

THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020, 9:30 A.M.

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09:30:05 >>Mayor Ribble: I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE MEETING OF
09:30:09 JULY 22nd OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO ORDER.
09:30:12 FIRST UP, WE HAVE FATHER TONY FROM LADY OF LIGHT COMMUNITY
09:30:16 CHURCH TO DO THE INVOCATION.
09:30:19 FATHER TONY, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO YOU.
09:30:27 >> LET US TAKE A MOMENT TO CENTER OURSELVES.
09:30:29 WE GATHER HERE TODAY WITH THE INTENT OF DOING GOOD WORK.
09:30:39 WE SEEK TO REPRESENT FAIRLY AND WELL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN US
09:30:42 THE TASK TO DO SO.
09:30:44 MAY OUR EFFORTS BE BLESSED WITH INSIGHT, BE GUIDED BY
09:30:48 UNDERSTANDING AND WISDOM, AND WE SERVE TO RESPECT
09:30:54 EVERYBODY THAT WE KNOW THAT IS HERE AND THE COMMUNITY AS
09:30:58 WELL.
09:30:58 MAY OUR PERSONAL FAITHS GIVE US THE STRENGTH TO ACT HONESTLY
09:31:02 AND WELL IN THE MATTERS THAT ARE SET BEFORE US TODAY AND
09:31:06 EVERY DAY, SO BE IT.
09:31:09 >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, FATHER TONY.
09:31:15 I DID WANT TO ADD, BACK TO FATHER HUGH, WE MOST APPRECIATE

09:31:20 YOU PUTTING YOUR MORNING MASS ON Facebook.
09:31:23 I SEE AN AWFUL LOT OF CONSTITUENTS, LIKE JIM BOESCH IN THE
09:31:27 ROOM HERE, ALWAYS GIVE YOU GUYS KUDOS EVERY MORNING.
09:31:30 I ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP THE POSTS GOING.
09:31:32 THEY ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS VERY
09:31:35 DIFFICULT TIME.
09:31:36 WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE TO THE
09:31:39 FLAG?
09:31:40 I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF
09:31:43 AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC, FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE
09:31:46 NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR
09:31:49 ALL.
09:31:54 >>Mayor Ribble: I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE TO PLEASE
09:31:56 SILENCE THEIR CELL PHONE.
09:31:58 IF YOU'RE SPEAKING, INCLUDING THE COUNCIL, BE LIKE FATHER
09:32:02 TONY WAS AND SPEAK RIGHT INTO THE MIKE SO WE CAN HEAR YOU
09:32:06 CLEARLY.
09:32:06 THOSE FOLKS AT HOME WATCHING ON TV, IF WE DON'T GET NEAR THE

09:32:09 MIKES WITH THE FACE MASKS ON, OUR SPEECH GETS STIFLED.
09:32:14 MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
09:32:16 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITAN?
09:32:18 >>Howard Levitan: HERE.
09:32:20 >>Jon McLain: HERE.
09:32:22 >>Jim Boesch: HERE.
09:32:26 >>Nick Batos: HERE.

09:32:28 >>Jim Wilson: HERE.
09:32:31 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: HERE.
09:32:33 >>Mayor Ribble: HERE.
09:32:34 NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
09:32:37 DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE
09:32:40 AGENDA?
09:32:41 HEARING NONE, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA
09:32:47 AS READ.
09:32:49 >> SO MOVED.
09:32:49 >>Mayor Ribble: NICK.
09:32:50 SECONDED BY KATY.
09:32:53 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
09:32:57 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITAN?
09:32:59 >>Howard Levitan: YES.
09:33:01 >>Jon McLain: YES.
09:33:03 >>Jim Boesch: YES.
09:33:05 >>Nick Batos: YES.
09:33:07 >>Jim Wilson: YES.
09:33:10 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YES.
09:33:12 >>Mayor Ribble: YES.
09:33:13 WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE
09:33:17 AGENDA.
09:33:19 HAS ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK?
09:33:21 >>Carol Sacco: YES, MAYOR.
09:33:22 WE HAVE ONE PERSON HERE TODAY AND ONE PUBLIC COMMENT.

09:33:25 I'LL CALL THE IN-PERSON.
09:33:26 MR. JACK MEEKER OF THE BROOKS COPPERLEAF.
09:33:29 IT'S REGARDING THREE OAKS AND COCONUT.
09:33:37 >> GOOD MORNING.
09:33:38 CAN YOU HEAR ME?
09:33:39 I'M NOT USED TO THIS MASK.
09:33:41 I'M SORRY.
09:33:41 LET ME BE CLEAR ABOUT ONE THING.
09:33:46 I'M FROM ESTERO.
09:33:48 I'M FROM THE COPPERLEAF IN THE BROOKS.
09:33:51 THE PROPOSAL BEFORE ESTERO FOR AN IMPROVEMENT TO THE BROOKS
09:34:01 TOWN CENTER.
09:34:02 LET ME BE CLEAR, WE DON'T WANT THIS.
09:34:08 WE DO NOT WANT THIS APARTMENT HOUSE ON THAT CORNER OF THREE

09:34:11 OAKS AND COCONUT ROAD.
09:34:14 IT IS NOT REFLECTIVE OF THE GOOD WORK THAT BONITA BAY GROUP
09:34:20 HAS DONE IN OUR COMMUNITY.
09:34:23 IT SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN.
09:34:27 ESTERO NEEDS GREENSPACE.
09:34:33 NOW, PASS A PARK WITH SOME BENCHES, BOTANICAL GARDENS,
09:34:41 GIVING OUR RESIDENTS A PLACE TO STROLL, SIT AND RELAX AND
09:34:45 SMELL THE FLOWERS WOULD BE A GOOD THING FOR THIS COMMUNITY.
09:34:50 WE ALL NEED SOME RELIEF FROM THE STRESSES OF EVERYDAY
09:34:55 LIVING.
09:34:57 I THINK THIS CONCEPT WOULD WORK PHYSICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY.

09:35:04 I THINK WE'RE SMART ENOUGH TO MAKE IT HAPPEN, AND I THINK IT
09:35:08 WOULD BE A GREAT IMPROVEMENT.
09:35:10 IT WILL CERTAINLY BE A WELCOMING SIGNAL TO ANYBODY
09:35:14 CONSIDERING MOVING INTO OUR WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD.
09:35:18 THANK YOU.
09:35:20 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
09:35:21 THANK YOU, JACK.
09:35:22 NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS CONSENT AGENDA --
09:35:24 >>Carol Sacco: EXCUSE ME, MAYOR, WE HAVE ONE MORE.
09:35:27 >>Mayor Ribble: OH, YOU HAVE ONE MORE, OKAY.
09:35:28 >>Carol Sacco: PUBLIC COMMENT CARD.
09:35:30 BOB DION FROM PELICAN SOUND GOLF AND RIVER CLUB.
09:35:35 AS WE KNOW, ESTERO RIVER HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS SPECIAL
09:35:37 WATER AND IMPAIRED FROM BACTERIA.
09:35:39 THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
09:35:40 JUST THINK OF HOW THE RIVER WILL BE IN ONE TO TWO YEARS IF
09:35:43 SEPTIC SYSTEMS ARE NOT CONVERTED TO SEWER BEFORE THEN.
09:35:46 I REMEMBER HEARING THAT IT WILL TAKE TWO YEARS BEFORE
09:35:49 SHOVELS ARE IN THE GROUND.
09:35:51 PLEASE ESTABLISH AN ACTION PLAN TO CONVERT SYSTEMS AS SOON
09:35:54 AS POSSIBLE.
09:35:55 ALSO, CAN WE GET STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS TO HELP?
09:35:58 THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.
09:36:03 >>Mayor Ribble: IS THAT IT, CAROL?
09:36:06 >>Carol Sacco: THAT'S IT, MAYOR.

09:36:07 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
09:36:08 SO ONLY THOSE TWO.
09:36:09 NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE CONSENT AGENDA.
09:36:11 DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE
09:36:14 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OR RESOLUTIONS?
09:36:18 >>Steven Sarkozy: MAYOR, IF I MAY, IT'S BEEN BROUGHT UP, AND
09:36:21 THERE IS A CORRECTION TO BE MADE ON THE MINUTES OF
09:36:27 JULY 8th.
09:36:28 THAT'S ON PAGE 7 OF 8, REGARDING THE COCONUT ROAD STUDY AND
09:36:35 THE COLLABORATION WITH BONITA SPRINGS.

09:36:37 THE MOTION WAS ACTUALLY MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER ERRINGTON AND
09:36:41 NOT COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITAN.
09:36:43 THAT WOULD BE A MINOR CHANGE TO MAKE TO THE MINUTES.
09:36:51 >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.
09:36:52 SO ANY OTHER COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA?
09:36:55 IF NOT, I'LL TAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.
09:36:59 KATY.
09:37:00 SECONDED BY JON McLAIN.
09:37:03 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
09:37:06 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITAN?
09:37:08 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
09:37:08 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
09:37:11 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
09:37:13 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
09:37:21 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON?

09:37:23 >>Mayor Ribble: JIM WILSON?
09:37:24 OKAY.
09:37:25 >>Carol Sacco: VICE-MAYOR ERRINGTON.
09:37:28 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
09:37:29 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
09:37:30 THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE PRESENTATION OF THE
09:37:33 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.
09:37:38 STEVE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS?
09:37:41 >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL,
09:37:42 UNDER THE TERMS OF OUR VILLAGE CHARTER, THE STAFF IS
09:37:45 REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL A BUDGET ON OR BEFORE
09:37:49 JULY 15th EACH FISCAL YEAR, EACH YEAR.
09:37:54 THIS YEAR IS VERY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED IN
09:37:59 THE PAST AS A RESULT OF THE COVID CRISIS.
09:38:02 AND WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME VERY SUBSTANTIAL
09:38:06 CUTS IN OUR REVENUE THAT WE RECEIVE AS PASS-THROUGHS FROM
09:38:12 THE STATE.
09:38:13 WHAT WE'VE DONE IN THIS BUDGET IS TO COMPLY WITH THE
09:38:17 CHARTER.
09:38:17 WE FRAMED THE BUDGET VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WE'VE DONE IN THE
09:38:24 PAST WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO BE
09:38:27 ADJUSTING THE BUDGET IN THE NEAR FUTURE AS WE KNOW CUTS THAT
09:38:35 WILL BE COMING IN FROM THE STATE.
09:38:36 WE'RE ANTICIPATING AT THIS POINT THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
09:38:42 TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9 AND

09:38:44 SEPTEMBER 23rd, BUT WE ALSO EXPECT CHANGES IN THE STATE IN
09:38:49 TERMS OF THE REQUIRED ADOPTION OF OUR BUDGETS THAT'S
09:38:57 REQUIRED BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.
09:38:59 WE'RE GUESSING THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE AN EXTENSION OF THAT
09:39:03 BECAUSE OF THE COVID CRISIS.
09:39:04 SO WE'RE PRESENTING THIS BUDGET TO YOU WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE

09:39:09 THAT THIS IS GOING TO CHANGE, THAT IT'S VERY PRELIMINARY,
09:39:13 AND THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO RESPOND TO SOME OF THE CUTS
09:39:18 THAT WE FULLY KNOW ARE GOING TO OCCUR IN OUR REVENUE
09:39:24 STRUCTURE.
09:39:24 SO THIS IS PRESENTED TO COMPLY.
09:39:29 IT, OF COURSE, SHOWS THAT WE HAVE ADEQUATE FUNDS IN TERMS OF
09:39:39 LIVING BY THIS BUDGET, BUT WE KNOW THERE ARE GOING TO BE
09:39:43 SOME ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS WE NEED TO MAKE.
09:39:47 WHEN I SAY WE LIVE WITH THIS BUDGET, WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE
09:39:51 SUBSTANTIAL RESERVES, RESERVES IN THE FORM OF OUR DEEP
09:39:56 RESERVES THAT PROVIDE FOR 100% OF OUR ANNUAL OPERATING
09:40:00 REVENUE.
09:40:02 SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO DO THAT.
09:40:05 WE ALSO HAVE A VARIETY OF CUTS THAT WE CAN MAKE IN THE LINE
09:40:11 ITEMS OF THE BUDGET.
09:40:13 THIRDLY, WE ALSO HAVE UNSPENT FUNDS FROM PRIOR YEARS THAT
09:40:18 COULD BE USED EITHER FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS OR
09:40:22 REDIRECTED TO THE OPERATING EXPENSE.
09:40:28 ALL OF THAT WILL COME TOGETHER BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER AND

09:40:33 WE'LL BE BRIEFING THE COUNCIL REGARDING THOSE ANTICIPATED
09:40:36 CHANGES AS THEY BECOME KNOWN.
09:40:39 WE SHOULD HAVE ANOTHER BIT OF INFORMATION COMING IN FROM THE
09:40:42 STATE BY THE END OF THIS WEEK, BUT THIS IS A VERY FLUID TIME
09:40:48 IN TERMS OF THE FINANCES AS A RESULT OF THE COVID CRISIS.
09:40:52 WE'RE COMPLYING WITH THE CHARTER BUT KNOWING FULL WELL THAT
09:41:00 THIS WILL BE -- IT'S ONLY A DRAFT AT THIS POINT.
09:41:03 >>Mayor Ribble: YEAH, I DID WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT FOR THE
09:41:06 PUBLIC AND JUST A REMINDER TO THE COUNCIL, IN THE ESSENCE OF
09:41:10 TIME HERE TODAY, WE'VE ALL HAD THIS BUDGET -- I'VE HAD THIS
09:41:14 FOR SEVERAL WEEKS NOW.
09:41:15 I KNOW OFFICIALLY IT CAME OUT ON FRIDAY, AND WE ALL HAD A
09:41:18 CHANCE TO GO THROUGH IT.
09:41:20 WE ALL HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ON THE BUDGET I'M SURE.
09:41:28 I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF THE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SET UP,
09:41:30 STEVE.
09:41:30 FOR THE PUBLIC'S KNOWLEDGE, WE OCCASIONALLY HAVE WHAT WE
09:41:32 CALL HEAD TO HEADS IN THE INDUSTRY OR AS WE CALL IN ESTERO,
09:41:36 ONE ON ONES WITH THE MANAGER AND STAFF.
09:41:40 I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE COUNCIL THAT IF YOU SEE SOME
09:41:43 THINGS ON THERE THAT YOU HAVE CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT,
09:41:47 RATHER THAN TIE US UP TODAY AND PUT LISA ON TRIAL FOR HER
09:41:52 HARD WORK, WHY DON'T WE WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE A ONE-ON-ONE
09:41:56 TIME, COME OVER HERE, SPEND YOUR HOUR, TWO HOURS, WHATEVER
09:41:59 YOU NEED, AND GO DOWN THROUGH THOSE THINGS AND SEE IF WE

09:42:01 CAN'T IRON THOSE OUT, AND THEN WE'LL COME BACK AND REGROUP
09:42:05 AS A COUNCIL AND MOVE FORWARD.

