

**JOINT MEETING  
SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL AND SANIBEL PLANNING COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2005**

Mayor Harrity called the meeting to order at 9:05 a. m.

Mayor Harrity gave the Invocation.

Chairperson Carla Johnston led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Mayor Harrity, Vice Mayor Walsh, Councilman Brown, Councilman Jennings, Councilmember Workman, Chairperson Carla Johnston, Vice Chair Jack Samler, Commissioner Marie Gargano, Commissioner Ellis Robinson, Commissioner Mike Valiquette and Commissioner John Veenschoten.

Mayor Harrity stated that the discussion regarding the EAR was to accept the report from the Planning Commission.

**Discussion between City Council members and Planning Commission members regarding:**

**Transmittal, to the City Council, of the Draft Evaluation and Appraisal Report for the *Sanibel Plan*, prepared by the Planning Commission:**

Ms. Zimomra stated that this discussion would be the transmittal to City Council from the Planning Commission. She stated that state statute regulated specific responsibilities in preparation of the EAR. She further stated that staff's recommendation was for adoption by City Council. She also stated that the draft ordinance and advertisement were prepared in order to go forward for the first reading and public hearing.

Mr. Cuyler advised that Council would need a motion, second and vote to accept the report.

Vice Mayor Walsh made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Workman, to accept the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of the Sanibel Plan for 2004/2005 presented by the Planning Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding that by accepting the report, the report would be moved for Council's review for modification or otherwise, which then would be sent to the state, if any portion was rejected what would happen, report on a schedule, but any modifications would go back to the Planning Commission for further review and Council/Commission alike thanked each other for their hard work and joint meetings.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ken Pfalzer explained the legal process for Council adopting the EAR by ordinance. He further stated that the state review process would take approximately 18 months. He also explained that the legal advertisement schedules the first reading and public hearing for 2:00 p. m. on January 18 with the second reading and second public hearing on February 01, 2005. He advised that Council would have time to schedule an additional public hearing on February 15, 2005. He referred Council and the Planning Commission to page 38 of the EAR and read; " The following policies and provisions of required Elements of the Sanibel Plan have been identified for consideration in the EAR-based Amendment. The basis for updating or considering amended language for thee policies has been provided in this Report. This section of the Report identifies those policies." He explained that by State Statute Council was required to have one of the public hearings after 5:00 p.m., unless Council voted otherwise.

**Discussion of the City Council's priorities for the Planning Commission's Work Program for the upcoming year:**

Ms. Zimomra stated that the priority of the Planning Department in the recent past had been the EAR, thus at the January 18, 2005 City Council meeting there would be a list brought forward of Planning Department priorities for Council's review.

Discussion ensued regarding the search for a new Planning Director and that the search would be done and completed as is normal for Department Directors, review of the Planning Director job description and the search have started.

**Future joint City Council/Planning Commission Meetings:**

Council decided that after receiving the priority list staff would be directed to canvass the City Council and Planning Commission for upcoming joint meetings.

Mayor Harrity recognized, Patricia Sprankle, Mike Billhiemer and Tony Lapi as Commissioners elect.

**Public Comment:**

Claudia Burns spoke to attending most of the Planning Commission's EAR meetings.

Herb Rubin spoke to the community involvement in the EAR meetings.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a. m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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