



**CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

**2007-YEAR END**

**EIGHT YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
REPORT**

**From April 2000 through December 2003  
and  
From January 2004 through December, 2007**

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## **Introduction**

The incorporation of the City of Bonita Springs became effective on December 31, 1999, but the City could not go into business until April 15, 2000, until the seating of the newly elected Mayor and City Council.

Consequently, December 31, 2003 was the fourth anniversary of the incorporation of the City and the 44-month anniversary of the beginning of the first operations of the new government.

The City was incorporated in part on a platform of “Government Lite” meaning that City programs and responsibilities would be contracted out to other governments and private contractors or consultants. Consequently, most of our operations and functions were primarily outsourced.

However, with the acquisition of the County Community Park System in 2001, the Council decided to form the City’s only operating department, Parks and Recreation, originally with eleven employees.

Early on, the Council also decided to retain its own legal assistance with the hiring of a fulltime City Attorney rather than contract this service to outside law firms. This is much more economical and provides more availability, which is necessary in a new City with many startup responsibilities and inherent legal risks.

This left a staff of 14 to handle administrative, legal recording, agendas, meeting minutes, correspondence, media relations, risk management, public project inspections and design, contract administration, and a myriad of other duties.

The original “FOUR YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT”, prepared in 2003 provided a good summary of the activities that the Mayor and City Council, various Committees, and staff for the first 44-months of the history of the City. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS AN EFFORT TO UPDATE THAT ORIGINAL INFORMATION THROUGH THE END OF 2007. We have included the material provided in the original report ( pages 2 through 13 ) and have indicated the accomplishments from 2004 through 2007 separately ( pages 14 through 30 ).

# **Restatement of the City of Bonita Springs Four Year Accomplishment Report**

**April 15, 2000 through December 31, 2003**

## **Policies, Programs, and Ordinances**

- Leased offices equipping them with furniture, computers, copy equipment, phones, fax machine and miscellaneous supplies.
- Established the Bonita Springs Utilities Boardroom as meeting space for the Council, Local Planning Agency (LPA) and Board of Adjustments.
- Obtained liability and property insurance through the Florida League of Cities.
- Hired a City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, and Public Works Manager with 13 support staff.
- Retained Selective HR Solutions, an employee leasing company, as the City's method of handling the personnel issues for employees.
- Created the City's LPA and Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals.
- Approved membership in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Regional Planning Council (RPC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Florida League of Cities (FLC), Corkscrew Region Ecosystem Watershed (CREW), Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (ABM), Leaders Steering Committee, Florida Retirement System (FRS), Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, Lee County Community Services Advisory Committee, Rookery Island Committee, Historic Preservation Board.
- Special Events Committee creation.
- Retained Consultants to assist with:
  - Planning
  - Comprehensive Plan adoption
  - Land Development Code preparation
  - Transportation Planning Studies and Issues
  - Human Resources (Southwest Florida Employers Association)
  - Minor Drainage Studies and Stormwater Master Plan and Stormwater Utility
  - Auditor
  - Rosemary Park Planning
  - Consulting Engineer
  - Consulting Financial Assistance
  - Lobbyist and approved three Legislative action papers
  - Redistricting
  - Bonita Beach Road Landscaping
  - Communications Tower siting
  - Park Planning Old 41 Redevelopment
  - Density Reduction/Groundwater Retention (DR/GR) Study
- Legal Advertising
- State Revenue Sharing
- Purchasing

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**Policies Programs and Ordinances (cont'd)**

- Personnel Management System
- Staff Benefits; Holidays
- Processing of Zoning and Land Use Applications
- Disbursements of Fire Department Impact Fees
- Per Diem Reimbursement for Council and Staff
- Gas Tax Distributions
- Statewide Mutual Aid
- Road Impact Fee Distribution
- Travel Expense Policy
- Gate House Ordinance – uniform opening devices
- Retained LARC for janitorial services
- Communication Policy
- Truck parking regulations
- Sea Turtle Lighting Project Ordinance
- Investment Policy
- Charter Review Committee (two Committees)
- Adopted Parks and Recreation Fee Ordinance and policies
- Adopted Litter Ordinance
- Emergency operations responsibilities
- Oil exploration restrictions
- Road impact fee banking for affordable housing
- Emergency Outdoor Burning Ordinance
- Adopted Reserve Policy
- Removed “billboard” bus benches replacing with concrete seat
- Tracked Bonita Farms mine issues
- Negotiated settlement Pelican Landing Shops spillover light
- Negotiated settlement Pelican Landing Homeowners Association, WCI, and Hyatt Hotel
- Approved Red Cross Agreement to use Recreation Center as shelter
- Appointed Code Enforcement Hearing Examiner
- Approved five-year Capital Improvement Program
- Received Bonita Springs Area Traffic analysis
- Obtained Code Enforcement lien foreclosure
- Codified Revised Charter
- Approved Sheriff requested False Alarm Ordinance
- Amended Land Development Code; building, electrical, gas, plumbing, and unsafe buildings code
- Adopted Grass and Weed Ordinance

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**Policies Programs and Ordinances (cont'd)**

- Adopted Old Town Preliminary Plan
- Approved Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Historic Series, Bonita segments
- Adopted Graffiti Prevention and Removal Ordinance
- Adopted Nuisance Abatement Ordinance
- Adopted Flood Hazard Prevention Ordinance
- Adopted Property Maintenance Code
- Increased Fire Impact Fees
- Interlocal Agreements
  - Interlocal Agreement with School Board and County for school facility planning
  - Transit System explored and expansion authorized
  - Approved Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement Florida Department of Transportation
  - Agreement with Sheriff to supply four deputies with up-graded cars,
  - Housing and Code Enforcement Inspectors contracted with Lee County
  - Agreement with Key Leaders Board
  - Entered Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement
  - Entered Community Development Block Grant Program with Lee County
  - Code Enforcement Hearing Examiner later in 2003 became City function
  - Retained two Code Enforcement Officers with vehicles
  - Animal Control
  - Solid Waste Collection and Waste-to-Energy Facility
  - Natural Resources
  - Community Development
  - Collection of Impact Fees
  - Road Maintenance and Ownership
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Master Transportation Agreement with four Supplemental Agreements:
    - Three Oaks
    - Livingston Street
    - Bonita Beach Road
    - Imperial Street
  - Assumed Parks and Recreation Department and all Community park property
  - Stormwater Master Planning Agreement
  - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) Agreement with Lee County
  - Cedar Creek Soccer Field Maintenance Agreement with School Board

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**Policies Programs and Ordinances (cont'd)**

- Adopted Beautify Bonita Program, budgeted \$10,000
- Adopted Stormwater Master Plan
- Formed Stormwater Advisory Committee
- Approved Pavement Management Plan
- Approved Density Reduction Groundwater Retention (DR/GR) Study
- Developed Engineering Rotation list
- Bird Island Rookery review of fireworks impact
- Established Street Light Advisory Committee
- Decided against Big Box Ordinance and Occupational License Tax to fund affordable housing
- Successfully opposed FGCU Marine Lab as proposed
- Tracked Manatee Protection and Water Access
- Adopted Light, Color, and Appearance Ordinance
- Land Owner Ship Study in unincorporated Lee County (east of City)
- Approved Council Meeting Decorum Ordinance
- Approved Telecommunication Tower Ordinance
- Approved Minimum Housing Code
- Approved Comprehensive Plan
- Alcoholic Beverage License Inventory Review
- Developed program for mitigation of Code Enforcement fines
- Declared Kent Road bridge a public nuisance, approved settlement with owner
- Approved Redistricting Program for Council Districts
- Performed Housing Needs Assessment Study
- Set up Special Events process
- Approved Interlocal Agreements
- Sponsored Concern and Learn Program in cooperation with Sheriff's office
- Received three clean audits
- Authorized live shellfish restriction request to State Marine Fisheries Commission
- Authorized Joint Agreement with FGCU for Community Outreach Program
- Ragsdale/Pennsylvania Realignment Engineering Agreement
- Agreement with San Carlos Estates Water Control District setbacks and driveways, investigated road maintenance possibilities
- Supported School Impact Fee
- Worthington Subdivision stormwater pump maintenance
- Agreement to utilize County Lands Department to assist with acquisitions
- Approved Historic Preservation Grant Program
- Approved Historic Designation Program
- Approved Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

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**Miscellaneous Projects and Issues**

- Investigated flooding at Imperial Bonita Estates caused by dewatering studies and reported on issues with regard to private roads drainage and utilities
- Approved Felts/Wilson Drainage Project
- Approved City logos
- Considered various presentations for affordable housing
- Right-of-Way Landscape Agreement with Causeway Lumber
- Denied verified complaint YMCA zoning
- Received report on household size, resident parking issues, lot clearing, private roads
- Authorized removal of Recreation Center fence
- Authorized temporary Caretaker Agreement for Riverside Park
- Discussed historic cemetery takeover
- Received presentation on Botanical Gardens of Bonita Springs, Imperial Forest Nature Center, Imperial River Nature Preserve
- Approved \$40,000,000 Florida League of Cities Municipal Loan Council Bonds
- Presentation on Lovers Key State Recreation Area Plan
- Presentation on South Lee County Watershed Study
- Removed temporary” stick-in-the-mud” signs throughout City
- City limits signs installed
- Removed illegally placed pay phones
- Revised Council election date from November to March
- Dissolved two street light and Old 41 Road Benefit District
- Considered Ordinances regarding:
  - Historical Preservation
  - Emergency vehicle access
  - Hurricane and other emergencies
  - News racks in the public right-of-way
  - Adopted Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance
  - Considered billboard restrictions
  - Considered truck traffic restrictions on East Terry
  - Revising Chairmanship of LPA and Zoning Boards
  - Sea Turtle protection
  - Big Box retailer restrictions
- Franchise Agreements
  - Bonita Springs Utilities
  - General telephone
  - Florida Power and Light (FPL)
  - Media One now Comcast

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**Capital Improvement Projects Completed**

- Right turn lane extended on Bonita Beach Road at U.S. 41 and Arroyal
- Sidewalk Construction
  - Old 41, Rosemary to Imperial Harbor
  - Shriver, Pullen
- Completed Signal Road connection, now Bernwood Lane
- Intersection of Old 41 (north) and U.S. 41
  - Worked with adjacent owners for joint driveway improvements onto Quality/Frontage Road
- Completed signage and street lighting on Old 41 historical area
- Street lights erected in numerous locations especially Old 41 and around Bonita Elementary, and Rosemary Park
- School warning lights at Bonita Elementary and Bonita Middle
- Assumed control of Woods Edge Parkway, sidewalk and signage completed
- Pool handicap lift obtained and installed
- Air conditioned gym
- Installed stamped crosswalk at Hickory Boulevard in front of Docs Beach House
- Sidewalk/Bikepath on Hickory Boulevard resurfaced, driveway approaches surfaced, pathway elevated and culvert installed to eliminate drainage wash-over
- Emergency beach erosion project 2002, Hickory Island
- Emergency revetment repair 2002, Hickory Island
- Riverside Park
  - Removed trailers
  - Removed cottages
  - Replace seawall
  - Added walkway
  - Relocate six cottages
  - Temporary roof repair, Lyles Hotel
- Bamboo
  - Remove most trailers
  - Bonita Springs Utilities buried sanitary sewer line adjacent to Old 41
- Remove exotic vegetation in Leitner Creek, Imperial River to Goodwin
- Drainage improvements on Wild Turkey
- City initiated Oak and Leitner Creek, Railroad Right-of-Way and Leitner Creek Bypass Canal mowing, trimming, and snagging project with 50/50 cost sharing between Lee County and the South Florida Water Management District
- City initiated a \$600,000 Drainage Improvement Project in the Windsor/Meadowlark area in conjunction with a short-term stormwater pumping project; \$500,000 paid by Lee County

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**Capital Improvement Projects under Design or Construction**

- Six-laning Bonita Beach Road from I-75 to Imperial
- Landscaping of Bonita Beach Road and I-75 interchange
- Canal Maintenance Program Study
- Six-laning of U.S. 41 advanced through City involvement and \$1,000,000 contribution along with Bonita Bay's contribution of water treatment areas worth \$6,000,000
- Imperial Road construction
- Three Oaks construction
- Daytime Soccer Fields under Florida Power & Light lines
- Traffic Light Bonita Grande and Bonita Beach Road
- Tracking Lee County's Sandy Lane Study
- Landscaping Bonita Beach Road median from Old 41 to U.S. 41

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**Maintenance Projects Completed**

- Road Resurfacing
  - Hickory Road
  - Cockelshell
  - Dean Street at utility cuts
  - Spring Creek Road
- Drainage Improvements
  - Windsor Road (not a drainage project/South Florida Water Management District)
  - Shangri-La ditch
  - Flea Market ditch
  - Ragsdale swales
  - Feltz swales
  - Clean drainage ditch at East Terry
  - Morton Drive
- Began Road Identification sign Replacement Program
- Railroad crossings improvement Pennsylvania Avenue and Old 41 (both north and south)
- Depot Park
  - Clean Oak trees
  - Remove Brazilian pepper
  - Make dock handicap accessible
  - Add to safety and sanitation maintenance of restrooms
  - Installing temporary pedestrian railroad crossing
- Snagged and cleaned debris at Imperial River, and Oak Creeks; worked with adjacent property owners to keep banks cleaned of exotics
- Resurfaced Recreation Center and pool, parking lot, and driveways
- Repaired and mowed shoulders on East Terry overpass
- Removed exotic vegetation from public park, South Riverside, and Island Park
- All City bridges inspected, repairs included in Capital Improvement Program
- Replaced or repaired two Community entry identification signs and landscaped each
- Placed two “Welcome to Old Bonita” signs
- Repaired brick sidewalks on Old 41 in Old Bonita
- Remarcite pool, upgrade and repaired bathrooms, dressing rooms, pumps, filters, and equipment room
- Traffic light blinking to fully operational Pelican Landing, U.S. 41

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**Grants Received and Authorized**

- Marine Law Enforcement funds from West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND)
- Coconut Point settlement; \$2,184,000
- Code Enforcement lien foreclosure, lot on Horne and Dean
- Highway Beautification Grant received
- Tourist Development Council (TDC) Shoreline Reconstruction Grant
- Beautify Bonita supplies tools and volunteers
- Historic Survey Grant received
- Riverside Park Seawall and Walkway Grant received
- Provided funds for:
  - Transportation disadvantaged program shortfall
  - 50% of Depot Park Exotic Vegetation Removal Project
  - Amigos Center Information Book
  - Assisted with Holiday tree lighting
  - Approved cost sharing of \$35,000 upgrade Hazardous Material Preparation equipment for Bonita Springs Fire Department
  - Partnered in cost of Old 41 decorative street signs
  - Sponsored July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks for three years
  - Bonita Springs Middle School Band donation \$300.00
  - Bonita Springs Little League donation \$500.00
  - Donated van to LARC
  - Red Cross, September 11, 2001 Disaster Fund donated \$5,000.00
  - Al Banos Scholarship Fund donated \$100.00
  - Provided fund for cost sharing to retain the Lee Transit Program
  - Contribution to Lover Key Park playground
- Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Island Park Recreation Development Assistance Grant
- Hickory Island beach renourishment and engineering
- DEP Adopt an Outfall Grant
- Florida Department of Transportation Outreach Program Grant \$4,000,000.00
- Florida Communities Trust Grant applied for \$104,433.34
  - Community Development Block Grants ( CDBG )

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## Statistics

- Publicly announced scheduled meetings and workshops, all including agenda preparation and minutes
  - City Council 160
  - Zoning Board 65
  - Local Planning Agency 61
  - Special Events 59
  - Charter Review 18
  - Storm Water 12
  - Partnering for Results 10
  - Code Enforcement Hearings 13
  - Street Light Advisory Committee 6
- Assessed Value
  - 1999 \$ 3,500,935,558
  - 2000 \$ 5,413,425,000
  - 2001 \$ 4,622,070,710
  - 2002 \$ 5,458,252,847
  - 2003 \$ 6,410,236,473
- City Millage Rate
  - Fiscal Year 2000-2001 1.22 mills (\$1.22 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value)
  - Fiscal Year 2001-2002 1.22 mills
  - Fiscal Year 2002-2003 1.0885 mills (1.09 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value)
- City allocated percentage of total property taxes paid
  - Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Unavailable
  - Fiscal Year 2001-2002 6.33%
  - Fiscal Year 2002-2003 5.70%
  - Fiscal Year 2003-2004 5.10%

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## Statistics (cont'd)

- Public Lands
  - Public Roads 128 mi
  - Acquired from Lee County
    - Recreation Center ballfields
    - Playground
    - Pool
    - Tennis Courts
    - Special Purpose Rooms
    - Outdoor Basketball Courts totaling 33.97 acres
    - Community Hall 1.20 acres
    - Depot Park 5.40 acres
    - Kentucky Street Park 1.00 acres
    - South Riverside Drive Park .11 acres
    - Total 41.68 acres
  - Purchased
    - Riverside Park 2.95 acres
    - Bonita Trailer Park 16.50 acres
    - Island Park 1.89 acres
    - Bamboo Mobile Village 5.30 acres
    - (to be sold for redevelopment)
    - Colonial Bank 1.49 acres
    - Total 28.13 acres
- Mayor and City Council special membership or participation
  - Juvenile Justice
  - Cable Access
  - Telecommunication and Towers
  - Government in Sunshine
  - Water Access Coalition
  - Florida League of Cities Annual Conference 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003
  - Workshop on Lee County's Planning Procedures
  - Workshop on Bonita Springs Utilities Sanitary Sewer Expansion Program
  - Workshop on Impact Fee Lee County Roadway Program
  - Workshop on Lee County Code Enforcement Procedures
  - Budget Workshops
  - Workshop on Planning Commission Operations
  - Code Enforcement Workshops
  - Comprehensive Plan Workshops

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## Statistics (cont'd)

- Mayor and City Council special membership or participation (cont'd)
  - Transportation Outreach Program (TOP) Grant Workshops
  - 2001 Pre-Legislation days in Tallahassee
  - Joint meetings with Lee County and Collier County
  - Visioning Meetings
- Animal Control Activities from July 1, 2002 – September 30, 2003 (15 months)
  - Courtesy Notices 206
  - Citations/warnings 89
  - Total responses/actions 1,348
  - Strays picked-up 396
  - Bites 32
- Code Enforcement Activities from October 1, 2001 – September 30, 2003 (24 months)
  - Complaints received 6,436
  - Inspections completed 6,346
  - Re-inspections completed 2,096
  - Fence inspections completed 280
  - Occupancy inspections completed 448
  - Cases closed 5,968
  - Routed to Hearing Examiner 330
- Ordinances adopted 2000-2003 75
- Resolutions adopted 2000-2003 312
- Re-zonings 2000-2003 110
- Zoning Resolutions adopted 2000-2003 8
- Population (fulltime)
 

|      |                  |              |
|------|------------------|--------------|
| 1999 | 23,186 residents |              |
| 2003 | 39,906 residents | 72% increase |
- Area
 

|      |                                    |               |
|------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1999 | 33 sq. mi. (21,120 acres)          |               |
| 2003 | 36.1 sq. mi. (22,885 acres)        |               |
|      | 4 Annexations totaling 1,964 acres | 9.4% increase |
- Registered Voters
 

|      |        |                |
|------|--------|----------------|
| 1999 | 16,146 |                |
| 2003 | 20,241 | 25.3% increase |

# **City of Bonita Springs**

## **Four Year Accomplishment Report**

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### **Policies, Programs, and Ordinances**

- Staff of 58 employees, including taking in-house and expanding Code Enforcement and Parks & Recreation Departments
- Interlocal Agreements ( cont'd)
  - Entered Community Development Block Grant Program with Lee County (annually)
  - Contributing funds to fixed route transit system with Lee County (annually)
  - Amendment to agreement with Lee County regarding Beach and Bay Park North
  - With Collier County regarding the Industrial Development Authority
  - With the State Attorney office for services
  - For Lover's Key Roadside Park project Tourist Development Tax funding
  - With Lee County for Red Tide Studies
  - With Lee County for Parking Fee Reimbursement
  - Amendments and expansions of agreement with Sheriff's Office for enhanced services and equipment (ongoing since inception )
  - With San Carlos Estates Drainage District regarding backup pledge to bond financing.
  - With the County as co-permittee under the NPDES program
  - With the Elections office for election services
  - With Lee County regarding distribution of the local option gas tax
  - With Lee County regarding lighting system maintenance for Imperial Parkway
  - With Lee County regarding Imperial Parkway as a limited access facility
- Received clean audits ( 4 additional )
- Approved Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Urban County Cooperative Agreements (annually)
- Expressed support for Conservation 2020 acquisition of 427 acre parcel in North Bonita Springs
- Considered engineering and permitting issues regarding Luke Street Canal maintenance
- Approved Purchase Agreement regarding use of YMCA land for soccer fields.
- Approved petition by BSU modifying its Water and Waste Water tariffs.
- Amended and Restated the Finance Ordinance
- Amended the Personnel Manual
- Amended the Fire Alarm Ordinance
- Established a vessel exclusion zone in the beach area at Big Hickory Island
- Authorized payment for playground equipment for BS Elementary School
- Approved Easement agreements with BSU for Riverside Park improvements
- Approved professional services agreement for Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan
- Approved Property Maintenance Code Ordinance

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**Policies, Programs, and Ordinances (cont'd)**

- Established an Administrative Code setting cash contribution rate for Affordable Housing Density Program
- Accepted Road and Park Impact Fee Study results
- Adopted “Rules of Behavior” for Council meetings
- Authorized demolition of surplus properties, two structures, located on Windsor Rd
- Approved increase of City Manager authorization limits to not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000
- Approved expansion of uses for Government Access Cable Channel 12
- Approved Street Light Maintenance Contract with Kent Technologies for City owned street lights
- Authorized additional uses for Liles Hotel facility
- Approved lease of City Owned property at 10520 Reynolds to BOCC for use as Sheriff Office substation
- Approved enhancements of City Web Site, including agreement with CGI Communications relative to production and display of “Community Movies”
- Supported a position encouraging the conversion of Electrical Distribution Facilities to underground facilities
- Supported a position encouraging repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike
- Monitored FEMA’s review and adoption process relative to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps
- Adopted a minimum wake zone and slow speed ordinance relative to the waters near New Pass.
- Approved an Ordinance allowing for the possibility of borrowing from the Florida Municipal Loan Council Pooled Commercial Paper Loan Program
- Approved an additional Homestead exemption for persons over 65 and with certain income limits
- Approved amendment of City Charter relative to Two Year residency requirement
- Approved amendment to LDC relative to Design Standards
- Approved amendment to LDC regarding property maintenance
- Approved amendment to LDC Replacing Chapters 1,2 & 3
- Enacted Chpt 9 of the LDC , the Language and Definitions Chapter
- Approved amendment to LDC regarding unsafe buildings
- Approved amendment to LDC Chpt 2 regarding impact fees
- Approved an Ordinance regarding rental properties
- Approved an Ordinance regulating parking in residential areas
- Approved an Ordinance creating vehicle towing regulations
- Approved amendment to LDC regarding development standards
- Approved an Ordinance amending and restating the noise control regulations
- Amended and Restated the LDC regarding Historic Preservation

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- Approved an amendment to the LDC regarding mobile homes
- Approved an amendment to the LDC regarding parking in residential areas
- Approved an amendment to the LDC relative to preservation of Sabal Palm Trees
- Approved an Ordinance regarding the sale and use of Fireworks
- Approved an amendment to the LDC Chpt 2 regarding proportionate fair share for transportation route enhancement costs
- Approved amendment to LDC relative to Two Family Homes in TFC-2 Districts
- Approved amendment to LDC relative to lot mowing, nuisance declarations
- Approved amendment to LDC relative to clearing and grading
- Adopted ordinance relative to mandatory recycling
- Approved an amendment to the Ordinance relative to Rental Permits
- Approved an ordinance amending and restating the Residential Parking regulations
- Approved an ordinance amending and restating the Outdoor Lighting regulations
- Completed the GASB 34 ( Government Accounting Standards Board ) joint Public-Works and Finance project relative to City assets to insure compliance with professional standards requirements
- Completed the FIAM ( Fiscal Impact Analysis Model ) to insure compliance with State mandated regulations

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**Miscellaneous Projects and Issues**

- Franchise Agreements ( Cont'd )
  - Peoples Gas System, Natural Gas Franchise
- Approved Janus Research Historical Survey
- Approved Audit Services by D Ashley, CPA
- Discussed policies regarding affordable housing Trust Fund
- Considered annexation agreement with Agripartners Limited for 2,595 acres
- Approved Resolution in support of Pueblo Bonito Phase III
- Considered applicability of Farmworker Restrictions in Affordable Housing
- Approved contract with Schultz/Chaipel for development of five year financial plan
- Authorized agreement with Bonita Limestone for Disaster Recovery Services
- Approved Salary Ranges for City Employees
- Approved agreement with Renaissance Group for Streetsboro RPD Project
- Approved Resolution supporting purchase of the Babcock Ranch
- Approved Resolution requesting the return of passenger rail service to Bonita Springs area
- Approved FLC Resolution regarding support of Growth Management Issues
- Approve agreement with Home Depot for traffic signal at Downs Drive
- Approve agreement with Flea Market for traffic signal at Downs Drive
- Approved Resolution establishing a special account for the purchase of the Secret Bench of Knowledge
- Reviewed results of 2005 Citizen Survey
- Approved Resolution in support of Florida Fish and Wildlife Boating Safety Initiatives
- Reviewed and accepted report by Stansbury Solutions by Design relative to Strategic Planning Workshop held on April 20, 2005
- Approved a Resolution of support to designate Cullum Hasty, LPA member, as Keeper of the River
- Approved a Resolution relating to the Old 41 Area community redevelopment including a finding of “blight”
- Approved License agreement with Seminole Gulf Railway for use of Railroad right-of-way for Riverside Park
- Adopted an Administrative Code for the Arts in Public Places Master Plan
- Approved Contract with Municipal Code Corporation for Document Imaging
- Approved lease of Liles Hotel space to Historical Society
- Approved agreement for use of Community Hall for theatrical purposes by Stage 88
- Completed and submitted first and second annual Community Rating System annual re-certification applications
- Approved the selection of artwork ( three sculptures ) and site locations for same
- Approved and accepted historical mural design for City Hall
- Approved use agreements for various artists use of Fishing Cottages at Riverside Park

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**Miscellaneous Projects and Issues** (cont'd)

- Considered the development of a Botanical Gardens on 17 acre city owned property
- Approved a Resolution supporting the undergrounding of electrical facilities
- Approved the selection of Entryway Artwork
- Updated the study for the analysis of Road Impact Fees
- Gave direction and comments relative to State Legislation regarding video franchising
- Approved RFP and private outsourcing concept relative to Community Development Services currently provided by Lee County
- Approved sponsorship of the first annual Community Prayer Breakfast
- Approved the establishment of the Arts in Public Places Committee and appointment of members to same
- Approved the establishment of the Historic Preservation Board and appointment of members to same
- Approved the establishment of the Tree Advisory Committee and appointment of members
- Approved the establishment of the Communications Advisory Board and appointment of members to same
- Approved the establishment of a Veterans Advisory Committee
- Approved changes to the City Reserve Policy
- Approved amending and restating the City Personnel Management Plan
- Approved Purchase and Sale agreement with Antaramian Development Group for the Imperial Landing Project
- Accepted results of the Marina Feasibility Study
- Approved the name change of Cockleshell Rd east of Old 41 Rd.
- Lowered speed limits on Rue De Paix and Lake Shalimar Drive
- Approved adoption of County Local Mitigation Strategy as City's Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Held workshop to review LDC regulations relative to Landscape and Buffering
- Held workshop to review LDC regulations relative to Engineering Standards
- Held workshop of CRA history and implementation
- Held workshop on Old 41 Redevelopment issues
- Held workshop on government operations for newly elected officials
- Held workshop to discuss and consider Family Resource Center options
- Held workshop for the public on Government Operations
- Held workshop with Lee County BOCC on various topics of interest
- Held workshop on Old 41 Architectural Design Guidelines
- Held workshop on Windsor Road Preserve uses
- Established separate deposit accounts for River Cleanup Activities and Tree RePlanting Fund
- Approved sale of Imperial River Cottages painted windows and doors as surplus property
- Approved the sale or demolition of Reahard house at 28481 Windsor Rd as surplus property
- Approved the sale or demolition of five structures located at 27601 Kent Rd as surplus property

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**Miscellaneous Projects and Issues** (cont'd)

- Approved sale of old computer equipment as surplus property
- Approved contract with Capitol Strategies for Lobbying services
- Held multiple meetings and workshops on strategic planning
- Held multiple meetings and workshops with ECCL
- Approved the continued use of Community Hall by Café of Life
- Approved the continued use of Liles Hotel by the Literacy Council
- Completed annual NPDES (water quality) reports for permit compliance
- Coordinated with the Lee County DOT on preliminary studies for Sandy Lane Extension and County Road 951

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**Capital Improvement Projects Completed**

- Intersection improvements for East Terry St, Southern Pines Drive, Pinecrest Lane
- Remodeling and addition added to Bonita Springs Community Hall
- Sidewalk west side of Matheson Avenue between Ragsdale Street and Dean Street
- Sidewalk east side of Matheson Avenue between Ragsdale Street and East Terry Street
- Pennsylvania Avenue Sidewalk from Front Street to Arroyal Road
- Childers Street Sidewalk from Old 41 Road to Horne Avenue
- Tarpon/Imperial River Road Sidewalk Along south side of Tarpon Road and along west side of Imperial River Road
- Horne Street Sidewalk west side from Ragsdale Street to Hampton Street
- Pullen Avenue Sidewalk from Hampton Street to Ragsdale Street
- Paradise Road Sidewalk west side from Maddox Lane to south end
- Cockleshell Drive Sidewalk (east side from Maddox Lane south 0.7 mile)
- Front Street Sidewalk from Kentucky Street to Pennsylvania Avenue
- Front Street Sidewalk from Pennsylvania Avenue to Childers Street
- East Terry Street Sidewalk from Rue de Paix to Kent Road
- Lover's Key Family Park
- Resurfacing and median access modifications on Bonita Beach Road from Imperial to Vanderbilt, drainage repair Old 41 at Arroyal
- Parker/Mudgett/Smith prepared Old Town Plan
- Purchased parcels for Pennsylvania realignment
- Historic Lyles Hotel upgrades, cottage upgrades
- Skateboard Park
- Little League dugouts and walkway paving
- Pennsylvania Ave Realignment Project
- New City Hall renovation project
- Riverside Park improvements Phases I, II and III
- Recreation Center Steel Roof/Canopy project
- Bay Park North
- North Beach Park
- Rosemary Park ( Streetsboro Lane) Infrastructure Improvements
- Rosemary Park ( Sherwood, Coventry, Noble, Nottingham) Infrastructure Improvements
- Rosemary Park ( London Lane, Cape Verde, Bridgeport ) Infrastructure Improvements
- Dortch Ave road and drainage project
- Depot Park, parking lot and drainage project
- Imperial Bonita Estates drainage improvements
- Emergency Generator for City Hall
- Recreation Center, Weight Room Addition
- Lion's Club shared parking lot project
- Cockleshell roadside drainage

- Michigan Street drainage improvements
- Bonita Beach Road/Old 41 intersection improvements (BBR project)
- McLaughlin Road rehab and drainage
- West Terry/Bay Landing signal
- Iowa Street drainage improvements
- Lime/Orange Blossom drainage improvements
- Wisconsin/Alabama drainage improvements
- Rosemary Creek footbridge from Riverside Drive to Island Park
- Pennsylvania/Patrick Street drainage improvements
- YMCA Soccer Fields
- Decorative Street lights - US 41, Bonita Beach Road, Livingston-Imperial, Three Oaks
- I-75/Bonita Beach Road Interchange Landscaping
- Maddox Lane drainage improvements
- Richview Court drainage improvements
- Pennsylvania/Arroyal Road Reclamation
- Nevada Area Drainage Improvements
- City Hall/Post Office Driveway Connector
- Recreation Center Ball Field Lights
- Rosemary Drive Median Irrigation
- Morton Road Drainage Improvements
- Rosemary Creek Dredging (Island Park)
- Imperial Harbor/Old 41 Temporary Signal
- Kings Kew/Forrester Drainage and Paving Improvements
- Mariner Drainage Improvements
- School warning lights at Bonita Charter School
- Secret Bench Relocation at Community Hall
- Stamped Crosswalks (7)
- Street Lights installed ( 60 )
- Art in Public Places
  - 2 at Riverside Park
  - 1 at Parks & Recreation
  - 1 at City Hall

