

The Village of Estero Council Meeting
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9:28:23AM >>Mayor Ribble: I'd like to call the March 4, 2020 Village
9:28:27AM of Estero council meeting to order.
9:28:31AM Silence your cell phones.
9:28:32AM This morning we have Father Tony from Our Lady of Light to
9:28:39AM do invocation.
9:28:40AM Father Tony.
9:28:41AM While he is way up here, just remind everybody, the virus is
9:28:45AM going around and everybody has a lot of rumors.
9:28:48AM So let me start a rumor about our hot water.
9:28:50AM When you go to wash your hands, when you go in, turn the hot
9:28:55AM water spigot on and let it run.
9:28:57AM By the time you are done with your business, the water will
9:29:00AM be nice and hot for your soapy hands.
9:29:02AM Word to the wise.
9:29:03AM Keep us all safe.
9:29:05AM Father Tony, you are up.
9:29:06AM >> May we pray.
9:29:17AM We meet to serve our community, to use the resources wisely
9:29:21AM and well, to represent all the members of our community
9:29:24AM fairly, to make decisions that promote the common good.
9:29:28AM We recognize our responsibility to the past and to the
9:29:31AM future.
9:29:33AM And the rights and the needs of both individuals and the
9:29:36AM community.
9:29:37AM As trusted servants, we seek blessings in our deliberations
9:29:42AM and our efforts here today and may we act wisely and well
9:29:47AM and we respond amen.
9:29:50AM >>Mayor Ribble: Amen.
9:29:51AM Please join me in the pledge to the flag.
9:29:56AM [Pledge of Allegiance]
9:30:13AM >>Mayor Ribble: A madam clerk will you call the role?
9:30:20AM >>Howard Levitan: Here.
9:30:21AM >>Jon McLain: Here.
9:30:24AM >>Jim Boesch: Here.
9:30:26AM >>Nick Batos: Here.
9:30:26AM >>Kathy Hall: Council member Wilson is absent.

9:30:29AM >>Vice Mayor Errington: Here.

9:30:31AM >>Mayor Ribble: Here.

9:30:32AM Next on the agenda is the approval of the agenda.

9:30:37AM Does anyone have any deletions or additions to the agenda this morning?

9:30:37AM Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to accept the agenda as read.

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9:30:41AM >>Mayor Ribble: Second by Mr. McLain.

9:30:45AM Please call the role.

9:30:48AM >>Howard Levitan: Aye.

9:30:52AM >>Jon McLain: Aye.

9:30:54AM >>Jim Boesch: Aye.

9:30:57AM >>Nick Batos: Aye.

9:30:58AM >>Kathy Hall: Council member Wilson is absent.

9:31:01AM >>Vice Mayor Errington: Aye.

9:31:03AM >>Mayor Ribble: Aye.

9:31:05AM We're going to celebrate Women's History Month and I have accompanied the last three months by a wonderful woman my mother-in-law Connie Quinn, who's been taking care of me the last three days as my wife is in Sarasota with my daughter with the virus.

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9:31:21AM So after 44 years of marriage, my mother-in-law and I have finally bonded.

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9:31:24AM I hope you like -- she's Italian.

9:31:25AM She came from Sassano, Italy in 1950.

9:31:27AM She made me homemades one night and Cavels one night.

9:31:30AM If you like Italian food, give me a call and I will share your portions with you.

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9:31:38AM With us this morning is the executive director of PACE Meg Geltner.

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9:31:43AM Meg, where are you?

9:31:47AM Come on up.

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9:31:48AM We have a proclamation and I will give her time to talk at the end of this.

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9:31:53AM You can have everybody come up.

9:32:07AM March is Women's History Month in the United States.

9:32:10AM A time when our nation reflects on the valuable contributions women make to our society.

9:32:13AM If you don't believe that, call your mother and she'll reaffirm that position.

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9:32:30AM WHEREAS, the young women of Florida are considered to be tomorrow's leaders; and WHEREAS, it is very important that we provide young women access to the resources and opportunities they need to reach their full potential; and WHEREAS, the PACE Center for Girls is instrumental in helping promote a better future through education, counseling, training, and advocacy, in collaboration with

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9:32:30AM Florida's Department of Children and Families, Department of
9:32:30AM Education, and Department of Juvenile Justice; and WHEREAS,
9:32:30AM PACE Center for Girls, Lee County reports a 95% success rate

9:32:30AM of keeping girls out of the criminal justice system and
9:32:30AM improving the academic success of 96%.

9:33:09AM That's just fantastic.

9:33:22AM WHEREAS, women are dynamic invaluable contributors to
9:33:22AM society; and WHEREAS, March 10th is the twelfth anniversary
9:33:22AM of the Grande Dames Tea, and PACE Center for Girls of Lee
9:33:22AM County will be honoring four local women for their life long
9:33:22AM impact in business, philanthropy and community engagement,
9:33:22AM and promoting awareness of the services provided by PACE
9:33:22AM Center for Girls of Lee County.

9:33:30AM NOW; THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that the Village Council of
9:33:30AM the Village of Estero, Florida, that the month of March,
9:33:30AM 2020 shall be known, designated, and set aside as: Believing
9:33:30AM in Girls Month in Lee County.

9:33:50AM >> Village of Estero council members, thank
9:33:51AM you very much for allowing us this opportunity to address
9:33:54AM you for the first time.

9:33:56AM This is our first visit to the Village and this will not be
9:33:59AM our last.

9:34:00AM I'd like to introduce my special guest Mark Blust is our
9:34:07AM past chairman and active in the community.

9:34:11AM And Jim Nelson is on our board of directors and Margot is
9:34:15AM the glue that keeps us together and our development manager.

9:34:17AM I think Mark would like to say a word or two if that is all
9:34:21AM right.

9:34:22AM >> I will be quick.

9:34:23AM Thank you to the Village of Estero for allowing us to be
9:34:25AM here in recognition of how important the proclamation is to
9:34:28AM our girls.

9:34:29AM My name is Mark Blush.

9:34:29AM I have been involved with pace eight years.

9:34:33AM These girls come to us broken, broken more than any of us
9:34:37AM have experienced.

9:34:38AM And to see the care, the counseling and education these
9:34:42AM broken girls get while in our care for one to two years and
9:34:46AM see them develop to be community members, further their
9:34:51AM education, take on a trade is truly enriching, truly a
9:34:56AM blessing and it's why I get up every day to be a part of
9:34:59AM this wonderful organization.

9:35:00AM I thank you, again, for allowing us to be here to help
9:35:03AM separate this with us.

9:35:04AM Thank you.

9:35:05AM >>Mayor Ribble: Let's hang on a second.

9:35:06AM We want to do a picture.

9:35:08AM Let's do it in front of the dais.
9:35:12AM So we can get the council in, as well.
9:35:49AM >>Mayor Ribble: We're all set.
9:35:52AM Somebody has their glasses here.
9:35:55AM We have one more proclamation here.
9:35:58AM A you know many communities in Estero have foundations.

9:36:10AM If you picked up Gary's latest edition you announced two
9:36:14AM more foundations here in Estero that have come on-line.
9:36:19AM Community giving I think is starting to boil a pot of
9:36:25AM philanthropy that we haven't had in the last five years.
9:36:29AM I want to acknowledge one of our council people this
9:36:31AM morning.
9:36:32AM We had an outstanding Estero meeting two weeks ago.
9:36:42AM I couldn't stay for the whole meeting so Katy filled in for
9:36:45AM me and did a great job.
9:36:47AM I want to acknowledge Jim Boesch.
9:36:50AM Jim, would you come down?
9:36:51AM Jim has been instrumental in the last two years with really
9:36:58AM getting this thing grassroots driven or grown from the
9:37:03AM bottom up.
9:37:04AM I think we finally got ourself in a situation here in Estero
9:37:08AM where we can get donors.
9:37:10AM I was talking to our friends, Jim, over in -- some of our
9:37:14AM friends, I'll put it that way in Sanibel.
9:37:18AM And -- private joke.
9:37:20AM The other day about the foundations and how much they mean.
9:37:23AM As you know they opened up a new arts center for opera,
9:37:28AM theater, whatever.
9:37:30AM I was finding out from them how they raised their money.
9:37:33AM They really started kind of the same way you did with your
9:37:36AM mission with calling on folks locally in the community.
9:37:39AM Again, that's without calling on people that are going to
9:37:42AM put us in an ethics violation by calling on developers.
9:37:46AM I'm talking about individuals that donate money.
9:37:48AM So you know, I was at a meeting the other night with the
9:37:52AM ECCL focus at Dr. Canales' home where she is raising
9:37:56AM \$14 million for her new school of business over there.
9:37:59AM She already raised \$13 million.
9:38:01AM That's come from citizens in Estero and Naples.
9:38:06AM We have to continue to tap in on the resources we have here,
9:38:09AM Jim and your efforts and leadership along with Nolan have
9:38:13AM moved us along.
9:38:14AM I will read the proclamation on here.
9:38:16AM I have to put my specs on.
9:38:19AM Hold that for me for a second.
9:38:20AM Then you get three minutes at the end.
9:38:23AM That's all.

9:38:24AM I think as former mayor you are used to that three minutes,
9:38:27AM right?
9:38:28AM >> I don't know.
9:38:30AM >>Mayor Ribble:
9:38:31AM >>Mayor Ribble: Okay.
9:38:32AM Whereas council Boesch has been instrumental in the creation
9:38:35AM of the Estero Forever Foundation for a number of years and
9:38:39AM when I say that that means the last two full years he's been
9:38:42AM working on this thing.

9:38:43AM December 5, 2019, the Village of Estero council approved
9:38:47AM supporting the mission and vision of the Estero Forever
9:38:49AM Foundation as set north the document entitled executive over
9:38:55AM view of the Estero Forever Foundation and whereas the Estero
9:38:59AM Forever Foundation inaugural celebration was held on
9:39:02AM February 20th, 2020, an event that introduced the
9:39:06AM foundation's visit to enhance the Village of Estero's
9:39:10AM positive growth and whereas as a result of council member
9:39:13AM Jim Boesch dedication and efforts and the foundations and
9:39:17AM articles of celebration to date 115 people have made
9:39:21AM commitments totaling 112,000.
9:39:23AM I think the latest number of as yesterday is 113,000 but we
9:39:27AM will stay with 112 for this, Jim.
9:39:30AM Now be it proclaimed the Village of Estero, the Village of
9:39:32AM Estero, Florida, hereby recognizes and appreciates the
9:39:36AM tireless efforts and dedication of council member Jim Boesch
9:39:40AM to ensure the success of the Estero Forever Foundation and
9:39:43AM the mission of the foundation.
9:39:45AM To mobilize financial resources for the fulfillment of the
9:39:50AM vision by encouraging and facilitating generosity.
9:39:54AM Jim, Congratulations.
9:39:56AM You only get three.
9:39:58AM >>Jim Boesch: My wife is here and my son is in the
9:40:07AM background.
9:40:08AM It's a surprise to me.
9:40:09AM To be honest I had no idea this was going to happen.
9:40:13AM My thoughts on this are, we have such a wonderful community.
9:40:18AM Estero is certainly considered one of the top communities
9:40:21AM already in the state.
9:40:24AM The people in Estero are so generous and so thoughtful that
9:40:28AM this is a base that I think will work out tremendously in
9:40:32AM the future in many, many different areas of support so we
9:40:38AM can accomplish the big goals that we have in order to make
9:40:44AM the younger people represented in Estero as well as all
9:40:48AM ages.
9:40:49AM So, it's an area where we can all put together.
9:40:54AM Once in a while we have to make a little sacrifice, but I
9:40:57AM think you will find this foundation will offer many, many

9:41:00AM advantages quicker than we could accomplish it with our
9:41:03AM council.
9:41:06AM The goal is to not to abuse the budget that we have and keep
9:41:11AM our tax bases lowed ad infinitum.
9:41:21AM This is not just my effort but a total commitment of a team
9:41:25AM that worked hard to set up my wife and Joni Pavich and
9:41:31AM mayor's wife got together and pulled this together in terms
9:41:34AM of the foundation gala that we had.
9:41:38AM It is an exciting thing and an important thing.
9:41:41AM I think we probably are one of the very few communities in
9:41:44AM this area that has this foundation.
9:41:49AM I know Mayor Coviello has it in Cape Coral and that's where

9:41:56AM the incentive for me to get this moving.
9:41:59AM I'd tell you this could not have happened without the great
9:42:04AM council we have.
9:42:05AM They have a very objective mind about things that we can
9:42:10AM accomplish, and they set themselves to go forward and
9:42:14AM without their support I could not get this thing moving
9:42:17AM forward.
9:42:17AM I thank you, mayor.
9:42:19AM This is a big surprise to me.
9:42:20AM I had no idea this was going to happen but I'm grateful for
9:42:23AM the honor that you bestow on me.
9:42:32AM >>Mayor Ribble: Let's take a picture and the Boesch's gave a
9:42:36AM sizable donation to the commitment so they put their money
9:42:39AM where their mouth is.
9:42:40AM So Congratulations on that, as well.
9:42:42AM >>Mayor Ribble: Now it is time for public comment.
9:43:39AM Is anyone signed up to speak?
9:43:42AM >>Kathy Hall: Two people are signed up.
9:43:44AM The first person is Bob Dion.
9:43:47AM Can you come up to the podium and state your name and
9:43:50AM address for the record and you will have three minutes to
9:43:53AM speak.
9:43:55AM >> Bob Dion is my name.
9:43:59AM I live at 20850 Gleneagles Links Drive in Pelican Sound Golf
9:44:05AM and River Club.
9:44:05AM I will be brief.
9:44:06AM I wanted to publicly thank vice mayor Errington and David
9:44:12AM Willem for their presentations and participation in our
9:44:16AM Pelican Sound meeting, which happened a couple of weeks ago.
9:44:20AM It specifically is looking for an update on the Estero
9:44:24AM River.
9:44:25AM There were eight to ten presenters there.
9:44:28AM They continued to add more and it was a great experience
9:44:37AM talking about water quality and water flow issues.
9:44:40AM We even had a live PowerPoint presentation from Washington,

9:44:47AM D.C.
9:44:47AM So we are getting a lot of publicity there.
9:44:51AM Hopefully all good.
9:44:52AM There were 120-plus people in attendance.
9:44:55AM Pelican Sound people, other communities and other residents
9:44:59AM of Estero that were interested in the subject of the Estero
9:45:03AM River.
9:45:04AM So thank you for your presentations.
9:45:07AM >>Mayor Ribble: Thank you.
9:45:11AM >>Kathy Hall: Jacob Payne.
9:45:19AM >> Good morning.
9:45:20AM My name is Jacob Payne.
9:45:21AM I live at 17413 Newberry Lane.
9:45:26AM I want to say thank you for the opportunity to be here
9:45:28AM today.

9:45:29AM Today I will be talking about 5G.
9:45:32AM I grew up in southwest Florida area and is where I call
9:45:37AM home, as my wife and I live and work in Estero.
9:45:39AM I work in I.T.
9:45:40AM I have a bachelor's degree in physics and specialization in
9:45:43AM radiation and masters in engineering.
9:45:44AM I'm sure you have heard of the amazing benefits that 5G will
9:45:49AM bring as the commercials have been airing on TV like the
9:45:52AM Super Bowl ads.
9:45:55AM The technology will increase at an alarming rate from 5
9:45:56AM Gigahertz to 90 gigahertz which is the same frequency of
9:46:00AM military grade weapons.
9:46:01AM Because of the shorter waves of this frequency, millimeter
9:46:04AM waves, thus you need more towers closes than less farther
9:46:09AM apart.
9:46:09AM Instead of seeing cell towers every few miles, you will see
9:46:13AM towers every 500 feet.
9:46:15AM Unlike the predecessor, these new towers will not be high
9:46:18AM and large, they will be small, the size of a pizza box on a
9:46:21AM long pole.
9:46:22AM They will constantly be broadcasting unsafe levels of
9:46:25AM radiation 24/7 next to homes, churches, parks, children's
9:46:29AM schools, shopping areas beaches and more.
9:46:33AM There are 8,000 peer-reviewed studies that show harmful
9:46:37AM effects of EMF, electromagnetic frequencies, and wireless
9:46:40AM technology on human health.
9:46:42AM There are hundreds of global scientists from over 41
9:46:44AM countries have written an appeal letter to the U.N. urgently
9:46:48AM requesting the halt of the global 5G rollout due to the
9:46:52AM study and requesting more to be done.
9:46:54AM We will see spikes in cancer rates, headaches, blood and
9:46:57AM lymphatic disease, cognitive impairment and more.

9:47:02AM Our children are at a high risk due to their inner lining of
9:47:02AM the blood-brain barrier and undeveloped DNA.
9:47:09AM There have been zero federal studies on 5G.
9:47:13AM Thanks to the 96 Telecommunications Act, states cannot sue
9:47:17AM the telecom industry to remove cell towers if they are in
9:47:19AM accordance with the standards in the '90s when we used
9:47:22AM walkie-talkies and there were no iPhones.
9:47:25AM If you ask an experienced realtor, they will tell you it is
9:47:28AM way more difficult to sell homes near cell towers.
9:47:32AM Our property values are in jeopardy.
9:47:33AM You choose not to use 5G, you cannot escape the
9:47:37AM consequences.
9:47:38AM I'm not against technology innovation.
9:47:42AM I'm for it.
9:47:44AM However, this needs to be safe.
9:47:44AM Technology is a tool.
9:47:44AM We need to use it to make our lives better, not damage them.
9:47:47AM Everyone wants to be the first emerging technology, but

9:47:48AM it is the shrewd and the patient that win.
9:47:50AM Just look at Apple who is always patient and understands the
9:47:53AM landscape before making risky investments.
9:47:57AM There's a lot of legal action against 5G since the FCC is
9:48:00AM currently being sued by Robert Kennedy, Jr. over health
9:48:00AM regulations.
9:48:02AM The Florida League of Cities is filing a lawsuit against the
9:48:05AM state of Florida.
9:48:08AM The City of Naples is involved in that lawsuit.
9:48:11AM Many petitions are out. The city of Hallendale has filed a
9:48:11AM resolution against the state and
9:48:11AM Interesting the town of Palm Beach has been excused from 5G.
9:48:17AM 5G is also cheating the city of Estero and every other city.
9:48:25AM Can I have 30 more seconds?
9:48:27AM >>Mayor Ribble: How about ten?
9:48:29AM >> I don't have ten.
9:48:30AM Just one more.
9:48:32AM >>Mayor Ribble: How about you slide?
9:48:35AM We have a full agenda.
9:48:36AM I think we got the message.
9:48:38AM >> Sure.
9:48:38AM Okay.
9:48:41AM >>Kathy Hall: Jack Meeker.
9:48:45AM >> That's correct.
9:48:45AM The legislature has taken over that area of regulation.
9:48:48AM As a matter of fact, I think any place you have a light pole
9:48:51AM or other type of facility 5G tower can go on it.
9:48:57AM You have no ability to say no to that.
9:49:01AM >> Good morning.

9:49:05AM Jack Meeker, 23 Seminole Copperleaf Boulevard in Estero.
9:49:11AM I'd like to thank you councilors for all you have done in
9:49:16AM Estero.
9:49:17AM You have made this a truly great place to live.
9:49:19AM I'm asking you for one little more favor.
9:49:24AM There's a big plan for increased transportation for this
9:49:28AM part of Florida.
9:49:31AM They propose some new widening, new roads that I don't think
9:49:36AM we here in Estero need them.
9:49:40AM I think if you keep what you have been doing, thinking of
9:49:44AM Estero first, I think you would come to the same conclusion.
9:49:47AM I'd also ask you not to allow the widening of Three Oaks
9:49:51AM Parkway or Coconut Road.
9:49:54AM There again, we don't need that.
9:49:57AM Not for what we have here.
9:50:00AM I'd ask you also to continue to help preserve Edison Farms,
9:50:06AM the property that was acquired through our 2020 program.
9:50:10AM I don't trust our county.
9:50:15AM I understand you have on your agenda a widening of a road
9:50:19AM and I'll tell you, to take a ride, beach road and go down
9:50:28AM the new connection and you will find that is a terrible,

9:50:35AM terrible design.
9:50:36AM There's no place to turn off.
9:50:38AM There's no place to have a -- park your car in case of
9:50:43AM trouble.
9:50:44AM There's no lights.
9:50:45AM It's a single road.
9:50:47AM Each and every way.
9:50:49AM This is called Logan Boulevard Extension.
9:50:52AM It was done with our help from Lee County.
9:50:57AM If that is an example of what they can do, God help us on
9:51:03AM anything that is done on Ben Hill Griffin.
9:51:05AM I thank you.
9:51:07AM Good luck.
9:51:09AM >>Mayor Ribble: Is that it, Kathy.
9:51:12AM >>Kathy Hall: That's it.
9:51:13AM >>Mayor Ribble: Next on the agenda is the consent agenda.
9:51:15AM Does any of the council members have questions or comments
9:51:18AM regarding the meeting minutes and the financial report?
9:51:22AM Any comments?
9:51:24AM I'll entertain a motion to accept and approve the consent
9:51:28AM agenda, second by Mr. Bosch, please call the role.
9:51:35AM >>Kathy Hall: Council member Wilson is absent.
9:51:36AM >>Nick Batos: Aye.
9:51:45AM >>Jim Boesch: Aye.
9:51:45AM >>Jon McLain: Aye.
9:51:45AM >>Howard Levitan: Aye.

9:51:45AM >>Vice Mayor Errington: Aye.
9:51:47AM >>Mayor Ribble: Aye.
9:51:49AM Next on the agenda Corkscrew Road Ben Hill Griffin Boulevard
9:51:49AM to East of Bella Terra Boulevard.
9:51:53AM Steve, would you like to introduce it?
9:51:54AM >>Steve Sarkozy: Thank you, mayor members of council.
9:51:56AM This project is coming to you as an informational item but
9:52:02AM also a request the staff be authorized to negotiate further
9:52:06AM with Lee County on this important project.
9:52:10AM What is proposed by the county is widening Ben Hill Griffin
9:52:12AM Parkway east all the way from Ben Hill Griffin to -- sorry,
9:52:19AM widening Corkscrew from Ben Hill Griffin to Bella Terra.
9:52:23AM The county design does not match what we are doing on Estero
9:52:30AM Parkway.
9:52:31AM So, in a nutshell, we are asking the Village council to
9:52:34AM authorize us to negotiate with the county an addendum to
9:52:39AM their project that will allow us to build out Corkscrew
9:52:41AM Road, much like we are doing with Estero Parkway, in
9:52:45AM collaboration with the county.
9:52:47AM This is a big move.
9:52:48AM We don't want to jeopardize the timeline of those
9:52:51AM improvements on Corkscrew, but there's a way, we think, of
9:52:57AM doing a second phase on this project that would build out
9:53:02AM the landscaping, the street lighting and the off-road

9:53:06AM pathways on both sides to be very similar to what we have on
9:53:12AM Estero Parkway.
9:53:14AM So this is something of a conflict between our standard for
9:53:19AM development of a major CIP and the county's and we are
9:53:23AM looking for council approval to negotiate a reasonable
9:53:28AM alternative.
9:53:29AM We think the way to do that is doing a two-tier project.
9:53:33AM >>Mayor Ribble: comments from council, questions?
9:53:43AM >>Mayor Ribble: I'd make a motion that we go through and
9:53:47AM make changes to correct these.
9:53:49AM >>Mayor Ribble: Katy is seconding that one.
9:53:51AM Madam clerk, please call the role.
9:53:54AM >>Kathy Hall: No public comment.
9:53:57AM >>Mayor Ribble: I'm sorry.
9:53:58AM Lou, do you have a card?
9:54:00AM Can you fill the card out?
9:54:08AM Sorry, Lou.
9:54:10AM You are up.
9:54:11AM >> I'm up.
9:54:13AM Lou Frattarelli 202420 Black Tree Lane, Estero.
9:54:18AM I'm representing the ECCL transportation council and the
9:54:21AM East Corkscrew Alliance.
9:54:23AM We, wholeheartedly, support the village manager in the

9:54:29AM public works director getting involved.
9:54:32AM Both of the organizations I'm representing have had several
9:54:37AM meetings with LDOT and we struck out as far as getting what
9:54:46AM we think is appropriate.
9:54:49AM We have been in constant dialogue with the village manager
9:54:53AM and the public works director on what we want.
9:54:57AM We would like you to approve their getting involved.
9:55:03AM Thank you.
9:55:03AM >>Mayor Ribble: Okay.
9:55:05AM Anyone else?
9:55:07AM No.
9:55:09AM Okay.
9:55:09AM We have a motion made by council Boesch, seconded by council
9:55:15AM person Errington.
9:55:16AM Can you call the role, madam clerk.
9:55:18AM >>Kathy Hall:
9:55:19AM >>Howard Levitan: Aye.
9:55:23AM >>Jim Boesch: Aye.
9:55:28AM >>Nick Batos: Aye.
9:55:31AM >>Vice Mayor Errington: Aye.
9:55:32AM >>Mayor Ribble: Aye.
9:55:33AM Good to see Corkscrew road get moving here.
9:55:37AM It's been a long time coming.
9:55:38AM I think that is our number one project we have going
9:55:41AM following up to Estero Parkway.
9:55:43AM The next item is resolution 2020-01.
9:55:47AM Will the clerk read the title of the resolution.

9:55:51AM >> Resolution of number 2020-01, A resolution of the Village
9:55:52AM of Estero, Florida adopting the Stormwater Master Plan and
9:55:57AM providing an effective date.
9:56:02AM >>Mayor Ribble: You want to introduce this.
9:56:04AM >> Thank you, Mayor and Village council.
9:56:06AM The storm water master plan is one of our major planning
9:56:09AM elements that is foundational to the program that the city
9:56:15AM has initiated both regarding maintenance and capital
9:56:19AM improvement programs that serve the community.
9:56:22AM The Stormwater Master Plan is significant.
9:56:25AM It's the first one that came out to ensure we are protecting
9:56:30AM property and life safety issues throughout the community.
9:56:33AM We never formally adopted even though it was the first one.
9:56:37AM So, the recommendation is that we adopt this.
9:56:42AM There's no changes really from what you have seen in the
9:56:45AM past, other than the fact it comes to me for formal adoption
9:56:52AM by the council.
9:56:53AM As we move forward, we will constantly revisit this and all
9:56:56AM of the other master plans so that the decisions that you are
9:56:59AM making are based on sound studies, professional studies that

9:57:07AM predate any work that's out there.

9:57:10AM So these are really important in terms of how we look at

9:57:13AM projects throughout the community.

9:57:16AM So, this comes to you with a recommendation for formal

9:57:20AM adoption, even though you saw it a year and a half, two

9:57:25AM years ago.

9:57:25AM >>Mayor Ribble: Council, any questions?

9:57:31AM I've gone through this extensively.

9:57:33AM I think it is a good document, well put together.

9:57:35AM My only concern I have is the priority of the ten projects

9:57:39AM that we have.

9:57:40AM I realize we have a CIP that we will be working on later

9:57:44AM today, but for the record, the railroad ditch is number ten

9:57:53AM priority.

9:57:55AM That in my mind, as part of my district, is a high priority.

9:58:01AM I think the document is fine but my concern is when we go to

9:58:05AM the CIP it would make sure we have adequate funds to

9:58:09AM maintain the clearance of that ditch because it does affect

9:58:14AM 1600 homes or so in my district.

9:58:17AM We know from Irma that we had problems with the ditch not

9:58:21AM flowing properly.

9:58:23AM So the priority as number ten is a concern to me.

9:58:34AM >>Steve Sarkozy: You are right and one of the dilemmas in

9:58:36AM the report is that we list in numerical order these

9:58:40AM projects.

9:58:40AM They were not necessarily listed in priority.

9:58:43AM So, as on all of your master plans you will have projects

9:58:50AM that are identified.

9:58:53AM Some have a priority, but others don't.

9:58:56AM In this case, we are working on that ditch as a priority.

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9:59:08AM However, it's a very expensive fix, and it's one we will be

9:59:11AM very mindful of.

9:59:14AM The area there, north of the river and east of U.S. -41 is

9:59:16AM entirely flat.

9:59:21AM So the only drainage that we get is along the historical

9:59:26AM flow way of the Seminole Railroad ditch that runs, obviously

9:59:28AM parallel to the Seminole rail line.

9:59:33AM The Seminole Railroad has no interest in maintaining the

9:59:33AM ditch.

9:59:34AM They don't care.

9:59:37AM Their railroad is plenty high above that, but when we don't

9:59:42AM get flow through that historical flow way it backs up and

9:59:46AM creates a problem, as council member McLain mentioned

9:59:50AM affecting a lot of our homes and I think it goes beyond even

9:59:51AM 1600 homes.

9:59:55AM We are in discussions with the Seminole Railroad trying to

find a fix to that.

9:59:56AM In the past we have gone into that area, under an emergency
10:00:00AM order, to correct it but that's not the way to do business
10:00:06AM long term.
10:00:06AM So we are trying to find a better fix.
10:00:08AM >>Mayor Ribble: Any other comments?
10:00:10AM Howard?
10:00:12AM >>Howard Levitan: The railroad runs throughout Estero to
10:00:16AM multiple districts.
10:00:17AM In fact, the flow on the restaurant goes in different
10:00:20AM directions, depending which district you are on.
10:00:23AM It's critical to the whole village, not just district 3.
10:00:28AM So, I think it is really important that we focus in on that.
10:00:33AM The other aspect of the Stormwater Master Plan is that I
10:00:39AM found critical was not just the ten projects that they list
10:00:42AM but the data that is listed in the report, starting on page
10:00:49AM 148.
10:00:51AM That data shows us what the impact will be when, for
10:00:57AM example, 300-acres of village center land gets developed.
10:01:01AM We now have a way of determining whether or not what the
10:01:09AM impact will be on existing communities when we develop
10:01:13AM vacant land.
10:01:16AM That's really critical knowledge that we didn't have before
10:01:21AM that we now have and will have to be a part of our zoning
10:01:24AM decisions on the Village center.
10:01:25AM There's important stuff in here.
10:01:31AM I look forward to documenting this formally and we should
10:01:35AM move ahead and do that.
10:01:36AM >>Mayor Ribble: Any other comments from council?
10:01:38AM Jim?
10:01:47AM >>Jim Boesch: I'd like to mention, one of the solutions that
10:01:49AM will be helpful is trying to become --
10:01:52AM [Inaudible]
10:01:53AM Which is more of a local situation rather than this massive

10:01:57AM situation with South Florida management.
10:02:00AM We, the mayor from Bonita Springs and myself are continuing
10:02:07AM to work.
10:02:08AM Steve is helping us out but it is so important with a
10:02:11AM document like this here that you talk to people who run into
10:02:16AM water problems, being able to bring this, which we did to
10:02:19AM them and they see we are sincere at how we are looking at
10:02:24AM water problems, not just looking to come and take money and
10:02:28AM do other things.
10:02:30AM So, our council helped us with the commissioners in the
10:02:37AM county and in the period we will be able to solve the
10:02:42AM problems and join in.
10:02:46AM It is so important that we have this document that they see
10:02:49AM we are serious about how we are addressing our water

10:02:52AM problems and be willing to work with them.

10:02:54AM I want you to -- I don't want you to get discouraged.

10:02:58AM We're not going to quit on this project.

10:03:00AM It is a longer project than we imagined.

10:03:08AM We will join with them and be a big solution for us locally.

10:03:11AM >>Mayor Ribble: Any other comments from council.

10:03:13AM Seconded with by McLain.

10:03:25AM Call the role.

10:03:26AM >>Kathy Hall: Council member Wilson is absent.

10:03:26AM >>Nick Batos: Aye.

10:03:26AM >>Jim Boesch: Aye.

10:03:26AM >>Jon McLain: Aye.

10:03:33AM >>Howard Levitan:: Aye.

10:03:34AM >>Vice Mayor Errington: Aye.

10:03:36AM >>Mayor Ribble: Aye.

10:03:38AM Next item on the agenda is consideration of the lien mitigation request from Racetrac Petroleum, Inc.

10:03:40AM mitigation request from Racetrac Petroleum, Inc.

10:03:46AM >> This is the second discussion we have had before council regarding the lien mitigation related to Racetrac Petroleum, Inc. on U.S. -41 just north of the Coconut Point Ford.

10:03:52AM This came to council at the February 19th council meeting.

10:03:54AM You referred it back to staff.

10:04:01AM There's been considerable discussion with staff, the city attorney's office and the folks at Racetrac.

10:04:05AM This comes back to you, in a nutshell, with a recommendation that the city accept \$12,000, plus administrative costs for the correction of the code violations, primarily sign violations at the Racetrac location.

10:04:06AM The total fines against Racetrac amounted to \$188,000.

10:04:07AM The only way that we could get compliance is to actually bring a claim formally against them before a magistrate.

10:04:17AM There's a suggested settlement here that we think we have gotten the attention of Racetrac.

10:04:19AM >>Mayor Ribble: Council questions or comments?

10:04:22AM Anyone signed up from the public?

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10:05:10AM Okay.

10:05:11AM I'll entertain a motion regarding this agenda item.

10:05:14AM Jim, seconded by -- second it?

10:05:34AM >> I'd like to amend it to \$15,000.

10:05:37AM >>Mayor Ribble: Second on that one?

10:05:38AM >> There was a motion to accept the settlement as proposed.

10:05:41AM The motion and second are agreed to raise the fine to 15,000.

10:05:44AM That would be the motion.

10:05:45AM Won't be two motions.

10:05:47AM >>Mayor Ribble: just the one.

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10:05:51AM 15,000.
10:05:52AM >>Mayor Ribble: Madam clerk, please call the role.
10:05:57AM >>Howard Levitan: Aye.
10:06:01AM >>Jon McLain: Aye.
10:06:02AM >>Jim Boesch: Aye.
10:06:04AM >>Nick Batos: Aye.
10:06:07AM >>Kathy Hall: Council member Wilson is absent.
10:06:10AM >>Vice Mayor Errington: Aye.
10:06:12AM >>Mayor Ribble: Aye.
10:06:14AM Steve, good job.
10:06:19AM >> Thank you very much.
10:06:20AM Steve Hartsell here on Racetrac.
10:06:26AM I confess I'm a little bit confused.
10:06:27AM Was that a motion to approve the first motion for \$12,000?
10:06:32AM >>Mayor Ribble: No, sir.
10:06:33AM What is on the record is to make a counteroffer in
10:06:39AM \$15,000 instead of 12,000.
10:06:42AM You can accept that or not but that was the motion passed.
10:06:45AM It is basically a counteroffer.
10:06:49AM >> I will accept the counteroffer on behalf of Racetrac.
10:06:55AM >>Mayor Ribble: Thank you very much.
10:06:57AM Burt, that's it, right?
10:07:00AM >> I hope the message is clear that we are more stringent
10:07:07AM than other people on designs and everything else but they
10:07:10AM have to comply with what we want in Estero.
10:07:14AM Probably do more business because everything is coming to
10:07:16AM Estero anyhow.
10:07:18AM Please ask them to make sure our code enforcement guy
10:07:21AM doesn't have to be visiting them every two weeks, taking
10:07:24AM down signs just because we agreed we'll settle the case for
10:07:29AM \$15,000.
10:07:31AM >> The message has been received loud and clear.
10:07:33AM Thank you very much.
10:07:34AM >>Mayor Ribble: Thank you, Steve.
10:07:36AM Thank you for coming back today.
10:07:38AM The next item on the agenda is disposal items at
10:07:45AM Happehatchee Center property.
10:07:47AM Steve.
10:07:47AM >>Steve Sarkozy: This item, item 7-d references the newly

10:07:53AM acquired property that has been called the Happehatchee
10:07:57AM Center.
10:07:59AM The Village took over this property at the first of the year
10:08:02AM and as part of our takeover of the property, now under fee
10:08:07AM title ownership by the Village, we are going in and cleaning
10:08:11AM up the parcel.
10:08:13AM So this was a very gracious donation by the Happehatchee
10:08:16AM Center to the Village on the premise that we keep the

10:08:20AM property for the primary purpose of environmental
10:08:24AM preservation and environmental education.
10:08:26AM The way the Happehatchee Center used the property, they had
10:08:33AM a lot of stuff laying around that we don't want just laying
10:08:38AM around.
10:08:39AM We'd like to clean it up and do a better job of maintaining
10:08:42AM the property.
10:08:43AM So, in the spirit of absolute transparency, we wanted to put
10:08:47AM this forward to let people know what we are going to get rid
10:08:52AM of.
10:08:53AM Because there are some little things that probably have
10:08:56AM marginal value.
10:08:57AM We just want it out of there.
10:08:58AM We have been coordinating this with the city attorney's
10:09:04AM office.
10:09:05AM This totally complies with our policies of dispositioning of
10:09:11AM property, but we are putting it before the council so there
10:09:14AM is a complete track record.
10:09:16AM Some of these items are relatively minor, but we think this
10:09:21AM is the best way to move forward so if someone sees something
10:09:25AM that has gone you realize why.
10:09:32AM >> Is there anything that the public.
10:09:36AM >>Mayor Ribble: Howard, please get recognized by the chair.
10:09:43AM >>Howard Levitan: Anything that the public may want as a
10:09:45AM souvenir or?
10:09:47AM >>Steve Sarkozy: I don't think so.
10:09:49AM That is a subjective, very subjective question, but things
10:09:54AM like the pots, some of the -- they had a planting program,
10:09:58AM some of the garden groups were trying to give that away to
10:10:03AM the groups that would maybe use it.
10:10:06AM But the rest of it is mostly junk and things that we can't
10:10:11AM use.
10:10:15AM >> Mr. Mayor?
10:10:16AM I noticed item 109 is hand sanitizer.
10:10:19AM You may want to keep that one.
10:10:22AM >>Mayor Ribble: Item 109.
10:10:25AM Keep comedians out of work.
10:10:27AM Our attorney is trying to branch out a bit.
10:10:31AM Any other comments from council?
10:10:35AM >> I've been involved in some options in real estate.
10:10:38AM I think the issue with this property is if you had an option
10:10:41AM there they are probably limited parking in that area.

10:10:44AM Just looking at the list, it's hard to tell if any of these
10:10:48AM items have any value.
10:10:49AM I hate to throw things away if there is any value to anybody
10:10:54AM to buy it.
10:10:56AM But I look at the logistics of getting people in and out of

10:11:01AM the site could be a hazard on its own.
10:11:08AM What's your opinion?
10:11:10AM >> I think you are right.
10:11:11AM There's not much value, if any.
10:11:13AM It's really de minimis amounts on an individual basis and to
10:11:19AM pull off an auction, I don't think the return is worth it
10:11:24AM for what we are talking about.
10:11:26AM >>Mayor Ribble: Any other comments?
10:11:28AM Katy?
10:11:30AM >>Vice Mayor Errington: I have been on that property
10:11:31AM numerous times.
10:11:33AM There's an understanding with what needs to be kept.
10:11:38AM It is a couple of items.
10:11:39AM You are aware of that.
10:11:42AM Anything that has to do with Ellen Peterson.
10:11:45AM So we know that.
10:11:47AM But the rest of it is like, we don't need a storage facility
10:11:52AM to put that stuff in.
10:11:53AM So let's just get rid of it.
10:11:56AM I'm in total agreement with just getting rid of it and
10:11:59AM cleaning up the place.
10:12:01AM It's a marvelous gift.
10:12:03AM For those who do not know, that was a gift to the Village
10:12:07AM 4.5-acres of property that pulls together the property that
10:12:14AM the Village purchased a year ago.
10:12:16AM It's a beautiful gift.
10:12:18AM It has a lot of potential to do, to be a great benefit to
10:12:23AM the community.
10:12:25AM We don't want to be -- we're government lite, we don't need
10:12:31AM to put this stuff -- it's just stuff.
10:12:33AM So get rid of it.
10:12:35AM I'd say just let -- you know how to do it.
10:12:39AM We have all had to do cleaning to move, and that's what we
10:12:43AM are doing here, cleaning to move and get the property ready
10:12:47AM for whatever comes next.
10:12:49AM >>Mayor Ribble: Any other comments from council?
10:12:51AM Okay.
10:12:51AM How about public?
10:12:52AM Has anyone from the public signed up?
10:12:54AM >>Kathy Hall: No one has signed up for this item.
10:12:56AM >>Mayor Ribble: I will entertain a motion regarding this
10:12:58AM agenda item, Katy seconded by Jim Boesch.
10:13:02AM Madam clerk, please call the role.
10:13:05AM >>Kathy Hall: Council man Wilson is absent.
10:13:12AM >>Nick Batos: Aye.

10:13:12AM >>Jim Boesch: Aye.
10:13:12AM >>Jon McLain: Aye.

10:13:12AM >>Howard Levitan: Aye.
10:13:12AM >>Vice Mayor Errington: Aye.
10:13:13AM >>Mayor Ribble: Aye.
10:13:16AM The next are item on the agenda is the Design Review Board
10:13:22AM appointments and chairman appointments.
10:13:25AM Steve.
10:13:25AM >>Steve Sarkozy: This item is somewhat routine in the sense
10:13:30AM that we offer opportunities for reappointment to some of our
10:13:34AM boards.
10:13:34AM That's the case here.
10:13:37AM We're suggesting that board members William Glass and Mike
10:13:41AM Sheeley be reappointed.
10:13:45AM And we will have to do some other things long term with
10:13:48AM regard to membership here, but they are suggested to be
10:13:52AM reappointed for a two-year term to expire March 31, 2022.
10:13:58AM And then we're also suggesting that there be an appointment
10:14:02AM for the chair for one-year period.
10:14:06AM So, Mary Gibbs, our director of community development is
10:14:10AM here if you have any questions, but this comes to you with a
10:14:14AM recommendation for approval.
10:14:15AM >>Mayor Ribble: Council, any questions?
10:14:19AM >>Howard Levitan: Just a comment.
10:14:20AM I think we ought to go ahead and do that.
10:14:23AM As you are aware, as we were redrafting the Land Development
10:14:27AM Code, this is a part of the changes that will be proffering
10:14:33AM in that document we had the consultants from North Carolina
10:14:38AM here two days last week, Thursday and Friday, in all-day
10:14:42AM meetings and they have made some suggestions about this.
10:14:46AM As we discussed that and we will be drafting up something to
10:14:53AM both put in the Land Development Code, but because this may
10:14:57AM be something we may need to do earlier we may do this as a
10:15:02AM separate ordinance amendment to our existing ordinances.
10:15:07AM We're not ready to really flesh that out yet.
10:15:11AM I think the property thing would be to move forward and
10:15:14AM reappoint the Design Review Board and planning board for the
10:15:18AM next item.
10:15:19AM Just move ahead with that, with the understanding that
10:15:22AM changes might come sooner rather than later.
10:15:25AM >>Mayor Ribble: Any other comments on this item?
10:15:28AM Public comments?
10:15:30AM >>Kathy Hall: No one signed up.
10:15:31AM >>Mayor Ribble: No one signed up.
10:15:32AM Entertain a motion regarding this agenda item.
10:15:37AM >>Kathy Hall: Clarification, however.
10:15:41AM >> I move that we are just reappoint the board members bill
10:15:45AM glass and Mike Sheeley for terms expiring March 31, 2022.
10:15:51AM And appoint the chairman -- reappoint bill glass as the
10:16:00AM chairman.

10:16:02AM >> Barry Jones.
10:16:06AM >>Howard Levitan: You are right.
10:16:07AM >>Mayor Ribble: You second that?
10:16:08AM Madam clerk, please call the role.
10:16:13AM >>Kathy Hall: Just to make sure staff understands, we are
10:16:15AM not going to advertise at this point then?
10:16:18AM >>Mayor Ribble: Not going to do anything.
10:16:21AM >>Howard Levitan: Aye.
10:16:24AM >>Jon McLain: Aye.
10:16:27AM >>Jim Boesch: Aye.
10:16:28AM >>Nick Batos: Aye.
10:16:29AM >>Kathy Hall: Council member Wilson is absent.
10:16:34AM >>Vice Mayor Errington: Aye.
10:16:34AM >>Mayor Ribble: Aye.
10:16:34AM Next on the agenda is planning and zoning board appointments
10:16:40AM and chairman appointment.
10:16:42AM >>Steve Sarkozy: This is similar to the previous item but
10:16:44AM deals with the planning and zoning board.
10:16:47AM In this case we have two board members, Anthony Gargano and
10:16:51AM John Yarbrough whose terms expire at the end of March and
10:16:57AM they are recommended for reappointment.
10:17:00AM Their term would expire March 31, 2023.
10:17:07AM It is recommended that we reappoint the chairperson at this
10:17:10AM time, Scotty Wood, for a one-year term.
10:17:14AM So this comes with a recommendation for approval.
10:17:17AM >>Mayor Ribble: Any comments from council?
10:17:19AM Howard.
10:17:20AM >>Howard Levitan: I'd just make a motion if I can to
10:17:23AM reappoint board members Anthony Gargano and John Yarbrough
10:17:30AM for three-year terms expiring March 31, 2023, to reappoint
10:17:36AM chairman Scotty Wood for one-year term.
10:17:40AM And not to readvertise at this point.
10:17:44AM >>Mayor Ribble: You seconding that?
10:17:47AM Anyone for public comment before we vote?
10:17:49AM Madam clerk will you call the role?
10:17:50AM >>Kathy Hall: Council member Wilson is absent.
10:17:54AM >>Nick Batos: Aye.
10:17:55AM >>Jim Boesch: Aye.
10:17:59AM >>Jon McLain: Aye.
10:18:00AM >>Howard Levitan: Aye.
10:18:02AM >>Vice Mayor Errington: Aye.
10:18:04AM >>Mayor Ribble: Aye.
10:18:06AM We have the second reading of ordinance 2020-02 amending the
10:18:13AM transitional Land Development Code.
10:18:16AM This is a public hearing and public comment will be taken at
10:18:18AM this hearing.
10:18:20AM Madam clerk, has the ordinance been properly advertised?

10:18:28AM >>Kathy Hall: 2020-02, amending the transitional development
10:18:32AM code, chapter 2, Article VI, impact fees, division 2 roads
10:18:37AM impact fees by amending section 2-264(B) definitions

10:18:41AM providing for conflict, providing for severability and
10:18:44AM providing an effective date.

10:18:45AM >>Mayor Ribble: Mary, you have a presentation on this?
10:18:52AM >> This is the second reading and you have seen it before.
10:18:55AM We are making a change to the ordinance to clarify we can
10:18:58AM use money for Mike ped type projects in addition to road
10:19:03AM projects that could include stand-alone projects and we are
10:19:06AM doing the amendment now because in the upcoming CIP David
10:19:09AM Willems has some plans for some projects this could apply
10:19:13AM to.
10:19:13AM So it's a pretty simple amendment.
10:19:18AM >>Mayor Ribble: Council any questions for Mary?
10:19:21AM Council have any questions for our attorney?
10:19:24AM Okay.
10:19:25AM I'll open the hearing for public comment.
10:19:28AM If you would like to make a comment, please fill out a
10:19:30AM speaker card and give it to the Village clerk when you come
10:19:33AM to the podium state your name and address for the record.
10:19:36AM Public comment will be limited to three minutes.
10:19:39AM Anyone sign up.
10:19:41AM >>Kathy Hall: No one signed up.
10:19:42AM >>Mayor Ribble: I will now close the public comment portion
10:19:45AM of this hearing.
10:19:46AM The council members wish to discuss the ordinance?
10:19:50AM Do I have a motion for ordinance 2020-02?
10:19:57AM Jon, second by Nick Batos.
10:19:59AM Clerk, call the role.
10:20:02AM >>Howard Levitan: Aye.
10:20:05AM >>Jon McLain: Aye.
10:20:06AM >>Jim Boesch: Aye.
10:20:08AM >>Nick Batos: Aye.
10:20:09AM >>Kathy Hall: Council member Wilson is absent.
10:20:10AM >>Vice Mayor Errington: Aye.
10:20:13AM >>Mayor Ribble: We will take comments not on the agenda.
10:20:15AM Anyone signed up to speak on non-agenda items?
10:20:20AM Now we will hear from council member updates.
10:20:24AM Councilman Batos.
10:20:30AM >>Nick Batos: I'd like to bring up an observation.
10:20:34AM [Inaudible]
10:20:46AM >>Nick Batos: I want to make a comment about -- like my
10:20:50AM wife.
10:20:53AM >>Mayor Ribble: It's Women's History Month.
10:20:55AM Oh, my goodness.
10:20:56AM Please make a note of that.

10:21:00AM >>Nick Batos: We did a lot of work and planning on U.S. -41
10:21:03AM on the landscaping.
10:21:05AM I really think that it is a shame it has gone so long and
10:21:09AM looks so poorly.
10:21:10AM I know there's been a problem with the contractor, but I
10:21:13AM don't know if this is going to go on forever but I think the

10:21:16AM staff should look at it and see what can be done.
10:21:19AM Part of it has not been completed and the part that has been
10:21:22AM completed, part of it is dying.
10:21:26AM >>Mayor Ribble: Well, the shame of it is, I just signed a
10:21:30AM check as Lisa knows, for \$891,000 the other day for a big
10:21:35AM portion of the payment for this landscaping.
10:21:41AM >>Nick Batos: I don't know why we would be paying at all if
10:21:44AM it is not done properly.
10:21:47AM >>Mayor Ribble: Steve, you have to look at that.
10:21:48AM We still have a balance.
10:21:49AM Before we go rushing to the checkbook we want to get this
10:21:52AM straightened out.
10:21:54AM >>Steve Sarkozy: Frankly, the work out there, the quality of
10:21:57AM the work has been poor and the follow through has been poor.
10:22:01AM We have been subject to a low bid.
10:22:03AM I'm not hesitant to even say it publicly but it's not been a
10:22:09AM great project.
10:22:10AM I appreciate your comments here.
10:22:13AM We are frustrated.
10:22:14AM If there is a saving grace, the contract did include that
10:22:21AM the contractor is obligated to maintain the vegetation for a
10:22:26AM two-year period.
10:22:28AM So if there is any loss of stock out there they have to come
10:22:33AM back but that's not giving us a quality project, which is
10:22:38AM what we are all looking for.
10:22:41AM >>Nick Batos: To followup, I understand the problem but if
10:22:43AM the contractor is not doing the work now, why are we going
10:22:47AM to expect he will do it the next two years, and further
10:22:50AM more, I don't know where that check is, that \$800,000 check,
10:22:54AM but if it's not in the mail I wouldn't put it in the mail.
10:22:57AM >>Mayor Ribble: You are a little late, my friend.
10:23:05AM >>Jon McLain: Can I comment on that?
10:23:06AM >>Mayor Ribble: Go ahead, Jon.
10:23:10AM >>Jon McLain: I echo the concern.
10:23:12AM How do we get a two-year maintenance from them?
10:23:16AM I think we should hold back the cost of the expected
10:23:19AM landscaping costs, hold that in an escrow account until the
10:23:24AM two-year period is up and then pay it or pay it over the
10:23:27AM two-year period.
10:23:33AM >>Mayor Ribble: We owe.
10:23:37AM >>Jon McLain: I'd hold some in an escrow account due to

10:23:42AM their lack of performance to date.
10:23:47AM >>Mayor Ribble: All right.
10:23:48AM >>Steve Sarkozy: We will talk to the attorney's office here
10:23:51AM about legal remedies.
10:23:53AM >>Mayor Ribble: A big legal day for us today.
10:23:56AM More coming.
10:23:59AM Jim?
10:24:06AM >>Jim Boesch: I'd like to mention that our mayor is working
10:24:08AM night and day with one of the directors of the Florida

10:24:14AM League of Cities and in conjunction with that and this major
10:24:22AM pandemic that is coming, the Coronavirus, I think it is
10:24:25AM imperative for us to be out in front of this.
10:24:31AM Steve, we definitely need to be having a message on our
10:24:37AM website of how this thing can be approached.
10:24:42AM What we are going to do before the panic comes.
10:24:44AM If we can make sure they understand we are working with it.
10:24:49AM Two things I recommend, today in conjunction with the
10:24:53AM Florida League of Cities they sent us a message on the
10:25:00AM website where we can project to our residents resources and
10:25:06AM how they should approach this and so forth.
10:25:10AM I would suggest that you take this particular message they
10:25:14AM send us and put it on our website so the people are aware
10:25:18AM and any questions they have with a big announcement about
10:25:25AM Corona.
10:25:26AM I would make it Coronavirus alert.
10:25:28AM So they have any access to something, information and the
10:25:36AM knowledge that we are looking to see how we can make sure
10:25:40AM they are going to be addressing their problems.
10:25:46AM The second thing is we get people from Lee Memorial to tell
10:25:54AM us what is the plan.
10:25:55AM Are they all in place?
10:25:57AM And what would somebody do if they even thought they had the
10:26:00AM virus?
10:26:02AM So that we don't get struck down by all of a sudden there
10:26:05AM are ten people in Estero who have Coronavirus and they are
10:26:08AM all walking around in a circle and we don't have the answers
10:26:12AM for them.
10:26:16AM >> We talked to staff about putting those updates already on
10:26:19AM the website.
10:26:20AM They have to go through a scrub process where they are made
10:26:24AM handicap accessible.
10:26:26AM I'm not sure they have been posted yet, but that's already
10:26:28AM our intent.
10:26:29AM In terms of responding, respectfully I suggest this one goes
10:26:38AM beyond what Estero can do because the issue is far bigger
10:26:42AM than us.
10:26:43AM I don't know that there is anything we can do specifically.

10:26:53AM >>Jim Boesch: I think first of all, it isn't beyond what
10:26:56AM Estero can do because the people in Estero will be asking us
10:26:59AM and we don't want to say well, this is way beyond what we
10:27:03AM can advise you.
10:27:05AM First of all, I'm just telling you, look up this website
10:27:08AM that was put on ours and you will see they have some
10:27:12AM answers, which is at least the beginning start for us.
10:27:15AM I think we should call Larry and say, what is Lee Memorial's
10:27:23AM program that they have for Coronavirus.
10:27:25AM At least that information would be available at least on our
10:27:31AM website so people now asking questions about this will say
10:27:34AM we're not just putting it off and not addressing this.

10:27:39AM We should be ahead of this, not wait until everything comes
10:27:42AM and hits us all at once.
10:27:45AM I am strongly urging we address this, at least with
10:27:49AM information, on our website so if somebody does call it says
10:27:57AM there's a municipality that certainly is giving us
10:28:06AM information now rather than everything is --
10:28:09AM >>Steve Sarkozy: Council member Errington had also asked
10:28:13AM about the issue.
10:28:14AM We didn't put anything on the agenda thinking that it was
10:28:17AM something that goes beyond our capacity to respond.
10:28:22AM To the extent we can forward information, we will try to do
10:28:26AM that.
10:28:26AM >>Mayor Ribble: I was telling some of these folks -- I was
10:28:29AM at a political event.
10:28:30AM Nick was there on Friday night.
10:28:32AM And Therese Everly, as you know is with the Lee Memorial
10:28:40AM Hospital board and she was at the event and we spent 20
10:28:45AM minutes with her and she was giving us an update from her
10:28:49AM perspective, which is really in line with what Jim is
10:28:53AM talking about.
10:28:53AM Just telling you the dos and continues.
10:28:57AM She is saying wearing a mask is a joke.
10:29:00AM It doesn't mean anything.
10:29:01AM It is fashionable but doesn't mean anything.
10:29:02AM The mask isn't going to protect you from catching this.
10:29:07AM It's really made for folks to wear that have the disease.
10:29:10AM So if you see somebody wearing a mask, go oh, my God, do
10:29:14AM they have the disease or what's going on?
10:29:16AM I think, Burt, you had that question with a lady with you at
10:29:21AM the L.A. airport coming over here.
10:29:22AM A lady had all of her stuff on and he didn't know what was
10:29:28AM going on.
10:29:29AM She is saying poo, poo on the mask.
10:29:34AM You have to wash your hands with hot water.
10:29:36AM It doesn't mean I go in, in a hurry.

10:29:39AM You go to our men's room here and you have to turn on the
10:29:43AM water a minute before it is hot.
10:29:46AM I don't know where the hot water heater is, maybe two
10:29:49AM buildings down but it takes forever to get hot water.
10:29:52AM At home it is the same thing, wash your hands with hot water
10:29:55AM and then wash them.
10:29:57AM If you have hand sanitizer.
10:29:59AM My wife has 20 of these things all over the place.
10:30:02AM You have to use hand sanitizers.
10:30:04AM You don't have to shake hands with everybody.
10:30:07AM I give them the knuckle bump.
10:30:09AM That's it.
10:30:10AM At the church I go to they tell you don't shake hands.
10:30:14AM Nobody shakes hands.
10:30:15AM All of these things we can list that are common sense but

10:30:18AM people don't think about them.
10:30:19AM Everybody is in a hurry.
10:30:20AM I go over to Duff's and many the men's room and everybody is
10:30:27AM in a hurry.
10:30:28AM The guy in front of me is washing his hands with cold water.
10:30:31AM What's the story with that?
10:30:33AM We have to use our heads.
10:30:34AM When we see somebody, grab the manager and say, it's a
10:30:39AM restaurant.
10:30:39AM Don't you think we should have hot water.
10:30:41AM Bring it up.
10:30:43AM Like if you see something say something.
10:30:46AM If you feel cold water, complain.
10:30:49AM There is no harm in having it on our website.
10:30:52AM I think it shows we care about the public.
10:30:54AM We have to take this thing on one bite of the apple at a
10:30:58AM time.
10:30:59AM We can't do a shotgun approach.
10:31:00AM I want has to start in each and every community having the
10:31:03AM right behaviors.
10:31:04AM I think that helps your cause because I think it is a good
10:31:07AM one.
10:31:08AM Is that it.
10:31:09AM >>Jim Boesch: Yes.
10:31:10AM >>Mayor Ribble: You are up.
10:31:12AM >> I'm depending on Alex to inform us on everything.
10:31:18AM >>Mayor Ribble: He had a mask on the other night.
10:31:20AM Said it didn't work.
10:31:22AM I was watching the show.
10:31:24AM >> It is for people already sick.
10:31:29AM >>Mayor Ribble: You are our favorite guy.
10:31:30AM When Fox comes here we tell him the same thing, though.

10:31:35AM >>Vice Mayor Errington: I want to reiterate what council
10:31:40AM member Batos said about the landscaping.
10:31:43AM I had talked to David Willems a few days ago, probably a few
10:31:48AM weeks ago and it is bad.
10:31:52AM It's bad.
10:31:54AM Those black lilies aren't getting any better and the Purple
10:31:58AM Queens.
10:31:58AM Remember when we had the Kimley-Horn came in and the
10:32:06AM consultants and the one end of Estero, the south end and the
10:32:10AM north, they were supposed to mirror each other.
10:32:13AM There's no mirroring of anything there.
10:32:15AM It's -- I don't know.
10:32:19AM I get the impression when I drive from Corkscrew going north
10:32:25AM they decided to go through the nursery and pick up any
10:32:28AM plants they could find to plant.
10:32:30AM And those lilies are too many.
10:32:34AM There are too unhealthy.
10:32:36AM As long as we have waited, five years to get that, that's a

10:32:43AM big disappointment for me.
10:32:45AM That was really going to be something really, really nice.
10:32:51AM I'm so disappointed.
10:32:57AM We can go back and make them do what they are supposed to
10:33:00AM do.
10:33:00AM I think if we are leaders in the community we say you do it.
10:33:04AM Don't pay them another cent until they get it done properly.
10:33:09AM That means pulling up those plants and replanting and
10:33:12AM putting mulch down and making sure the irrigation works and
10:33:16AM not leaving us.
10:33:17AM They were supposed to have had this finished in January.
10:33:20AM That's when they started in October that we were told, and
10:33:23AM then we go into February and now we're into March.
10:33:28AM I don't see -- nobody's been out there on that median doing
10:33:33AM anything from Corkscrew on for five weeks, at least five
10:33:38AM weeks.
10:33:39AM So, that's my soap box on that.
10:33:44AM The Sprouts is coming along across the district four.
10:33:48AM Sprouts, I think, is going to be one of the most beautiful
10:33:54AM stores in Estero.
10:33:56AM I have to give the Design Review Board credit I watched how
10:34:04AM they worked with the developer and how they were trying to
10:34:07AM get that particular store designed.
10:34:10AM It's really looking good.
10:34:12AM I hope it doesn't disappoint me but it is becoming a
10:34:16AM beautiful store.
10:34:18AM That's it.
10:34:21AM >>Mayor Ribble: Even though Sprouts isn't in district three,
10:34:26AM I do look at it and it is really beautiful.

10:34:28AM Looks like a beautiful building.

10:34:34AM >>Jon McLain: I cross the street is an Aldi's going up.

10:34:37AM I see the roof being constructed.

10:34:39AM And I can't tell you right now what it will look like but I

10:34:43AM think it will be the best looking Aldi's they have.

10:34:47AM On another subject, unlike 41 landscaping, Estero Parkway is

10:34:51AM coming along very well.

10:34:53AM David could probably correct me if I'm wrong, but I think

10:34:56AM they are moving along at a very good pace.

10:34:58AM Yesterday it looked like they are widening the street on

10:35:04AM each side one foot and they are in the process of doing that

10:35:08AM right now.

10:35:08AM So far what I see as I drive by and go home, they are doing

10:35:13AM a quality job there.

10:35:14AM Looks like they are moving at a good pace.

10:35:16AM My concern that I have with it, we are now posting

10:35:20AM construction zones, when they put the cones out and I think

10:35:25AM that is helping 90% of the traffic slowing down.

10:35:29AM We don't have a speed limit posted, but we want to keep them

10:35:33AM at 45 or you get a double whammy on your ticket.

10:35:38AM The concern that I have, I see even during construction

10:35:41AM hours, I see pedestrians walking on parts of the sidewalks

10:35:45AM that are already installed.

10:35:47AM This morning, coming to this meeting, I saw a lone bicycle

10:35:53AM rider out there in the middle of the construction zone

10:35:57AM driving on the edge of the road with the traffic zooming by.

10:36:01AM I don't know if we can close that road or if that is too

10:36:04AM restrictive to close it during construction hours to

10:36:07AM pedestrians and bicyclists.

10:36:13AM >>Steve Sarkozy: I think if you have a safety hazard

10:36:16AM situation you can restrict bicycle pedestrian use on a

10:36:19AM roadway under construction.

10:36:21AM >>Jon McLain: I wouldn't advocate to do it during

10:36:24AM off-construction hours even though when you are riding on it

10:36:27AM now on the edges, it is bumpy but I think during

10:36:33AM construction it is an accident waiting to happen.

10:36:35AM We should look at that.

10:36:39AM >> Can I ask a question on that.

10:36:41AM >>Mayor Ribble: Sure.

10:36:42AM >> Under Florida law, isn't a bicycles entitle to as much

10:36:45AM use of a street as a car?

10:36:52AM >>Burt Saunders: That's also correct.

10:36:56AM >> How are you going to stop them the street?

10:37:03AM >> On the edge of the road and it is all bumpy.

10:37:09AM >>Burt Saunders: They can ride on the roadway.

10:37:12AM Probably close off the bike path but still able to ride in

10:37:15AM the middle of the road.

10:37:17AM >>Mayor Ribble: Good luck on that.
10:37:19AM All right.
10:37:20AM Howard, you are up.
10:37:22AM >>Howard Levitan: I want to again say that we spent two full
10:37:27AM days last week with our consultants and the whole team of
10:37:34AM people to work on the Land Development Code.
10:37:39AM It's getting a little big in terms of size but still smaller
10:37:46AM than the Lee code.
10:37:50AM Our plans are to start to go public on some of the articles.
10:38:00AM At some point this spring, as we move towards adoption which
10:38:04AM has to be by November.
10:38:06AM So we will be working on this with you all throughout that
10:38:13AM period of time.
10:38:16AM Probably with adoption hearings in October.
10:38:20AM It has to be done by ordinance.
10:38:25AM There will be two meetings.
10:38:27AM The public will have plenty of opportunity to weigh in.
10:38:29AM As we are assured all of the lawyers in town will make
10:38:34AM their -- on the Land Development Code.
10:38:38AM What we will do is include as a schedule to the document.
10:38:43AM We are keeping a running list of any areas where we feel
10:38:47AM that there are policy decisions that have to be made.
10:38:53AM We made the suggestion, the consultants made the suggestion
10:38:56AM and the team has made the suggestion that we draft an

10:39:00AM approach but we want to identify for everybody that that is
10:39:03AM a public policy decision.
10:39:05AM That the council, if anybody here objects to it, we pull it
10:39:09AM out and talk about it separately.
10:39:11AM So, you will have the ability to go back and relook at each
10:39:16AM of those policy decisions that we have done on a drafting
10:39:21AM basis.
10:39:23AM But only on a drafting basis.
10:39:24AM It's pretty voluminous and very detailed.
10:39:32AM I look forward to moving forward with it.
10:39:36AM >>Mayor Ribble: Okay.
10:39:37AM >>Howard Levitan: That's all I have.
10:39:39AM >>Mayor Ribble: That's it.
10:39:40AM I have two things that aren't quick.
10:39:42AM I talked about Therese Everly and Jim covered the
10:39:48AM Coronavirus problem, epidemic we are having.
10:39:51AM I have two other things.
10:39:52AM As many of you folks know February 20th I couldn't stay
10:39:57AM for the foundation kickoff celebration because we had the
10:40:00AM meeting of the mayors with a Hispanic group up in Ft. Myers.
10:40:04AM All of the mayors were there except for one.
10:40:07AM It was a fantastic evening.
10:40:09AM It went for two hours.

