

**SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 02, 2005**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMUNITY
PICNIC DONORS**

Council held a Continental Breakfast for sponsors of the Independence Day Community Picnic.

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 9:00 a. m.

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

Councilman Rothman gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

Recognition of City Employees Debi Almedia, Dave Defonzo, George Krivas, Grant Lipps and Laura Wesserling for taking the Amateur Radio (HAM) class and successfully passing the FCC testing for use in Emergency Preparedness

Mayor Johnston spoke the above-mentioned employees completing and passing the FCC class and testing requirements to become a part of the Sanibel Ham Radio Team during emergencies.

Recognition of the Employee of the Third Quarter:

Mayor Johnston recognized James Evans, Environmental Officer as the Employee of the third Quarter chosen by his peers.

Presentation of Proclamations to Independence Day Community Picnic Donors:

Mayor Johnson spoke to the sponsors that worked with the City of Sanibel to make to Independence Day Community Picnic:

Grand Sponsors:

Sanibel Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce
Bank of the Islands
'Tween Water

Sponsors:

Bailey's General Store	Optimist Club
B. I. G. Arts	R. C. Otters
Billy's Rentals	Sanibel Captiva Rotary
Casa Ybel Resort	Sanibel Community Church
Colonial Bank	Sanibel Captiva Association of Realtors
Dairy Queen	Sanibel Community Association
Island Grooming by Lisa	Sanibel Lions Club
Island Paws	
Jerry's Foods	

Public Comments:

Ed Schuller spoke to a comment made at a previous meeting regarding increasing commercial base on the island.

Hazel Schuller spoke to eminent domain to construct a new Shared Use Path.

Karen Storijsch spoke to a book called the "The Sanibel Report" by John Clark and could be found on line on the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) website.

Steve Greenstein, Executive Director of Sanibel and Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, spoke to attending a conference for chambers. He also spoke to working with the City Manager and Ron Orr, Parks and Recreation.

Jack Samler congratulated City staff regarding a job well done at the Independence Day Picnic. He also spoke to Sanibel having not only a residential community, but a commercial community.

Gail Ponce spoke to money promised by the Sanibel Bike Club use to bring Shared Use Paths up to standard.

Council Comments:

Councilman Rothman spoke to the amount of material in the supplemental packet.

Councilman Jennings spoke to the following:

- ❖ Sanibel School starting August 08
- ❖ Sanibel School receiving 7 Governor awards for excellence as an "A" school
- ❖ Sign noting the Sanibel School was an "A" school at the entry of the community
- ❖ E-mail from Steve Greenstein regarding the creation of a business committee
- ❖ Special thanks to Sheriff Scott for traffic control on the Causeway and ask him to speak at the August 16 City Council meeting
- ❖ Doctors appointment this afternoon and leaving the meeting early

Vice Mayor Denham spoke to his attendance at the City's summer Recreation Program, Friday, July 29, 2005. He also spoke to including to the August 16 agenda a discussion on the budget.

Discussion ensued regarding issues that should be discussed in a Council meeting;

- ❖ Environmental Sensitive Land
- ❖ 5-Year Budget Committee recommendations
- ❖ Staffing
- ❖ Periwinkle Way Corridor Restoration Project

Discussion continued regarding there being 2 full Council meetings set aside for budget discussions, Mr. Cuyler stated that there could be a separate meeting for budget discussion to give staff direction, the issue that expenditures exceed revenues, lack of discussion with budget questions raised, special meeting on budget, Ms. Zimomra suggested that each Councilmember bring items of interest for discussion, staff would canvass Council for a workshop date since there were 5 Tuesdays in August, concern of proposed projects, and meeting to focus on projects.

Councilman Brown congratulated Ms. Smith on having the first Southwest District Clerk meeting of the Florida Association of City Clerks in Sanibel recently. He also spoke to not receiving recent e-mails, and political pacs only sending e-mails to certain people, and sending e-mails to the City for Council not their personal e-mail address.

