

**SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 05, 2008**

Mayor Denham called the meeting to order at 9:02 a. m.

Councilman Ruane gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PRESENTATION(S)

Proclamation regarding the Sanibel School named a Blue Ribbon School

Councilman Jim Jennings read the proclamation and presented it to Barbara Van Harten, Sanibel School Principal. An additional proclamation was presented to Dr. James Browder and Dr. Jane Kuckel.

Also present for the presentation were Dr. James Browder, Lee County School Superintendent and Dr. Jane Kuckel, Lee County School Board.

Dr. Kuckel and Ms. Van Harten spoke to the partnership with the City and the history of the Blue Ribbon award as a K through 8th grade school.

Presentation by Snowy Plover Project and request to post the Snowy Plover video on the City's website.

Claudia Burns and Brad Smith, SCCF in charge of the SCCF Snowy Plover Project showed a Snowy Plover video and spoke to the beginning of nesting season. She also gave each Councilmember a Snowy Plover coloring book. Ms. Burns requested the Snowy Plover video be put on the City's website and funding in the amount of \$1,300 to re-print 1,000 Snowy Plover coloring books.

Brad Smith, SCCF spoke to the Snowy Plover Project as follows:

- Objective of research was what the impact of red drift algae on the Snowy Plover population
- Monitoring foraging of Snowy Plovers
- Food readily available at the low tide rack and spending 40% of time at low rake
- Spending 40% of time at the mid-rack
- Spending 20% of time at the high rack
- Most mortality happens within the first week after hatching
- The need to balance access of foraging base and people

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnston, to approve both requests; 1) \$1,300 from reserves for the coloring book; and 2) to put the video on the City's website.

The motion carried.

Public Comments

Herb Rubin spoke to the use of a cloth grocery bag and the need to stop using plastic bags. He further stated that Ireland placed a tax on the use of plastic bag use and reducing the use.

Council Comments

Councilman Ruane thanked Council in honoring the Sanibel School.

Councilman Jennings spoke to an exhibit illustrating Black History month at the Library. He also mentioned the Kiwanis spaghetti dinner on February 23rd.

Vice Mayor Johnston spoke to Zonta having the annual "Peek at the Unique." (a tour of Sanibel homes)

Councilman Pappas spoke to receiving the recent COTI newsletter.

Mayor Denham spoke to the new fertilizer display in the back of MacKenzie Hall. He further spoke to the completion of the state-wide fertilizer task force and their recommendations. He also spoke to the pre-emption issue that insists the State a fertilizer use regulation.

Discussion ensued regarding water quality issues, negative beach comments, working with legislative delegation, more Osprey nesting this year, and 1 year since large amounts of red drift algae were seen on Sanibel beaches.

Planning Commission Report

Chairman Mike Valiquette gave the following report:

- Application for variance of a boat dock for 541 Osprey Court (extension of a non-conforming dock) was denied
- Discussion of Periwinkle Way West Plan

Discussion ensued regarding the City Council/Planning Commission joint meeting, Planning Commission changing the re-development agenda, Council decided on a redevelopment agenda (work program); 1) buildback; 2) commercial rezoning; (concluded first step) 3) approved outside dining; 4) focus on balance of commercial concerns; 5) focus on hospitality zone; and 6) large residences, Council would consider recommendations from the Planning Commission, Planning Commission members need to discuss and briefed by the Planning Director with all information, Council sets the overall policy and the Planning Commission moves forward with that direction, and Councilman Pappas attended the last Planning Commission and that the Commission wants to handle re-development first.

First Reading of an ordinance and scheduling of public hearing.

