

VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2015

The Village of Estero Council Special Meeting was held on this date at the Estero Fire Rescue District Meeting Room, 21500 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero, Florida.

Present: Mayor Nick Batos - District 6, Vice-Mayor Howard Levitan - District 2, Councilmember Bill Ribble, District 1, Councilmember Donald Brown - District 3, Councilmember Katy Errington - District 4, Councilmember Jim Boesch - District 5, and Councilmember Jim Wilson - District 7.

Also present: Village Manager Steve Sarkozy, Village Attorney Burt Saunders, and Village Clerk Kathy Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Batos called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Batos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Village Clerk Kathy Hall called the roll; all members were present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Ribble moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Brown, called and carried unanimously.

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- (A) First Reading: Ordinance No. 2015-17 An Ordinance of the Village of Estero, Florida, Providing for an Additional Homestead Exemption of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for Persons Sixty-Five (65) and Older with Certain Income Limits; Providing an Additional Homestead Exemption Equal to the Assessed Value of the Property with a Just Value Less than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) Where the Owner has Maintained Thereon Permanent Residence for at least Twenty Five (25) Years, and has Attained Age Sixty-Five (65) with Certain Income Limits; Providing for Authority; Providing for Short Title; Providing for Definitions; Providing for Criteria for Additional Exemptions; Providing for Application Procedure; Providing for Property Held Jointly with Right of Survivorship; Providing for Annual Adjustment of the Income Limitation; Providing for Conflicting Provisions and Severability; Providing for Filing with the Department of State and Lee County Property Appraiser; Providing for Codification and Scrivener's Errors; and Providing an Effective Date

The title of Ordinance No. 2015-17 was read by Village Clerk Hall.

Village Attorney Saunders explained that the exemption was previously in place through Lee County and indicated that the total maximum exposure in terms of lost tax revenue was approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Mayor Batos called for public comment and no one came forward.

Mayor Batos noted that, in the future, Council would need information regarding financial ramifications for any agenda item with a financial impact. Village Manager Sarkozy acknowledged the request and noted that his standard approach would be to bring to Council the short and long term fiscal impact on any agenda item.

Councilmember Boesch moved to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-17, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, called and carried unanimously through a roll call vote.

- (B)** Resolution No. 2015-74 A Resolution of the Village of Estero, Florida, Approving the Tidewater Plat; and Providing an Effective Date

The title of Resolution No. 2015-74 was read by Village Clerk Hall.

Community Development Director Gibbs provided an explanation of the resolution. Discussion ensued regarding the plat approval process and suggestions for possible revisions.

Mayor Batos called for public comment and no one came forward.

Vice Mayor Levitan disclosed ex parte communication related to the plat approval process directly with representatives from Pulte, including Chris Hasty.

Councilmember Boesch moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-74, seconded by Councilmember Ribble, called and carried unanimously through a roll call vote.

- (C)** Resolution No. 2015-75 A Resolution of the Village of Estero, Florida, Repealing Resolution No. 2015-08 and Resolution No. 2015-16; Designating a Depository for Receipt of Funds and Payment of Debts; Directing the Mayor and Village Manager to Execute Checks; Authorizing the Vice Mayor to Act as a Signatory on Village Accounts in the Absence of the Mayor or Village Manager; and Providing an Effective Date

The title of Resolution No. 2015-75 was read by Village Clerk Hall.

Finance Director Pace provided an explanation of the resolution.

Mayor Batos called for public comment and no one came forward.

Councilmember Wilson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-75, seconded by Councilmember Brown, called and carried unanimously through a roll call vote.

6. PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Batos called for public input on any issue and no one came forward.

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

8. VILLAGE MANAGER COMMENTS

None.

9. VILLAGE ATTORNEY COMMENTS

None.

10. ADJOURN

Councilmember Errington moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Ribble, called and carried unanimously.

Mayor Batos adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: _____

By: _____

Kathy Hall, MMC
Village Clerk

Nicholas Batos
Mayor