Discussion ensued regarding Council receiving e-mails to personal e-mail addresses, Mr. Cuyler explained that anything business related sent to a Councilmembers personal e-mailed address was subject to the Sunshine Law, the Councilmember should contact the person sending the business e-mail to the personal e-mail address and ask that the e-mail be sent to the sancouncil e-mail address.

Councilman Jennings spoke to the Lee County Human Services Committee requesting that he continue to be the City liaison. He stated that he would be willing to continue attending the meetings.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Denham, to approve Councilman Jennings serve as the City's liaison to the Lee County Human Services Council.

The motion carried unanimously by consensus.

Second Reading and Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 05-012 GRANTING TO LEE COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., (LCEC) ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE; IMPOSING PROVISIONS AND CONDITIONS RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING FOR QUARTERLY PAYMENTS TO THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION, CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Ordinance 05-012.

Mr. Cuyler asked Council to continue the second reading and public hearing to August 16, 2005 at 9:30 a. m. due to meeting legal advertisement requirements.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Council pulled Consent Agenda items (e), (f), and (g) for discussion.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Denham, to accept Consent Items (a), and (d).

The motion passed by consensus.

- a. **Approval of minutes – April 25, 2005 Budget Workshop and May 03, 2005 Regular Meeting, May 17, 2005 Regular Meeting, and May 19, 2005 Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting.**
- d. **Approval of renewal of an agreement between the City of Sanibel and Sanibel Community Association (SCA) and authorize the City Manager to execute.**
- b. **RESOLUTION 05-115 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2005-042 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (to appropriate \$113,900 of the \$272,422 building permit revenue collected in excess of the \$314,761 budgeted from this revenue source, (e.g. \$587,183 collected through 7/19/05). These funds have been collected due to the increase in the number of building permits issued in the aftermath of Hurricane Charley and are being used to augment the Building Department staff with two building inspectors, one term employee (term expires 3/31/06) and one contractual building inspector needed in order to perform the increased number of inspections)

M. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-115.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rothman, to adopt Resolution 05-115.

Public Comment:

None.

The motion carried unanimously.

c. **RESOLUTION 05-098 ACCEPTING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-098.

Councilman Rothman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to adopt Resolution 05-098.

Discussion ensued regarding the membership number and the votes from each municipality, representation should be equally divided, approach other municipalities that have one vote, and Mr. Cuyler stated that discussions of mutual interest with other board members would be within the design of the Sunshine Law.

Public Comment:

None.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council recessed at 10:35 a. m.

Council reconvened at 10:50 a. m.

h. **RESOLUTION 05-095 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2005-043 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (to appropriate the carry-forward from FY 2004 of unspent fund from \$10 million debt proceeds issued 9/30/04 into the Fiscal Year 2005 budget for Hurricane Charley expenses. In addition, Hurricane Charley expenses have exceeded the \$10 million debt proceeds plus other outside grant funds by \$409,900. This Budget Amendment provides a transfer from the General Fund beginning fund balance to pay for these costs.)

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-095.

Councilman Rothman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to adopt Resolution 05-095.

Public Comment:

None.

The motion carried unanimously.

i. **RESOLUTION 05-096 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2005-044 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (To appropriate Federal (FEMA) and State reimbursements received in FY 2005 for payment of Principal and Interest on the \$10 M FLGFC Commercial Paper Note. The amount of principal to be paid in FY 2005 exceeds the FY 2005 debt service requirement of \$2 million by \$1,933,000)

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-096.

Councilman Jennings made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rothman, to adopt Resolution 05-096.

Public Comment:

None.

The motion carried unanimously.

j. **RESOLUTION 05-090 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2005-045 AND PROVIDING AN**

EFFECTIVE DATE (to transfer \$400,000 from the Environmentally Sensitive Land (ESL) department of the Capital Acquisition Fund to the Clam/Dinkins Bayou Fund to provide funding for the land easement acquisition for the Clam/Dinkins Bayou Culvert)

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-090.