ORDINANCE 08-002 AMENDING SECTION 10-8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL RELATING TO THE INTENTIONAL FEEDING OF WILD RACCOONS; REQUIRING THAT ALL COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS (WHICH INCLUDES RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUMS AND SIMILAR MULTI-UNIT BUILDING CUSTOMERS) HAVE AND MAINTAIN LOCK BARS TO BE INSTALLED BY THE CITY'S SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE HAULER; SPECIFYING ENFORCEMENT THROUGH THE CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING PROCEDURES WHICH PROVIDE A PENALTY OF UP TO \$250/DAY UPON A FINDING OF VIOLATION AND UP TO \$500/DAY UPON A FINDING OF A REPEAT VIOLATION, AND MAY INCLUDE COSTS OF CITY ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Denham requested that this discussion be delayed for 6 weeks and asked that the ordinance be sent to the Wildlife Committee and CASI for discussion.

Mr. Cuyler stated that any item could be continued.

Discussion ensued regarding having the first reading and sending Ordinance 08-002 to the Wildlife Committee, request that CASI work with the Wildlife Committee, and Mr. Cuyler stated if the ordinance were read for first reading now and there were material changes there would be another first reading.

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ruane, to request that CASI meet with the Wildlife Committee and send any alternative language to the City Attorney.

Public Comment

Barbara Cooley spoke in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE 08-003 AMENDING THE SANIBEL CODE, PART II LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE: CHAPTER 126 ZONING, ARTICLE XIV SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 5, COMMERCIAL USES GENERALLY, TO ADD A NEW SECTION 126-1032 OUTDOOR SEATING FOR CARRYOUT RESTAURANTS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR PROVIDING OUTDOOR SEATING FOR CARRYOUT RESTAURANTS; CHAPTER 90 FEES, ARTICLE II. DEVELOPMENT PERMITS, DIVISION 3. NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, TO ADD A NEW SECTION 90-86. OUTDOOR SEATING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERANCE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Ordinance 08-003.

Council set the second reading and public hearing for Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 9:15 a. m.

Second Reading and Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 08-001 AMENDING ORDINANCE 07-014 ESTABLISHING MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE CITY OF SANIBEL RECREATION CENTER; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY EMPLOYERS CORPORATE WELLNESS MEMBERSHIP VOUCHER(S); PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RENTAL RATES FOR SANIBEL BASED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER VARIOUS RENTAL RATES FOR RECREATION CENTER FACILITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Recommendation of the City's Parks and Recreation Committee that the above ordinance be amended in regards to corporate membership for memberships purchased within any 12 month period, the first nine corporate memberships be at an annual fee of \$125 each and 10 or more corporate memberships be at an annual fee of \$100 each

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Ordinance 08-001.

Ms. Zimomra stated the Parks and Recreation have suggested an amendment for corporate membership within a 12 month periods the first 9 be at \$125 each and the 10th membership or more at a lower rate of \$100 per membership.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for more partners, continue to promote memberships.

Vice Mayor Johnston made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ruane, to accept the amendment to the ordinance as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Committee and adopt Ordinance 08-001.

Public Comment

Tom Krekel asked what the corporate membership would give to businesses.

Ms. Zimomra stated that a business could use the membership as they felt necessary and give to their employees as a reward or to establish a Wellness Program.

The motion carried.

Council recessed at 10:07 a. m.

Council reconvened at 10:13 a. m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **RESOLUTION 08-009 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2008-027 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (TDC)** (to appropriate grants from the Lee County Tourist Development Council (TDC) for various projects for FY 2007-08 including: 1) \$74,830 for the Sanibel Caloosahatchee Water Quality Observatory Maintenance Project; 2) \$21,000 for Sanibel Beach Access Improvements; 3) \$30,000 for Sanibel Beach Erosion Monitoring; 4) \$845,000 for Sanibel Facility/Beach Maintenance; 5) \$30,000 for Sanibel Water Quality Monitoring and; 6) \$145,000 for Sanibel Turner Beach Restroom improvements. See attached agreements for Tourist Development Tax Funding. These are all new sources of funds for FY08 which collectively increase the FY08 budget by \$300,830)
- b. **RESOLUTION 08-012 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER TO LIST, EXTEND, PREPARE AND SUBMIT THE ROLL, AND PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY RELATED SERVICES, FOR NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR THE SANIBEL SEWER SYSTEM PHASE 5 EXPANSION PROJECT NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE PROPERTY APPRAISER FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES; PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION TO ASSESS THESE COSTS TO ANY AND ALL PARCELS SUBJECT TO SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**
- c. **RESOLUTION 08-013 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, SANIBEL SEWER SYSTEM PHASE 5 EXPANSION PROJECT NON AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SANIBEL SEWER SYSTEM PHASE 5 EXPANSION PROJECT NON AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**
- d. **RESOLUTION 08-011 ACCEPTING A BOAT, MOTOR, TRAILER AND ASSOCIATED MARINE EQUIPMENT AT NO COST FROM THE CAPE CORAL POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

- e. **RESOLUTION 08-014 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE OR SURPLUS FIXED ASSETS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (Police Department boat and trailer)
- f. **RESOLUTION 08-015 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2008-029 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (to roll-forward actual beginning fund balance of \$17,924 and to appropriate \$676 of interest earnings to provide additional funding to Lee County, pursuant to the final estimate from the contractor for the work on Sextant Drive. There is \$676 of additional funds appropriated by this amendment and the FY08 budget is increased by \$18,600)
- i. **RESOLUTION 08-010 TO ADOPT THE PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (NIMS) AS THE BASIS FOR INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN THE CITY OF SANIBEL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Ms. Zimomra read the titles of Resolutions 08-009, 08-010, 08-011, 08-012, 08-013, 08-014 and 08-015.

Councilman Ruane made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to adopt Resolutions 08-009, 08-010, 08-011, 08-012, 08-013, 08-014, and 08-015.

The motion carried

- g. Approve the purchase of two 26KW portable emergency generators from Power Pro Tech Services in the amount of \$28,590 (funding available in the Utility Division Capital Improvement fund 451 of the adopted FY 2007/08 budget)
- h. Approve Coral Sands Construction & Gould Contracting as a joint venture, to construct the replacement fuel canopy at Public Works in the amount of \$42,165.00 (\$40,000 is available in the Capital Improvement Fund of the adopted FY 2007/08 budget with Sanibel Fire Control District to provide the balance of \$2,165)
- j. Approval of a grant application to the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Municipal Competitive Trust Fund for the amount of \$50,000 providing for a City match of \$50,000 and in-kind match of \$50,000 and authorizing the Mayor to sign same

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Pappas, to approve the above-mentioned items.

The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Quality Issues

Reports from City Council members

Letter from Tourism Development Council (TDC) to Governor Crist regarding the Statewide fertilizer regulations

Letter from Colonel Grosskruger to Mayor Denham regarding the Caloosahatchee River Basin Storage Reservoir

Letter to Mayor Frank Ortis, Florida League of Cities President (Mayor Pembroke Pines) from Representative Bryan Nelson regarding fertilizer

Letter from Senator Burt Saunders to Council regarding fertilizer

The above-mentioned letters supplied for informational purposes.

Discussion ensued regarding the Sanctuary gathering attended by PURRE, SCCF and the City (Councilman Jennings) regarding the partnership for the placement of water monitoring sensors in waters surrounding Sanibel and the Calooshattee River, Councilman Jennings spoke to the City's water quality efforts at the gathering, 1st letter was regarding pre-emption, 2nd letter was that the WTA was not supported and in two documents 1) one letter had reasonably good data, and 2) the second letter had poor and old policy data, which comments were made to the second letter, the need for consistency in the Army Corps of Engineers, improvements with the C-43 situation and asked the Vice Mayor Johnston keep an eye on the C-43 situation, 3rd letter regarding Mayor Arend, Bonita Springs removed from the fertilizer task force, 4th letter regarding Senator Saunders not supporting pre-emption, Mayor spoke to Board of Realtors, which were taking the information to the state board.

Mayor Denham requested that Council have a resolution on the February 19th meeting regarding pre-emption.

Council agreed.

Public Comment

Herb Rubin asked about a trench being dug at the south-end of Lake Okeechobee and would there be any impacts.