09:42:09 IS EVERYONE OKAY WITH THAT?
09:42:11 DO I HAVE CONSENSUS?
09:42:13 NICK, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT WITH THAT?
09:42:15 >>Jim Wilson: YES.
09:42:16 >>Mayor Ribble: HOWARD?
09:42:18 >>Howard Levitan: ABSOLUTELY.
09:42:20 >>Mayor Ribble: JIM, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
09:42:22 JON, YOU'RE ALL RIGHT WITH THAT?
09:42:23 OKAY.
09:42:24 DO WE WANT TO GO THROUGH THE PRESENTATION, OR DO WE WANT TO
09:42:27 FOREGO THAT TODAY.
09:42:28 >>Steven Sarkozy: I'D RECOMMEND THAT WE FOREGO THE FORMAL
09:42:32 PRESENTATION BECAUSE THIS BUDGET IS VERY MUCH LIKE THE ONE
09:42:35 LAST YEAR, AND THERE ARE VERY FEW CHANGES, AND WE KNOW THAT
09:42:39 THAT'S GOING TO NOT PREVAIL, ULTIMATELY.
09:42:42 IT WILL STILL BE APPROPRIATE TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET
09:42:47 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE MODIFIED.
09:42:50 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
09:42:51 JIM?
09:42:54 >>Jim Boesch: I WOULD SAY IT'S IMPORTANT NOT ONLY FOR US BUT
09:42:58 FOR THE RESIDENTS, GO THROUGH THE PRESENTATION, THE GENERAL
09:43:06 PRESENTATION THAT SHE HAS BECAUSE THE CONCEPT OF THIS WHOLE
09:43:10 BUDGET -- [LOW AUDIO] -- WE ARE GOING TO BE UNDERFUNDED BY

09:43:19 ALMOST -- [DIFFICULT TO HEAR] -- SHOCKED.
09:43:30 FOR ANY MUNICIPALITY GO THROUGH A CHANGE LIKE THAT IS
09:43:37 SOMETHING THAT -- COVID-19.
09:43:40 THEY SHOULD BE PROUD AFTER GOING THROUGH ALL THESE CUTS AND
09:43:48 SO FORTH THAT WE CAN COME UP WITH A -- [INAUDIBLE] --
09:44:01 [CANNOT HEAR] -- BASICALLY BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL CONCEPT
09:44:08 THAT THE COUNCIL PEOPLE ADOPTED -- INSIST ON STAYING ON THAT
09:44:16 TRACK.
09:44:16 KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS BUDGET IS BASED ON THE 30% REDUCTION
09:44:25 -- [INAUDIBLE] -- REVENUE WE GET, ESPECIALLY FROM THE STATE.
09:44:31 [INAUDIBLE]
09:44:53 >>Mayor Ribble: HOW LONG DO YOU NEED TO DO THAT, LISA?
09:44:57 >>Lisa Roberson: MAYBE, FIVE, TEN MINUTES.
09:44:59 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
09:44:59 LET'S GO AHEAD AND DO THAT.
09:45:00 I DO WANT TO RESPOND TO MR. BOESCH'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE
09:45:03 CUTBACKS.
09:45:04 WE HAD A FULL-FLEDGED FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES MEETING ON
09:45:08 THURSDAY, AND EVERY ONE OF OUR CITIES CAME TO THAT MEETING
09:45:11 WITH THEIR BUDGET PLAN AND REDUCTIONS.
09:45:14 I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU, LISA'S PLAN IS RIGHT THERE WITH THE
09:45:17 REST OF THE CUTBACKS.
09:45:19 SO I WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT I'VE SEEN.
09:45:22 FEW THINGS THAT WE'LL MEET WITH YOURSELF AND STEVE.

09:45:25 I'LL ASK YOU GUYS TO TWEAK.

