



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM *Public Works Department*

City Council Regular Meeting Date: June 2, 2026

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Scott Krawczuk, Deputy Public Works Director  
**Date:** 5/21/2026

**SUBJECT:** 2026 Sanibel River Clearing Project (Drainage/Wildlife Habitat Maintenance Trimming)

**BACKGROUND:** The Sanibel River is the backbone of the island's drainage conveyance system. In order to maintain proper flow during periods of high water, the City established an annual maintenance program for the River. The maintenance involves vegetation trimming and removal, with the FY2026 scope involving vegetative debris, treefall and cattail removal in the section between Tarpon Bay Road and Beach Road. This project not only improves flow in the river, but also enhances the river for wildlife, particularly birds. Plans and specifications were prepared by the City including environmentally friendly techniques that will enhance, not impact, the unique ecology of the trimming area.

An Advertisement for bids was placed in the April 20, 2026 edition of the Fort Myers News-Press and with the City's online bid solicitation service, DemandStar. Bid opening was conducted by City Staff on May 21, 2026 at 2:30 PM in the presence of Brett Schira, Procurement Manager, and Scott Krawczuk, Deputy Public Works Director. There were four bids submitted with the low bid submitted by Seahawk Florida Investments, LLC dba Tree West with a total of \$86,500 as shown in the attached Bid Tabulation.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** Since the Sanibel River is an important part of the City's overall stormwater system and due to issues caused from recent hurricanes the funding for this year's project will come from the FDEP Stormwater Grant HA017. The FY2026 Project Funding Summary (rounded) and the FDEP Stormwater Grant Summary (rounded) tables are shown below.

FY26 Post Hurricane Ian Stormwater System Damage Repairs Project Summary	
<b>FY2026 Adopted Budget – Stormwater (Appropriated FDEP Grant)</b>	<b>\$6,300,000</b>
Beach Road Weir Rehabilitation	(\$278,990)
2026 Sanibel River Clearing Project (East Basin)	(\$86,500)
<b>FY2026 Budget Balance</b>	<b>\$5,934,510</b>

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<b>FDEP Stormwater Grant Summary</b>	
<b>FDEP Grant Funding (Total)</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>
<b>Expenses or Anticipated Expenses to Date</b>	
Stormwater Master Plan (Actual)	(230,000)
Construction – Post Ian Stormwater Repair Projects (EZ Contracting LLC)	(2,629,417)
Construction Admin.– Post Ian Stormwater Repair Projects (Johnson)	(180,350)
Beach Road Weir Rehab – Actual	(278,990)
General Bridge & Box Culvert Repairs – Actual	(242,730)
Emergency Stormwater Repairs- Actual	(301,228)
2025 River Clearing (West Basin) - Actual	(94,500)
Periwinkle Drainage - Actual	(236,845)
2026 River Clearing (East Basin) - Actual	(86,500)
<b>FDEP Grant Funding (Balance)</b>	<b>\$5,719,440</b>
Clam Bayou Box Culvert Design - Estimate	(915,000)
Clam Bayou Box Culvert Construction - Estimate	(4,000,000)
<b>FDEP Grant Funding (Estimated Balance)</b>	<b>\$ 804,440</b>

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Motion to approve a contract with Seahawk Florida Investments, LLC dba Tree West in the amount of \$86,500 for the 2026 Sanibel River Clearing Project (Drainage/Wildlife Habitat Maintenance Trimming) project and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

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