

Sarasota Estuary Program Meeting

Commissioner Clair stated he attended the March 3, 2006 Sarasota Estuary meeting where an audit was reviewed and approved by the Policy Board; additionally, the 2006–07 Work Plan was reviewed.

Early Voting

Town Manager St. Denis announced Early Voting was in process at Town Hall. He explained in the Manatee portion of Longboat Key for the 2005 Municipal Election 175 early votes were cast; to date for the 2006 Municipal Election 164 early votes were cast; in the Sarasota portion of Longboat Key for the 2005 Municipal Election 607 early votes were cast; to date for the 2006 Municipal Election 571 early votes were cast. He reported Early Voting would continue daily through March 12, 2006. The hours of operation were: Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm; Election Day was Tuesday, March 14, 2006 and the polling locations would be open between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Mayor's Community Meeting

Mayor Johnson stated he would host a Mayor's Community meeting on March 7, 2006 at 9:00 am in the Longboat Key Commission Chamber. He announced the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport Manager Fred Piccilo would be speaking on the Longboat Key over flights and Stage 3 engines.

Public to be Heard

2. Opportunity for Public to Address Town Commission

Accolades for Mayor Johnson

John R. Chappie, Bradenton Beach Mayor, thanked the citizens of Longboat Key for electing Ronald A. Johnson as their representative. He stated Mayor Johnson did an excellent job as Mayor of Longboat Key, and was a pleasure to work with.

Consent Agenda Items Discussion

Richard L. Hershatter, 5270 Gulf of Mexico Drive, announced he was speaking as a (CVT) citizen, voter, and taxpayer and would like to make comments regarding Consent Agenda Items 5, 6 and 7. He stated these items involved expenditures of public funds.

Mr. Hershatter referred to Item 5, Grants to Longboat Key Not-for-Profit Organizations. He stated individual taxpayers should make contribution. He questioned the appropriateness of this type of expenditure from public funds.

Mr. Hershatter referred to Item 6, Budget Transfer in the Amount of \$9,200 to Facilitate Little League Request for Increased Use of Bayfront Park Recreation Center Ballfield, and stated he favored this expenditure.

Mr. Hershatter referred to Item 7, Budget Transfer in the Amount of \$25,000 to Fund Contribution to Solutions to Avoid Red Tide (S.T.A.R.T.), and stated this was not a donation to a private organization; this community had suffered greatly over the past year from the effect of Red Tide. He approved of this expenditure.

Consent Agenda Item 5 Grants to Longboat Key Not-for-Profit Organizations

Patricia Howatt, 3710 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key Library representative, thanked the Commission for considering the grant application from the Longboat Key Library.

Closing and Action on Consent Agenda

Commissioner Rothenberg requested Item 5 (Grants to Longboat Key Not-for-Profit Organizations) be removed from the Consent Agenda.

There was unanimous consensus to remove Item 5 from the Consent Agenda.

3. National Pollution Discharge Elimination for Stormwater (NPDES) MS4 Monitoring Interlocal Agreement with Sarasota County

4. Rain Sensor Shut-off Rebate Program Implementation

5. Grants to Longboat Key Not-for-Profit Organizations

6. Budget Transfer in the Amount of \$9,200 to Facilitate Little League Request for Increased Use of Bayfront Park Recreation Center Ballfield

7. Budget Transfer in the Amount of \$25,000 to Fund Contribution to Solutions to Avoid Red Tide (S.T.A.R.T.)

8. Resolution 06-06, Establishing Town Position Regarding Bridge Opening Public Hearing

9. March 2006 Election Certification and Statutory Meeting Date

It was moved by Whatmough, seconded by Spoll, to close and approve the consent agenda consisting of Items 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Commissioner Clair asked for clarification on Item 4, Rain Sensor Shut-off Rebate Program Implementation, with respect to whether the rebate program funds were in the budget, and whether the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) approved the rebate program.

Juan Florensa, Public Works Director, reported funds were currently budgeted in the Water Utility Fund for the rebate program, and cooperative funding to supplement the rebate program has been requested from SWFWMD for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007.

Commissioner Rothenberg stated the program would be active in FY2006 and the cooperative funding request was made for FY2007. He questioned the operation of the program. Mr. Florensa explained the FY2006 budget contained funds for water conservation initiatives. Commissioner Rothenberg explained individual homeowners

would install the devices. He questioned if funds were received from SWFWMD would the Town receive the funds or would the funds be provided to the individual homeowners who install the device. Mr. Florensa replied SWFWMD funds would be given to the Town to offset the rebate program. Commissioner Rothenberg requested a typical installation sketch be provided to participants.