09:45:27 BUT I THOUGHT COMPARED TO THE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, YOU'RE
09:45:30 RIGHT THERE.
09:45:31 EVERYONE IS TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY, JIM, AS YOU WELL KNOW.
09:45:35 SOME OF THEM, LIKE SANIBEL, THEY ARE NOT -- THEIR PARKING
09:45:40 FEES AND BRIDGE TOLLS IS A BIG BUCKET OF REVENUE THAT THEY
09:45:43 LOST.
09:45:43 OF COURSE, WE DON'T HAVE THOSE TWO ISSUES.
09:45:46 BUT EVERYONE IS FEELING THE PINCH.
09:45:48 THERE'S NOT ONE CITY THAT'S IN GREAT SHAPE WITH THIS THING.
09:45:51 AND THEY ARE ALL ADJUSTING ACCORDINGLY AND CUTTING BACK.
09:45:55 I'LL TURN IT OVER TO YOU.
09:45:56 >>Lisa Roberson: THANK YOU.
09:45:57 FOR THE RECORD, LISA ROBERSON, FINANCE DIRECTOR FOR THE
09:45:59 VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
09:46:00 I WILL MAKE THIS REALLY BRIEF.
09:46:01 THIS PRESENTATION IS DESIGNED TO GIVE COUNCIL AND THE
09:46:05 RESIDENTS AS MUCH INFORMATION AS WE HAVE RIGHT NOW ABOUT THE
09:46:09 COVID IMPACTS OF OUR REVENUE.
09:46:10 IT BRIEFLY JUST TOUCHES ON WHERE WE'RE AT OVERALL WITH OUR
09:46:14 FUNDS, BUT IT'S NOT MEANT TO GO INTO DETAIL, BECAUSE WE KNOW
09:46:18 THESE NUMBERS ARE GOING TO CHANGE.
09:46:19 YOU GUYS WILL SEE CONSTANTLY IN YOUR PACKET THAT YOU HAVE
09:46:22 AND IN YOUR PRESENTATION PRELIMINARY, PRELIMINARY, BECAUSE
09:46:26 OF THE UNCERTAINTY WE'RE CERTAIN WE'RE FACING.
09:46:29 I BELIEVE OUR MANAGER TOUCHED ON THESE DATES BEFORE.

09:46:31 OUR BUDGET CALENDAR TODAY, WE'RE DOING A BRIEF PRESENTATION
09:46:35 TO THE COUNCIL, SO YOU ALL WILL SEE IN COMPLIANCE WITH OUR
09:46:38 CHARTER, A FULLY BALANCED PRELIMINARY BUDGET.
09:46:41 TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO BE REQUIRED BY FLORIDA LAW TO TAKE A
09:46:44 PRELIMINARY MILLAGE RATE VOTE.
09:46:46 THAT WILL BE THE FIRST OF THREE VOTES.
09:46:49 THIS WILL BE THE PRELIMINARY VOTE YOU MAKE TODAY IS WHAT
09:46:52 WILL BE ON THE TRIM NOTICE, TRUTH IN MILLAGE NOTICE THAT
09:46:56 WILL BE MAILED OUT BY THE PROPERTY APPRAISER TO EVERY
09:46:59 PROPERTY OWNER IN THE VILLAGE.
09:47:00 YOU CAN GO -- YOU HAVE TWO MORE VOTES AFTER THAT.
09:47:05 YOU CAN GO DOWN.
09:47:06 YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR MILLAGE RATE AFTER THAT, BUT YOU CANNOT
09:47:09 INCREASE IT.
09:47:09 SO TODAY'S VOTE WILL BE THE MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATE THAT YOU
09:47:12 CAN ASSESS THIS YEAR.
09:47:14 I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS CLEAR.
09:47:16 THAT IS THE LIMITATION PLACED ON US BY FLORIDA LAW.
09:47:18 AS OUR MANAGER MENTIONED, SEPTEMBER 9, IT WILL BE AT 5:30,
09:47:23 TENTATIVELY, IF THESE DATES CHANGE, WE'LL LET YOU ALL KNOW

09:47:27 AS SOON AS WE CAN.
09:47:27 WE'LL BE REACTING IN CASE THINGS COME DOWN FROM THE STATE.
09:47:32 SEPTEMBER 23rd IS ALSO A 5:30 MEETING.
09:47:34 AT BOTH OF THESE MEETINGS, YOU WILL BE APPROVING THE BUDGET
09:47:37 AND YOU'LL BE APPROVING, TAKING A MILLAGE RATE VOTE.