Councilman Jennings made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Denham, to adopt Resolution 05-090.

Public Comment:
None.

The motion carried unanimously.

k. **RESOLUTION 05-091 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2005-046 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (to roll-forward the FY 2004- balance of unspent funds to the grant writer, In-Rem Solutions, into FY 2005 from General Fund beginning fund balance)

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-091.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rothman, to adopt Resolution 05-091.

Public Comment:
None.

The motion carried unanimously.

l. **RESOLUTION 05-092 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2005-047 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (to roll-forward the balance of the Centex-Rooney contractual appropriation from FY 2004 to FY 2005 for the completion of the Ballfield Reorientation Project))

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-092.

Vice Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rothman, to adopt Resolution 05-092.

Public Comment:
None.

The motion carried unanimously.

m. **RESOLUTION 05-093 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2005-048 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (to appropriate the carry-forward of the \$53,700 budgeted in FY 2004, but unspent until FY 2005, for the connection to the sewer system and rental of portable restrooms at the Recreation Center)

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-093.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rothman, to adopt Resolution 05-093.

Public Comment:
None.

The motion carried unanimously.

n. **RESOLUTION 05-094 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2005-049 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** (to roll-forward the unspent funds from FY 2004 to FY 2005 for the AM Radio Project completed by September 30, 2005)

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-094.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rothman, to adopt Resolution 05-094.

Public Comment:
None.

The motion carried unanimously.

e. **RESOLUTION 05-097 EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL FOR THE SANIBEL BICYCLE CLUB'S PLEDGE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SHARED USE PATH MASTER PLAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-097.

Discussion ensued regarding the previous discussion at City Council's July 19th meeting that the understanding was that the staff would budget \$75,000 to help fund the study, Councilman Brown's amendment to Resolution 05-097 speaking to the bike paths being unsafe, Mr. Cuyler cautioned Council of including in the bike paths were unsafe, delete "the word "unsafe" in the 4th whereas of the amended resolution, add "could be improved with regard to safety", money could be budgeted in the FY 2005-06 budget, eliminate whereas clause 3, 4 6 and 7, and add "Whereas, the Council is prepared to review a memorandum that 1) that outlines the objective for phase 2 of a Bike Master Plan; 2) clarifies how it builds upon phase 1 of the Bike Master Plan; and 3) explains the expectations that Council would have regarding the contract, add "Whereas Council expects to decide on the city's financial role in the project for FY 2005-06 after receiving 1) staff feedback on the memorandum; and 2) Parks and Recreation Committee input, Sanibel Bike Club offering \$25,000 if the City would pledge \$75,000 for a study of the bike paths, Ms. Zimomra stated there were 2 basic approaches, 1) a group completes a study or 2) contribution to a study the City completes; and statute mandates the way advertising would be done to hire a consultant.

Councilman Jennings made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brown, to adopt Resolution 05-097 with underling and deleting the word "unsafe" in the 4th whereas, and adding "could be improved with regard to safety."

Public Comment:

Hazel Schuller spoke to Resolution 05-097, advertisement in the "Shopper" regarding the bike paths and pedestrian safety.

Armand Ball spoke to the development of the Shared Use Master Plan and the Parks and Recreation Committee completed the master plan with staff and public input, and notice scheduled meeting. He also spoke to this being a study that would include safety for all.

Brenda Tate spoke to the Sanibel Bike Club's proposal for s comprehensive shared use master plan, already gave Council the proposed elements of the plan and expanded to enhance the master plan already in place include:

- Perform an opportunity and constraints analysis on the entire system
- Design an enhanced trail system to industry standard
- Develop short and long term strategies and priorities to fund and implement the vision

- Conduct a safety analysis to correct existing conditions
- Develop a strategy to augment the City's maintenance budget with private funds
- Recommendation that would stress street design as it relates to the trail system
- Signage for bike path
- Include industry standards

She further stated that the Bike Club rushed to bring the proposal to Council due to a discussion with Mayor Johnston noting a deadline for budget requests, City should hire consultant, and bike club would augment city staff to make process as effective and efficient as possible.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposal was a review of Shared Use Master Plan, agreed to add the Sanibel Bike Club's scope of work, Resolution 05-097 appropriates the funds, Council would approve the scope and receive a scope of work before having public meetings.

