



City of Sanibel

800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

5:30 PM

Recreation Center - 3880 Sanibel Captiva Road

Final Budget Hearing

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Councilmember Henshaw)

Councilmember Henshaw gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Richard Johnson, Vice Mayor Mike Miller, Councilmember Scott Crater, Councilmember John Henshaw, and Councilmember Holly Smith

4. SET THE AGENDA

The agenda was set as published. Mayor Johnson spoke to opening public comment, however there were no public in attendance.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **RESOLUTION 23-061 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY SIGNS ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- b. **RESOLUTION 23-062 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE AUTHORIZATION PROVIDED VIA EXECUTIVE ORDER 23-02 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIRING OF STRUCTURES TO OCCUR BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- c. **RESOLUTION 23-065 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE AUTHORIZATION OF OUTDOOR DISPLAY OF MERCHANDISE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS PROVIDED VIA RESOLUTION 23-010, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- d. **RESOLUTION 23-066 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL,**

FLORIDA, WAIVING THE TEMPORARY STRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FEE RETROACTIVELY FROM MAY 8, 2023, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Agnew read into record the titles of Resolutions 23-061, 23-062, 23-065 and 23-066.

Councilmember Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Henshaw, to adopt Resolutions 23-061, 23-062, 23-065, and 23-066. The motion carried.

6. BUDGET DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Introduction

Deputy City Manager Steve Chaipel summarized the information included in the agenda packet. Council thanked Mr. Chaipel, City Manager Souza and the Staff for their work on the budget. City Manager Souza thanked Council for their active participation in the budget process and spoke to the bridge loan being beneficial in the operations of the City. Council expressed their appreciation for the State and County assistance throughout the recovery process.

Discussion ensued regarding the disaster reserves being restored, the budget being focused on rebuilding, revenue losses from 2023 being addressed, and congratulations for the budget presentation with a focus on recovery.

Mr. Chaipel spoke to the budget being a fluid document that will evolve and change throughout the year with amendments relating to recovery efforts. He further spoke to the funds from the bridge loan being expected in FY2023 but may transfer to FY2024.

b. RESOLUTION 23-056 ADOPTING THE FINAL OPERATING AND VOTED DEBT SERVICE AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATES FOR TAX YEAR 2023 (FISCAL YEAR 2024) FOR THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Agnew read into record the title of Resolution 23-056 and stated the blanks would be filled in as 2.5000 mils and 44.2%. Mr. Chaipel clarified the 44.2% as being the percentage over the Department of Revenue calculated rolled back rate.

Councilmember Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Crater, to adopt Resolution 23-056 with the blanks filled in as 2.5000 mils and 44.2%. The motion carried.

c. RESOLUTION 23-057 ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 FOR THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Agnew read into record the title of Resolution 23-057 and stated the blank would be filled in as \$182,278,937.

Councilmember Crater moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Miller, to adopt Resolution 23-057 with the blank filled in as \$182,278,937. The motion carried.

d. RESOLUTION 23-064 ESTABLISHING COMMITTED FUND BALANCES FOR DISASTER RESERVE AND ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE RESERVE FOR THE CITY OF SANIBEL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Agnew read into record the title of Resolution 23-064. Attorney Agnew read into record the corrected Resolution title. Deputy City Manager Chaipel summarized the purpose for the Resolution.

Vice Mayor Miller moved, seconded by Councilmember Henshaw, to adopt Resolution 23-064. The motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments from the audience.

Councilmember Smith spoke to efforts being made to recover funds and assist recovery efforts. Mayor Johnson spoke to this being a difficult year and a difficult budget process, looking forward to continued recovery.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.