Discussion ensued regarding the trench being part of the ACOE efforts to support the dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee.

Sonia Smith spoke to the Florida Gardens and Neighborhoods support Council efforts with fertilizer and her putting together a PowerPoint presentation for the County.

Mayor Denham spoke to the condition of the Caloosahatchee River and the Sanibel River being impaired. He asked the staff to provide information as to why the Sanibel River was impaired and what could be done, the Sanibel River was an aquifer and different from other rivers, Ms. Zimomra stated that monitoring of the Sanibel River was being done and higher nutrients in some areas normally contiguous of golf courses and closer to homes, and the purchase of Sanibel Bayous would help clean-up the Sanibel River, James Evans stated the Sanibel River was impaired due to nutrients and addressing fertilizer and septic systems would help clean-up the river.

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ruane, to report and review of the Sanibel River to Council within 6 to 8 weeks.

The motion carried.

Public Comment

Louise Johnston stated that for many years was a drainage canal. She also stated that an ordinance was past that there be no construction within 200 feet of the Sanibel River and should be watched carefully.

Councilman Pappas stated that many subdivisions were within 200 feet of Sanibel River.

Herb Rubin spoke to living closer than 200 feet of the Sanibel River.

Mike Valiquette spoke to plenty of lots within the Sanibel River, and recommended reviewing the impairment of the Sanibel River. He further stated that storm water drains in to the Sanibel River.

Staff Reports

Northern Everglades Estuary Protection Plan Caloosahatchee Research and Water Quality Monitoring Plan Meeting, January 23rd

James Evans, Biologist gave the following report:

- Reviewing the research and monitoring of the Caloosahatchee River monitoring and protection plan
- SFWMD gave a report of research updates
- SFWMD gave a report of salinity projects
- Next meeting February 21, 2008

Northern Everglades Interagency meeting January 29th

James Evans, Biologist gave the following report:

- Oversees the Northern Everglades Restoration Project
- District staff gave research and monitoring initiatives of the St. Lucie River and the Caloosahatchee
- Building STA's and reducing nutrients in water bodies
- 37 management measures documented for the St. Lucie
- 100 management measures documented for the Caloosahatchee River
- Timeline for completion of estuary project September, 2008
- Public review
- Presentation of low lake Okeechobee level projects
- Fertilizer Task Force update
- Next meeting February 22, 2008

Mayor Denham stated that there was unanimous support of the Fertilizer Task Force for no pre-emption and Senator Nelson stated he would still bring the pre-emption to the legislators.

Discussion ensued regarding priorities for the Northern Everglades Restoration Project, Mr. Evans stated project were being reviewed currently, Sanibel and Lee County agree with rankings thus far, improving Healthy Beach Program to the local delegation, the bill had been written with support, and send language of the Healthy Beach Program bill to Council.

Status of permit to test equipment to remove Red Drift Algae from the beach

Ms. Zimomra spoke to the following:

- December 30th minor accumulation of red drift algae
- Contact contractors for mobilization if necessary
- After contractor contact red drift algae disappeared
- Permit expires February 15, 2008
- Submitted to DEP for a subsequent permit after nesting season for red drift algae clean-up

Council recessed at 11:02 a. m.

Council reconvened at 11:08 a. m.

Re-development Planning Work Program and Priorities – Progress Report and Next Phases

Build-back

Commercial Redevelopment

Resort Redevelopment

Residential Redevelopment

Bob Duffy, Planning Director spoke to the following:

- Redevelopment Planning Work Program and Priorities
 - Provides an outline of progress and next steps
 - Began with Buildback
 - Focus on commercial re-development
 - Adoption of the Commercial District regulations
 - Inventory of Land Uses
 - Staff report in May, 2007 for commercial residential uses
 - Next phases report from Planning Department with 3 plans of actions
 - Work with the Planning Commission
 - Resort Development and updating inventory
 - Updated residential housing stock
 - Improve permitting procedures between the Planning and Building Departments
 - February 26th public hearing on proposed LDC amendments
 - February 12th LDC subcommittee meeting