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**Capital Improvement Projects under Design or Construction**

- East Terry Street Widening project
- Old 41 Widening project
- Imperial / Three Oaks / Livingston Expansion project
- Bernwood Drive/Signalization Improvements (formerly Signal Rd. )
- Arroyal Widening Project
- Luke Street Finger Canal Project
- Entry Signage Beautification Project
- Southern Pines Drive Sidewalk Project
- Red Hibiscus Subdivision Improvements project (in cooperation with Housing Development Corp.)
- Serrano ( Richview Ct) Drainage Improvements
- Island Park / Depot Park Clear Span Bridge
- Depot Park Improvements
- Marni Soccer Fields
- Bonita Springs River Park
- Windsor Road Park
- Up River Canoe and Kayak Park
- Bay Road Area Paving Improvements
- Old 41 Landscape/Buffer
- Imperial Parkway Landscape/Buffer
- East Terry Street Landscape/Buffer
- West Terry Street Widening – Bonita Springs Middle School to Old 41 Road
- ShangriLa Road Extension – Windley Key Terrace to Imperial Parkway
- Traffic Circulation Study
- Footbridge – Riverside Park to Island Park
- Paving of Bonita Grande, south of Bonita Beach Road
- 2008 Street Overlay Program
- Street Lights under review ( 11 )

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**Maintenance Projects Completed**

- Road Resurfacing
  - Indiana Street
  - Oregon Street
  - Illinois Street
  - Idaho Street
  - Michigan Street
  - Dean Street
  - Felts Avenue
  - Ragsdale Street
  - Shriver Avenue
  - Morton Avenue
  - North Hickory
  - Alabama Street
  - Paradise Road
  - Southern Pines
  - Old Seaboard
  - Sandy Hollow
  - Bird Point Court
  - Shade Tree Lane
  - Windley Key Terrace
  - Reed Court
  - Barefoot Lane
  - Bob White Lane
  - Richview Court
  - Baretta Drive
  - Playa Del Rey
  - Southview Drive
  - Los Amigos
  - Tierra Del Sol
  - Imperial River Road
  - Imperial Shores
  - Tarpon Avenue
  - Kentucky Street (Wisconsin to Michigan)
  - Imperial Harbor Road
  - East Terry Street
  - South Riverside Drive

- Jackson Street
- Forest Park Avenue
- Carolina Street
- Carolina Street (West end to New York)
- Wisconsin Street (Goodwin Street to Gardens of Bonita)
- Matheson Avenue
- Suffridge Drive
- Garrett Street
- Beaumont
- Old 41 (Railroad tracks to Collier County Line)
- Pennsylvania Avenue (Oak Creek to East Drive)
- Pennsylvania Avenue (Oak Creek to Arroyal Road)
- Arroyal Road
- Connecticut Street
- Pelican Ridge Circle
- Pollard Drive
- Nevada Street
- Kentucky Street
- Elementary Way
- McLaughlin Blvd asphalt paving
- Temporary Emergency Road repairs to Shangri-la Rd from Paradise to Old 41
- Drainage Improvements
  - Imperial Bonita Estates drainage improvements
  - Nevada Area drainage improvements
  - New York/Iowa drainage improvements
  - Ditch Maintenance north/south from Bonita Beach Rd
  - Road and drainage improvements to Kings Kew, Queens Kew and Forester Dr.
  - Richview court drainage and maintenance project (east side)
  - Patrick Street drainage improvements
  - Garrett Street and Suffridge Court Culvert Replacement
  - Kentucky Street Culvert Replacement at Railroad
  - Pennsylvania Avenue/Oak Creek Guardrail and Handrail
  - Drainage Pipe Replacement on East-West Morton Avenue
  - Mango Drive drainage improvements
  - Sandy Hollow drainage
  - Industrial Street drainage
  - Wood Ibis drainage
  - Westbrook drainage
  - Pipe replacement at Paradise Road on the west side from Maddox Road to South end
- Exotic vegetation removal along Seminole Railroad right of way
- Rosemary Creek dredging project
- Kent Road Bridge, structure removal project
- Recreation Center Tennis Courts Resurfacing
- Pipes under Cockleshell

- Michigan Street ditch cleaning
- Canal Cleaning/Spraying Project
- Luke Street Canal dredging
- Animal Carcass Removal (398 animals from 2004 through 2007)
- Installed safety barriers at large open pipe inlets
- 252 stormwater structures inspected
- 21 pollution control structures inspected
- 137 inlets inspected
- Implemented Micro-Paver Pavement Management System
- Mapped City Storm Sewer System
- Inventoried traffic signs and street lights

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**Grants Received and Authorized**

