

11. OLD BUSINESS

c. Water Quality Issues

3. **RESOLUTION 06-051 OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 1241, WHICH PROPOSES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CALOOSAHATCHEE-ST. LUCIE RIVERS CORRIDOR ADVISORY COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

***City Attorney Cuyler is out of town and will review this Resolution for legal sufficiency prior to Tuesday's Council meeting.**

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WHEREAS, the City of Sanibel is a world class destination and the beaches of Sanibel are the economic engine for the entire Southwest Florida region, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sanibel is a municipality of over 6,000 residents, and is surrounded by estuaries that receive water from Lake Okeechobee through the Caloosahatchee River; and

WHEREAS, during periods of high rainfall, high rates of surface water discharge from Lake Okeechobee has significant adverse impacts on the receiving waters of the Caloosahatchee River and its estuaries; and

WHEREAS, high concentrations of nutrients and other pollutant-laden discharges that significantly degrade receiving waters and have an adverse economic effect on the economy and quality of life of the residents of the City of Sanibel, and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1241, sponsored by State Representative Trudi Williams, was filed in the Florida Legislature on February 22, 2006 and proposes the creation of an advisory council to study and recommend actions that should be taken to minimize the adverse effects of rainy season discharges from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee River; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida, supports the passage of House Bill 1241 because it proposes the creation of an advisory council to review the operation and management of Lake Okeechobee and the associated discharges from the lake for the purpose of formulating specific recommendations relating to the mitigation of the impacts of high level discharges from Lake Okeechobee upon the receiving waters of the Caloosahatchee River and its estuaries; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, the City Council urges the Florida Legislature to pass House Bill 1241; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sanibel finds that this Resolution should be forwarded to the Florida Legislature for its consideration as the merits of House Bill 1241 are debated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida:

SECTION 1. For the reasons stated above, the City Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida, declares its support of House Bill 1241 and urges the Florida Legislature to pass House Bill 1241.

SECTION 2. The Sanibel City Council hereby directs that this Resolution be forwarded immediately to both houses of the Florida Legislature.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida, this 4th day of April, 2006.

AUTHENTICATION:

Carla B. Johnston, Mayor

Pamela Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kenneth B. Cuyler, City Attorney

Date

Vote of Council Members:

Johnston _____
Denham _____
Brown _____
Jennings _____
Rothman _____

Date filed with City Clerk: _____