

# scgovCOMMISSION REPORT

Sarasota County Communications      scgov.net | 941-861-5000 | Comcast 19/Verizon 32

Nov. 30, 2010

## Sarasota County Commission agenda actions

Sarasota County commissioners acted on the following items during their meeting Tuesday, Nov. 30, in the Commission Chamber at the Robert L. Anderson Administration Center, 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice.

### **Fairgrounds Arena Improvements** (Tuesday, Item 6)

As part of the consent agenda, Sarasota County commissioners approved a memorandum of understanding with the Sarasota County Agricultural Fairground Association for the fairgrounds arena improvement project to fund immediate improvements to Roberts Arena. Under the agreement, the county will use \$500,000 in revenues from the penny sales tax, previously authorized by the county commission in September, to fund the improvements, which include arena seating, air conditioning, public restroom facilities and upgrades to the fire alarm system. The memorandum is necessary because the association does not have adequate cash flow to enter into contracts for the immediate improvements needed for the arena.

**Contact:** Jeff Seward, chief financial planning officer, 941-861-7284.

### **West Dearborn Street Low-Impact Design Stormwater Project** (Tuesday, Item 10)

Sarasota County commissioners received a presentation and update on a pilot project to construct a low-impact design stormwater system in the Englewood Community Redevelopment Area and authorized staff to proceed with putting the project out to bid and explore a short-term borrowing of up to \$4.5 million to use as matching funds for the project. Estimated to cost \$12 million, the project includes bioswales and bioretention for the project area; improvement to the existing stormwater pond parcel; stormwater cistern piping and structures; utility relocations; sidewalks; on-street parking adjacent to the bioswales; beautification for Dearborn Street; development of two parking lots on Green and Cedar streets; the Englewood Veterans Memorial and Freedom Pavilion; and wayfinding signs.

**Contact:** Theresa Connor, executive director, Environmental Services, 941-861-0578.

### **Economic Development Incentive Fund Requests** (Tuesday, Item 12)

Sarasota County commissioners approved requests from the Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County for \$365,000 from the county's economic development incentive fund to assist three companies interested in relocating to Sarasota County. Identified by code names, the requests are for:

- Project Mott, a manufacturer of custom woodwork, seeks \$300,000 in assistance and would create 102 new jobs over the next five years with an average wage of almost \$46,000.
- Project 10-10-01, an online retailer of fashion-forward designer swimwear, beach and resort apparel and accessories, seeks \$50,000 in assistance and would

create 25 new jobs over the next three years with an average wage of almost \$36,000.

- Project 10-10-02, a manufacturer of custom factory automation, robotic work cell, packaging, and material handling equipment, seeks \$15,000 in assistance and would create one or two new jobs over the next three years with an average wage of \$45,000.

**Contact:** Jeff Maulsby, manager, Business and Economic Development, 941-861-5257.