- Prepared 3 alternatives to the Periwinkle Way West District Plan
 - Accept Phase 1 & 2 of work prepared by Wallace Roberts and Todd, LLC
 - What provision and standards with the 100 foot set-back be amended
 - Developing architectural site standards

Alternative 1

Finalize Phase 1 and 2 reports prepared by Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC and Real Estate Research Planning Department and Planning Commission to prepare Front Yards Setback and Design Guideline amendments to the Land Development Code
 Planning Commission to conduct public meetings and hearing on proposed amendments to Land Development Code and submit recommendations to City Council

Alternative 2

Finalize Phase 1 & 2 reports prepared by Wallace, Roberts & Todd, LLC (WRT) and Real Estate Research Consultants
 Revise scope of work to enable WRT to assist the Planning Department and Planning Commission with preparation of design guideline amendments to the LDC
 Planning Commission to conduct public meetings and hearings on proposed amendments to LDC and submit recommendations to City Council

Alternative 3

Finalize Phase 1 & 2 reports by Wallace, Roberts & Todd, LLC (WRT) and Real Estate Research Consultants
 Revise scope of work to enable WRT to assist the Planning Department and Planning Commission with:
 Preparation of commercial district design guideline amendments to the LDC
 Prepare both preliminary and final district plan and recommendations that will focus on civic and cultural facilities, public spaces, public right-of-ways, shared use paths, pedestrian accessibility and parking
 Planning Commission to conduct public meetings and hearing on proposed plans and amendments to the LDC and submit recommendations to City Council

Discussion ensued regarding critical things the Planning Commission should do in consultation with staff and Wallace, Roberts & Todd, allowing the Planning Director to direct next steps, the need to keep the character of the community and Town Center parameters, good suggestions in the Clarion report regarding architectural standards, bring back to architectural standards to City Council, Planning Commission could take a look of conditional use parameters for individual business owners when re-developing property when hitting the percentage ceiling, WRT raise issues with shared parking and the need for visual representation and recommendations, review set-back issues, look at Palm Ridge and Tarpon Bay areas, lumping density and the Town Center together, which need to be separate issues, need to maintain an interest in the idea of connectivity to commercial, residential and cultural institutions, concerned with the

costs invested for consultants, concern that consultants did not complete tasks, and not in favor of additional joint meetings, recognize the plan put in place previously.

Vice Mayor Johnston made a motion, seconded by Mayor Denham, that the Sanibel Plan commits to a Town Center and the hierarchy of needs is to preserve natural systems and spaces in commercial areas are scarce and Council expresses in principle the willingness to work with the seller and buyers of the Knave property to look at the possibility of paths, pocket parks, and conservation areas that would connect with cultural institutions and businesses within existing density.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion being Council's intent, would allow a private buyer to come back with specifics, cost invested in the consultants, funds allocated in the budget, need to add content and guidelines to the intent, debate should wait until after the Planning Commission recommendations, set a certain block of time for the commercial piece of the project, time table of commercial project and what objectives would be accomplished, Director Duffy stated he understood what Council's direction.

Public Comment

Larry Schopp asked for the exact motion. He suggested requesting the sellers of the Knave property to take the motion in to account rather than look at the specifics.

Vice Mayor Johnston reiterated the motion.

Mike Valiquette spoke to Council mandating the purchasing of the Knave property must come to Council.

Council answered no.

Herb Rubin spoke to the need for stronger language.

Discussion ensued regarding not understanding the motion, not certain of consequences of the motion, and Mr. Cuyler stated that the motion recognized that the City would address a Town Center in the Comprehensive Plan to the extent that current or future owners of the Knave property find appropriate or in their best interest to coordinate with the City and accomplish specifics as noted in the motion, the City would be open to such discussion.

The City Clerk read the motion for clarity.

The motion carried with Councilman Pappas voting in opposition.