Patty Sousa spoke to the bike club giving Council a scope of work, should be a city project and asked what the sliding scale included. She also spoke to the need of public input during season.

Discussion ensued regarding should the resolution say who would conduct the study, bike club want to do something good for the community, the different amendments, add after Section 1, "the City thanks the Sanibel Bike Club for their pledge of \$25,000 and looks forward to reviewing the scope and providing a match to the \$100,00 project, and Ms. Zimomra stated that state statute requirements mandate that Council would see the project on numerous occasions.

Councilman Brown amended his motion, agreed to by Councilman Jennings, to delete the 3rd Whereas clause, which reads, "Whereas, the consensus of the Sanibel Bike Club and community at large is that the shared use paths can be improved with regard to safety;"

Discussion ensued regarding adding, "Whereas, it's our consensus to make sure that the paths are maintained to be safe."

Councilman Brown made a further amendment, agreed to by Councilman Jennings, to add the following to the 4th Whereas, the consensus that Sanibel Bike Club and community at large is that the Shared Use Paths be maintained in a safe condition; and"

The motion carried unanimously.

f. **Approval of an agreement with the Department of Protection for a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant in the amount of \$200,000 for Bowmans' Beach Park and authorizing the City Manager to execute**

Ms. Zimomra stated the following:

- City staff applied for 2 grants from the Florida Development Assistance Program
- 2 grants were awarded
- Only 2 grants could be opened at one time

She further stated that Bowman's Beach was the City's most popular beach, seniors donated fitness equipment for a fitness trail that was destroyed during Hurricane Charley; Dr. Loflin had been very success in obtaining funds, matching funds could come from the Beach parking fund and the TDC grants, match would be up to \$200,000, restoring the fitness trail, FY 2007 budget there was money for a proposed connector, need for picnic tables, and design could be re-scoped and bring back at the August 16 City Council meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding no ad valorem taxes to be used for the \$200,000 match, FRDAP cap was \$200,000 and design would be re-scoped due to need and FRDAP funding by elements, and re-scope design by Council approval

Vice Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Denham, accept the \$200,000 from FRDAP and allow staff to re-scope the project and bring back to Council August 16.

Discussion ensued regarding canoe improvements.

The motion carried unanimously.

g. Approval of an agreement with the Department of Protection for a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant for the Community Park and authorize the City Manager to execute

Ms. Zimomra stated that this was before Council in order to proceed with the FRDAP grant, 24 additional parking spaces, and a \$200,000 matching grant included. Items to be included:

- Trail activity
- Playground
- Picnic pavilion
- Volleyball court
- Multi-purpose court
- Shuffleboard court

Ms. Helene Phillips, Recreation Director explained that part of the agreement upon purchase of the Dobbs House was to provide a trail, playground and using state monies to purchase the Dobbs House. She further explained that there would be bid processes.

Discussion ensued regarding if the City was committed for the \$200,000, the final plan was included in the agenda, and timing for development of the property would be 2 years to complete.

Ms. Zimomra explained that upon using state funds for the purchase of the Dobbs House there were certain caveats and Council could change their mind. She stated that Council would be approving the agreement with the State and would be come back to Council at a subsequent meeting to approve a contract.

Public Comment:

Armand Ball, Chairman Parks and Recreation stated that the money was committed in the FY 2004-05 budget for the application to the State.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Denham, to approve the agreement with the Department of Protection for a grant through the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP).

Council recessed for lunch at 12:25 p. m.

Council reconvened at 2:00 p. m.