10:40:10AM The mayors were asked random questions.
10:40:13AM I thought everybody came prepared and Steve did a great job
10:40:17AM getting me prepared for some of the issues.
10:40:19AM The main issue I bring up again that we discussed was
10:40:23AM affordable housing, and workforce housing.
10:40:26AM We brought this up last month that we want to have a
10:40:29AM workshop.
10:40:30AM We have a lot of good reception about us having a workshop.
10:40:33AM I talked to Steve.
10:40:34AM We are going to try to plan this thing for one of our
10:40:37AM meetings in may.
10:40:39AM I'm going to try to get Jeff Branch from the Florida League
10:40:44AM of Cities who is an expert on workforce housing to come down
10:40:49AM for the workshop.
10:40:50AM Several things have to happen.
10:40:52AM We have to have our homework done to look at what areas of
10:40:55AM Estero offers workforce housing now.
10:40:59AM We think there say affordable housing available to many
10:41:02AM folks here in Estero when we come up with that number or
10:41:05AM what we think is a number, then we have to reach out and
10:41:08AM think of moving forward with future development, how can we
10:41:13AM manage affordable workforce housing?
10:41:16AM It will be a big topic.
10:41:17AM It's one that every community is taking on.
10:41:19AM I can tell you Cape Coral sounds like they are pretty much
10:41:23AM out in front of this thing.
10:41:24AM I'm going to get some comments from Joe Coviello on what his

10:41:29AM best practices were in.
10:41:34AM Stay tuned in May.
10:41:37AM It will be a great workshop.
10:41:38AM Now we have people making all kind of allegations than they
10:41:42AM don't think that anyone knows where we stand with the issue.
10:41:44AM I look forward to having that workshop in may.
10:41:47AM The next thing I come to you with a heavy, heavy heart.
10:41:50AM Something that I have been working on since long before I
10:41:54AM was on the council.
10:41:55AM That is the traffic light at 41 and Pelican Colony
10:41:59AM Boulevard.
10:42:02AM Alex, I brought this up to you one day when you called me
10:42:05AM for a meeting that day has come.
10:42:08AM The line is in the sand.
10:42:09AM We were notified -- Larry Kiterip, before he passed, set up
10:42:17AM a meeting with the county and the FDOT and we pretty much
10:42:22AM had every FDOT executive on that conference call -- I think
10:42:26AM 13 of them as I recall, Steve.
10:42:29AM David Willem was there with us and we got them to agree to
10:42:35AM do a traffic study because we had just opened up the

10:42:37AM hospital and the traffic since that opening has been a
10:42:40AM disaster.
10:42:40AM If an ambulance wants to go south on 41, coming out of the
10:42:44AM hospital, I mean it's almost like committing suicide coming
10:42:47AM out.
10:42:48AM The traffic stacks up there three and four deep each and
10:42:51AM every day.
10:42:52AM If you want to have a nice show-n-tell, go at 4:00 every
10:42:55AM afternoon and see the disaster brewing over there.
10:42:58AM We had our open house with the Lee County Sheriff's
10:43:05AM Department.
10:43:07AM Blake Lee, the captain of the new organization there, a site
10:43:12AM of Lee health told us they had a cruiser demolished in
10:43:18AM January involved in an accident at that intersection.
10:43:22AM Where am I going with this?
10:43:23AM We worked on this thing very hard.
10:43:25AM Larry I know is looking down on us.
10:43:27AM He is proud of what he did getting our traffic study done
10:43:31AM and executed and getting the warrants granted to us in
10:43:37AM August.
10:43:37AM At that point in time we had a new Commissioner Ray Sandelli
10:43:43AM who has picked up the ball and ran with this thing to try to
10:43:48AM get Lennar who bought out WCI as you know to comply with the
10:43:53AM Land Development Code by paying for half of the light.
10:43:58AM Many of you folks in here know Ned Dewhirst, who is involved
10:44:04AM in the other development company across the street, who is
10:44:09AM willing to pay his half.
10:44:10AM He has sent me his half of the contract.
10:44:14AM Lennar refuses to answer our phone calls we had Nancy
10:44:20AM Strauss send them a notice on February 7th, asking them

10:44:25AM to comply with the Land Development Code August 29, 1994,
10:44:32AM which they failed to do.
10:44:34AM I've called their president two Fridays ago.
10:44:37AM He called me back late Friday when I was at an event and I
10:44:40AM called him back again and he still hasn't called me back.
10:44:44AM I have dealt with this individual before.
10:44:46AM I know many of you folks know the term razzle-dazzle.
10:44:50AM I think I'm getting the old razzle-dazzle.
10:44:54AM I'm asking for consensus from the council that the next time
10:44:57AM we have a meeting, next week, we can put this on the agenda
10:45:01AM for litigation.
10:45:02AM Because we need to get this traffic light in there.
10:45:05AM It is the right thing to do for the public and all of us.
10:45:07AM We go up and down 41 all the time there.
10:45:10AM It is matter of time until someone will get in an accident
10:45:13AM and get killed.
10:45:15AM I'm asking for consensus.

10:45:16AM Burt, do you have any comment on that?
10:45:19AM >>Burt Saunders: Nothing specific in terms of the details
10:45:22AM but I think we can help you work with Lennar and get this
10:45:26AM done.
10:45:31AM >>Mayor Ribble: It is between 600 and 800,000.
10:45:39AM >> They just need to live up to their obligations.
10:45:43AM If they are not going to do that --
10:45:47AM [Inaudible]
10:45:48AM >>Mayor Ribble: Jon, do you agree?
10:45:51AM Jim, nick?
10:45:52AM Okay.
10:45:53AM Steve, you got what you need for the next meeting.
10:45:56AM Okay.
10:45:56AM That's all I have.
10:45:57AM Do you have anything as an update for the group?
10:46:01AM >> I don't.
10:46:02AM >> Yes, sir.
10:46:03AM I have a couple of quick things.
10:46:05AM On the Happehatchee issue, as you know we retain Mark
10:46:11AM Ebelini to represent the Village of Estero.
10:46:17AM We are under a retainer with him with a reduced fee
10:46:18AM agreement to reflect the charges of GrayRobinson, the rates
10:46:22AM that we have.
10:46:23AM He's agreed to all of that.
10:46:25AM There's been an offer of settlement from Save Our Creeks
10:46:34AM which I won't go into details on that at the moment.
10:46:38AM In order for the Village to have an executive, closed
10:46:40AM session to discuss that type of an offer, to be able to do
10:46:45AM that in a private setting you have to be a litigant this the
10:46:50AM action and you are not at this point.
10:46:51AM We have a pleading already prepared to name the Village of
10:46:55AM Estero as an intervener on behalf of the Happehatchee group
10:47:02AM so that you would be a party to the litigation.

10:47:04AM Then we could have an executive session and discuss how you
10:47:08AM might move forward to resolve the litigation that's
10:47:11AM currently pending.
10:47:13AM I don't believe it will be a significant cost increase to
10:47:17AM have Mark Ebelini to name the Village as an additional
10:47:23AM appellee.
10:47:24AM He's involved in that and handling it for the Village and
10:47:29AM paid for by Happehatchee Center.
10:47:30AM My request would be to authorize me to work with Mark
10:47:33AM Ebelini to get it filed and pursuant to section 286.011
10:47:39AM subparagraph 8 at the next meeting I will request a closed
10:47:47AM session for your first meeting in April to go over the
10:47:49AM details.
10:47:52AM [Inaudible]

10:48:01AM >>Mayor Ribble: Okay.
10:48:01AM Jon.
10:48:03AM Katy?
10:48:04AM Jim?
10:48:06AM Okay.
10:48:10AM >>Burt Saunders: The other thing, the legislature has one
10:48:13AM more thing after this week and I will give you a full report
10:48:16AM on the bills that will have a major impact on your
10:48:18AM operations.
10:48:21AM Everything is still in flux.
10:48:23AM A lot of things can happen.
10:48:24AM The vacation rental bill looks like that issue will probably
10:48:27AM die for this session.
10:48:28AM So it will be status quo there.
10:48:31AM Bert Harris is moving along.
10:48:34AM >> The governor helped with that one.
10:48:37AM Put the brakes on that one.
10:48:39AM We wrote him a thank you letter, by the way, for that
10:48:42AM action.
10:48:43AM >> The Bert Harris bill has some things that are problematic
10:48:49AM if you enter to a settlement with one property owner that
10:48:52AM settlement applies to all similarly situated owners.
10:48:56AM Under the current law, attorneys' fees, which means if the
10:48:59AM city is sued and wins the city gets attorneys fees, mutual
10:49:03AM attorneys fees provision is changed so the only party that
10:49:07AM can get attorneys' fee is the property owner if the property
10:49:10AM owner prevails.
10:49:11AM There are a lot of little things that potentially have a
10:49:16AM major impact on what you do.
10:49:17AM Home-based businesses, we talked a bit about that a couple
10:49:20AM of weeks ago.
10:49:22AM You combine home-based businesses with Airbnb and you have
10:49:27AM significant problems in the ungated communities.
10:49:30AM I will report on that in a couple of weeks.
10:49:32AM >>Mayor Ribble: Is that it?
10:49:34AM >>Burt Saunders: Yes, sir.

10:49:35AM >>Mayor Ribble: Now we will adjourn our regular session and
10:49:38AM convene the workshop in ten minutes.
10:49:40AM It is 10 of.
10:49:41AM We will come back at 11:00.
10:49:43AM Don't forget to use your hot water.
11:00:22AM >> Thank you, mayor and members of council.
11:00:24AM The first workshop item is in regards to our proposed
11:00:28AM Capital Improvements Plan.
11:00:29AM Importantly, off the bat, this is the first part of
11:00:36AM discussion that will go on for a couple of months until the
11:00:40AM council formally adopts the CIP later in the month of April.

11:00:45AM We don't need to get real excited today.

11:00:49AM This is presenting the list of projects and the context and

11:00:51AM the calendar for how we will look at the Capital

11:00:53AM Improvements Plan.

11:00:54AM What's different this year than in years past is that we

11:01:00AM have now a full set of master plans, or we will as of next

11:01:04AM meeting, a full set of master plans that will decide the

11:01:08AM decision making in all of the categories for community

11:01:13AM investment.

11:01:14AM David is going to go through some of that.

11:01:17AM At the same time, you also have a more robust set of

11:01:23AM objectives or principles that are outlined in your budget.

11:01:27AM In the staff report, we commented about those.

11:01:33AM Those principles are important for, not only the council,

11:01:37AM but the community to keep in mind as we consider specific

11:01:40AM projects.

11:01:42AM The principles that we have -- this is the elevator music

11:01:47AM that we all know and kind of guides our thought process --

11:01:52AM but we talk about low taxes, high reserves, transparency and

11:01:56AM so forth, and all of those apply but importantly for the CIP

11:02:02AM there are principles that we want to keep in mind as you

11:02:06AM consider specific projects.

11:02:07AM One is that we are always looking at quality to make sure

11:02:12AM that any project that you adopt is done with a high degree

11:02:19AM of quality.

11:02:20AM Secondly, we do our Capital Improvements Plan on a

11:02:26AM pay-as-you-go approach.

11:02:27AM We don't go into debt to finance these projects.

11:02:31AM We'll save up money for the big projects, and then do them

11:02:34AM as, on a cash basis.

11:02:38AM The only debt that we have in the community is for the

11:02:41AM purchase of property.

11:02:43AM In this case the Estero-on-the-River.

11:02:47AM We also have a principle that talks about informed decision

11:02:50AM making.

11:02:51AM The idea is that we anchor our decisions around our master

11:02:56AM plans so that we are not going off willy-nilly, picking

11:03:01AM projects, just out of the air and trying to do those.

11:03:04AM So we are trying to provide a degree of structure that's

11:03:09AM really important.

11:03:09AM And those master plans will be complete when you adopt the

11:03:17AM park and open space plan that's coming next week -- excuse

11:03:20AM me, two weeks, the branding plan and the bike-ped plan are

11:03:25AM coming to fruition at the same time.

11:03:28AM So, the CIP process this year is really a full process and

11:03:37AM we are trying to standardize the process that we would then

11:03:43AM follow this a subsequent year.

11:03:45AM Part of that would be a high degree of community
11:03:47AM interaction.
11:03:47AM So, David will be talking about how we have already done a
11:03:54AM lot of polling as part of our master plan process but also
11:03:58AM as part of the public engagement we are proposing each year
11:04:03AM that we do public information sessions, two of them, in
11:04:07AM fact, if you can't make one and you are a member of the
11:04:09AM public you can make the second one, and those are being
11:04:13AM suggested for Tuesday March 10 at 5:30 and Thursday
11:04:19AM March 12th at 5:30 p.m.
11:04:21AM That's just an opportunity to let the public come in and
11:04:26AM talk about any particular project or offer other new
11:04:31AM projects, and then as those public information sessions are
11:04:35AM complete, we will compile the list of public comments that
11:04:39AM we have gotten and bring that back to the council in early
11:04:43AM April.
11:04:45AM There will be two kicks of the can in April, a workshop and
11:04:51AM then final date for adoption, but as you know if you are not
11:04:57AM ready to adopt in late April you can have other discussions.
11:05:02AM So, this is the time of the year where we are recommending
11:05:05AM that we do a standard process for the Capital Improvement
11:05:08AM Plan, and we do this and will replicate it each year.
11:05:14AM It is very publicly oriented, open and transparent for
11:05:22AM public comment and inclusive in the community so that anyone
11:05:27AM can be involved.
11:05:29AM So, I've gone through the general decision-making process,
11:05:34AM the timeline, and I'd like to turn it over to David now to
11:05:38AM talk about the major category and the funding pots, you
11:05:44AM know, so that you and the general public will understand
11:05:48AM what types of projects we might consider in the CIP.
11:05:52AM David?
11:05:55AM >>David Willems: Good morning, council.
11:05:57AM Before I get to the specific projects, this being the first
11:05:59AM time we presented the CIP to council and the public this
11:06:02AM year, I wanted to go into background of how do projects get
11:06:05AM on the CIP and the different funding sources and constraints
11:06:11AM with those funding sources.
11:06:13AM These projects don't come from staff.
11:06:14AM All of the projects either come from the foundational
11:06:17AM studies we have already completed or almost completing or
11:06:20AM they have come from resident complaints.
11:06:23AM One of the projects we presented a couple of months ago was

11:06:26AM the Atlantic Gulf Drive and Williams.
11:06:29AM That came because of complaints by the citizens.
11:06:36AM It's not driven by staff but the public.
11:06:40AM Even with foundational studies, there was huge effort to get
11:06:43AM public input in those foundational studies.