09:47:41 TODAY, LEGALLY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO APPROVE THIS BUDGET, BUT
09:47:44 YOU DO HAVE TO TAKE A MILLAGE RATE VOTE.
09:47:49 EVERYBODY GETS AN IDEA, THE FACT THAT WE CAN BALANCE OUR
09:47:52 BUDGET, AND WE ARE GOING TO BE MAKING OUR ADJUSTMENTS AS WE
09:47:55 NEED TO GOING FORWARD.
09:47:56 I APOLOGIZE.
09:47:57 THIS MASK, IT'S HARD TO BREATHE.
09:47:59 IF I SEEM TO BE HYPERVENTILATING -- MARY TOLD ME, JUST DON'T
09:48:07 FAINT.
09:48:07 REVENUE PROJECTIONS.
09:48:10 WE CAN'T STATE ENOUGH HOW UNCERTAIN THEY ARE RIGHT NOW AS A
09:48:13 RESULT OF THE CONTINUED IMPACTS OF COVID-19.
09:48:16 WE ARE, AS WE'VE MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES, WE'RE GOING TO
09:48:19 CONTINUE TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AS ADDITIONAL DATA IS RECEIVED
09:48:23 BOTH BY THE STATE AND OUR LOCAL COLLECTION DATA.
09:48:26 THE SCARIEST PART RIGHT NOW, WE ONLY HAVE, BECAUSE OF THE
09:48:29 TIMING OF THE IMPACTS OF COVID IN OUR FISCAL YEAR, WE ONLY
09:48:32 HAVE ABOUT TWO MONTHS OF COLLECTION DATA.
09:48:34 SO WE HOPE TO BUILD MORE DATA LOCALLY AND GET MORE INPUT
09:48:38 FROM THE STATE.
09:48:39 THE STATE ESTIMATES ARE MENTIONED HERE.
09:48:41 THEY ARE HOPEFULLY COMING OUT THIS WEEK.
09:48:44 THEY HAVE USUALLY HISTORICALLY COME OUT IN JUNE OR JULY.
09:48:47 WE KNOW THE STATE HAS THEIR HANDS FULL.
09:48:49 THE ECONOMISTS ARE WORKING.

09:48:51 WE KNOW THEY'LL GET US SOME NUMBERS.
09:48:53 WE DO WANT TO STRESS THAT THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
09:48:56 HISTORICALLY, THE STATE WILL DO QUARTERLY ESTIMATING
09:48:59 CONFERENCES.
09:49:00 AGAIN, THEY HAVE GOT THEIR PLATE FULL.
09:49:02 WE DON'T KNOW IF THAT WILL HAPPEN.
09:49:03 THEY WILL PROBABLY RELEASE ESTIMATE CHANGES AS THEY NEED TO,
09:49:07 AS THE CONDITIONS WARRANT.
09:49:09 PRIOR TO COVID-19, THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND THE BUILDING
09:49:15 FEE REVENUES WERE EXCEEDING PROJECTIONS.
09:49:17 WE ALL KNOW OUR ECONOMY WAS BOOMING.
09:49:19 WHAT THIS DID FOR US THIS FISCAL YEAR, IS IT HELPED US
09:49:22 LESSEN THE IMPACTS ON OUR REVENUE IN THESE TWO PARTICULAR
09:49:26 AREAS.
09:49:26 AS YOU CAN SEE RIGHT HERE, THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE THIS
09:49:29 FISCAL YEAR, NOT A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND BUILDING FEE

09:49:32 REVENUES, WE ACTUALLY ANTICIPATE MAKING BUDGET.
09:49:34 I DO WANT TO STRESS, BUILDING FEE REVENUES, WE'LL TALK ABOUT
09:49:39 THOSE GOING FORWARD.
09:49:40 WE ARE STILL SEEING A LOT OF SMALL INSPECTION NEEDS, AND
09:49:43 WE'RE GETTING A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF REVENUE
09:49:47 CONSIDERING WHAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH STILL DOWNSTAIRS IN
09:49:50 PERMITTING.
09:49:50 PEOPLE ARE DOING WORK, NOT NEW CONSTRUCTION, BUT PEOPLE ARE
09:49:53 DOING WORK AND DOING HOME IMPROVEMENTS, I GUESS, THINGS LIKE

