

**SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2009**

Mayor Denham called to order at 9:00 a. m.

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

Members present: Mayor Denham, Vice Mayor Ruane, Councilman Harrity, Council Jennings and Council Pappas

Mayor Denham noted numerous requests for Council to recess from 11:30 a. m. to 1:00 p.m.

Council agreed.

PRESENTATION(S)

Proclamation Recognizing the Retirement of Edward Kilcomons, Police Department

Mayor Denham read and presented a proclamation to Mr. Ed Kilcomons upon his retirement.

Proclamation proclaiming Sunday, January 25 “CROW Day”

Mayor Denham read and presented a proclamation to Paul Douglas, President of the CROW Board of Directors

Councilman Jennings spoke to the work that CROW does for injured animals every day.

Mr. Douglass thanked Council on behalf of the board and members of CROW for the proclamation and recognition. He further spoke to the helpfulness of City staff during the construction of the new facility. He also recognized Shirley Welter, the person that started CROW. He announced Open House to the completed “Visitors Information Center” from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm., Sunday, January 25, 2009

Public Comments

Herb Rubin spoke to attending City Council meetings for 15 years. He further spoke to the latest appointments to the Planning Commission.

Roger Bluing spoke to the Dunes fish kill and numerous buzzards on the golf course. He asked for City assistance. He spoke to his concern of bird waste on pool cages.

Discussion ensued regarding the last fish kill, Dunes golf course still over fertilizing; golf course did install temporary pumps and responded with clean-up after emails were sent.

Ms. Zimomra stated that the City developed voluntary guidelines whereas each golf course would work to meet the guidelines. She also stated that if the guidelines were not met it would be possible for staff to bring forward regulating legislation.

Craig Colton, Dunes Manager spoke to sharing the City and publics concern of the recent fish kills. He further spoke to the fish being cleaned-up everyday; 250 feet of aquatic plants being planted on Tuesday, January 22, 2009, receiving aerator bids, superintendent aware of problem, and birds have left.

Cheryl Lush thanked Councilman Harrity for coming to review the situation. She further noted that 1.5 months the Dunes did spray the lake, which caused the fish kill. She asked for long-term solutions.

Craig Colton spoke a second time that fertilization had been reduced and were addressing issues.

Ron Hultman spoke to the need for prevention. He further stated that this was a 10-year problem and not good publicity for Sanibel.

Mark Hammond spoke to the size of beach sculptures on the beach and his concern that a new sculpture with the name of a website (sanibelcaptivadaley.com) had a definite component.

Paul Andrews, Audubon President spoke to receiving emails from people concerned on sand sculptures. He further spoke to the need of vultures in nature and their usefulness.

Council Comments

Councilman Harrity spoke to reviewing the fish kill at the Dunes over the weekend.

Vice Mayor Ruane spoke to the upcoming presidential inauguration, the oath he took in May, 2007 and his undertaking in understanding the importance of said oat. He read part of an editorial from a citizen. He also spoke to the offensiveness of the editorial suggesting he broke the Sunshine Law.

Councilman Jennings spoke to the importance of the presidential inauguration.

Councilman Pappas spoke to flying over the Dunes and the uniqueness of the land and a challenge to keep the golf course clean. He also spoke to his discussion with the City Manager regarding the latest Council Planning Commission appointment and the ethical path that Vice Mayor Ruane took in such appointments.

Planning Commission Report

Commissioner Dr. Phillip Marks gave the following report of the January 13, 2009 Planning Commission meeting:

- Welcome newly appointed commissioner Holly Smith
- Election of Mike Valiquette, Chairman and Dr. Phillip Marks, Vice Chair
- Application for a variance to extend new docks to greater than 20% of the width of the canal; the applicant requested continuation to a time uncertain

Mayor Denham proposed discussing item (c) under the budget after the Consent Agenda.

Council agreed.

First Reading of an ordinance and scheduling of public hearing.

ORDINANCE 09-002 AMENDING CITY OF SANIBEL ORDINANCE 07-011, AS AMENDED, WHICH ESTABLISHED AN UPDATED AND REVISED SCHEDULE OF RECREATION USER FEES FOR CITY OF SANIBEL RECREATION PROGRAMS; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL RECREATION PROGRAM TO BE KNOWN AS “YOUTH LAP SWIM”; ESTABLISHING A TENNIS PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Ordinance 09-002. She stated that staff anticipated bringing an amendment to the ordinance at the second reading.

