



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

*City Manager's Office*

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**City Council Regular Meeting Date: May 7, 2024**

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Steve C. Chaipel, Deputy City Manager/CFO  
William Dalton, Police Chief  
**Date:** May 24, 2024

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**SUBJECT:** Implementation of Police Department Beach Rangers

**BACKGROUND:** In fiscal year 2022, the City Council authorized Compensation and Classification Plan included 5 full-time positions for Sanibel Beach Rangers program in the Police Department. These positions were not filled during fiscal year 2022 or 2023. The authorization and job description of the Sanibel Rangers can be found [here](#).

**DISCUSSION:** The fiscal year 2024 adopted budget continued the authorizations for these positions, however the associated funding was not included in the adopted budget due to fiscal constraints following Hurricane Ian.

During the May meeting, the City Council expressed some concerns relating to enforcement of speed and authorized e-bikes along the shared use path and beach trails system. Staff intends to begin advertising and hiring these positions. Filling the Ranger positions will add additional personnel at various points on the shared use path system to increase education and enforcement of ordinances and regulations for pedestrian and bike traffic.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** Due to vacant positions that have not been filled in the Police Department, there is adequate funding for these positions to be filled and this action will not increase the budget for the remainder of this fiscal year. It is intended that the fiscal year 2025 budget request from the Police department will include funding for all five of the rangers.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None required.

*Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary*