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FINAL ACTION

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AGENDA/MINUTES

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

**Village of Estero Council Chambers
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle
Estero, FL 33928
May 15, 2019 9:30 a.m.**

6. ACTION ITEMS:

(a) Design Review Board Vacancies

Village Manager Sarkozy provided information regarding the three vacancies on the Design Review Board, noted that two applications were provided to the Council in the packet, and spoke regarding the Council determining whether to appoint the two applicants or continue the search, as well as determining how to proceed with filling the state registered landscape architect position.

Questions or Comments: Councilmembers Boesch, Levitan, Wilson, and Errington. Discussion included the difficulty finding applicants; suggestion that Council hold off on appointing Board Members until the Council discussed options at a workshop on advice provided by the expert consultants working on the Village Land Development Code; the Council had an adopted process in case a decision was made by the Board that Council did not agree with; with the exception of a state-registered landscape architect, the Board had sufficient members to function at the present time; the Village also hired a consultant for landscape architecture review and thorough landscape architectural services were being provided through Johnson Engineering; inquiry whether the Council needed to codify the action related to the hiring of the consultant; Council was able to make decisions regarding the level of landscape through review of applicant's pattern books through zoning decisions; and the need for at least one more Board Member being appointed at this time that would help to notice deficiencies.

Village Attorney Saunders responded that codification was not necessary regarding the action related to hiring the consultant and suggested that the Village continue to advertise the landscape architect opening on the website.

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Move to suspend applications until such time as the consultants working on the Village Land Development Code provide suggested alternatives on the Design Review Board ordinance in the Fall.

Motion by: Councilmember Boesch

Seconded by: Councilmember Batos

Questions or Comments: Councilmembers Batos, Levitan, Wilson, McLain, and Vice Mayor Errington. Discussion included the possibility of holding the workshop earlier rather than waiting until the Fall; the cancellation of the next Design Review Board meeting due to projects not being ready for the Board's review; qualifications of the members required by the ordinance; the importance of appointing at least one more Board Member; and lack of continuity.

Action: Suspended applications until such time as the consultants working on the Village Land Development Code provide suggested alternatives on the Design Review Board ordinance in the Fall.

Vote: (Roll call vote)

Aye: Councilmembers Levitan, Boesch, Batos, and Mayor Ribble

Nay: Councilmembers McLain, Wilson and Vice Mayor Errington

Abstentions: