

**SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2005**

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

Members present: Mayor Johnston, Councilman Brown and Councilman Jennings. Vice Mayor Denham participated by phone.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to excuse Councilman Rothman from the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cuyler requested that Council find that there were extenuating circumstances for Vice Mayor Denham to participate by phone.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Mayor Johnston, to find extenuating circumstances and allow Vice Mayor Denham to participate by phone.

The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding abiding by the Attorney General's opinion that a Councilmember could participate by phone, and have on a future agenda a discussion of Council developing a policy for Council to participate by phone.

Mr. Cuyler gave a brief history of participating by phone:

- Determined that a Councilmember could participate by phone
- Attorney Generals latest opinion that Council could fin extenuating circumstances

Councilman Brown gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Zimomra gave a brief overview of the tentative budget:

- Governmental Funds (general revenue, special revenue & debt service funds)
- Capital Budget
- 2 Enterprise Funds (Beach Parking/Sanitary Sewer System)
- 2.5 millage rate established last year
- July 19th Council directed a budget with 2.4 mills
- Reduction included \$422,953 (\$200,000 match for FRDAP grant, \$90,000 MacKenzie Hall overhaul, delay purchase of a backhoe, delay purchase of mower, reduce grant writing service)
- Roll back rat 2.5118 mills
- Average residential property \$521,000 (average property tax \$1,251) reduction of \$52.00 per household
- Maintain all current municipal services
- Pursue City Council's prioritized goals
- Address un-reimburseable recovery costs from Hurricane Charley
- Enhance municipal services
- Utilize user fees to reduce the burden on taxpayers

Highlights:

- Increase in disaster reserve fund to \$2,000,000 million dollars
- \$300,000 for contingency reserve fund
- Nothing for Employee Housing Initiative
- No line item for Water Conservation
- No line item for Small Business Initiative
- No line item for updating the City's website
- Nothing included for the Community Educator
- Page 5, 6 & 7 shows all line items that had an increase/decrease by \$1 or more
- \$1.5 million dollar payment toward the Hurricane Charley debt
- Over next 3 years paying Hurricane Charley off in thirds

Ms. Zimomra advised that there were no increases reflected in the budget in the Building and Planning Departmental fees because Council had not adopted the increase in fees. She further stated that if Council elected to increase the Building and Planning Departmental fees one of the following items could also be done or any combination of the following:

- Increasing ending fund balance
- Increasing contingency for reserve
- Adding additional program
- Reduce the millage rate by .087

Discussion ensued regarding how building monies could be used, if the increased fees coming before Council were adopted by Council then the General Fund would not subsidize the Building and Planning Departments, fees could only be increased to support the departments, the fees could enhance the quality of inspections.

Public Hearing and adoption of RESOLUTION 05-126 ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE OPERATING AND VOTED DEBT SERVICE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES FOR TAX YEAR 2005 FOR THE CITY OF SANIBEL, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; DETERMINING THAT THE OPERATING MILLAGE RATE DOES NOT EXCEED THE ROLLED-BACK RATE AND ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A FINAL HEARING TO ADOPT THE FINAL OPERATING AND VOTED DEBT SERVICE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES FOR TAX YEAR 2005

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-126.

Public Hearing and adoption of RESOLUTION 05-127 ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06 FOR THE CITY OF SANIBEL, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A FINAL HEARING TO ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06

Ms Zimomra read the title of Resolution 05-127.

Ms. Lynch, Finance gave a PowerPoint Presentation explaining the budget process:

Governmental Funds:	FY 2004-05		FY 2005-06
	Adopted	Amended	Tentative
Operating Uses	\$19,134,422	\$32,698,019	\$32,698,019
Capital Uses	\$ 4,702,632	\$ 5,480,080	\$ 4,710,100
Total Gov't uses	\$23,837,054	\$38,178,099	\$32,920,470
Enterprise Funds	\$15,850,035	\$17,023,234	\$32,920,470
Total Budget	\$39,687,089	\$55,201,333	\$47,543,280

She spoke to the difference in the adopted FY 2004-05 budget and the amended FY 2004-05 budget due to Hurricane Charley hitting Sanibel and the following being affected:

- Grant revenues received from various sources such as Tourism Development Council (TDC) to FEMA
- Hurricane Charley funds allocated as well as all debt proceeds and the repayment of that debt was
- Adopted budget increased for the above-mentioned reasons
- Tentative Budget totals - \$47,543,282

Ms. Lynch stated that tax rate and ad valorem revenue of 2.4 included in the tentative budget was lower than last year's millage rate of 2.5 as well as the rolled-back rate. She further stated that for FY 2004-05 \$10,561,155 of operating ad valorem revenue was produced while for FY 2005-06 \$10,150,871 of operating ad valorem revenue would be produced, including a small increase of \$12,669 from new construction.

Ms. Lynch explained the rolled-back rate as the change that was adjusted for property values and as property values increase the rolled-back rate decrease. She also explained that this year property values decreased causing the rolled-back rate to increase from 2.5 to 2.5118.

Ms. Zimomra stated that it was not due to the property values on Sanibel decreasing, but the number of vacancies during the hurricane

“The calculated tax (millage) rate, which generates the same amount of ad valorem revenue as was received in the previous fiscal year.”

Comparative Millage Rates:

	2004	2005
Operating Millage	2.5000	2.4000
Voted Debt-Land Acquisition	0.0625	0.0591
Voted Debt-Sewer	0.2268	0.2523
TOTAL	2.7893	2.7114

Ms. Lynch explained that the average taxpayer would pay \$1,414.28 or a total millage rate of 2.7114 and the average residential property value was \$521,603.

Three-year history of taxes paid by residential taxpayer:

2003	2004	2005
\$1,046.60	\$1,445.64	\$1,414.28

Sources of Funds:

Charges for Services	3.9%
Fines & Forfeitures	0.4%
Ad Valorem Operating	30.3%
Voted Debt-Land Service	0.7%
License & Permits	3.0%
Intergovernmental Revenue	16.9%
Miscellaneous	1.7%
Other Taxes	7.9%
Debt Proceeds	0.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	35.0%
Charges for Services	3.9%

Revenues:

Ad Valorem Taxes \$410,000 decrease in proposed & tentative budgets
 Voted debt service millage for Pond Apple Park 2001 referendum to purchase of Pond Apple Park
 reduction 2003/2004 of millage - received \$2.3
 million dollar grant

Other Taxes:

	2005	2006
Local option gas Tax	\$1,475,000	\$1,560,000
Casualty Insurance Premium Tax	\$ 40,000	\$ 47,000
Communication Tax	\$ 400,000	\$ 540,000
Franchise Tax	\$ 505,000	\$ 500,000
TOTAL	\$2,420,000	\$2,647,000

License and Permits \$62,000 decrease in proposed & tentative budgets for
 Building fees based on the consultants projections
 unless Council adopts legislation to increase Building
 fees

	2005	2006
Building-type Permits	\$553,611	\$459,910 (consultant projections)
Plans Review Fees	\$ 49,000	\$ 55,440 (consultant projections)
Dog and Other Licenses	\$ 5,850	\$ 9,230 (contractor licensing)
Vehicle Weight Permits	\$200,000	\$220,000 (previous year collection)
Occupational Licenses	\$267,750	\$269,000 (bi-annual rate indexing)
TOTAL	\$1,076,261	\$1,013,580

Inter-governmental Revenue \$5,431,662 significant decrease due to Hurricane
 Charley in proposed & tentative budgets

	2005	2006
Hurricane Charley Grants	\$7,228,079	\$2,203,181 (grant awards)
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 110,861	\$ 151,200 (state projections)
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000 (state projections)
Half-cent Sales Tax	\$ 550,000	\$ 600,000 (state projections)
Lee County – Sanibel Library	\$2,060,000	\$2,060,000 (previous year amount)
		(Would be deleted with creation of Special District)
Other Governmental Shared Revenue	\$ 18,600	\$ 21,000 (previous year collection)
Causeway Surplus	\$ 200,000	\$ -0- (lawsuit settlement)
Municipal Solid Waste	\$ 25,000	\$ 32,000 (previous year collection)
Payment in lieu of taxes – J. N. “Ding” Darling	\$ 65,000	\$ 60,000 (previous year collection)
Weight Station & Ball Park	\$ 155,110	\$ 171,167 (contracts)
Grants	\$ 642,370	\$ 324,810 (grant awards)
TOTAL	\$11,075,020	\$5,643,358

Charges for Service-including developmental permits \$107,384 decrease in proposed & tentative budgets if
 Council does not adopt legislation increasing
 Building fees

	2005	2006
General Governmental Charges	\$ 311,698	\$ 311,464 (consultant projections)
Public Safety Charges	\$ 11,000	\$ 5,000 (prior year collections)

Solid Waste Tip Fee & Horticultural Rebate	\$ 275,000	\$ 210,000 (no more hort. Rebate)
Historical Committee Sales	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,000 (prior year collections)
Culture/Recreation Charges	\$ 82,700	\$ 93,500 (prior year collections)
Indirect Cost Charges to Other Funds	\$ 677,000	\$ 630,550 (cost study)
BMRH Net Rent Charges	\$ 50,000	\$50,000 (contract with CHR)
TOTAL	\$1,411,898	\$1,204,514

Fines & Forfeitures \$28,065 decrease in proposed & tentative budgets due to current year collections

	2005	2006
Court Fines	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000
Parking Violations	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Local Ordinance Fines	\$ 37,715	\$ 32,000
TOTAL	\$192,725	\$164,650

Miscellaneous Revenue \$33,814 include contributions, which were estimated to decrease based on current contributions in proposed & tentative budgets

	2005	2006
Interest	\$324,500	\$323,750 (no change)
Rents & Royalties	\$ 59,996	\$ 59,996 (no change)
Contributions	\$144,400	\$ 71,000 (current year collections)
Impact Fees	\$ 62,000	\$100,000 (current year collections)
Special Assessments	\$ 7,000	\$ 9,336 (per terms of project)
Other Miscellaneous	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000 (current year collections)
TOTAL	\$604,896	\$571,082

Ms. Lynch explained that the beginning fund balance was estimated to be \$870,000 larger than the current year. She further stated that \$9.1 million from the operating budget and \$2.5 million from the capital budget. She also explained that the carry forward of the previous years planned ending fund balance plus or minus revenue/expenditure variances and due to timing of the Capital Project completion and fund balance would be used to meet the operational expenditures for the first months of the fiscal year until the ad valorem tax revenue was received in early December per Fund Balance policy.

Ms. Lynch stated that there would be no budgeted debt proceeds for the tentative budget. She explained that state law provides that ad valorem taxes could be budgeted at 95% of the levy. She further explained that historically the levy had been budgeted at 100% and shown as a separate line item in the budget as a reserve for under collection. She stated that most taxpayers take advantage of paying their taxes early. Therefore the City never collects 100% of the taxes levy. She also stated that 5% (\$549,000) of the tax levy was shown for reserve for under collection.

General Government include the following departments:

Legislative	\$301,000 includes augmentation for elections, membership, City Council training and travel
Administrative	\$652,000 includes a new Administrative Secretary
MIS	\$476,000 includes a new support technician and upgrades
Finance	\$673,000 includes a new fiscal analyst for incoming grant, which require and augmentation of audit services

Legal	\$369,000 and decreased due to anticipation of less outside attorney participation due to Causeway lawsuit being settled
Planning	\$1.2 million includes the re-development study
Insurance	will remain the same – lower property liability premiums – good claims
Hurricane Charley	there would be a reduction due to expectation of recovery costs paid

Public Safety:

Police	\$3 million slightly larger due to fuel cost
Weigh Station	small increased base on the consumer price index
Emergency management	\$29,000 includes an improved emergency pass program
Building	\$574,000 includes a building inspector and part-time clerk
Hurricane	no budget

Ms. Zimomra stated that Lee County was currently paying for all weigh station expenses and would when the causeway bridges were complete.

Physical Environment:

Garbage/Recycle	\$124,000 includes a Hazardous Waste Day
Natural Resources	no change in budget
Hurricane Charley	\$4.4 million and most recovery cost should be paid

Ms. Lynch advised Council that a grant from National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) was received and work should be complete in September, 2005. She explained that a grant from South Florida Management Water District (SFMWD) in the amount of \$200,000 was awarded and the project should be completed by September 20, 2005. She further explained that a grant from the West Coast Inland Navigational District (WCIND) in the amount of \$206,800 for Tarpon Bay dredging with project completion on 2006 in the amount of \$126,810.