11:06:46AM We used that information to come up with projects in those
11:06:50AM studies and also help us to prioritize which project we
11:06:54AM think should come first.
11:06:55AM As part of the bike ped master plan, our consultant had an
11:07:00AM on-line map tool they had open for a couple of months and
11:07:04AM residents provided suggestions, provided areas where they
11:07:08AM thought there were safety issues and our consultant used
11:07:11AM that to come up with what projects they should propose
11:07:14AM within that plan.
11:07:15AM They had over 1,000 points that residents recommended for
11:07:24AM improvements they thought were important from a bike ped
11:07:28AM standpoint.
11:07:29AM On a branding study, they also did a study, not specifically
11:07:32AM related to the CIP but there's some information in there
11:07:35AM that we can use to understand what our residents see as our
11:07:39AM strengths and weaknesses and things we need to improve.
11:07:42AM There was almost 2300 people that filled out the branding
11:07:45AM survey.
11:07:46AM A couple of items that relate to the CIP -- it's hard to
11:07:51AM read the list but near the bottom of the list as far as our
11:07:53AM strengths, it was the park system, trails and access to
11:07:58AM nature.
11:07:58AM So, with that the residents are telling us that's something
11:08:01AM we need to improve and we think that's been addressed in the
11:08:05AM CIP with the bike ped and the parks and rec improvements we
11:08:09AM are proposing.
11:08:11AM The residents in the branding study considered Estero to be
11:08:15AM safe.
11:08:16AM That was one of our strengths, but there were a couple of
11:08:19AM caveats they put forth.
11:08:21AM One of those was that it is safe except for bicyclists and
11:08:25AM pedestrians.
11:08:26AM What that means to us is bike ped improvements are important
11:08:30AM to them from a safety standpoint.
11:08:32AM And also they have drainage concerns, both water quality and
11:08:39AM flooding concerns some that is something we need to address
11:08:41AM for the residents.
11:08:42AM From a traffic standpoint, driving around, especially this
11:08:45AM time of the year, you know there are traffic issues some are
11:08:50AM already being addressed but this wasn't focused on the bike
11:08:53AM ped but here again they show we need to improve our
11:08:56AM walkability and a desire for off-road bike ped connections
11:09:01AM instead of everything being right on the roadways.
11:09:04AM In the CIP there are improvements that try to address that.
11:09:08AM Then the most recent study was the parks, rec and open space

11:09:12AM master plan.
11:09:13AM They did an extensive amount of study and they went the

11:09:17AM extra step of doing a statistically valid survey, which
11:09:21AM means they picked a random sample of residents and sent them
11:09:25AM surveys directly to make sure they got the cross section of
11:09:28AM the population.
11:09:29AM And they use that data to prioritize which parks and rec
11:09:33AM improvements should be recommended for Estero.
11:09:36AM Also, the improvements that are more class based or activity
11:09:42AM based.
11:09:43AM That's how they came up with the recommendations for the
11:09:47AM bike ped, or parks and rec improvements which we included in
11:09:51AM the CIP.
11:09:53AM The second part, I'd like to go over.
11:09:58AM At the last meeting Kyle went over some of the funding
11:10:01AM sources.
11:10:01AM What I will do is expand on that a bit, kind of repeating
11:10:05AM what the funding sources are and then where can we use that
11:10:08AM money and what type of projects can we use it for.
11:10:11AM The important thing to remember here is not all projects are
11:10:15AM created equally.
11:10:16AM Certain funding sources have constraints on them.
11:10:19AM They are restricted funds we can only use for certain
11:10:21AM projects.
11:10:22AM So the first source of the money here is for the bonus
11:10:26AM density fees we have collected from some developments.
11:10:30AM There's money in there right now.
11:10:33AM We expect to potentially collect another \$750,000 over the
11:10:38AM next fiscal year.
11:10:40AM The type of projects we can use that money for is really
11:10:43AM land acquisition.
11:10:45AM So we could use it for parks or preservation or different
11:10:50AM needs here.
11:10:50AM We have the Estero High parcels and potentially river oaks
11:10:56AM preserve.
11:10:57AM The second funding source is park impact fees as the name
11:11:02AM suggests we can use it for design permitting, land purchase
11:11:06AM or construction of park and recreation facilities.
11:11:09AM Here list ready some park facility and land acquisition for
11:11:14AM specifically parks.
11:11:16AM This fund is not replenishing.
11:11:20AM We only get those funds when a developer develops and pays
11:11:23AM those fees.
11:11:24AM Once they are gone they are gone until somebody else
11:11:27AM develops.
11:11:28AM The gas tax fund is replenishing that is reoccurring but
11:11:33AM generally for us.
11:11:34AM It is a relatively small source of funding, less than
11:11:39AM \$400,000 a year typically.
11:11:40AM We use that for roadway projects.

11:11:44AM It provides some funding but not a huge amount for the
11:11:47AM larger projects.
11:11:50AM Little larger fund the road impact fees.
11:11:53AM That's one that we use for basically new roadways.
11:11:59AM We are working on the modification to allow us to use that
11:12:02AM for sidewalks, as well.
11:12:04AM Within this CIP, the road impact fees are used for roadway
11:12:11AM projects and bike ped projects.
11:12:13AM Here you can see that the road projects, the projects we can
11:12:17AM use these funds for are all roadway intersection bike ped.
11:12:22AM You will see the parks and rec there.
11:12:24AM That is really for the bike portion of the park and rec
11:12:27AM facility.
11:12:28AM You would only be able to use it for the trail portion but
11:12:31AM since that does potentially add capacity we could use those
11:12:36AM funds for a portion of that.
11:12:37AM The general fund is, we can use that for any project.
11:12:42AM Important to note is projects like landscaping, projects if
11:12:45AM they are not done with a road expansion.
11:12:47AM This is really one of the only funding sources that could be
11:12:50AM used for landscape project that is not part of a -- here it
11:12:54AM is a much longer list than the other just because every
11:12:58AM other project we have we could use up general fund moneys
11:13:02AM for.
11:13:05AM Then, so this is how we have the CIP set up.
11:13:08AM It is very similar to what was -- what council has seen in
11:13:12AM the past.
11:13:13AM The one change is if you look on the left side there is a
11:13:16AM column for priority.
11:13:19AM And what we have done there is just put them in order of
11:13:23AM which -- at this point staff has put it in order but it is
11:13:31AM based on information we have heard from the residents, from
11:13:34AM council and in the master plans.
11:13:36AM So this is the way, this is the order that staff currently
11:13:39AM has it proposed.
11:13:41AM Obviously Estero Parkway and Corkscrew Road are the top two
11:13:45AM projects.
11:13:46AM We have River Ranch Road as the third project that project
11:13:51AM is listed under roadway, but the reason for doing the
11:13:55AM project is more than just roadway.
11:13:57AM It's for drainage improvements.
11:13:59AM It's also for bike ped improvements.
11:14:03AM It was identified in both of those master plans as needing
11:14:06AM improvement, as well.
11:14:07AM I can answer any questions as we go through if you have any
11:14:14AM questions.
11:14:15AM >> I have a question when you were talking about money we

11:14:18AM are getting from sources -- I guess the settlement we have
11:14:23AM for preserving of land, the \$150,000.
11:14:27AM >> Yep.

11:14:28AM >> You just listed the purchase of property, is it possible
11:14:39AM to use that money to purchase and pay off land that we
11:14:42AM already own and keep it in preservation?
11:14:47AM >> I would have to check on that.
11:14:49AM I don't know.
11:14:52AM >> Right now, until the Land Development Code gets adopted,
11:14:56AM we only have four potential projects and they all existed in
11:15:01AM a mixed-use context prior to incorporation.
11:15:06AM So we have only a limited --
11:15:09AM >> We had some that came in.
11:15:12AM >> That was part of the settlement.
11:15:14AM We have to put it into that fund.
11:15:17AM But that's it.
11:15:18AM I doubt that anything.
11:15:26AM >> It's not going to be a huge funding source.
11:15:29AM >> The money that we have in there or will have in there
11:15:32AM that we know about that 750 plus whatever else is in there.
11:15:36AM Can that be used in addition to the high school property and
11:15:46AM river oaks could that be used to pay off and put into
11:15:50AM preservation land that we already own?
11:15:59AM >>David Willems: I don't know that answer standing here, but
11:16:01AM I can get that answer.
11:16:07AM [Inaudible]
11:16:17AM >> I've got a question, David.
11:16:20AM I saw some lighting on via Coconut.
11:16:25AM There is an expense, 2.4 million basically.
11:16:28AM Will that be recaptured as development continues in that
11:16:31AM area as part of the impact fee?
11:16:33AM I mean we will outlay the cash, but the impact fees will not
11:16:38AM be able to be used to offset that cost?
11:16:43AM >>David Willems: Any new impact fees would go to the road
11:16:45AM impact fee fund.
11:16:47AM It would replenish that fund.
11:16:51AM >> Can't be used for lighting, is it?
11:16:54AM Impact fee has to be for increased capacity rather than.
11:16:58AM >>David Willems: Right.
11:17:00AM >> Even if it is there already.
11:17:02AM >>David Willems: It would increase that fund but that's not
11:17:05AM the fund being used for the street lights.
11:17:07AM It's gas tax and general fund.
11:17:14AM >> Just to move forward on the street light thing, you have
11:17:16AM a lot of street lights on this list.
11:17:19AM I assume everybody in Estero will want street lights on the
11:17:22AM 25 miles of Estero roads.

11:17:26AM You could have listed every one of the Estero roads, as
11:17:29AM well.
11:17:30AM You have roads that aren't even owned by Estero like Three
11:17:38AM Oaks.
11:17:39AM I guess I'm wondering about the priorities of these things.
11:17:43AM Is there a list where you can combine them?

11:17:52AM >> We will develop a suggested composites priority list that
11:17:56AM melds all of these categories together to give you a
11:18:01AM suggested priority, to narrow down -- essentially the staff
11:18:06AM recommendation on the CIP.
11:18:11AM >> How do you get a list today on roadway projects where you
11:18:14AM have prioritized Via Coconut first on all of the street
11:18:18AM light projects?
11:18:21AM >>David Willems: The only reason that that is recommended
11:18:22AM earlier right now -- and all of this can change depending on
11:18:26AM input from council, the public it can change.
11:18:29AM The reason that was put there is because in the current
11:18:33AM fiscal year budget there's landscaping proposed on Via
11:18:38AM Coconut.
11:18:38AM So similar to Estero Parkway where the landscaping and
11:18:42AM lighting went together, they are put together here.
11:18:44AM But that could change.
11:18:56AM >>Mayor Ribble: How about going to the next slide.
11:18:58AM Another list of stuff you had there.
11:19:01AM I'm referring to the El Dorado roundabout.
11:19:04AM You had that on there somewhere.
11:19:07AM >>David Willems: That would be an intersection improvement.
11:19:09AM >>Mayor Ribble: Are we going to knock on the county's door
11:19:12AM because El Dorado Acres is unincorporated.
11:19:17AM >>David Willems: It is listed as other funding sources.
11:19:20AM That implies that's not our money.
11:19:23AM >>Mayor Ribble: Okay.
11:19:24AM >>David Willems: The ones highlighted is coming from us.
11:19:27AM If it is not highlighted it is coming from somebody else.
11:19:31AM >>Mayor Ribble: Got it.
11:19:33AM >> I think for consideration by everybody else, I don't know
11:19:36AM what their feelings are, but you have an enormous amount of
11:19:39AM money we are spending on county roads.
11:19:43AM I'm not saying we shouldn't improve them because it's going
11:19:47AM through our community.
11:19:49AM I'm just saying with a limited amount of money, to me, I
11:19:53AM would take care of the roads that we own first, that we are
11:19:58AM responsible for before we start to spend money on, large
11:20:05AM amounts of money, where the county should be doing it.
11:20:08AM >> Especially later on the county will come back and widen
11:20:11AM them any way.
11:20:15AM [Inaudible]

11:20:29AM >>Mayor Ribble: Moving right along.
11:20:32AM >>David Willems: So intersection improvements.
11:20:34AM This comes out of the Village of Estero, village-wide
11:20:40AM traffic study.
11:20:41AM There were a lot of improvements recommended within Estero.
11:20:44AM A lot of these are not on our roadways.
11:20:49AM So, that's why a lot of those funding sources are not coming
11:20:52AM from us.
11:20:53AM The ones that -- the one that is coming up that really has

11:20:58AM our -- that we will be working on is the Williams Road and
11:21:04AM Atlantic Gulf Drive intersections, those improvements.
11:21:08AM >> I noticed on the second on your list, the second priority
11:21:11AM was the Corkscrew Woodlands Boulevard intersection.
11:21:14AM Are we talking about closing off the --
11:21:18AM >>David Willems: Yes.
11:21:19AM The first step would be to get the traffic signal and the
11:21:22AM frontage road in once they are done to close the
11:21:26AM intersection so you can not make a left turn out.
11:21:30AM >> That would be a right hand only?
11:21:34AM >>David Willems: It would be a right in and there could be a
11:21:36AM left in possibly.
11:21:38AM We'd have to work with -- when you are coming west, you can
11:21:43AM take a left.
11:21:45AM You leave that left in.
11:21:47AM The real dangerous move is the left out.
11:21:50AM And you would eliminate that.
11:21:54AM >>Mayor Ribble: What's the driver and the cost like this,
11:21:57AM Coconut Road roundabout, why is that so expensive?
11:22:03AM >>David Willems: The design permitting.
11:22:05AM The roundabout itself.
11:22:07AM Roundabouts cost several hundred thousand dollars just for
11:22:12AM the roundabout.
11:22:13AM We have cost of landscaping, lighting, could be land in
11:22:17AM those instances because there's probably not enough room in
11:22:21AM the current right of way.
11:22:24AM >>Mayor Ribble: Okay.
11:22:28AM Yikes.
11:22:29AM >> Yikes is right.
11:22:31AM >>David Willems: They are expensive.
11:22:32AM The next is the bike ped projects.
11:22:39AM This is directly from the bike ped master plan.
11:22:44AM The master plan said that one of our weaknesses is the
11:22:48AM east-west connections, and then some north-south
11:22:52AM connections.
11:22:53AM Those are the higher priority as far as the listing is
11:22:56AM concerned.
11:22:57AM But just like everything else, this is preliminary and

11:23:01AM subject to input from council and the public.
11:23:04AM Here's the land scape and the parks and rec project.
11:23:18AM U.S. -41 and Estero Parkway landscaping not shown here, and
11:23:26AM then Via Coconut Point.
11:23:29AM We have Ben Hill Griffin in here.
11:23:31AM That was in the last fiscal year budget, as well.
11:23:33AM So that is kind of a carryover from there.
11:23:37AM Steve and I have had some meetings with FDOT about the I-75
11:23:44AM interchange landscaping.
11:23:45AM They haven't gotten their specifics as far as their budget.
11:23:48AM So these are estimates right now.
11:23:51AM What we are expecting is they will pay for the bulk of it

11:23:54AM and we will have to probably supplement it both with maybe
11:23:58AM hiring a consultant to help us and also from the
11:24:01AM construction standpoint.
11:24:03AM And then the next projects are really the monument signs,
11:24:07AM once we get to that.
11:24:11AM We have a couple of them -- one this year and then two the
11:24:14AM following year.
11:24:18AM Then the parks and rec, the list isn't very long, but the
11:24:23AM projects that we are doing are pretty large.
11:24:26AM The money outlay is large but there's two projects.
11:24:31AM It's really focused on the Estero-on-the-River property and
11:24:34AM then doing something from a park and rec standpoint at the
11:24:39AM rec center behind us.
11:24:41AM Then the last group is the storm water.
11:24:46AM These are the projects that are from the Stormwater Master
11:24:52AM Plan.
11:24:54AM Everybody knows our biggest issue -- one of our biggest
11:24:57AM issues during 2017 was getting water through the Villages of
11:25:01AM Country Creek and that's what two of these projects are
11:25:06AM recommending, the first two.
11:25:07AM The other three or four projects weren't as critical from a
11:25:12AM flooding standpoint, but the maintenance is also important,
11:25:17AM which was brought up earlier in the meeting.
11:25:20AM We are working with the railroad.
11:25:21AM That's not something that shows up here in the CIP.
11:25:24AM That's more of a maintenance aspect of what we are doing,
11:25:28AM but the maintenance of the entire railroad corridor is
11:25:31AM something that we are working with on the railroad.
11:25:34AM >>Mayor Ribble: This year was a learning curve for me with
11:25:37AM legislators up in Tallahassee.
11:25:40AM These items one through six here, Steve, can we ask the
11:25:45AM state for money under the flooding issue for a grant to
11:25:51AM recover some of this, or no.
11:25:53AM >>Steve Sarkozy: We can.
11:25:54AM I think our prospects would be limited because we haven't

11:26:01AM had flooding of homes and property fortunately.
11:26:06AM These are -- these are just really taking a good system.
11:26:11AM >>Mayor Ribble: Preventative type things.
11:26:13AM >>Steve Sarkozy: Preventative type things that take a good
11:26:16AM system and make it outstanding.
11:26:19AM >> I have two comments.
11:26:20AM If you look carefully at the Stormwater Master Plan that is
11:26:25AM to be adopted, I've yet to read it which is dangerous
11:26:29AM because we are not talking about beautification projects
11:26:32AM there.
11:26:33AM We're not talking about things that are really sexy.
11:26:36AM We are talking about stuff that prevents houses from being
11:26:41AM flooded.
11:26:42AM If anybody was here during the two back-to-back storms in
11:26:46AM 2017, you know we were really close and we know that Bonita

