



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

City Manager

City Council Regular Meeting Date: January 13, 2026

To: City Council
From: Dana A. Souza, City Manager
Date: December 30, 2025

SUBJECT: Public Hearing and consideration of Resolution 26-001, declaring the City's intent to use the uniform method of collecting (i.e. Tax Bill) non-ad valorem special assessments for the Sanibel Harbours Inlet Dredging Assessment District in accordance with Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND: At the December 16, 2025, City Council meeting, the City Council voted to approve Resolution 25-073 to establish and implement the Sanibel Harbours Inlet Dredging Assessment District, in accordance with Chapter 170, Florida Statutes. Resolution 25-073, authorized the City to levy a recurring annual special assessment on the 44 parcels within the Assessment District, as shown in Final Assessment Roll (Exhibit A of Resolution 25-073), of \$586.23 /parcel/year.

While the City Council has expressed its intent to collect the Sanibel Harbours special assessment through the uniform method of collid (i.e., tax bill), [Section 197.3632\(3\)\(a\), Florida Statutes](#), requires the City to adopt a resolution at a public hearing prior to March 1, 2026. Florida Statutes require that the Resolution clearly state the City of Sanibel's intent to use the uniform method of collecting Sanibel Harbours Inlet Dredging Assessment District special assessment and requires the City to publish notice of its intent to use the uniform method for collecting the assessment weekly in a newspaper of general circulation (News-Press) for 4 consecutive weeks preceding the hearing where the City Council will consider the Resolution. The affidavit from the News-Press documenting the notice of public hearing as required by Florida Statutes, is included in the agenda packet for this item.

The Sanibel Harbours residents requested that the Sanibel Harbours Inlet Dredging Assessment District be established so residents may pay an annual assessment toward future dredging as part of their annual tax bill instead of a larger lump sum payment when dredging is needed.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Hold the Public Hearing.
- City Council Discussion.
- Motion to approve Resolution 26-001.

Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary