

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- h. Award contract for 2011 Sanibel River clearing to Canoe Adventures, Inc., in the amount of \$100,000, as a sole source vendor (This amount reflects a 5% reduction over proposed prices for this work and is included in the adopted FY11 budget)

Memorandum

DATE: October 5, 2010
TO: City Council
THROUGH: City Manager Judie Zimomra
FROM: Public Works Director Gates Castle *JAC*
RE: Sanibel River Clearing
RECOMMENDATION: Award contract for 2011 Sanibel River clearing to Canoe Adventures, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000 as a sole source vendor.

The Sanibel River is the backbone of the island's drainage conveyance system. In order to maintain proper flow during periods of high water, the City established an annual maintenance program for the River. The maintenance involves dredging and vegetation trimming and removal, with the FY 10-11 scope involving vegetative debris, treefall and cattail removal in the section between Tarpon Bay Road and Rue Belle Mer.

In order to maintain the Sanibel River while protecting the wildlife that uses the river and its surrounding vegetation, local knowledge of the river is imperative. Mark "Bird" Westall, the foremost authority on the river and its wildlife and vegetation has submitted a proposal to perform the clearing work. Mr. Westall's unique knowledge will enable him to not only improve the flow in the river, but also enhance the river for wildlife, particularly birds. No one else has the combination of abilities to perform the required work while improving the wildlife's use of the river.

Staff recommends that Council acknowledge Canoe Adventures, Inc. as a sole source vendor and award the Sanibel River clearing contract to them in the amount of \$100,000, which is available in the FY 11 Public Works-Streets budget (Fund 101). This amount reflects a 5% reduction over proposed prices for this work.

C: Finance Director Sylvia Edwards
City Attorney Ken Cuyler