Council set the second reading and public hearing for Tuesday, February 03, 2009 at 9:15 a. m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council pulled item (b), (c), (j) and (k) for discussion.

Mr. Cuyler asked to add something to item (h).

b. **RESOLUTION 09-005 DESIGNATING THE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL FOR THE MARCH 03, 2009 CITY OF SANIBEL MUNICIPAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** [NOTE: Due to the deadline of noon on January 16, 2009 to receive credentials from City Council candidates, the names of the candidates will be provided following the closure date and time]

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 09-005.

Mr. Cuyler read the following names as qualified candidates for the March 03, 2009 election that were to be added to the resolution.

David Bath, David Berger, Mick Denham, Marty Harrity and Kevin Ruane

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded Vice Mayor Ruane, adopt Resolution 09-005 and add the above-mentioned names to said resolution.

The motion carried.

c. **RESOLUTION 09-011 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2009-017 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (To appropriate grants from the Lee County Tourist Development Council (TDC) for various projects for fiscal year 2008-09 including; 1) \$1,079,210 for Sanibel Facility/Beach Maintenance; 2) \$40,000 for Sanibel Erosion Monitoring; 3) \$30,000 for Sanibel Water Quality Monitoring; 4) \$21,000 for Sanibel Beach Access improvements; 5) \$74,000 for the Sanibel Calooshatchee Water Quality Observatory Maintenance Project; 6) \$510,000 for Boat Ramp restrooms and 7) \$134,500 for dune walkover replacement. See attached Agreements. **These are all new sources of funds for FY09 which collectively increase the FY09 budget by \$1,888,710**)

Ms. Zimomra read the title of Resolution 09-011.

Vice Mayor Ruane stated that this budget amendment would increase the budget by \$1.8 million dollars and would save \$235 per taxpayer because it was 7 grants from TDC.

Discussion ensued regarding the increase in the budget and allows for work to be completed without increasing the millage rate.

Vice Mayor Ruane made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to adopt Resolution 09-011.

The motion carried.

j. Acceptance of a grant from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) in the amount of \$20,900 for Wetlands Restoration at the former Sea Oats Package Plant (the required City match is \$25,000 which is being funded through a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the US Fish and Wildlife Service accepted by City Council on October 07, 2008 and appropriated above. This project is a planned environmental restoration of a former sanitary sewer package site on environmentally sensitive land. This will increase the FY 09 budget by \$20,900. The total increase of these two grants combined is \$45,900)

k. Request for approval from Sanibel Beautification, Inc., to use the City seal as part of the dedication program for the Periwinkle Way project at Sanibel Community Association Saturday, February 21st beginning at 3:00 p.m. as designated in Section 2-87 of the City Code

Councilman Harrity spoke to the need to recognize the staff, particularly Dr. Loflin in receiving the grant in item (j). He asked Council if it was agreeable to present a proclamation to Sanibel Beautification for the Periwinkle Plantings at the February 03 Council meeting.

Council agreed.

- a. Approval of minutes –January 06, 2009 Regular Meeting

Ms. Zimomra read the following Resolution titles.

- d. **RESOLUTION 09-006 AMENDING RESOLUTION 04-080 WHICH ESTABLISHED A FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT’S SUMMER PROGRAM SESSIONS, HOLIDAY PROGRAM AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR A REVISED FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT’S SUMMER PROGRAM DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR TO INCLUDE A REVISED “SLIDING SCALE” FEE SCHEDULE FOR SAID PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**
- e. **RESOLUTION 09-007 ADOPTING A COST ALLOCATION PLAN, (ALSO KNOWN AS AN INDIRECT COST PLAN) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-09; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATE OF COST ALLOCATION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF OMB CIRCULAR A-87 AND FULL COST PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CENTRAL SERVICE OVERHEAD COSTS TO QUALIFYING GRANTS AND ENTERPRISE FUNDS; ESTABLISHING THAT REGULAR UPDATES TO THE COST ALLOCATION PLAN BE MADE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**
- f. **RESOLUTION 09-008 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2009-014 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (Based on the FY08 indirect cost study, adjust expense in the following funds; 1) Building Department Fund decrease expense by \$15,546; 2) Ballfield Maintenance Fund decrease expense by \$20,543; 3) Sewer Fund decrease expense by \$14,790; 4) Beach Parking Fund decrease expense by \$42,206. Increase revenue into the General Fund by \$151,083 to reflect these changes. This amendment decrease FY09 budgeted expense by \$93,085 and increase revenue by \$151,083)
- g. **RESOLUTION 09-009 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2009-015 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (To transfer funds from the General Fund Reserves for insurance deductibles to the Insurance Department’s Other Current Charges expense line for settlement of a \$2,500 trip and fall accident claim at 800 Dunlop Road on June 12, 2007. This amendment does not increase the FY09 budget)
- h. Award a contract for Iguana and Nile Monitor Lizard eradication to Chris Harlow’s Wildlife Removal Services for the amount up to \$30,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute same (\$20,000 is a previously accepted grant from the US Fish and Wildlife)
- i. **RESOLUTION 09-010 APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT/TRANSFER NO. 2009-016 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** (to appropriate \$25,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the planned restoration of a former sanitary sewer package)

site on environmentally sensitive land. A copy of Challenge Cost-Share Agreement #401818G567 is attached. This \$50,000 project requires \$25,000 in matching funds. The South Florida Water Management District has awarded a grant to the City for \$20,900; this award is on Council's January 20, 2009 agenda for consideration. The City of Sanibel will contribute the remaining \$4,100 of match with \$4,000 of in-kind services already budgeted and \$100 in cash. This amendment increases the FY09 budget by \$25,000)

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by to adopt Resolutions 09-006, 09-007, 09-008, 09-009 and 09-010.

The motion carried

Ms. Cuyler spoke to adding a termination for convenience clause in item (h).

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Ruane to approve Consent Agenda items (a), (h), (j), and (k), as well as authorizing the City Attorney to add a termination for convenience clause in item (h).

The motion carried.

Council recessed at 10:07 a. m.

Council reconvened at 10:15 a. m.

Council decided to discuss the following.

Budget Issues

First Quarter General Fund Variance Report

Ms. Zimomra spoke to the following:

- Last 4-years the quarterly financial reports provided
- Council request for further explanation
- Revenues below at 21.9%; 56% property taxes collected
- Amended budget as authorized by City Council
- FY 2007-08 audit closing
- Last year's ending budget was favorable.

Tourism Development Council (TDC)

Workshop of Wednesday, January 07, 2009 Meeting of Friday, January 9, 2009

(Vice Mayor Ruane)

Vice Mayor spoke to the following:

- Newspapers article regarding the Boston Red Sox bed tax allocation to build a stadium
- Bed tax budget \$22 million
- Historical allocation: 53.6% marketing; 33% beach & shoreline 13.4% stadiums
- Assistance for Red Sox stadium; increase allocation 60% marketing; 20% beach & shoreline; & 20% stadium
- Potential allocation \$7.3 millions or 33% & reallocating \$3 million from beach & shoreline
- Petitioned for the following change & successful; 53.6% marketing; 26.4% beach & shore; and 20% stadium

Mayor Denham spoke to Vice Mayor Ruane chosen by Council to be involved in all financial realms as Council liaison

Status of City pensions discussions (Vice Mayor Ruane)

Vice Mayor Ruane spoke to the following:

- Goal set was to strengthen City finances in May, 2008
- Appointed as Council liaison to pension boards in Oct 2008 after the budget was past in Sept 08
- Identified as a accrued unfunded liability for General Employee Pension Fund in the amount of \$7.5 million
- Liability would be amortized and the unfunded liability would be zero after 30 years
- Accounting standard board GASB mandates a schedule showing contribution from employee/employer
- Recommendation from actuary was to fund the required contribution
- 2002 to 2007 City of Sanibel funded 100% recommended by actuary
- 10-year information shows
- Unfunded liability inherited which was close to 6million by 2004
- Vice Mayor initially met with pension chair Dr. Cohan and the City manager. The pension committee has had two meeting since October 08.

Mr. Cuyler spoke to the following:

- Preparing and distributing legal requirements of how pension board relates to City Council
- What Council could request of employee pension
- Responsibilities of employees
- Economy brought pensions in the forefront

Discussion ensued regarding unions associated with police department and general employees, Mr. Cuyler advised that pensions were subject to mandatory bargaining, and Council could discuss pension without specific decisions, could not increase employee contributions without increasing benefits, pension benefits no ability to increase employee benefits, and would address later.

Evaluation of costs of 1999 Buy-Outs

Evaluation of transition to State of Florida pension system and other alternatives

Requests previously submitted to the Pension Boards currently under consideration

Identification of long-term pension costs

Identification of impact of reduction in full-time workforce on pension costs

Impact on changes in State mandated funding pension costs

Long-term pension alternatives

Vice Mayor Ruane continued as follows:

- Review ingredients of pension plan
- 1999 buyouts affected the pension plan what were the direct and indirect expense impacts. In a former company we were required to look at the indirect expense impacts of our actions. The projection of the indirect expense would be look at over 1, 3, 5, 7, and 10 years and how it affects our financial results.
- The 1999 buyouts reviewed the action for direct expense and the allocation only
- The 1999 buyouts did not review the indirect expense allocation for future years

Mr. Isom gave the following report:

- August 1998 – a buy out window with 15-years or more service
- Buy-out effective prior to January, 1999
- 6 general employees took advantage
- 3 police department employees
- City Manager received an additional 10-year service credit
- 5 general employees used additional 7 years of service credit
- 3 police department employees received additional 5 years service credit
- Buy-out cost was estimated 5.27% of general employees payroll and 1.2% of police department payroll

Vice Mayor Ruane spoke to the following:

- Plan had changes that were not amortized
- Projections performed were to save money and we did not follow that plan to lower salaries to the pension plan
- Hired more expensive employees than we originally planned with the 1999 buyout.
- Ingredients in plan have controlled assumptions with beneficial affects
- Controlled assumptions were pensionable cost with salary, turnover, salary increases that were given and investment return
- Review each assumption and make necessary adjustments
- Market conditions deteriorated and main ingredients was the investment returns
- Going forward reviewing long-term pension costs, impacting of staff reduction, compensation, find out how this happened and warrant against the problem reoccurring
- GASB statement speak to projections of unfunded liability
- Look at why we got here
- Currently \$1.5 trillion unfunded liability from various states
- Challenge to look at various options
- Currently have an advisor handling investments
- Recommendation from actuary was to funded “X” amount of dollars, which had been done upon each recommendation
- Turn over assumption below normal
- Pensionable compensation lower for employees
- Review various pension options such as: Florida State Pension; purchase annuities; increase compensation. The amount of additional contribution to the plan. The challenge is how to accomplish this goal.
- Investment advisor allocates investment funds
- 65% of funds in various equity or real estate investments
- 35% in more predictable investments such as bonds & treasury
- Review pension to identify the following; 1) impact of the reduction of full-time work force; 2) impact of changes from State; and 3) long-term pension alternatives

Jim Isom plan enhancements:

- City Council approved an amendment to general employees retirement plan to provided the retirement to be calculated on the high 5 years of earnings
- City Council approved the drop plan; employees retire within 5 years of notice
- City Council approved after 3 years retirement a 2.7% COLA was added

Discussion ensued regarding considering a transition to join the State pension fund, Mr. Cuyler stated that the Vice Mayor upon direction from Council had made numerous request of the Pension Board, no evidence that City pensions would not bankrupt the City, further strengthening reserves allowed for millions of dollars, actuaries indicate that in 30–years everything would be alright, need to get in front of the liability, needed to know the past events of the pensions, further Council discussions, Council would continue to review information, if salaries were reduced the assumptions were an equation made up of different items, could look at fixed income and be more conservative, have more flexibility to look at vehicles, solve with discipline and understand the assumptions an their impacts. The 1999 buyouts were one of the main ingredients to creating this unfunded liability.

Public Comment

David Bath spoke to the importance of someone reviewing employee pensions and applauds the effort to reduce staff.

Jim Lavelle spoke to the liability increasing due to the investment situation of the amount that must be amortized over 30 years. He further stated that there needed to be a review private sector pensions plans and look at retirement medical benefits.

Discussion ensued regarding community talent, continue deliberations, City Manager stated that the City did not provide post-employment medical benefits and there were no employee raises or a COLA benefit this year.

Council recessed at 11:33 a. m.

Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Quality Issues

Reports from City Council members

Councilman Jennings advised Council that Charles Duaray would be in attendance at the Tuesday, February 03, 2009. He further spoke to his attendance at a BUPAC meeting where Mayor Denham's name came up regarding water quality in the region.