11:26:52AM had huge areas off of the Imperial River that flooded.
11:26:56AM I guess when I talk about priorities, I talk about a hell of
11:27:00AM a lot more of the safety area first before we get to street
11:27:05AM lights and landscaping and beautifying.
11:27:10AM One of the areas where they were particularly commented in
11:27:14AM this Stormwater Master Plan were areas that had been
11:27:18AM recommended to the county in the county study back in 2008.
11:27:23AM One of those, which I thought our experts gave priority to,
11:27:29AM was the whole area of halfway Creek, which is south of --
11:27:37AM west of 41, south of Marsh Landing and Fountain Lakes.
11:27:44AM The area becomes a big marsh and comes back into a creek.
11:27:49AM Near the FP&L easement.
11:28:03AM We have it on the list here but it seems to be critical to a
11:28:06AM lot of the developments on the west side of 41.
11:28:10AM And even further south because it impacts the south, as well
11:28:16AM going into the Spring Creek area.
11:28:20AM I'm wondering whether we ought to give really higher
11:28:23AM priority to some of the storm water projects first before we
11:28:28AM get into beautification.
11:28:31AM From a council standpoint, if we are setting the principles
11:28:34AM of how we do that, that's how I think we ought to look at
11:28:37AM this.
11:28:40AM >> I agree.
11:28:43AM >> Just for my own edification, what do you plan for us to
11:28:47AM be inputting on this?
11:28:50AM Coming to a meeting and saying, I like this, this and this?
11:28:54AM There is an enormous amount here to cover.
11:28:56AM I think one of the things that I would find helpful -- I
11:28:59AM might find XYZ being priorities and someone else has another
11:29:06AM reason and to hear their reasoning is an important factor as
11:29:10AM far as understanding which one we are doing.
11:29:12AM What I'm getting at is I think we need to have a workshop

11:29:17AM session, but we have enough time to come prepared and then
11:29:22AM be able to discuss back and forth.
11:29:24AM I'm not just talking about an hour or two at the end of a
11:29:27AM meeting.
11:29:28AM I'm talking maybe a half-day session where -- there's a lot
11:29:33AM in here to cover unless I'm misreading it.
11:29:36AM >>Mayor Ribble: We have a lot of folks that want to way in.
11:29:39AM I know some of the ECCL folks have asked to voice their
11:29:42AM opinion on some of these and I value it.
11:29:45AM Just like this light situation today, Lou helped me with
11:29:48AM that with the news media.
11:29:50AM And that's important.
11:29:51AM Hear from everybody.
11:29:52AM I agree.
11:29:53AM We need to have a whole half-day workshop.
11:29:57AM There is a lot here.
11:29:59AM And maybe something longer.
11:30:00AM Maybe something in the morning and break for lunch and come

11:30:03AM back.
11:30:03AM I think we did a good job.
11:30:06AM Estero Parkway is one and this Corkscrew Road one has to
11:30:12AM happen quick.
11:30:13AM I don't live out there but I know it is a problem for the
11:30:16AM community.
11:30:16AM They have my support on that project.
11:30:18AM Then some of the other ones we can look at and see what
11:30:21AM makes sense.
11:30:28AM >> If you look at the funding and the fact that landscaping
11:30:31AM and street lights may be more difficult to pay for, except
11:30:35AM out of the general fund, if -- I don't think I want to do
11:30:45AM that if you monetize what it will cost us it could eat up a
11:30:52AM couple, three years on that project alone.
11:30:54AM Our job is to prioritize what we can do.
11:30:58AM >> One of the things that would in all respect to what we
11:31:02AM need on Corkscrew Road and it is desperately needed, the
11:31:06AM road widening.
11:31:08AM Once we widen that road and once the construction is
11:31:11AM completed east of where they are now building, we will have
11:31:14AM the same problem again.
11:31:15AM They will be looking at what other things we can do on that
11:31:18AM road.
11:31:18AM >>Mayor Ribble: You mean east of Bella Terra?
11:31:23AM >>Jon McLain: Yes.
11:31:25AM I agree.
11:31:26AM >> If you widen the road it will go to capacity.
11:31:28AM It's not going to solve the problem.
11:31:30AM You have already proved that everywhere in Estero.

11:31:34AM >> We will be spending millions of dollars on the sides of
11:31:37AM the roads and then we don't know whether or not they will
11:31:40AM have to widen it again.
11:31:43AM >> Exactly.
11:31:47AM >> The real plan is for 30,000 units which I think is what
11:31:50AM it is.
11:31:54AM >>Jon McLain: Guess we have to find a way to change their
11:31:56AM thinking.
11:31:59AM >> That was a paid political announcement.
11:32:04AM >> Comment.
11:32:05AM I went to the open house for Corkscrew, I think it was last
11:32:09AM week.
11:32:10AM There is a plan, phase two, I guess it is called for
11:32:14AM Corkscrew to be widened into six lanes, but that's not going
11:32:18AM to happen, per one of their representatives until like 20
11:32:23AM years or so which seems like a long way out.
11:32:25AM But if they do widen it, it is supposed to be widened in the
11:32:29AM median and not on the outskirts.
11:32:32AM Is that your thought also.
11:32:35AM >>David Willems: Not as simple as that.
11:32:37AM Part of it will be six lanes in the first phase.

11:32:43AM Up to FP&L.
11:32:47AM Generally widen this inside except Wildcat Run.
11:32:55AM Except for the constraints they have right now they are not
11:32:58AM able to get the median width.
11:33:00AM When they do the widening next to Wildcat Run, the widening
11:33:04AM will be on the outside of the pavement in that location.
11:33:07AM >> The point there being is for future funding, obviously
11:33:11AM you want to take that into consideration of what we will be
11:33:14AM spending.
11:33:15AM I hate to waste money even though it is 10, 15 years out
11:33:20AM maybe but be prudent in negotiations as to what we come back
11:33:25AM for approval.
11:33:26AM We don't want to put in trees and have to remove them
11:33:31AM shortly thereafter.
11:33:32AM >>David Willems: Absolutely.
11:33:34AM >> One of the things our foundational storm water study did
11:33:37AM not talk about, even though it was mentioned there and that
11:33:40AM is climate change.
11:33:41AM So, if all of the outfalls of water on the river that drain
11:33:49AM our communities that are on the west side of 41 are at a
11:33:54AM certain level, but because of climate change the river is
11:33:57AM three feet higher, what happens to the water in the
11:34:01AM communities, David?
11:34:03AM It doesn't get out.
11:34:04AM >>David Willems: Right.
11:34:05AM It's going to stay in the communities.

11:34:09AM >>Howard Levitan: That's a serious problem.
11:34:10AM That's one area of the foundational studies, the climate
11:34:13AM change that we need to start to think about.
11:34:15AM Even though we don't have beaches or things like that, we
11:34:18AM have a lot of property that is adjacent to the river and to
11:34:21AM water that can get impacted by significant sea rise.
11:34:28AM >>Mayor Ribble: Steve is going to cover that on our one to
11:34:30AM ones.
11:34:31AM We talked about that yesterday.
11:34:33AM >>Howard Levitan: One to ones?
11:34:34AM >>Mayor Ribble: Yeah, head to heads and one to ones.
11:34:39AM >>Howard Levitan: That's something we ought to in terms of
11:34:41AM foundational.
11:34:42AM >>Mayor Ribble: He has that on his list of things to do.
11:34:45AM >> Can I throw one point for the future for the next
11:34:49AM meeting.
11:34:49AM If we are going to have some sort of a workshop on this.
11:34:55AM I don't know if we should be taking up all of this on one
11:34:59AM workshop or we should just take a half or a piece of it and
11:35:03AM try to get nail that down to some degree and then when you
11:35:09AM have done two or three of these then merge them with what we
11:35:13AM put together.
11:35:13AM I don't know if this -- there's an awful lot here.
11:35:18AM You are looking at the money here.

11:35:19AM We obviously are not going to have the money for quite a
11:35:22AM while to do all of this stuff.
11:35:24AM I think it has to be given a lot of thought before we put
11:35:29AM one, two, three and four down next to it.
11:35:32AM >> If you recall back in the early days of Estero, we had
11:35:36AM the public green dots and we put the green dots on the
11:35:42AM programs that everybody wanted.
11:35:44AM It was at the church.
11:35:50AM We monetized that list.
11:35:51AM It was 160 million.
11:35:54AM I think the list expanded and not contracted.
11:35:57AM It is obvious that we can't do it, even in our lifetimes.
11:36:02AM So, especially now.
11:36:07AM >>Mayor Ribble: You feeling bad again, Howard.
11:36:09AM >>Howard Levitan: I'm feeling great but we can't do that.
11:36:12AM We have figure out a way to prioritize this stuff.
11:36:15AM >>Mayor Ribble:
11:36:16AM >>Jon McLain: I think if we ever did that again we shouldn't
11:36:19AM give everybody just green stickers and let them put their
11:36:22AM priorities, give them one, two, three and four and make them
11:36:26AM prioritize what is really important to them so we don't have
11:36:29AM everybody saying this is a very important thing.
11:36:31AM It is, everybody is important but we just -- it's like the

11:36:35AM county.

11:36:36AM You are talking about, I don't know, you probably know,

11:36:39AM David, a few years ago the infrastructure at that point for

11:36:43AM the 35 plan I think had all of the needed things they

11:36:50AM anticipated needing and what the funding source was.

11:36:53AM We were a little short, a billion dollars.

11:36:56AM I'm sure it is worse than that now.

11:37:05AM >>Jim Boesch: I have been through this before and it is up

11:37:08AM to the council to solve.

11:37:09AM When you have a meeting with all of the residents you can

11:37:12AM see all of the residents will take their communities.

11:37:15AM That's going to be a green sticker and now you open the door

11:37:18AM wide so they all think their number one priority.

11:37:24AM You have everybody's number one priority.

11:37:27AM If you have one, two, three, you would never see a two or a

11:37:31AM three because everything they want on their own.

11:37:34AM So this is something -- I'm not saying we don't share it

11:37:37AM with the public but this is something that I agree with Nick

11:37:41AM is too important not to have a full four-hour workshop to

11:37:48AM understand this whole thing and see what's going on so we

11:37:52AM have some type of basic knowledge, first of all, of the

11:37:56AM project we are talking about.

11:37:58AM And then we can sit down and talk about priorities with

11:38:02AM David and to see how we can do it but all of this stuff here

11:38:09AM is misleading to the public because they see it listed and

11:38:13AM don't understand that -- I agree with you, Howard, that a

11:38:19AM lot of stuff won't be done in our lifetime, this work on the

11:38:24AM project.

11:38:24AM We have to sit down and share with the public and make some

11:38:27AM decisions.

11:38:28AM I'm not saying that the public can't ask if things can be

11:38:34AM readjusted but we have to come up with a solution.

11:38:43AM >> One last comment from me.

11:38:45AM I think it is as important to me, although I represent a

11:38:48AM district, I don't think that we can look at this on a

11:38:50AM district-by-district basis.

11:38:53AM We are elected at large and we have to react to this on

11:38:56AM at-large basis and go with what is best for the entire

11:39:00AM community, regardless of whether our district gets --

11:39:06AM >>Mayor Ribble: I think we have a track record.

11:39:07AM We have already done that t. I don't think we need to make

11:39:09AM that point.

11:39:10AM We have already done that.

11:39:11AM I mean Estero Parkway, that's a great example.

11:39:19AM >> I'm not saying anybody didn't.

11:39:21AM >>Mayor Ribble: I love Coconut Road, too but I don't know if

11:39:23AM it is the next priority.

11:39:25AM We have to sit down and talk about it.
11:39:27AM >> We incorporated and one of the things where Nick is going
11:39:30AM around and taking about the advantages of corporations and
11:39:34AM talking about our infrastructure in Estero was in good
11:39:37AM shape, compared to other cities, which I won't name.
11:39:41AM I think we benefited from that.
11:39:43AM I think us moving forward with these dollars we have to
11:39:47AM think about you know the safety of our whole community first
11:39:53AM and foremost.
11:39:54AM That can help us maybe help prioritize those areas where we
11:39:58AM should focus where the dollars have to be spent for the
11:40:02AM safety of our community.
11:40:04AM And then look at those items separate.
11:40:10AM I want to make sure long term, you know, we are talking
11:40:14AM about environmental changes that we have addressed those now
11:40:18AM and continually going into the future and not do projects
11:40:21AM that are going to be, you know they are quality of life but
11:40:28AM there's different levels of quality of life we have to
11:40:30AM address.
11:40:31AM It is a big challenge for us I think.
11:40:33AM >>Mayor Ribble: Let's keep rolling here.
11:40:35AM We have a four-hour workshop today.
11:40:39AM >>David Willems: No, I think it is great input.
11:40:41AM I think that is what staff was looking for is the input you
11:40:44AM have been providing.
11:40:45AM I think that's been helpful.
11:40:47AM I was just going to go over.
11:40:48AM So in the packet, we tried to present the information in a
11:40:52AM couple of different formats.
11:40:54AM The first is just the overall CIP and then this shows what

11:40:58AM the next year will be.
11:41:00AM These are the projects that we would start on next fiscal
11:41:03AM year.
11:41:03AM It's just a listing of all of the projects.
11:41:06AM So, these are right now seen as the higher priority ones,
11:41:10AM but with input from council that will likely change.
11:41:13AM Parks and rec and land acquisition.
11:41:20AM The same as before but in a different format.
11:41:23AM We want to go over what we see are the next steps, what we
11:41:26AM are proposing as the next steps.
11:41:28AM We are going to do two public meetings.
11:41:30AM >>> One on the 10th and 12th at Legacy Church across
11:41:35AM the street.
11:41:36AM Right now the schedule is to do another presentation to
11:41:40AM council on the 1st and potentially adoption on the
11:41:42AM 15th.
11:41:43AM But as Steve said that could move back depending on how much

11:41:48AM input or how many workshops we have to discuss the projects
11:41:50AM in detail.
11:42:03AM >>Jim Boesch: I would have done it before we went to the
11:42:06AM public.
11:42:06AM We got this material one day.
11:42:08AM >>Mayor Ribble: I know.
11:42:10AM It took a long time to go through this.
11:42:13AM >> I'm not being critical.
11:42:14AM It looks like a lot of information and took a long time to
11:42:18AM present but I'm wondering if we should go to the public
11:42:21AM prior to us having some our own thinking and direction to
11:42:25AM you guys a little more clearer.
11:42:29AM That's up to you.
11:42:30AM >> I agree with that.
11:42:32AM >> I agree with that.
11:42:39AM >> The whole idea with this agenda was to anchor this in
11:42:45AM getting input from the general public.
11:42:47AM That's why it's going out to make sure that we have all of
11:42:53AM the projects listed and we have any feedback from the
11:42:58AM community at least initially.
11:43:00AM What I was thinking as you were talking is maybe instead of
11:43:06AM having the April 1st meeting, hold -- I don't think we
11:43:12AM have anything for the tentative zone hearing on
11:43:15AM April 8th, maybe making that the first extended
11:43:19AM discussion with council.
11:43:21AM Then you have not only the study but you also have the
11:43:24AM community input and you can start to go through a lot of
11:43:27AM details.
11:43:28AM >>Mayor Ribble: Then you are not going to do sessions one
11:43:31AM and two in March, is that what you are saying?
11:43:35AM >>Steve Sarkozy: I'd like to do that.
11:43:38AM >>Mayor Ribble: I thought you said you wanted the workshop
11:43:41AM first.

11:43:42AM >> Steve wants to do informational thing from the public to
11:43:45AM us.
11:43:46AM I don't have a problem with that.
11:43:51AM >>Mayor Ribble: I will tell you why I have a problem with
11:43:53AM it.
11:43:53AM We get these calls all the time where somebody thinks of a
11:43:57AM great idea and how wonderful it is but they are not seeing
11:43:59AM the forest for the trees with things that really have to be
11:44:02AM done.
11:44:03AM They think -- like, for example, I'll just go back two years
11:44:07AM ago when the ECCL was going mentally ill over a regional
11:44:11AM boating park and fish camp.
11:44:14AM There is no way we could do that.
11:44:15AM We'd never get the boat traffic up and down the road both

11:44:20AM ways.

