

**consensus to establish a sinking fund as part of the FY 2005-06 budget; lease-purchase option information would be presented at a future Workshop.**

Line Item for Grants to Not-For-Profit Organizations:

Tom Jones, 3235 Gulf of Mexico Drive, announced his support for a grant to the Historical Society in the amount of \$5,000.

Ann Roth, 1445 Gulf of Mexico Drive, supported a grant to the Longboat Key Center for the Arts in the amount of \$15,000.

Historically, the Town contributed grant funding to Solutions To Avoid Red Tide (START) in the amount of \$5,000 and Sarasota County Openly Plans for Excellence (SCOPE) in the amount of \$2,300. Discussion was held at the 7-11-05 Regular Meeting regarding budgeting for grants to the Historical Society in the amount of \$5,000 and the Longboat Key Center for the Arts in the amount of \$15,000. Conversation continued regarding creating a fund for contributions to various organizations. Commissioner Rothenberg disagreed with establishing a specific fund for grants to not-for-profit organizations; proposed individual merit should warrant consideration/qualification for grants. Mayor Johnson disagreed with determining criteria/guidelines prior to establishing a line item for not-for-profit organizational grants. Vice Mayor Webster disagreed with considering SCOPE and START with the Longboat Key Center for the Arts and the Historical Society for grant determinations; proposed SCOPE and START benefited all people; grants benefited local institutions. Commissioner Dawson disagreed with providing individual consideration to SCOPE and START; believed all not-for-profit organizations should be considered uniformly.

Beverly Shapiro, 4700 Gulf of Mexico Drive, proposed not-for-profit organizations could submit their budgets to identify shortfalls for Commission consideration.

Manager St. Denis announced funds in the amount of \$28,775 would be necessary if START and SCOPE were to be included in the not-for-profit grant fund; suggested agencies within the interlocal agreement could be excluded from grant allocation; funding for START and SCOPE grants were included in the FY 2005-06 budget.

**There was a 6-1 consensus to transfer \$30,000 from the Contingency Fund to establish a grant fund for not-for-profit organizations; START and SCOPE would be required to submit a grant request. Qualification criteria would be determined at a future workshop.**

Town Manager Compensation: Historically, additional Town Manager compensation was allocated from funds within the Town Manager Department budget. **There was consensus to fund any additional Town Manager compensation from the Town Manager Departmental budget.**