Further discussion regarding South Florida Water Management District vote on U.S. Sugar purchase

Ms. Zimomra stated that CD was available for Council to review.

Staff Reports

Review of the San Carlos Bay Water Quality Report from 2002 to 2008

Ms. Zimomra stated the staff had been working on water quality in San Carlos Bay.

James Evans spoke to the following:

- Decrease in ortho-phosphours
- 2 significant types of trends seasonal and non-seasonal variations
- Flow was the driving force
- 2005/2006 hurricane season put a lot of nutrients in water due to rain fall and Lake Okeechobee releases
- Monitoring effort as part of the CHNEP (12 agencies collect water data)
- Program approved by City Council 2001
- Last 3 years funded by TDC
- Compared to other estuaries San Carlos Bay was average
- Increase in trends of total nitrogen and ortho-phosphorus
- Increase in salinity and indicates a reduction in flow
- Reduction in flow
- Increase Chlorophyll A contributed to an over abundance of nutrient loading
- No state standards for fecal strep
- DEP TMDL would help to reduce nitrogen
- Base management plan comes in to play

Discussion ensued regarding this report showing confirmation that the water quality work being done and completed, and Mr. Evans stated the reduction was accumulative of all sources.

Report on Everglades/Coalition Restoration US Sugar purchase

Dr. Rob Loflin spoke to the following:

- Discussion on acquisition of US Sugar land

- Only was in the long-term to take care of the lack of storage in Central Florida
- With all CERT projects would still come up short such as; 1) failure of ASR; 2) Aquifer Storage and Recovery Program showing no effectiveness or even getting permitted
- 1.5 million acre feet lacking
- Met with John Marshall (author of Plan 6 to create flow way from Lake Okeechobee to Everglades)
- Flow way was shallow and diverse and if to deep the water was loaded with nutrients
- Critical that flow way should be shallow and diverse to restore the Everglades system
- Preliminary designs for proposed flow way and setting up a foot print being done
- Tuesday, January 27th, Clewiston 1st meeting with 1st scoping of footprint design
- Allow public comment at the January 27th meeting
- Plan completed by 2009
- Beginning process of dealing with land use
- Proposed inland port due to size of ships allowed under new lock system in Panama Canal

Discussion ensued regarding RPC meeting to hear a detailed report of the proposed inland port, Palm Bay bad place for the inland port, inland port may not go in Florida, inland port resulting from larger ships being allowed in to the Panama Canal new lock system, Commissioner Judah in favor of the inland port, inland port may go to another state, without US Sugar acquisition there was no place in Central Florida to store water to solve problems, purchase of US Sugar land incremental compared to solving water storage problem any time soon, Council asked the problems with the Dunes lake was a consequence of fertilizer getting in to the lake, Dr. Loflin answered that the source of nutrients for a golf course lake was nutrients from both the golf course and from residents surrounding the lake, Dr. Loflin further stated that low dissolved oxygen was an algae bloom that was visible in the water, aerators were a treated not a solution to the problem, important that residents and golf course fully understand that aerators help, but do not solve the problem, problem related to “X” amount of nutrients going in to the lake, purchase price of US Sugar land was discussed at the BUPAC meeting and the potential loss of a \$15 billion dollar tourist industry, and Dr. Loflin stated at the conference there was an economical dollar put on each coast of \$5 billion dollars.

Recommendation from the Department of Natural Resources, for City of Sanibel to take a position in support of the proposed notice General Permit for Maintenance of Public Navigation Channels within Lee County

Dr. Loflin spoke to a resident making a request for staff to send a letter of support. He further spoke to existing areas identified by WCIND with a list to do the needed maintenance of channels. He advised that it was better to have the site maintenance dredged and staff was in favor of the project.

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Harrity, to approve staff’s request to send a letter of support.

The motion carried.

Status report regarding Croton Scale affecting vegetation

Dr. Loflin passed Council a specimen. He spoke to the problems with this new specimen.

Ms. Zimomra stated that 2 experimental processes were being tried.

Dr Loflin spoke to the following:

- Trees defoliating and trying a systematic pesticide
- Released a bio-controlled organism as recommended by the University of Florida (a lady beetle)
- Need 3 months to see if these processes work

Public Comment

Karen Storjohann asked if the lady beetle information could be put on the website.

Lee County Legislative Delegation Meeting Thursday, January 22, 2009 at Edison College

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

Discussion ensued regarding last year's information, reason for request, and positive influence when reaching out to legislative delegation.

Recreation Issues

Status of Tennis Program and recommendation

T-Shirt sales at the Recreation Center

Youth Lap Swim

Ms. Zimomra spoke to Council's previously favorable acceptance of Recreation pilot program and a recent survey from residents. She further stated that staff was focusing on generating revenue when the tennis courts were not being used.

Discussion ensued regarding running the enterprise, shouldn't be timid when trying new things, Ms. Zimomra stated that all fees require legislation and make certain that staff was mindful of Council policy. She called Council's attention to the document passed to Council of the T-shirt design.

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Pappas, to approve the t-shirt design.

Public Comment

Judy Minchie asked if the City Seal could not be given to island businesses.

Ms. Zimomra stated the City Seal was not being used on the t-shirt.

The motion carried.

Ms. Zimomra stated that this motion would be for the lap swim pilot program before the legislation was adopted.

Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Harrity, to approve the lap swim pilot program

The motion carried

COMMITTEES BOARDS COMMISSION

Acceptance of a resignation from Dr. Thomas Hansen as an adjunct member of the Vegetation Committee

Councilman Pappas made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to accept the resignation with regret and thank Dr. Hansen for his service on the Vegetation Committee.

The motion carried

CITY MANAGER

Informational Items

Update and Schedule of Public Meetings and Survey of Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands Project

Ms Zimomra spoke to the information in the agenda packet, as well as explaining an upcoming public meeting at the Recreation Center and surveys on Ding Darling.

Status of Lighthouse

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Building Department Monthly Revenue
Building Department Monthly Permit and Inspections Report
Planning Department Permit Activity Report
Planning Department Code Enforcement Activity Report

Ms. Zimomra spoke to the following:

- Building Department ahead of revenue projections
- Permits up for the first quarter over the last 2 years
- Increased permits for single-family homes
- Short-forms (signs & vegetation) increased

November Causeway Traffic Count

Ms. Zimomra spoke to the same continued decline.

Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, Inc. Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2008

Ms. Zimomra spoke to the balance sheet including in the packet and the report shows the funds had increased and doing well. She also spoke to their goal of financial independence.

Mayor Denham congratulated the Historical Museum and Village, Inc.

Request for a proclamation recognizing Griffer Andries Knevel, Netherlands as a participant of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) 1st Exchange Program. A reception is being given by Sanibel Public Library Monday, February 23, 2009 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm

Ms. Zimomra spoke to a City Clerk from the Netherlands in February. She further spoke to the reception that was schedule to be held in Mr. Knevel's honor at the Sanibel Public Library Monday, February 23, 2009 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Invitation to City Council to participate in the Edison Festival of Lights Grand Parade Saturday, February 21, 2009

Council agreed for Councilman Jennings to attend.

Councilman Harrity made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Ruane, to approve Councilman Jennings attendance.

The motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY 'S REPORT

Letter to Lee County regarding Joint Planning Issues

Mr. Cuyler spoke to the following:

- Correspondence relating to Lee County's proposed invitation on joint planning members
- Lee County would send an adopted resolution

Discussion ensued regarding Commissioner Hall stating that Periwinkle Way issue was removed, and the City Manager and Mayor had discussions with other Mayors and City Managers regarding the proposal.

Public Comment

Karen Storjohann spoke to raising the question if the code pertained to the length of a dog lease. She informed Council that the code did provide the accepted length and that was eight feet. She suggested posting lease length information at animal friendly resorts/buildings.

Ms. Zimomra stated that Council would be receiving the draft Shared Use Master Plan and there may be an opportunity for lease length on the new signs.

Judy Minchie suggested mailing information to pet friendly tourist destinations. She further thanked Council for recessing the meeting so residents could watch the inauguration.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT

Councilman Harrity spoke to Vice Mayor Ruane reacting to the newspaper editorial and to remember that if you were doing the best thing in your heart and proud to sit next to Vice Mayor Ruane.

Vice Mayor Ruane spoke to the editorial hitting a nerve.

Councilman Pappas spoke to Community Park being the most popular park on Sanibel and he had opposed the park. He further spoke to the decrease in funds expected next year from TDC.

Councilman Jennings spoke to the Council meeting being good.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p. m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pamela Smith, CMC
City Clerk