Motion carried 6-1 on voice vote: Webster aye; Clair, aye; Rothenberg, nay; Johnson, aye; Spoll, aye; O'Connor, aye; Whatmough, aye.

Commissioner Spoll referred to Consent Agenda Item 8, Resolution 06-06, Establishing Town Position Regarding Bridge Opening Public Hearing. He noted the proposed bridge opening schedule would change the Cortez and Manatee Avenue bridge opening interval from three times an hour (every 20 minutes) to two times an hour (every 30 minutes) and eliminate the 8:00 am and 5:00 pm openings.

5. Grants to Longboat Key Not-for-Profit Organizations

It was moved by Whatmough, seconded by Webster, to award grants to the Longboat Key Center for the Arts (\$15,441.18), Longboat Key Garden Club (\$1,323.53), Longboat Key Historical Society (\$6,617.65), Longboat Library (\$4,411.76), and Longboat Key Turtle Watch (\$2,205.88).

Commissioner Rothenberg stated at the February 16, 2006 Regular Workshop this Commission, by means of a consensus (5-2), agreed not to award grants subject to further study and the creation of a committee. He pointed out that he was not against awarding grants to Longboat Key Not-for-Profit Organizations; however, he expressed concern with the lack of application review and provided comments on each application.

Commissioner Rothenberg suggested the Mayor appoint a three-person committee to review the requested grants and establish grant guidelines.

Discussion was held regarding the Town Commission actions at the February 16, 2006 Regular Workshop regarding this issue, reducing the requested grant amounts equally, revisit procedures prior to next year's cycle, keeping the commitment to distribute \$30,000 in grant funds, evaluate the process, determine whether the Town should act as a tax collector for charities, and discuss this issue at a workshop prior to the FY2007 budget meetings to establish procedures and earmark grant funds.

Motion carried 6-1 on voice vote: Johnson, aye; Webster, aye; Clair, aye; Spoll, aye; O'Connor, aye; Whatmough, aye; Rothenberg, nay.

Town Manager St. Denis questioned if the grant application procedures and review would be discussed at the March 23, 2006 Regular Workshop. Attorney Persson advised a contract between the Town and each Not-for-Profit Organization would be finalized shortly as a protection for the Town and recipients.

There was a consensus to discuss future grant application procedures and awarding of grants at the April 20, 2006 Regular Workshop.

Mayor Johnson requested Item 17 be forwarded for discussion at this time.

There was consensus to forward Item 17 for discussion and action at this time.

New Business

17. Quasijudicial - Collier-Walker (f/k/a Coquina Beach) Subdivision Final Plat
Town Clerk O'Connor swore all those who were to make presentations.

Pursuant to published notice, the public hearing was opened.

Jill Jeglie, Planning, Zoning, & Building Director, duly sworn, stated at the March 7, 2005, Regular Meeting the Town Commission unanimously voted to approve the preliminary plat for the reconfiguration of portions of the existing Coquina Beach Subdivision, with the conditions recommended by staff and the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board. She noted at the same time Ordinance 04-28 was adopted vacating the platted cul-de-sac within the Coquina Beach subdivision, for utilization in the proposed final plat; she explained in accordance with Town Code Section 157.30, the applicant submitted a proposed final plat for approval within one year from which the preliminary plat approval was granted.

Ms. Jeglie displayed a location map and pointed out the areas under consideration; she noted staff recommended approval of the requested final plat with conditions: 1) the operation and maintenance of the private storm water system shall be the responsibility of the owners of the lots within the subdivision, pursuant to Ordinance 04-28 of the Town of Longboat Key, recorded in Sarasota County as instrument number 2005069815; 2) should the redesign of the stormwater retention basin be required, the applicant shall be required to submit a new subdivision application; 3) all of the proposed infrastructure improvements and construction, including, but not limited to, stormwater facility and roadway improvements, shall be completed prior to the issuance of a building permit for the construction of single-family homes; 4) all nuisance exotic plant materials on the subject lots shall be removed in conjunction with the proposed infrastructure improvements and construction, and prior to the issuance of a building permit for the construction of single-family homes; 5) If applicable, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit shall be obtained, and a photocopy submitted to the Town, prior to the disturbance or excavation of the proposed subject lots; 6) prior to the recording of the final plat, the applicant shall make payment of all staff review charges.

Mark Privette, Cyrix Engineering, 1144 Tallevast Road, Sarasota, FL, duly sworn, stated regarding the retention pond the required SWFWMD permits were issued and there was no anticipation to alter the design.