PRESENTATION:

Presentation of Results of City of Sanibel Business Survey, Judie Zimomra, City Manager:

Ms. Zimomra gave the following PowerPoint Presentation.

- Goal setting workshop in April
- 1 of Council goals was to create a Small Business Initiative to protect existing businesses and assist with recovery
- Council directed staff to get community input
- June 07, 2005 Council approved a survey sent to all occupational licenses holders
- Survey size 3,417
- 403 respondents or 11.8% response rate
- Respondents include - Artist, Craftsman, Beauty Shops, bike rentals, grocery stores, retail merchants, property management, contractors, construction, tree surgeons, etc.
- Respondent Groups include – construction (general & subs) largest group; real estate sales & rentals – 2nd largest group; all other including taxis, craftsman, barber shops 3rd largest
- 3,431 full time employees
- 618 part-time employees
- Length of time in operation – most respondents had been in business over 10 years
- comment from a respondent was to survey last years occupational license holders – currently underway
- 2/3's business on island & 1/3 business off island
- Most business own their on building
- Average employees 8.5 full-time & 1.5 part-time including owner
- Challenges were noted
- Recommendations were noted

Public Comment:

Steve Greenstein, Executive Director of Sanibel Captiva Chamber of Commerce, read a prepared statement.

Ron Yurcovich spoke to a definition “independently owned. He suggested that the City form a Volunteer Committee.

Sam Bailey spoke to cooperating and communication with Lee County of the importance of Sanibel, and would like for Sanibel to stay the way it is.

Robert Parks, Twilight Café’ suggested a committee as a sounding board for businesses.

Discussion ensued regarding Small Business Committee, what happens with the business community linked to the historic side of Sanibel, would like to have more outside dining, contract with someone to facilitate the Small Business Initiative, an employee interacting with businesses and not having an ad hoc committee due to Sunshine Law.

Councilman Jennings left at 2:51 p. m.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Denham, to excuse Councilman Jennings from the remainder of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Presentation by staff of major points for proposed build back ordinance:

Harold Law, Building Official spoke to the past Council discussion regarding reviewing and the possibility of reducing the minimum flood regulations from FEMA as it applies to elevation, build back, etc. He further stated that the FEMA regulations and the Florida Building Code might not be reduced. He also stated that the Florida Building Code affected 95% of Sanibel buildings, and a variance to the height (bottom of a residence) by the Florida Building Code change would take changes in Florida law. He also spoke to the CCCL height limit was 17 to 19 feet, flood proofing, and a residence could not be flood proofed.

Discussion ensued regarding the Coastal Construction Control Line that only break away walls could be built forward, exclusion for flood proofing, can not flood proof a residence, Florida Building Codes, Flood Regulations would not allow building below flood level, break away walls were permitted as long as they are not living space, break away walls can be used for storage or parking, past Council discussion was to allow built back if destroyed one level up, if a building was destroyed ground level would not be allowed to be re-built, it might necessitate allowing changing the footprint, new buildings would be built up to approximately 60 feet, and the 1991 Coastal Construction Control Line, Mr. Cuyler explained that the 1974 CCCL was an old line from the State of Florida (line of prohibition), and the 1991 CCCL was a regulatory line, but people could build seaward of the 1991 line, which was permitted through the state, Mr. Cuyler stated staff could look into the 1991 CCCL and address legislation for Council's consideration.

Public Comment:

Jack Samler spoke to the 1991 CCCL having additional construction requirements. He also spoke to today buildings were in already in excess of the 45 foot. He further stated that every building built in late 70's and early 80's are all non-conforming.

Discussion ensued regarding considering the 4-story issue separately.

Mr. Pfalzer stated that if Council reaches consensus regarding other build back issues the issue of height could be the last focus for Council. He also spoke to the matrix presented in the agenda packet that would allow the 4-story building to be built back over flood level and consider alternative language.

Discussion ensued regarding more discussion of the 1991 CCCL, seaward of CCCL there were specific height restrictions when building, and height limit was 45 feet plus FEMA and flood regulations.

