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Re: Bonita Springs City Council Report of Wednesday, January 4, 2006

Item 6A – Council heard a presentation from Bob Stewart, Vice President of the National Association of Railroad Passengers, on passenger rail service in the United States. He stated for every dollar invested in passenger rail the average return to the community is \$10. He also stated the US is far behind Europe in rail transit and it was the most efficient and effective use of transportation dollars in the 21st Century. He recommended council support Council Member Grant in his quest to bring rail to Southwest Florida.

Item 7 – Consent Agenda

- The consent agenda was approved with the exception of Item H, the agreement with Lee County Sheriff's office for law enforcement services. This item will be brought back at the next meeting.

Item 8 - Mayor and Council Member Items & Reports

- **Councilman Grant** started the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District wanted to start televising their meeting. Council gave staff direction to work with the fire district to see if the city could help them with this project

Item 9 – City Attorney Report

- Council gave staff direction to move forward to a referendum for the residents of Section 29, Bonita Grande
- Gave direction to the City Attorney to develop a local ordinance to regulate garage sales

Item 10 – City Manager’s Report

- Council was told there would be additional delay in the completion of the US 41 project. It is now anticipated that the road would be open to traffic on February 24, 2006 with the bridges to be completed in April 2006
- Council was told that Bonita Beach Road was substantially complete and Home Depot and the Flee Market were ready to make the necessary improvement to make their entrance work better