- Marine Law Enforcement funds from West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) (annually)
- Provided Funding For:
  - Historic building preservation funding, in the amount of \$110,573.
  - Approved \$10,000 for fence and landscape improvements for Imperial Parkway Historic Cemetery
  - Partnering for Results annual grant program (3)
  - Combined or Joint Sponsorship of 35 Special Events
  - Storefront Grants, in the amount of \$73,310 ( funded )
  - Storefront Grants, in the maximum amount of \$100,000 (approved but not yet funded )
  - Community Development Block Grants ( CDBG ) (annually) and approved Urban County Agreement for 2008-2010 )
- South Florida Water Management District for \$150,000
- Department of Environmental Protection ( DEP) Depot Park Recreational Development Assistance Grant
- Florida Communities Trust relative to Island Park improvements
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Flood Mitigation Assistance applications
- TDC grant for Imperial River Canoe and Kayak launch for \$75,000
- South Florida Water Management District for \$85,000, Imperial Bonita Estates
- South Florida Water Management District for \$90,000, Nevada St drainage
- South Florida Water Management District for \$100,000, Depot Park drainage
- South Florida Water Management District for \$107,500, Water Quality studies
- FRDAP Grant for \$200,000 for Imperial River Park site development
- FRDAP Grant for \$200,000 for Bonita Canoe/Kayak Upriver Park
- Impact Fee Credits granted:
  - Sun Village Estates
  - Silverado East
  - Pueblo Bonito Phase II
  - Habitat for Humanity Woods Circle
  - 26550 Noble Ln
  - 26391 Sherwood Ln
  - 12105 Maiden Ln
  - 12120 Suncrest
  - 10950 Bonita Drive
  - Pincrest Lane
  - Pueblo Bonito Phase III
  - Renaissance at Rosemary Park
  - Red Hibiscus

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### Statistics

- Publicly announced scheduled meetings and workshops, all including agenda preparation and minutes

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| City Council                    | 137        |
| Zoning Board                    | 35         |
| Local Planning Agency           | 42         |
| Special Events                  | 66         |
| Charter Review                  | 0          |
| Storm Water Utility             | 2          |
| Partnering for Results          | 9          |
| Code Enforcement Hearings       | 337        |
| Street Light Advisory Committee | 24         |
| Art in Public Places            | 27         |
| Tree Advisory Board             | 13         |
| Historic Preservation Board     | 11         |
| Communications Advisory Board   | 9          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>712</b> |

- Assessed value

|      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| 2003 | \$ 6,410,236,473  |
| 2004 | \$ 7,456,730,830  |
| 2005 | \$ 8,759,151,751  |
| 2006 | \$ 11,856,793,266 |
| 2007 | \$ 13,398,927,744 |

- City millage rate

|                       |       |  |
|-----------------------|-------|--|
| Fiscal Year 2003-2004 | .9976 | 99.76 cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed value |
| Fiscal Year 2004-2005 | .9976 | 99.76 cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed value |
| Fiscal Year 2005-2006 | .9976 | 99.76 cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed value |
| Fiscal Year 2006-2007 | .7919 | 79.19 cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed value |
| Fiscal Year 2007-2008 | .7244 | 72.44 cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed value |

- City allocated percentage of total property taxes paid

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Fiscal Year 2003-2004 | 5.10% |
| Fiscal Year 2004-2005 | 5.39% |
| Fiscal Year 2005-2006 | 5.58% |
| Fiscal Year 2006-2007 | 5.08% |
| Fiscal Year 2007-2008 | 4.88% |

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- Private Lands
  - Purchased
    - 10621 East Terry St ( Glazier House )
    - YMCA Soccer Fields
    - 16.165 Acres on US 41 south of Imperial River
    - (27550 S Tamiami Trail and 27711 Windsor Rd )
    - Bullard Estate, 27550 Shriver Ave
    - 10 Acres, Pfaff parcel, Kent Road
    - 4 lots, Liles Estate
    - Two lots on Carpenter Lane (Sawyer property)
    - Two lots on Carpenter Lane (Torres property)
    - West Terry Street lot
    - 5+ acres from Eagles Club
    - 2 lots at Marni Fields
    - Lot south of Bandshell
  - Accepted as Public Right-of-Way
    - Streetsboro Lane
    - London Lane
    - Cape Verde Lane
    - Sherwood Lane
    - Nottingham Lane
    - Bridgeport Lane
    - Coventry Lane
    - Noble Lane
    - Elementary Way
    - Shangri-la Rd
    - Paradise (portion )
    - Noel Lane
    - Cockleshell Drive ( portion)
  - Annexed
    - 1299 acres in East Bonita Beach Rd
    - 25 acres Cleveland Clinic
    - Section 32, 13.465 acres
    - Fire District Land east of Bonita Grande
    - 5 Acres in Section 33
    - Approximately 332 Acres in Section 29
- Mayor and City Council special membership or participation
  - Florida League of Cities Annual Conferences
  - Budget Workshops (annually)
  - Comprehensive Plan Workshops

- Strategic Planning workshops
- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Horizon Council
- Joint ECCL meetings
- Board of County Commissioner meetings
- Tourist Development Council.
- Attended workshop on options relative to a Family Resource Center

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## Statistics (cont'd)

- Animal Control Activities , Jan 2004 through Dec 2007
  - Courtesy Notices 862
  - Citations/warnings 423
  - Total responses/actions 4281
  - Strays picked-up 996
  
- Code Enforcement Activities Oct 2005 through Nov 2007
  - Complaints received 5671
  - Use Inspections completed 400
  - Re-inspections completed N/A
  - Fence inspections completed 253
  - Occupancy inspections completed N/A
  - Cases closed 4836
  - Routed to Hearing Examiner 337
  
- Code Enforcement Fines Collected 2004 -2007  
\$ 378,211.61
  
- Ordinances adopted 2004-2007 75
- Resolutions adopted 2004-2007 570
- Re-zonings 2004-2007 74
- Zoning Resolutions adopted 2004-2007 21
  
- Miles of Streets Resurfaced 18.11
- Miles of Sidewalks Constructed 10.46
- Miles of Ditches and Swales Maintained 16.06
- Miles of Rivers and Creeks cleared 9.01
- Acres of Water Retention Created 15.21
  
- Population (fulltime)
  - 2007 45,148 residents
- Registered Voters
  - 2007 19,862