

## **COUNCIL READIES FOR LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

Sanibel Council members reviewed the City's legislative priorities Nov. 6 in preparation for the Lee County Delegation Meeting and Public Hearing Nov. 29 at Edison College.

The City has included a proposal that would strengthen the Healthy Beach Program by requiring the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency to identify sources of sewage contaminants every time water tests prompt a no swimming advisory. It would also require the FDEP to notify, in writing, all governments within a five-mile radius, within five days, of any violation of state wastewater compliance and enforcement standards.

The City will also support the Northern Everglades Protection Act items, including a Stormwater Treatment Area for the C-43 Reservoir, water quality treatment for the Caloosahatchee River and the restoration of Lake Hicpochee. Also on the list is support of legislation to implement stricter standards regarding septic systems, development and runoff.

The Council encourages Sanibel residents to attend the Nov. 29 hearing, if possible.