

**SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FINAL BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2006**

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 5:01 p. m.

Members present: Mayor Johnston, Vice Mayor Denham, Councilman Brown, Councilman Jennings and Councilman Rothman.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Denham, to excuse Councilman Rothman.

The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Mayor Denham gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announce Millage Rate required to fund Budget and percentage increase over Rolled-Back Rate
Introduction to Narratives and Objectives-City Manager Zimomra
Budget Presentation of All Funds - Finance Director Lynch
Personnel Management and Related Issues
Purchasing
Leveraging Grants to Maximize city resources
Debt Services Update

Council decided to discuss the following:

Ms. Zimomra stated that Council directed staff to inquire as to the cost of certain initiatives. She further stated that the Historical Preservation Committee requests were not in priority order and the following were their priority:

- Additional employee
- Historical structure rehabilitation grant
- Air conditioning the Schoolhouse

Council discussed Attachment A.

Vice Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brown to accept attachment A.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council decided to discuss Attachment B.

Discussion ensued regarding funding the Historical Village employee with the condition that funding would include making the Historical Village a 501-3C status, funding the Historical grant of \$5,000 to equal \$27,155 including a 6-month timeline, and Ms. Zimomra stated that the City does have a contractual agreement with 2 other entities and could be used as a model.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to fund item 3 and 4 the employee at a cost of \$22, 155 and in 6-month time see a plan to make the Historical Village a 501-3C entity and fund the \$5,000 rehabilitation historical grant.

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the request by the Parks and Recreation Committee to design Bayview (Causeway) Park for a cost of \$50,000, no design for Bayview Park, and Ms. Zimomra stated the funding would be to design the park and was not a staff initiative.

Public Comment:

Armand Ball spoke to the request for outside assistance to receive funding to design for Bayview Park.

Ms. Zimomra stated that Council did also include in the appropriations specific funding for the redevelopment plan and did not include a specific design for that particular park for next year and a matter of prioritizing. She further stated that it was staff's intent to pursue the redevelopment initiative that Council authorized. She also stated that one reason the redevelopment plan had slippage was putting small projects before it priority wise.

Discussion ensued regarding all initiatives being good initiatives, must take a sum of money and deciding were to spend the money, recreational items already funded, making unpopular decision regarding funding, money should be spent on redevelopment, agreeable to purchase an Arbor Day tree for \$150.

Council agreed by consensus to fund the purchase of an Arbor Day tree.

New Initiatives

Council decided to discuss Attachment C.

Discussion ensued regarding supporting the Police Department.

Councilman Jennings made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Denham, to fund Police Department initiatives 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7.

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding items 4 and 9, the need for item 10 (MIS THE upgrades), Chief Tomlinson stated that there had not been a comprehensive review of the Hurricane Plan in the last 20 years, and he further spoke to changes in FEMA and reimbursement.

Renee Lynch, Finance Director that there was \$2, 028, 641 left for initiatives.

Public Comment:

Steve Maxwell spoke to the funding amount for initiatives.

Discussion ensued regarding item 8 Periwinkle Way Shared Use Path, problem spending \$1.5 million in one project and spread out in multiple years, Ms. Zimomra stated that if the project was phased could it be paid over 2 years and there would be a significant remobilization of approximately \$100,000, she further stated if funding the financing the funds must be certified, but could put money aside this year and begin construction after October 01, 2007, does not bind a future Council for the project and there could be escalation of future project costs, risky to phase the project,.

Vice Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to fund the Periwinkle Way Shared Use Path in the amount of \$1.5 million.

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding item10, Ms. Zimomra stated that staff had began an extensive evaluation and it was determined there was a need to upgrade the HTE system, the \$165,000 was a down payment for the upgrade, Mr. Bert Smith spoke to systems needing support, he further stated that training dollars were included, but not the cost to the organization, the need to utilize the product, improving capabilities for staff, and the need to spend money to give staff necessary tools.

Council decided to fund item 10 in the amount of \$165,000.

Discussion ensued regarding funding item 11 Sanibel River Clearing in the amount of \$70,000,

Councilman brown made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Denham, to fund item 11 Sanibel River Clearing in the amount of \$70,000.

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding funding item 12 H2O pubic affairs consultant,

Councilman Jennings made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, to fund item 12 H2O public affairs consultant.

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding putting the remaining \$230,000 in capital project reserve and not allocate at this time, the need to fund item 32 a new city sign in the amount of \$5,000, which would be the corporate city limit sign, Ms. Zimomra stated that Council had put aside reserve money for certain items, consider air conditioning the Old Schoolhouse, include funding for a video system for MacKenzie Hall, direct staff find the exact cost for internet feed,

Vice Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, to put the remaining \$233,000 in a capital reserve project fund.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Steve Maxwell asked for the average taxpayers cost of the initiatives.

Ms. Lynch answered that it would cost taxpayers noting because the money was included in the budget.

John Harries spoke to his understanding of the initiatives and the thought process.

Patty Sousa spoke to the decision made to fund the Periwinkle Way Shared Use Path.

RESOLUTION 06-145 ADOPTING THE FINAL OPERATING AND VOTED DEBT SERVICE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES FOR TAX YEAR 2006 FOR THE CITY OF SANIBEL, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA;

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 06-145. She stated that a requirement was to include the adoption time and that would be 6:42 p.m.

Vice Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to adopt Resolution 06-145

The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Rothman excused.

RESOLUTION 06-146 ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 FOR THE CITY OF SANIBEL, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 06-146. She stated that in paragraph 4, the 5th WHEREAS in clued the following figure of \$50,368,972 and the section duly passed the adoption time of 6:43 p.m.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to adopt the budget as amended through the meeting, including the above-mentioned additions.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pamela Smith, CMC
City Clerk