Transportation:

Public Works	Augmented to include therma-plastic stripping
Hurricane Charley	Any costs to be paid within the current fiscal year

Economic Environment:

Below Market Rate Housing	Under contract with Community Housing Resources (CHR) to augment operations in the amount of \$4,500, \$233,400 for administrative costs and nothing budgeted for the Woodhaven project due to its completion
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Culture and Recreation:

Library	Based in Intergovernmental Fund
Recreation Center Operations	Reduction due to the Grant Writer Contract transferred to Administration
Public Facilities	Includes a new trade worker position
Seniors Program	Basically the same budget and new programs would be fee based
Performing Arts (B. I. G. Arts)	Award of a Community Block Grant (CBDG) for a Handicapped ramp
Recreation Center Donation Fund	\$30,200 – would be receiving donations for volleyball equipment
Historical Committee Fund	Completed the Old Schoolhouse project – budget reduced
Community Park Impact Fee Fund	Pavilion completed – no budget
Ball park Maintenance fund	Truck purchased in 2005 – budget reduction

Ms. Lynch explained Ending Fund Balance was based upon the City Fund Balance Policy where 17% was set-aside at \$2.2 million dollars for cash flow requirement until the City could receive the first allocation of ad valorem taxes. She also spoke to the following:

17% cash flow requirement	\$2,242,466
Designated Special Revenue Funds	\$ 236,977 legally restricted revenue fund such as funds donated for the Recreation Center
Designated for Debt Service	\$ 283,746
Designated for Capital Projects	\$ 20,000
Unreserved and undesignated	\$2,866,075 available for appropriation in subsequent fiscal Year
TOTAL	\$5,649,264

Enterprise Funds:

Sanibel Sewer System:

User Fee	\$4,357,145 includes an augmentation for the annual rate Indexing plus additional customers
Fines & Penalties	\$ 58,000
Sale of Treated Effluent	\$ 13,060
Miscellaneous	\$ 308,994
Assessments	\$ 73,053
Capital Contributions	\$ 10,000
Debt Proceeds	\$5,162,000 borrowed from the State Revolving Loan Fund
Ad Valorem Taxes – Voted Debt Service	\$1,067,000
Beginning Balances	\$2,023,244
TOTAL SOURCES	\$13,073,496

Ms. Lynch spoke to the voted debt service for the Sanibel Sewer Expansion Project as follows:

	Millage Rate	
FY 1999	0.3366	\$ 632,311
FY 2000	0.3638	\$ 765,932
FY 2001	0.3279	\$ 879,378
FY 2002	0.2607	\$ 840,000
FY 2003	0.3838	\$1,400,000
FY 2004	0.3275	\$1,310,000
FY 2005	0.2268	\$ 958,000
FY 2006	0.2523	\$1,067,000

She explained the use of funds for the sewer system as follows:

Operations	\$2,604,587
Debt Service	\$3,697,865
Phase IIIA	\$ 100,000
Phase IIIB	\$4,662,000
Phase IV (Final	\$ 500,000
Building for Staff	\$ 110,000
Existing System Improvements	\$ 340,000
Vehicles & Equipment	\$ 166,400
Reserve for Pay Adjustments	\$ 44,359
Reserve for Disasters	\$ 175,000
Ending Balances	\$ 708,285

TOTAL **\$13,072,496**

Beach Parking Fund:

Beginning Fund Balance	\$614,000
Beach Parking Permits	\$ 90,000
Parking Fees (\$2 per hour)	\$868,000
Interest Earnings	\$ 4,000
Reserve for Undercollection	(\$ 26,040)

Uses of Funds:

Personal Services	\$761,200
Operating Expenses	\$517,000 including Indirect Costs
Capital Outlay	\$511,000
Reserve for Pay & Class Implementation	\$ 23,773
Estimated Ending Balance	(\$262,769)

Applied ford had been approved for a \$440,000 grant from TDC for the operations of Bowman's Beach

Public Comment:

Barbara Anderson asked if there was budgeting for the replanting of the Periwinkle Way Corridor. Ms. Zimomra answered \$250,000 in the Capital Budget. Ms. Anderson asked about money budgeted for grant writing for the Recreation Center. Ms. Zimomra answered that there was \$50,000 for a consultant grant writer as well as staff. She stated that the 5-year Budget Committee recommendation was to include \$100,000 for a grant writer. She also stated that in the working budget \$100,000 was included, but due to reducing the millage rate to 2.4 mills the grant writer amount was reduced to \$50,000. Ms. Anderson spoke to \$200,000 for the replanting of Periwinkle Way was too little. Ms. Zimomra stated that Sanibel had received an invitation to apply for a \$275,000 grant from the National Economic Recovery and staff was pursuing several grants from the Department of Forestry for several thousand dollars. She further stated that the budgeted \$250,000 would be used as leverage for other grants and the private Partnership of Sanibel Beautification and SCCF also intended to raise private funds. Ms. Anderson recommend adding an additional employee and mower to keep Periwinkle Way mowed, which would costs approximately \$42,000.

