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FINAL ACTION AGENDA/MINUTES

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

**Village of Estero Council Chambers
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle
Estero, FL 33928
May 23, 2018 9:30 a.m.**

- 1. OPENING EXERCISES:** (Includes call to order, roll call, pledge of allegiance, announcements, proclamations, and ceremonial presentations)

Call to Order: 9:30 am

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Boesch.

Invocation: Associate Pastor Chris Mueller from Legacy Church.

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

Also present: Village Manager Steve Sarkozy, Village Attorney Burt Saunders, Community Development Director Mary Gibbs, Public Works Director David Willems, Finance Director Lisa Roberson, and Recording Secretary Michelle Radcliffe

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS**

Mayor Boesch suggested that Agenda Item 4 (b) Estero Parkway Design Alternatives be addressed prior to Agenda Item 4 (a) Impact Fees.

Motion: Move to approve the agenda, addressing Agenda Item 4 (b) prior to Agenda Item 4 (a).

Motion by: Councilmember Errington

Seconded by: Councilmember McLain

Action: Approved the agenda, addressing Agenda Item 4 (b) prior to Agenda Item 4 (a).

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous (roll call)

Nay:

Abstentions:

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. WORKSHOP ITEMS

Note: Agenda Item 4 (b) was addressed prior to Agenda Item 4 (a).

(a) Impact Fees

Village Manager Sarkozy provided a brief introduction. Community Development Director Gibbs explained that the purpose of impacts fees, collected at issuance of a building permit, was to offset the costs of new growth and were used to pay for capital costs for building roads, Fire and EMS stations, parks, and schools. She stated that impact fees cannot be used to fund operation and maintenance. Ms. Gibbs spoke to school, Fire and EMS impact fees set by Lee County that would become effective June 4, 2018. She explained that the Village has jurisdiction to set roads and parks impact fees and that a consultant study provided updated fees. She also explained that a Village ordinance was needed to adopt updated fees and that the fee increases would be effective 90 days following ordinance adoption, per Florida Statute. Ms. Gibbs provided an overview of the fee increases and stated that staff recommended that Council adopt the revised fees for roads and parks at 100%.

Questions and Comments from Council: Questions were asked and Councilmembers concurred that growth should pay for growth. Councilmember Levitan expressed concern that a County-wide study was being used to determine the road impact fees in the Village and that the formula being utilized did not apply to the Village. He suggested that the Village conduct its own study to determine what the correct fees should be.

By consensus, the Council agreed to bring back a draft ordinance to consider and that Councilmember Levitan, Village Attorney Saunders, and Community Development Director Gibbs would work together to draft the ordinance.

Public Comment:

Roy Hyman, Estero Place, spoke in favor of increasing impact fees and urged the Council to conduct its own roads study.

Ed Weil, Rookery Point, spoke in favor of increasing impact fees.

On another matter, Vice Mayor Ribble stated he received a letter regarding banning of drilling in the eastern portion of the Gulf of Mexico and if there was Council consensus, he would like it placed on the June 6, 2018 Council meeting agenda for consideration. The Council concurred.

(b) Estero Parkway Design Alternatives

Village Manager Sarkozy provided a brief introduction and reviewed that the Village Council asked staff to look at different options regarding design alternatives for Estero Parkway. He stated that staff provided two options for the Council to consider: Option A: 4-lane roadway mill and overlay: 10.5-foot lanes, 7-foot bike lanes, and 6-foot sidewalks on both sides; and Option B: 2-lane roadway (railroad to Cypress View) with three roundabouts: 12-foot lanes, 7-foot bike lanes, 8-10-foot sidewalks on both sides. Village Manager Sarkozy stated that the purpose of today's workshop was to allow for Council and the public to see the alternatives.

Ted Tryka, Agnoli, Barber and Brundage, provided an overview of Option B as requested by the Council. He explained the size of the roadways, sidewalks, and bikeways and how vehicles would navigate through the proposed roundabout.

Mike Wallwork, Alternate Street Design, provided an overview of the roadway sizes, the sidewalks, and bike lanes. He explained how the reduction of a 4-lane roadway to a 2-lane roadway would work in Option B and where the three proposed roundabouts would be located, as well as how they would fit in the right-of-way.

Mr. Wallwork also addressed entrances to the communities in relationship to the location of the roundabouts. He indicated that Option B would be approximately \$1 to \$1.5 million more than Option A. However, he believed that Option B was the best option due to the growth and increased vehicle traffic expected in the next 10 years.

Questions or Comments: Councilmembers McLain, Levitan, Wilson, Errington, Batos, Vice Mayor Ribble and Mayor Boesch.

Discussion included: safety of all Estero Parkway users; inclusion of landscaping in the cost estimates; right-of-way and utility easement; safety record of roundabouts including the low number of fatalities; number of accidents on the Williams Road/Via Coconut roundabout since installation, which was reported as only one; accidents that occur in roundabouts are mostly sideswipes; installation of roundabouts being considered in municipalities throughout Lee County and the state; an inquiry regarding traffic on Estero Parkway; based on the Kimley-Horn traffic study, Corkscrew Road is worse than Estero Parkway; drivers are finding alternative roads to get to US 41 and I-75 by using Estero Parkway and, as development occurs beyond the Village limits, traffic congestion will get worse; inquiries and comments regarding pedestrian crossings in both options; leaving Estero Parkway as is because the issue was actually the Walmart entrance, which should be analyzed; citizens do not want the installation of roundabouts and the Village should listen to what the people want; there were advantages to both options.

Mr. Tryka noted that the goal of the workshop was to present the two options and to explain why each one was viable. He stated that he did not want to give the impression

that the consultants were choosing one option over the other, and that the Council specifically asked about the roundabout alternative.

Public Comment:

The following people spoke against the installation of roundabouts:

Theresa Galante, Cascades
Patty Monteleone, Cascades
Jim Copp, Cascades
Pat Correnti, Cascades
Caren Kerrs, Cascades
Eric Fried, Cascades
Ed Mehmel, Rookery Pointe
Carole Fried, Cascades
Arlene Fee Meyer, Cascades
Charles Planz, Cascades
Jim Sheehy, Cascades

The following people spoke in favor of installing roundabouts:

Doug Saxton, The Reserve
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Robert King, ECCL and Bella Terra
Bill Williams, Cascades Homeowners Association Board of Directors Vice President, stated that he could not get the community to buy-in on the installation of roundabouts and explained that there was a cost benefit for choosing Option A; that is what the community wanted.

5. ADJOURNMENT: 11:54 a.m.

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: _____
Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

By: _____
James R. Boesch, Mayor

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