FY 2015-2016
CITY COUNCIL GOALS
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I. REDEVELOPMENT WORK PLAN FOR THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Continue the City-wide redevelopment work plan by focusing on the futures success and stability of the Island's Commercial District as it relates to the existing mix of retail and service uses that accommodate full time, residents seasonal residents, and visitors of Sanibel. As an outcome of this work plan and effort staff will:

- Continue to develop the area referred to as the "Civic Core," which will incorporate architectural standards and environmental design standards that reinforce the natural, rural, and residential character of the community; ease traffic and parking congestion; and provide for a centralized area for community events and gatherings that improve the cultural and civic quality of life for citizens of Sanibel.
- Continue to update specific redevelopment zoning and land use requirements that consider the evolution of our community and are consistent with the community's vision statement and Sanibel Plan. We will continue to develop Code Changes to address the pre-incorporation non-conforming Commercial developments in order to create an environment that encourages reinvestment for those owners seeking to improve and enhance the appearance of their property. Additionally, we will continue to pursue legislation to address Architectural Standards, Shared Parking, Valet Parking and limited seating for Incidental Dining.

II. SUSTAIN THE STRENGTH OF THE CITY'S FINANCIAL STABILITY

To continue to develop and identify strategies that will support an equitable allocation of City resources in a manner which most cost effectively and efficiently accomplishes the City's mission.

- Evaluate current or advanced refunding/refinancing of the 2006 $8.35 million General Obligation Bonds issued to construct the City's Recreation Complex in order to maximum economic impact of lower interest rates and shorter maturity yields.
- Maintain reserves at appropriate levels for needs based on risk factors, access to liquidity, insurance deductibles and current economic conditions.

III. IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

LOCAL

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) will be developing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Sanibel River (estimated to begin at end of 2016). This will require the City to reduce nutrient loading to the Sanibel River to meet the TMDL target. A Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) will be developed by the FDEP in collaboration with the City to help guide nutrient reductions to achieve TDML compliance.

In an effort to protect Sanibel's water quality and to proactively address nutrient loading to the Sanibel River, the City developed a **Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan** for Sanibel. The Plan includes three phases and provides the basis for development of the BMAP. The final phase of the Plan will be completed in 2016 and will include a list of short- and long-term projects that will reduce nutrient loading to the Sanibel River and our coastal waters.

FY-16 ON-ISLAND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GOALS

- Complete the Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan final modeling and project list development (April 2016).
- Seek legislative and grant funding for Donax Wastewater Reclamation Facility Denitrification modifications and Plant 1 upgrades to improve quality of municipal reuse water.
- Complete design and engineering for the Jordan Marsh Water Quality Treatment Park and seek grant funding for construction.
- Complete design, engineering and construction of the Dunes weir modifications to prevent water from back-flowing into Dunes lakes and contributing to nutrient enrichment of Ladyfinger Lakes/Tarpon Bay.
- Continue implementation of regional fertilizer education program with Lee County and other partners.

STATE/REGIONAL

- Support all legislative actions which reduce freshwater releases from Lake Okeechobee that impact the Caloosahatchee River and estuary. A comprehensive strategy is outlined in the Caloosahatchee Regional Water Management Issues White Paper.
- Seek legislative funding for Regional Water Quality/Quantity Priorities (see attached FY16 Legislative Priorities).

FEDERAL

Work with Federal representatives to appropriate funding for WRRDA and associated water projects and advocate for a new WRRDA, which will include the Central Everglades Planning Project.

2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Regional Water Quality/Quantity Priorities

• **C-43 West Basin Reservoir Project – Cell 1 Construction.** The C-43 Reservoir will store up to 170,000 acre-feet of water within the Caloosahatchee basin. The reservoir is expected to supply enough water to meet the existing Minimum Flow and Level for the Caloosahatchee River 80% of the time. The project was designed with two large cells, a single 1,500 cfs pump station and a number of gated overflow and discharge structures. The estimated cost of the project is $600 million. Under the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), the State of Florida is responsible for 50% of the total project costs. The first cell is expected to provide approximately 85,000 acre-feet of water storage and is estimated to cost approximately $300 million. **Legislative Request: Establish a designated funding source for the C-43 Reservoir, providing $300 million over three years.**

• **Lake Hicpochee Enhancement Project – Phase II.** The channelization of the Caloosahatchee in the 1800's drained Lake Hicpochee and bisected it into two parts, north and south. The design components of this project include a large shallow storage compartment and a spreader canal along the northern margin of Lake Hicpochee. Phase I involves construction of a shallow storage feature on approximately 640 acres of land and construction of a spreader canal to deliver water to the north side. Phase II involves the acquisition of an additional 2,454 acres of land the SFWMD currently has an option to buy for use as a flow equalization basin. Project is expected to provide multiple benefits including flood control, water storage, habitat enhancement and water recharge. **Legislative Request: $16.9 million for Phase II (to be used for acquisition of 2,454 acres to increase water storage benefits of the project).**

• **C-43 Water Quality Treatment and Demonstration Project (BOMA Property) – Phase I.** The objective of this project is to demonstrate and implement cost effective wetland-based strategies for reducing Total Nitrogen (TN) load, and other constituents including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS), to the Caloosahatchee River and Estuary. This is a multi-phased project involving bioassays, mesocosms, and field-scale cells to test, optimize, and demonstrate effectiveness of wetland-based technology, ultimately leading to implementation of a full-sized treatment facility. **Legislative Request: $5 million over eighteen months.**

Local Water Quality Priorities

• **City of Sanibel Donax Wastewater Reclamation Facility Denitrification Modifications.** This project will significantly reduce total nitrogen concentrations in re-use water provided to island golf courses, condominiums and limited residential properties. Municipal reuse water has been identified as a major source of nitrogen impacting the quality of surface waters on Sanibel. In order to continue to use this water as a beneficial resource and protect water quality on Sanibel, nitrogen levels must be reduced prior to being distributed to end users. The

denitrification modifications would effectively reduce nutrient loading to the “impaired” Sanibel River and the coastal waters of Lee County. **Legislative Request: $900,000 (local match $900,000 with design and engineering being completed in FY16).**

• **City of Sanibel Donax Wastewater Reclamation Facility Plant 1 Upgrades Project.** This project will reduce nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations in reuse water used for residential and golf course irrigation on Sanibel Island. Municipal reuse water has been identified as a major source of nutrients impacting the quality of surface waters on Sanibel. Upgrades will bring Plant 1 up to the same operating efficiency as Plants 2 and 3 at the Donax WWRF. All plants are currently operating within the required regulatory requirements. However, existing regulatory requirements do not necessitate nutrient concentrations to be below a level that prevents inadvertent loading to surface waters by end-users. **Legislative Request: $850,000 (local match $850,000).**