Ms. Zimomra stated that on numerous occasions recreation center users had been surveyed with findings of 28% were users from Captiva, children attending the Sanibel School, but the vast majority of users were Sanibel residents. She further stated that the 28% non-Sanibel recreation users was the reason staff was pursuing participation funding from Lee County School District. She also answered the question regarding an additional employee and mower for the Public Works Department by saying that the Periwinkle Way Restoration Plan calls for planting native vegetation and the sod seen presently was what was put down for the rainy season, but there would be very little mowing due to the planting of native vegetation.

Steve Maxwell spoke to the budget not being on the web.

Ms. Zimomra noted that a bound copy of the budget was in the back of MacKenzie Hall, on the web, at the Clerk's office and at the Library.

Ed Seibert spoke to listing value of properties. He further spoke to the Lee County property appraisers schedule for appraising property.

Council recessed at 10:14 .a m.

Council reconvened at 10:25 a. m.

Council began on Page 125 of the tentative budget document for discussion.

There were no questions on the following:

Administrative
Legislative

MIS

Discussion ensued regarding a new audio system for MacKenzie Hall, the need for a more comprehensive website, community service person in the Administrative Department, broadcast Council meetings on-line, video Council meetings on television, the need for a community service person that would complete non-technical part of audio/video/Internet, total head count in the budget and Ms. Zimomra stated 6 new employees, and the request for 6 new employees were to many.

Bert Smith, MIS Director spoke to it costing approximately \$180,000 for enhancements for MacKenzie for a new audio/video system.

Discussion ensued regarding the need of a person to pay attention to the content of the website, \$40,000 cost for a contract to expand the website, computers replaced over 5 ears and money in the Capital Budget, and change the rate of replacing computers from 3 years rather than 5 years.

Ms. Zimomra spoke to the Community Educator:

- Funded in 2003
- Include volunteer coordinator
- Media functions
- Annual report
- Special evens
- Out reach programs
- Working with committees
- Coordinate information
- Increase education involving City brochures
- Coordinator all city communications

Discussion ensued regarding placing City Council meetings on TV, have the Community Educator working with the City's webpage, placing Council meeting on the City's webpage, separate position from the MIS request, there was a need to replace the sound system and implement a camera system, total new employee head count was 6 new employees including the 1.5 employees requested by the Building Department and would be paid for if Building fees were approved by Council.

Ms. Zimomra stated that 1.5 employees would be paid from the increased fees in the Building Department if approved by City Council. She also stated that half of money for MacKenzie Hall audio/video for was budgeted. She further stated that a Community Educator was not included the Administrative, a technical person was budgeted for the MIS Department, and due to the size and costs of the MacKenzie Hall project it was divided in to 2 years. She asked Council to look at page 5 that speaks to those items that were not included in the tentative budget.

Public Comment:

Steve Maxwell spoke to improving the City's website and suggested requesting Florida Gulf Coast University look at the City's website.

Council directed staff to look at the cost of a Public Information Officer, upgrading the website and bring back September 20, 2005.

Finance Department:
Council agreed there was a need for the requested position.

Public Comment:
Jack Samler spoke to the need for additional staff.

Legal Department:
Council was in agreement of the Legal Department budget.

Public Comment:
Steve Maxwell spoke to the need for a bio sheet for the City Attorney to be placed in the budget and a break down of the current caseload.

Planning Department:
Discussion ensued regarding the need to address re-development, 1st phase of the re-development study in the FY 2005/06 budget, the Clarion Report costing \$160,000, the need for Council to understand the Sanibel Plan, and final offer for a new Planning Director would be made Monday, September 11, 2005.

Public Comment:
Steve Maxwell spoke to the need for the number of permits issued during the year.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of zoning in progress, Mr. Pfalzer, Acting Planning Director, stated there were 3 zoning in progress; 1) timeshare outside the Resort Housing District; 2) incentives for residents serving businesses being retained; and 3) elevation of swimming pools for single-family dwellings, Council asked if there was any limits to the number of zoning in progress the City could have at one time.

Mr. Cuyler, City Attorney answered that there was no limit, but Council would have to act on the Zoning in Progress. He also stated that zoning in progress was the halt of development permits while staff was developing regulations, and would want to conclude the regulations and present to City Council. He also explained that business owners could discuss their plans with the Planning Department to see if their endeavor would be allowed.

Insurance Department:
Council had no comments.

Council recessed at 11:34 a. m.

Council reconvened at 11:44 a. m.

