

Manager St. Denis stated the Town owned 15 SUV's and 4 Trucks; details regarding daily and emergency vehicle usage were presented (included in the agenda package). Hybrid vehicle implementation was investigated; findings indicated increased fuel economy by 2-3 mpg, however, additional vehicle costs and increased maintenance offset potential benefits. Conversion of vehicles limited to routine use might be feasible, but major storm readiness operations could be hindered by hybrid vehicle limitations. Town staff did not recommend adopting hybrid technology for heavier duty vehicles. Manager St. Denis reported after a storm event, members of the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) return to the island before other department personnel. Commissioner Spoll suggested SUV uses and necessities should be justified. **There was consensus for Town staff to reassess vehicle necessity and usage, and present findings at a future workshop.**

Commissioner Whatmough suggested Item 12 could be postponed. **There was no consensus to delay the Grants Award Process discussion.**

12. Longboat Key Grants Award Process

At the September 12, 2005 Special Workshop, there was consensus to establish a \$30,000 line item for not-for-profit organizations, and remove two not-for-profit organizations from the Town's budget as line items (Solutions to Avoid Red Tide (START) and Sarasota County Openly Plans for Excellence (SCOPE)).

There was consensus for Town staff to propose a grant process at the December 15, 2005 Regular Workshop.

Beverly Shapiro, 4700 Gulf of Mexico Drive, suggested grant funding be limited to local organizations; proposed a committee comprised of one member from each of the Island organizations could assist to develop an application for grant requests. Mayor Johnson asked Manager St. Denis to present a listing of Island organizations at the December 15, 2005 Regular Workshop.

A recess was called at 5:00 PM; the Regular Workshop reconvened at 5:10 PM.

13. Community Plan Update

Manager St. Denis reported the Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) recommended hiring Arrington/Marlowe, Community Planners. The Scope of Services included design, data gathering, vision, strategy development, plan presentation, and a public opinion survey. An amount of \$50,000 was budgeted for the community planning project; recommended providing a budget of \$99,000 to include: (1) \$64,000 for basic services, (2) \$11,000 for contingency, and (3) \$25,000 for the optional public opinion survey. Requested the Commission commit to a budget transfer of \$49,000 (or event \$50,000) to move forward with the Community Plan Project. Discussion included PZB to report back to the Commission regularly and prior to implementing the optional public opinion survey.

Sandy Gilbert, 774 Norton Street, thanked the Commission supporting the Community Plan Project.