisons

Ms. Zimomra called Council's attention to the new liaison list.

Council decided upon the following choices:

Councilman Jennings made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnston, to approve the liaison list for City Council.

The motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER

Informational Items

Letter to Lee County regarding Weigh Station and Fishing Pier

Ms. Zimomra spoke to Council reviewing a draft of a letter to Lee County regarding the proposed fishing Pier. She further stated that the Tourism Development Council (TDC) giving a grant to Lee County in the amount of \$750,000 for a restroom at the place of the existing weigh station. She also stated that it was not in Lee County's plan to leave the Weigh Station on the Causeway Islands.

Discussion ensued regarding Mayor Denham making an appointment to speak with Commissioner Janes, issue if Commissioner Janes favors the weigh station, funds from weigh station was to help taxpayers, positioning of the weigh station on the island, which Council does not want to happen, problem having a weigh station at the entrance to the island, Lee County must keep commitment for the weigh station as they have had for the last 30 years, weigh station does not belong on the island, and alternative ways to fund some of Lee County roads repairs, should visit with Commissioner Judah, and no room for a weigh station or a parking lot for a fishing pier on Sanibel.

Council agreed for Mayor Denham to speak with Chairman Janes.

Report from Finance Director regarding status of Beach Parking Enterprise Fund

Ms. Zimomra spoke to a deficit in the Beach Parking Enterprise Fund due to rebooking the ending fund balance because of a change in the ending fund balance due to the way the depreciation was booked for the Shared Use Path last year. She further explained that Council had directed staff to be more aggressive in the amount of indirect charges charged to the enterprise funds. She also explained that the Indirect Cost Study came in with an increase of administrative management expenses in the amount of \$114,000 and some areas had actually increased. She stated that staff had approached Lee County through TDC for funds that would be eligible for re-imburement and making adjustments to cut capital projects and appropriate operating projects.

Discussion ensued regarding what type of project would be affected, Ms. Zimomra answered that some of the capital projects would be held i.e., Bowmans' Beach restrooms and other improvements to restrooms, she further spoke to TDC funding only used for approved projects, staff felt it would not be prudent to build new or revised capital when not meeting the operating expense. Ms. Zimomra spoke to the parking revenue being the exacting where they were this time last year.

Timeline for Appointment to City Council Advisory Committees

Ms. Zimomra spoke to the annual appointments to the Advisory Committees. She further spoke to past advertising for committees, attendance records, as well as the upcoming annual committee reports. She asked Council to approve the schedule for committee advertising and appointments.

Discussion ensued regarding making the appointments on April 17 and time for staff to bring a protocol to Council on the role of the liaison, Ms. Zimomra stated that she would like another 2 weeks to bring a protocol and Council make advisory committee appointments on May 01.

Council approved the proposed schedule and advertisement.

January 2007 Code Enforcement Activity Report

Ms. Zimomra called Council's attention to the agenda packet information.

Appointee from City Council to participate in the Logic & Accuracy Testing and Canvassing Absentee Ballots, Friday, April 27th , Canvassing Absentee Ballots, May 01 and Canvass Provisional Ballots if any Monday, May 07, 2007

Ms. Zimomra explained that normally a Councilmember was present at the above-mentioned activities. Council agreed to the following.

April 27 Vice Mayor Carla Johnston
May 01 Councilmember Peter Pappas
May 07 Councilmember Jim Jennings

Mayor Denham spoke to a proposed joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting for the 1st week in May and Council holding a goal setting meeting last week in May. The City Clerk would poll Council.

Discussion ensued regarding maintaining an urgency, beaches could still be used, environment of southwest Florida drives the economy, problems with people leaving and the environment, a one page informational paper to be taken to Tallahassee by Mayor Denham and Councilman Jennings, maintaining an urgency that the beaches were useable, the environment of Southwest Florida drives the economy, and some people may be leaving.

Judy Minchie asked what the pamphlet was for, and Ms. Zimomra stated this would be handed out to the legislative delegation in Tallahassee. She spoke to homes and rentals not being rented.

Ms. Zimomra stated there would be copies of all water quality resolutions and speaking point to take to Tallahassee's. She asked for clarification of the wording of the caption under the photo and other changes to further clarify the problems being faced on Sanibel.

Mayor Denham spoke to the summer schedule for Council and proposed canceling the September 04 Council meeting.

Council agreed to reschedule the Tuesday, September 4 meeting and hold the meeting the afternoon of the Saturday, September 8th.

Discussion ensued regarding the principal responsibility of Council was to adopt the budget, rescheduling the 0904 meeting, if Councilmembers need to take a vacation then it would need to be taken, past dates taken off by past Councils, and the City Manager would bring a proposal back to Council at the April 03, 2007 meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT

Councilman Pappas spoke to the best interest for Council to consider taking dates off in the off-season. He also spoke to the request from Tennis Place to reduce recycling mandates. He further spoke to the City being 33 years old with a most restrictive code and should not be introducing legislation to further restrict property use. He commented that it protects the citizen purchasing land and lessens staff work.

Ms. Zimomra stated the following:

- Shared Use Master Plan was requested that the schedule be moved back for more public participation
- Phone conference with consultant Friday, February 23
- Bring final plan to Council April 03 or April 17, 2007

Councilman Pappas spoke to his conversation with the City Manager of the transportation planner and inclination was not to fund, but indicated that he would not revisit past Council's decision. He further spoke to the total and long-range cost of Council decisions.

Ms. Zimomra stated that there was an offer to a planner and accepted.

Vice Mayor Johnston spoke to the need for a transportation planner. She spoke to staff bringing back additional information for Resolution 07-041 regarding condo recycling. She also spoke to her recent trips to Washington, D. C. and Tallahassee. She stated that 1,114 Mayors signed the Washington, Seattle Mayor's letter on climate change. She passed out a congressional committee membership pamphlet to City Council.

Councilman Jennings spoke to the upcoming trip to Tallahassee. He also spoke to a gentleman wanting to bring biofuels to Lee County.

Councilman Ruane spoke to the importance of a water plan. He spoke to the impacts in the next 10 years

Mayor Denham spoke to the Regional Planning Council adopting a resolution regarding fertilizer and subcommittee was currently working on a resolution directed to sewage treatment. He stated that he would be meeting with 8 members of the fertilizer industry on Thursday, March 22, 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Minchie spoke to testing of equipment of beach clean-up. She suggested that the public be given ore information.

Ms. Zimomra answered that staff was accepting RFQ's, 4/5 different pieces of equipment and staff would review, and Council stated they wanted a plan in place by October. She further explained that staff was taking bids for more hand raking.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pamela Smith, CMC
City Clerk