Councilman Brown read a letter from a residence regarding the actions of Ms. Zimomra and staff during Hurricane Charley.

Public Safety:

Council spoke to their support of the Police Department.

Chief Tomlinson spoke to the recent September 7, 2005 memo regarding the participation of an officer on the C. L. E. A. N. Task Force, which deals with distribution of narcotics. He stated that Sanibel some time ago stopped participating and another municipality took the Sanibel spot. He stated to this being an opportunity to participate in the task force. He also spoke to the participation would require additional budgeting, but was nominal due to the experience the officer would receive. He further stated that 75% of expenses would be paid by the grant. He also spoke to the seizure of forfeited vehicles for departments and possibly cash assets.

Ms. Zimomra stated that if Council were to approve the participation adjustments would be made to the budget and brought forward to Council on September 20, 2005.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of participation, forfeiture of vehicles possibly used by Sanibel Police Department, Council directed staff to make the necessary adjustment for the September 20th budget discussion.

Public Comment:

Steve Maxwell spoke to his dealing with the Sanibel Police Department.

Building Department:

Council had no comments regarding the Building Department.

Ms. Zimomra stated that there was a public hearing on the ordinance to increase the Building Department fees.

Garbage and Recycling:

Ms. Zimomra stated that Council would hold a public hearing this afternoon on the new solid waste franchise agreement and staff would be meeting with the new hauler next week.

Natural Resources:

Discussion ensued regarding needed departmental resources, and Dr. Loflin stated the Clam/Dinkins Bayou Project would help to improve the health of Clam/Dinkins Bayou and the greater issues of water quality as water passes through the bayous would come about with the opening of Blind Pass. He spoke to one more opening to the gulf with the above-mentioned project and receiving over \$400,000 worth of grants awarded for the project.

Ms. Zimomra stated that there had been a delay with Sprint moving a line across San-Cap Road, but due to Hurricane Katrina the sub-contractor was sent to the gulf coast cities hit by Hurricane Katrina.

Discussion ensued regarding continuing monies for the purchase of Environmentally Sensitive Land, the possibility of acquiring properties during re-development and possibly 10 properties on island that would protect the island wetlands.

Utilities/Public Works Department:

Ms. Zimomra stated that the Utilities and Public Works Departments had recently merged.

Public Comment:

Jodi Brown thanked Gates for the new black top on the Shared Use Path.

Ms. Zimomra stated the above-mentioned project was funded by FEMA.

Steve Maxwell spoke to the good job done by the Public Works Department staff.

Recreation Department:

Discussion ensued regarding Council's approval of a dollar match to the Sanibel Bike Club, and Ms. Zimomra stated that project was in the Public Works Department and would come to Council at a later date.

Council directed staff to include the dollar amount match to the money donated by the Sanibel Bike Club.

Public Comment:

Alex Werner, Historical Preservation Committee, spoke to the electrification of the Old School, need for bathrooms and moved to the historical fund, could utilized funding/contributions and put toward the bathrooms, which left the need for a part-time employee.

Jodie Brown, Historical Preservation Committee spoke to the need of a part-time employee and asked Council for Funding.

Discussion ensued regarding the job description of the part-time museum employee. Ms. Zimomra stated that the requested position would be under the direction of the Recreation Department. She further stated that the Historical Village was part of City infrastructure and per Council previous direction the part-time museum employee was not in the tentative budget.

Ms. Zimomra reminded Council that this would be a part-time employee and the funding recommendation were funds that would be used for to the restroom sewer connection and was a one-time funding. She commented that the Historical Committee might want to look at continued funding for a part-time employee.

Council directed staff to include the costs of a part-time employee for the Historical Village.

Discussion ensued regarding reviewing Capital Projects at the September 20, 2005 Council meeting.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to adopt Resolution 05-126 including the tentative operating millage rate would be 2.4 mills and the levy of an annual tax for FY 2005-06 and the tentative millage rate does not exceed the rolled-back rate of 2.5118, the tentative sewer voted debt service millage rate for tax calendar year 2005 was hereby adopted at 0.25323 mills and the levy for the annual tax rate for said year was tentatively made and the tentative land acquisition voted debt millage rate for tax calendar year 2005-06 was hereby adopted at 0.591 mills.

The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Rothman was excused.

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to adopt Resolution 05-127 and fill in the blank as \$47,543,280 and the second budget hearing would be held Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 5:01 p.m..

The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Rothman was excused.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p. m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pamela Smith, CMC
City Clerk