



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

City Manager

City Council Regular Meeting Date: December 5, 2023

To: City Council
From: Dana A. Souza, City Manager
Date: November 29, 2023

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 23-083 OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT OF THE DRAFT CAPTIVA CONSERVATION AREA BILL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND:

At the November 20, 2023, Special City Council Meeting, the City Council discussed a Draft Bill, submitted to the Local Lee County Legislative Delegation by Representative Adam Botana, that would create the Captiva Island Conservation Area. A copy of the draft bill is included in the agenda packet for this item.

Also included in the November 20, 2023, agenda packet, was a document the City received from the Protect Captiva Coalition concerning the Draft Bill. This document explains that the Draft Bill is in response to the recent Lee County Land Development Code amendments, and proposed Lee Plan amendments that will affect Captiva. The Draft Bill is modeled after the Gasparilla Island Conservation District Act which protects building heights and density on Boca Grande. This document is included in the agenda packet for this item.

Following discussion, the City Council directed staff to draft a letter supporting the Draft Bill that would create the Captiva Island Conservation Area, for City Councilmembers to send to the Lee County Legislative Delegation. A copy of the letter is included in the agenda packet for this item.

The City Council also directed staff to draft a Resolution for the City Council to approve at the December 5, 2023, City Council meeting that would serve as more formal support for the Draft Bill. Staff has prepared Resolution 23-083 for the City Council to consider.

The Lee County Legislative Delegation met on November 30, 2023, to consider, among other Bills, the Captiva Island Conservation Area Bill. This memorandum was prepared before the November 30th meeting so I cannot report the results of the meeting. Mayor Johnson planned to attend, and he will provide the City Council with an update.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and consideration for Resolution 23-083.

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