11:44:21AM People have a bass boat and they want to put their bass boat

11:44:30AM in and have a good time.

11:44:32AM Our own manager was happy with that.

11:44:34AM I got into a couple of things with him on that.

11:44:36AM Now we got it to where it is a manageable thing.

11:44:39AM Sometimes we get great idea and they fester and everybody

11:44:43AM gets together as a posse, that's a great idea, put big TVs

11:44:47AM on every street.

11:44:48AM There will be information and 5 g and all of that stuff.

11:44:51AM Then they come to the council meeting in April and they are

11:44:54AM fired up about this great idea they had.

11:44:56AM That's not realistic.

11:44:58AM I think you have it backwards.

11:45:02AM >> You start this off saying this list has been compiled by

11:45:05AM public input and the needs an all of that.

11:45:08AM So we seem like we have already had a tremendous amount of

11:45:12AM feedback from the public, which has given us this document

11:45:17AM here.

11:45:18AM I think the council needs to help go through that and

11:45:22AM prioritize it and then once we have it prioritized, bring

11:45:25AM that information back to the public to say, did we get it

11:45:29AM right in your opinion?

11:45:31AM Where are we off?

11:45:33AM I'd -- that's my opinion.

11:45:36AM >> That's why we are on the council.

11:45:39AM David, how much does it total, the whole thing?

11:45:42AM >>David Willems: I don't have that with me right now.

11:45:44AM I can get it to you.

11:45:46AM It's a lot.

11:45:46AM It's a lot.

11:45:47AM >>Mayor Ribble: You have a lot of work to do.

11:45:49AM >>David Willems: I don't know off the top of my head.

11:45:53AM >> 300 million.

11:45:54AM >>David Willems: Yeah, I don't know.

11:45:57AM >>Jim Boesch: The point is if you have a public workshop the

11:46:00AM 300 million will be 600 million at the end of the workshop.

11:46:03AM 600 million.

11:46:04AM And we are telling the people to come on and you can give

11:46:08AM your input.

11:46:09AM But we have no intentions of spending 300 million, never

11:46:12AM mind 600 million.

11:46:14AM That's where you lead them on the wrong path.

11:46:17AM They think they have a say in this.

11:46:19AM So one project has a little road that has to be done, we

11:46:23AM have to have this road put in, this here.

11:46:26AM Before you know it, they think it is on the list and we say

11:46:28AM no, we can't do that.
11:46:30AM We start irritating the public.
11:46:35AM >>Mayor Ribble: You know, we are going to go.
11:46:37AM I was thinking of this great line.
11:46:38AM Every now and then I have a great drive with myself looking
11:46:41AM in the rear-view mirror.
11:46:43AM Coming in today I'm thinking we are government lite, we are
11:46:47AM really dead lite.
11:46:51AM With the CIP are we forever indebted a them next council
11:46:54AM that comes in won't be able to manage stuff.
11:46:57AM We can spend money with the sign of a pen.
11:46:59AM Look at this landscaping thing.
11:47:01AM I went through the checks the other day, I have never seen a
11:47:04AM check that big, 891,000.
11:47:07AM >> Why did you sign it?
11:47:09AM >> Because I had the folks come out and they told me the
11:47:11AM work was done and I signed it on the recommendation of the
11:47:14AM management.
11:47:14AM So it was signed.
11:47:16AM I will tell you what, Howard, from now on I will call you
11:47:19AM first.
11:47:20AM Howard, don't wait for the call.
11:47:25AM 891,000 is a lot of money.
11:47:27AM Think of where that came from.
11:47:29AM Come on.
11:47:34AM >>Jon McLain: David, we have here what I think is a short
11:47:37AM schedule to do such a large project.
11:47:39AM Talking about a month and a half, less than a month and a
11:47:41AM half from now.
11:47:42AM When do we have to have this information adopted by?
11:47:45AM Doesn't this go until -- couldn't we stretch it out to the
11:47:51AM summer?
11:47:54AM >>David Willems: Sure.
11:48:01AM >>Nick Batos: I think the consolidated schedule is
11:48:04AM unrealistic.
11:48:05AM >> The other thing I mentioned before, I was at Dr. Canales'
11:48:10AM house the other night and probably the cheapest guy there.
11:48:17AM They had big spenders there like Jim -- was there.
11:48:17AM He and I had a Diet coke together.

11:48:17AM I had read through his survey that morning from the ECCL
11:48:19AM that they did.
11:48:21AM I'd like to hear from them and their survey and how does it
11:48:24AM match our survey.
11:48:25AM Are we on the same wavelength or not?
11:48:30AM Why not hear what they say about it?
11:48:33AM Maybe they will sway me.
11:48:34AM But the work was done and there's a lot of passion and they

11:48:37AM are all residents.
11:48:38AM So let's hear what they have to say about it.
11:48:43AM I'm done.
11:48:47AM >> Cancel the work shops.
11:48:50AM If you want to get into a council discussion first, we can
11:48:53AM easily do that.
11:48:55AM We would have to take either the March 18th, probably
11:48:59AM more likely the April 1st meeting and have an extensive
11:49:04AM council discussion at that time.
11:49:06AM And then move the public information sessions to a later
11:49:12AM date in April.
11:49:18AM >> Two workshops to go through all of the stuff here.
11:49:23AM Instead of scheduling one council workshop so we can get
11:49:27AM into this here and at the end of that if we decide no, we
11:49:30AM need more time, than we can schedule another one.
11:49:33AM Nothing should be done in terms of the public until we have
11:49:36AM had a chance to go over this stuff and know what we are
11:49:39AM talking about and know how we will prioritize.
11:49:44AM I agree with Jon, safety has to be the number one
11:49:47AM consideration in all of this stuff.
11:49:49AM That's how we have to rate this stuff.
11:49:51AM It is a sensible, practical thing.
11:49:54AM But I would have no public information sessions until we
11:49:58AM know what we are talking about.
11:49:59AM So we have a public information March 10th and they call
11:50:02AM us and say what about this?
11:50:05AM We don't know.
11:50:06AM We haven't had a workshop.
11:50:07AM Too much information.
11:50:08AM That's what we tell the public?
11:50:11AM >>Mayor Ribble: He's got it.
11:50:12AM So, when are you going to do your one on ones with us?
11:50:17AM That will help to move some of this along at the workshop?
11:50:22AM >>Steve Sarkozy: They were planned for the last week in
11:50:25AM March.
11:50:25AM So we have time to do that.
11:50:27AM >>Mayor Ribble: Okay.
11:50:28AM Good.
11:50:29AM >>Steve Sarkozy: Why don't we plan an April 1st workshop
11:50:32AM and an April 8th workshop.
11:50:34AM The April 8th would be exclusively for the CIP.
11:50:38AM >>Mayor Ribble: Okay.

11:50:40AM >> It's not a council date.
11:50:42AM >>Steve Sarkozy: It is a special date.
11:50:45AM So you would have an hour on April 1st and then four
11:50:48AM hours -- April 1st is a regular meeting.
11:50:52AM >>Steve Sarkozy: That's correct.

11:50:54AM >> It is a public meeting anyhow.

11:50:57AM >>Steve Sarkozy: They will both be public meetings.

11:51:03AM >> I'm sorry but do you think having another workshop like

11:51:06AM this, an hour workshop before we have a chance to have an

11:51:09AM extensive workshop where we can start to understand this

11:51:13AM thing, I don't know what that hour workshop is going to

11:51:15AM accomplish if we haven't had a chance --

11:51:19AM >>Mayor Ribble: What is on the agenda for April 1st?

11:51:21AM Doesn't look like much on there let's just don't a hour

11:51:25AM council meeting and workshop.

11:51:28AM >>Steve Sarkozy: Okay.

11:51:30AM >>Mayor Ribble: All right.

11:51:31AM You get your four hours, Nick.

11:51:37AM >>Nick Batos: I wasn't be difficult.

11:51:40AM >>Mayor Ribble: I agree with you.

11:51:42AM I'm still voting for you.

11:51:46AM What else do you have here?

11:51:49AM >>David Willems: That's it.

11:51:49AM I think that is all we have?

11:51:51AM >>Mayor Ribble: Is a different way.

11:51:52AM We have a big proud.

11:51:53AM Any comments from the public?

11:51:54AM We will give you 30 seconds each.

11:51:57AM Oh, Jim left already.

11:51:59AM As soon as I mentioned how much money -- oh, you snuck away

11:52:03AM from me.

11:52:04AM [Inaudible]

11:52:05AM Any comments?

11:52:06AM Any comments?

11:52:09AM Okay.

11:52:11AM Mark?

11:52:12AM Lou?

11:52:16AM [Inaudible]

11:52:19AM >> They are going to need to use the microphone.

11:52:23AM >>Mayor Ribble: Thanks.

11:52:27AM >> Lou, ECCL transportation council chair.

11:52:32AM I just want to make a couple of comments.

11:52:35AM We have been continuously working with the public works

11:52:37AM director and the Village manager on all transportation

11:52:40AM projects.

11:52:41AM We just got the CIP also.

11:52:45AM And it's very voluminous and it contains, if you get into

11:52:50AM the details, it contains not a only what you saw today but

11:52:54AM it contains almost every project in Estero that needs to be

11:52:57AM done at some time.

11:52:59AM It's not this year, it goes five years, probably will go out

11:53:03AM even further than that.

11:53:05AM The only other thing I wanted to say is on Corkscrew Road
11:53:09AM and I live on Corkscrew Road but you are talking about
11:53:15AM 11,000 residents out there that are a part of Estero.
11:53:19AM It's a disaster Corkscrew Road.
11:53:22AM We need to get that -- it's a top priority.
11:53:24AM Even though it is a county road, it's Village of Estero.
11:53:29AM And we need it to look --
11:53:32AM >>Mayor Ribble: Watch the news from 4:00 to 5:00 today.
11:53:36AM You will see me on there in case you weren't paying
11:53:39AM attention.
11:53:39AM >> I know what you said and repeated that also.
11:53:42AM So let's do a good job.
11:53:43AM Thank you.
11:53:45AM >>Kathy Hall: I have four other folks that want to talk on
11:53:47AM this topic.
11:53:47AM Ed Weil.
11:53:54AM 20350 Rookery Drive.
11:53:58AM I will try to keep it within three.
11:54:00AM What I'm concerned about sports at Estero High School is
11:54:04AM being challenged currently because of loss of places to
11:54:10AM practice and play.
11:54:11AM Estero High School is one of three high schools with the
11:54:14AM largest athletic programs in Lee County.
11:54:16AM Two additional schools are planned to add 2300 more students
11:54:20AM to the Estero High campus and will be asked to serve 5500
11:54:24AM students on top of each other.
11:54:27AM Eliminating all practice fields, but one 70-yard field for
11:54:33AM practice.
11:54:35AM To be used by two football teams, four soccer teams and then
11:54:40AM followed by four Lacrosse teams.
11:54:43AM Do you think we will have a field to play on?
11:54:46AM You take out sports, look out for the value of your
11:54:53AM property.
11:54:55AM Will it be playable?
11:54:56AM No.
11:54:56AM The high school lost two nearby fields because Estero
11:55:00AM community park repurposed its multi-purpose fields for just
11:55:05AM football to handle 100 kids.
11:55:07AM They have been instructed not to allow the high school to
11:55:10AM use their fields.
11:55:13AM That leads us to the Village of Estero.
11:55:16AM We don't have our own park.
11:55:18AM Not one single park.
11:55:20AM We should be given the community park like Bonita and Cape
11:55:27AM Coral by Lee County since our impact fees and taxes diverted
11:55:33AM to Lee County should eliminate and cover the general fund
11:55:36AM investment used to build this park.
11:55:39AM We need right now to buy the adjacent land from the church

11:55:47AM and the golf range.

11:55:49AM There's a lot of reasons for park and fields this in town.

11:55:53AM The NRP guidelines for a village of 33,000 says we should

11:55:58AM have six fields for recreation.

11:56:00AM Estero has zero.

11:56:02AM We have been told we will double in size.

11:56:07AM And when you add the families up Corkscrew Road, we have

11:56:10AM been talking about, we will bring if Estero for education

11:56:13AM and recreational needs, we don't have the fields.

11:56:20AM In 2017, you had me do a study.

11:56:23AM 20 sports organizations serving 4600 kids in our area.

11:56:27AM We found they lacked fields and facilities, no room.

11:56:31AM And just one and a half years, the number jumped 35% to 6200

11:56:36AM kids.

11:56:37AM And now they are being cut.

11:56:38AM Plus, our own coalition study, our families and workforce

11:56:44AM told us they need fields for rec program for their children

11:56:48AM to lay locally so they can handle it and kids can have a

11:56:52AM decent life.

11:56:53AM Then we found out Three Oaks is full.

11:56:57AM We need to redesign the entire educational park campus for

11:57:01AM the best use for everyone, create a master plan with the

11:57:05AM Village and school district working together for now and in

11:57:08AM the future and buy the additional land now.

11:57:17AM Thanks.

11:57:18AM >>Mayor Ribble: Bob Dion.

11:57:20AM >> Bob Dion, Pelican Sound.

11:57:21AM I will be brief based on what was just said.

11:57:24AM I appreciate the thought there.

11:57:26AM I will be involved in the future of meetings.

11:57:28AM I wanted to say I agree with Howard and Jon priorities.

11:57:32AM Storm water, if we have everything under water, how are we

11:57:36AM going to play in the fields?

11:57:38AM Thank you.

11:57:43AM [Inaudible]

11:57:51AM >>Kathy Hall: Richard Keister.

11:57:57AM >>Mayor Ribble: Thank you for taking my time.

11:57:59AM Richard Keister.

11:58:01AM I'm in Coconut Shores.

11:58:03AM A in I'm along Coconut Road.

11:58:07AM Presently it is very difficult to get out of our community.

11:58:10AM We have to cross the westbound lane to get out and go up to

11:58:15AM 41.

11:58:16AM Traffic is supposed to be at 45 miles an hour, generally you

11:58:22AM understand it's much higher than that.

11:58:26AM With the new community that's going in at the end of the

11:58:29AM road, that's going to add 600 more units, in addition to all

11:58:35AM of the boat traffic down there, they are also putting in
11:58:40AM four more towers at Rapallo.
11:58:45AM The traffic already is impossible.

11:58:48AM We really need something done on that road now.
11:58:53AM Not in the future.
11:58:54AM I understand there's financial concerns.
11:58:58AM We're putting in 120-unit hotel right at the end of Coconut
11:59:03AM Road before it gets to 41.
11:59:07AM Without that traffic light that you are trying to get down
11:59:10AM the road, it's going to make it impossible to get out of 41.
11:59:14AM So we really, really need your assistance.
11:59:20AM 4.5 million in impact fees is going to Bonita Springs.
11:59:25AM >>Mayor Ribble: Don't even worry about that.
11:59:27AM >> Okay.
11:59:29AM I'm thinking that would be.
11:59:30AM >>Mayor Ribble: That thing is a rumor.
11:59:33AM It's whatever.
11:59:34AM Don't worry about it.
11:59:35AM It is being taken care of.
11:59:37AM >> That sounds great.
11:59:38AM Last comment I have is I'm really disturbed with the
11:59:41AM community in putting an airport on the corner of Coconut and
11:59:46AM 41.
11:59:47AM That's tongue and cheek.
11:59:50AM What we have got there is these powered parachutes.
11:59:59AM I don't know if you have been through there when these guys
12:00:01PM are taking off and buzzing over the communities.
12:00:04PM It's nuts.
12:00:05PM So anything that can be done with those things.
12:00:10PM >>Mayor Ribble: Yes.
12:00:12PM They do show up.
12:00:15PM >> They buzz the communities.
12:00:16PM I happen to live next to it and they will spiral around
12:00:20PM flying.
12:00:21PM It's horrible.
12:00:22PM So, anyway, thank you for your time.
12:00:24PM >>Mayor Ribble: Thank you.
12:00:26PM Is that it?
12:00:28PM Any other comments from council?
12:00:29PM Burt, anything else?
12:00:34PM >> Is there a workshop on April 8th?
12:00:41PM >>Mayor Ribble: Yes, four hours, pack your lunch.
12:00:45PM Have Daphne put your canteen in the little lunchbox.
12:00:50PM Any other comments?
12:00:52PM Meeting adjourned.
12:00:53PM Thank you very much.

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