Discussion ensued regarding alternatives as noted above, ask Wallace, Todd and Roberts work on and completing the research, Mr. Duffy stated that alternative 2 incorporates alternative 1 and the additional element to finish the research, and a contract amendment would be brought to Council and was under \$50,000.

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnston, to accept Alternative 2 as follows:

Alternative 2

Finalize Phase 1 & 2 reports prepared by Wallace, Roberts & Todd, LLC (WRT) and Real Estate Research Consultants

Revise scope of work to enable WRT to assist the Planning Department and Planning Commission with preparation of design guideline amendments to the LDC

Planning Commission to conduct public meetings and hearings on proposed amendments to LDC and submit recommendations to City Council

Discussion ensued regarding alternative 3 adding services, Mr. Duffy answered alternative 3 would add significant services, and unencumbered funds in the amount of \$150,000 would entail most of those funds, alternative 2 deals with basic form, not developing a specific plan, alternative 3 would include significant

changes to the Sanibel Plan, timeline would be for a 3 month presentation of preliminary work and then 60 to 90 days for the adoption of an ordinance, and the review of additional elements could happen at a later date.

The motion carried with Councilman Pappas voting in opposition.

Discussion ensued regarding a survey in September, elements of phases and how those phases would be developed.

Recreation Issues

Membership Summary

Usage Summary

Ms. Zimomra spoke to the above-mentioned information provided in the agenda packet. She reminded Council that there are two additional programs; 1) Yoga – additional charge; 2) B.I.G. Arts – additional charge. She stated that staff was reviewing the possibility of a tennis program and setting up leagues with the Tennis, Association, and karate program.

Discussion ensued regarding the development of a karate program.

Ms. Zimomra explained that the Police Department offered a personal safety class, which was attended by 26 people. She further explained that the next Bike Safety class would be taught February 26, 2008.

COMMITTEES BOARDS COMMISSION

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee to alter the policy to requiring gear to be utilized at the Sanibel Skate Park

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee to accept up to \$60,000 from the Sanibel School Fund for the purchase of additional equipment for the Skate park, and for repositioning of existing equipment

Ms. Zimomra spoke to the following:

- City funded a cement pad
- City staff challenged parents to raise funds
- As long as there was a monitor on site parents could determined equipment
- Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation to accept the \$60,000 and monitor the skate park for less equipment
- Staff notified parents there was no funding for a skate park monitor and parents would volunteer to monitor park

Councilman Ruane made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to accept the modified safety requirements and \$60,000 to complete the skate park.

The motion carried.

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee to install treadmills at the Recreation Center

Ms. Zimomra noted the committee recommendation was to install 3 treadmills in the weight room. She stated there was \$360,000 in the recreation fund and any additional hour funding would come from the same fund, as would the cost for extending the Fitness Center contract.

Discussion ensued regarding the funding, Ms. Zimomra stated that the current balance in all Recreation reserves was approximately \$356,000 with all current expenses deducted, she explained the funds were divided between some that could only be used for capital projects as bonded and the equipment would count as capital, but any additional extended hours would cost approximately \$100,000 per quarter, and

there is a possibility that the City would need a letter of credit of insurance for the Recreation Center bonds, there would be a cost if Council decided to extend the Sanibel Fitness Center contract, the equipment fund balance was \$592, increased interest in more cardiovascular equipment, past Council commitments, survey completed recently on how much the City should interfere with a City business and results showed that the City should be conscious of competing with a business, provided a first class facility and has been open for 8 weeks, continuation of extended hours has not been further funded, should not install additional cardiovascular equipment at this time, cost of the other cardiovascular equipment, and Ron Orr stated that each piece of cardiovascular equipment cost between \$4,900 and \$5,200, and treadmills would cost about the same, and possible funding through donations to purchase equipment..

Public Comment

Armand Ball stated he felt it was the committee's responsibility was to provide feedback to Council, which was the need for additional equipment. He reminded Council that 2 treadmills were in the original design of the Recreation Center.

Discussion ensued regarding staff doing a phenomenal job, continue the awareness of funding, do not know the impact of additional equipment, could equipment be leased, leased equipment would be funded on a monthly basis, extended hours would cost \$400,000 annually, scheduling problems, and there are always problems with success.

Councilman Pappas made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ruane, to purchase 3 treadmills.

Public Comment

None.

The motion carried with Mayor Denham voting in opposition.

Armand Ball spoke to having core volunteers to help at the Recreation Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding draft Council summer schedule

Mayor Denham spoke to canceling 2 Council meetings; 1) July 01, 2008; and 2) August 05, 2008.

Ms. Zimomra stated that staff would bring back legislation for formal approval and consistent with Council's past practice. She further spoke to the statutory requirements for the budget.

Vice Mayor Johnston made a motion, seconded by Mayor Denham, to approve the draft summer schedule.

Discussion ensued regarding the City Charter requiring one meeting per month; cancel another Council meeting, Ms. Zimomra stated that a meeting could be cancelled in June, canceling the June 17th Council meeting.

Councilman Pappas made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ruane, to adopt the draft summer schedule as well as the June 17, 2008 Council meeting.

The motion carried.

CITY MANAGER

Informational Items

Upcoming Parades

Junior Parade – Edison Festival of Lights – Sunday, February 10th – 2:30 pm

Grand parade – Edison Festival of Lights – Saturday, February 16th – 7:00 pm

Councilman Jennings requested to participate in both parades.

Inter-governmental Activities

National League of Cities – 2008 Congressional City Conference - Washington, D.C. – March 8th to 12th

No one would be attending.

Lee County Chamber Days – Tallahassee - March 12th and 13th (Councilman Jennings attending)

Florida League of Cities Legislative Day – Tallahassee - March 26th (Mayor Denham & Councilman Jennings attending)

Southwest Florida delegation – April 02, 2008 –(Mayor Denham and Councilman Jennings).

Designation of City of Sanibel as a 2007 Tree City USA

Results of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Causeway Traffic Count – December, 2007

Status of Blind Pass project - July, 2008

The above-mentioned were provided for information purposes.

Causeway Construction and Landscaping – Landscape Irrigation

Ms. Zimomra stated that Lee County had not responded to the email in the agenda packet.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT

Discussion of possible topics requested from citizens for future City Council agendas

Mayor Denham spoke to two items requested by residents to be put on an agenda.

Council decided not to put either discussion; 1) segways; and 2) leaching cats.

Mayor Denham stated that Dr. Bradshaw and wife would be coming to Sanibel March 03 for lunch.

Vice Mayor Johnston requested a report from staff on how green buildings would be implemented.

Councilman Pappas spoke to traffic counts down, and an email regarding what the City would do about decreased traffic counts. He further stated that Sanibel was viewed differently by other governments. He also spoke to the City of Naples identifying themselves as having world class golf, restaurants and shopping and Sanibel would not want to use any of those antidotes. He also explained his votes.

Mayor Denham spoke the future of the Parks and Recreation and Wildlife Committees need to continue.

Discussion ensued regarding the Parks and Recreation Committee performing more work on what to do with parks, as well as different issues, time to appoint committee members, goals and priorities of Council and the place for committees, development of new programs using a volunteer base, and the City Manger reviewing committees and the needs of Council.

Councilman Jennings asked about the National Stormwater Conference.

Ms. Zimomra asked Councilman Jennings to see her after the meeting.

Mayor Denham spoke to the need to have the City Manager begin to review the budget process and how it would be affected in the next City budget and bring to Council.

Discussion ensued regarding a financial trade-off, bring budget discussion sooner, may be an avenue to revisit certain items, need ample time to lead in to the budget, decide if there should be a weigh station, Sanibel has a demographic with money, at a build-off point, repairing roads, live with lower millage rate, hard for public services and continuation of discussion at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ruane, to add revenue streams and potential weigh station placement, impact of state funds, collective bargaining, potential health insurance increase for the next Council meeting, add for the next 2 to 3 months, and potential reduction in revenue streams.

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p. m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pamela Smith, CMC
City Clerk