Council directed staff to prepare a status report and analysis of the 4-story building sites for buildback (6 properties with 25 buildings).

Mary Cutair spoke to her understanding that the recently approved Charter Amendment took care of the problem with height.

Mr. Cuyler stated the Charter Amendment addressed various building standards. He continued by saying that if Council took action to increase height on a general City-wide basis that would require a vote of the electorate except for raising height required by flood regulations and the owners of units below that elevation loss their units in a disaster.

Karen Stori Johann spoke to lawsuits that were brought to the City after the adoption of the Sanibel Plan, would lawsuits affect the discussion of build back, and the agreement due to the lawsuits was that the ground level of residences would not be living space.

Mr. Cuyler spoke to the rights the City had and property rights. He stated that Council should set regulations as they determine was appropriate on advice of counsel's advice. He further stated that under a court order an agreement was reached that might pre-date the flood regulations, as residence would need to come in compliance.

Robin Humphrey spoke to there being no alternative if buildings destroyed that are 4-stories. He stated that he was talking about the past discussion that all units would be re-built.

Discussion ensued regarding directing Mr. Cuyler to contact DEP and ask for an explanation of the 1991 CCCL.

Status of Options for CHR Housing by City Employees:

Mayor Johnson thought it inappropriate to deal with one person's application for CHR.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for City employee housing

Ms. Zimomra reminded Council that there was no money budgeted for Employee Assisted Housing and was a policy question due to not being one of Councils goals.

Ms. Jan Hyatt spoke to the following recommendations brought forward:

- ❖ Establish a counseling service for housing options
- ❖ Down payment assistance program
- ❖ Construction of units

Ms. Hyatt stated it would take additional computer equipment and part-time staff person.

Discussion ensued regarding the City struggling with employee housing and need to recognize that there may be instances when exceptions were made, Council may need to change priorities to include employee housing assistance program, and possibility to be more flexible in the BMRH program for employee housing.

Mr. Cuyler stated he thought the criteria could be changed to help with employee housing. He further stated that it would take time to look at the program.

Ms. Hyatt stated that CHR would like to look at the problem and since there was a Council liaison. She further stated that the CHR Board felt the two programs need to remain separate.

Mr. Cuyler agreed that the 2 programs needed to be keep separate, but could c-exist.

Mr. Marks, CHR Board member stated that many hours were spent to study and bring recommendations back to Council.

Discussion ensued regarding looking at Council's priority goals and bring back to Council at the August 16 meeting, discussion of other alternatives, and 1st step was funding for a part-time staff person to establish a counseling service for housing options for City employees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of segways use by handicap persons:

Councilman Jennings asked that this be continued until August 16, 2005.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COMMISSION:

Resignation of Wildlife Committee member Jean Hallstead:

Vice Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rothman, to accept Ms. Hallstead's resignation.

The motion passed unanimous by consensus.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Informational items:

Hurricane Recovery Update.

Ms. Zimomra spoke to the stump grinding, re-grading the sod on Periwinkle Way, and invited to a meeting at Congressman Connie Mack's Ft. Myers office to discuss FEMA payment issues.

CHR Quarterly Financial Statement:

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

Discussion ensued regarding receiving the previous report with the current report.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

None.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT.

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Jack Samler spoke to there being only 3 people knowing the condominium complexes.

Mayor Johnston announced that Council would convene into an Executive Session regarding union negotiations. She further stated that the following persons would be attending:

EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATING TO UNION NEGOTIATIONS.

In attendance shall be only the following persons:

Sanibel City Council

Sanibel City Manager Judie Zimomra

Sanibel City Attorney Kenneth Cuyler

Jim Isom, Director of Administrative Services

Wayne Helsby, Labor Counsel (Allen, Norton & Blue)

Renee Lynch, Finance Director

Council recessed at 4:45 p.m.

Council reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

Council convened into open session at 6:00 p.m.

Council adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pamela Smith, CMC
City Clerk