

City Remains on Schedule to buy Bayous Plant

The City of Sanibel remains on schedule to purchase the Sanibel Bayous Package Treatment Plant. The City Council received an update December 18 about plans to buy the plant.

A public hearing is planned for January 15 to allow comments by residents. The hearing is required by Florida statute before the Council can approve any contract on the purchase. The vote on whether to approve the contract would be after the public hearing on January 15.

Engineering due diligence is in its final stages and financial due diligence has begun.

The City has moved to buy the package treatment plant because it has a history of noncompliance with State regulations. The City, in its efforts to reduce potential water pollution, will add homes serviced by the plant to Sanibel's central sewer system. The City plans to eventually return the plant's location into a mangrove forest.

Sanibel continues to monitor the plant's compliance with State rules through a standing public records request with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.