09:49:56 THAT.
09:49:57 I'M SO HAPPY.
09:49:58 THAT'S A GOOD SIGN.
09:49:59 HOPEFULLY THAT CONTINUES.
09:50:00 IMPACT FEES GENERATED BY NEW CONSTRUCTION, THEY ARE
09:50:05 ANTICIPATED TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW OUR GROWTH
09:50:08 PROJECTIONS.
09:50:09 AS YOU ALL KNOW, EACH YEAR, WE GET SPECIALIST PLANNERS TO
09:50:15 PROJECT, LOOK AT OUR AVAILABLE OPEN SPACE, AVAILABLE LAND
09:50:19 FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND MAKE PROJECTIONS ABOUT WHAT THEY THINK
09:50:21 OUR IMPACT FEES WILL BE.
09:50:22 OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE NOT SEEN HARDLY ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION
09:50:27 SINCE COVID HAS HIT.
09:50:28 SO YOU CAN SEE ROUGHLY \$2 MILLION REDUCTION THIS FISCAL YEAR
09:50:32 ALONE FROM ROAD IMPACT FEES.
09:50:35 WE ANTICIPATE THAT MAY CONTINUE.
09:50:38 THE LEE COUNTY ESTERO PARKWAY REIMBURSEMENT HERE, I JUST
09:50:42 WANT TO STRESS THIS IS NOT A REVENUE SHORTFALL.
09:50:45 IT WILL BE REBUDGETED NEXT YEAR.
09:50:46 IT'S JUST A TIMING.
09:50:48 ESTERO PARKWAY CONSTRUCTION IS A LITTLE DELAYED, SO WE WON'T
09:50:52 QUALIFY FOR REIMBURSEMENT THIS YEAR.
09:50:54 WE'RE REBUDGETING THAT LAST YEAR.
09:50:55 THAT WILL NOT BE AN OVERALL REVENUE REDUCTION.
09:50:58 JUST A TIMING WITH RESPECT TO THE FISCAL YEAR.

09:51:01 THE STATE REVENUES WITH THE MOST IMMEDIATE, SIGNIFICANT
09:51:06 PROJECTION IMPACTS ARE GAS TAX, MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING
09:51:10 AND HALF-CENT SALES TAX.
09:51:13 WHAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU ARE ACTUAL COLLECTIONS WE'VE SEEN
09:51:15 FOR TWO MONTHS, THE REDUCTIONS, AND THEN WHAT WE'RE
09:51:18 PROJECTING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS FISCAL YEAR.
09:51:21 THIS FISCAL YEAR ENDS 9/30.
09:51:24 THESE PROJECTIONS, AND SOME OF THESE REDUCTIONS ARE IN LINE
09:51:26 WITH A LOT OF OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.
09:51:28 AS THE MAYOR INDICATED, WE'RE CONSTANTLY NETWORKING WITH
09:51:30 OTHER LOCAL FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
09:51:34 LOCALLY AND STATEWIDE TO MAKE SURE WHAT INFORMATION THEY

09:51:38 HAVE IN SHARING INFORMATION, MAKING SURE WE'RE ON THE SAME
09:51:41 PAGE.
09:51:42 OUR GAS TAX, 11% REDUCTION IN APRIL.
09:51:46 32% IN MAY.
09:51:48 WE'RE PROJECTING 30% REDUCTION THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL
09:51:52 YEAR.
09:51:52 MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING, THAT IS PRIMARILY SALES TAX
09:51:56 DRIVEN.
09:51:57 24% REDUCTION WE SAW IN APRIL.
09:52:00 44% WE SAW IN MAY.
09:52:03 AND A 30% REDUCTION GOING FORWARD.
09:52:06 HALF-CENT SALES TAX, 21% REDUCTION IN APRIL.
09:52:10 32% IN MAY AND AGAIN 30% PROJECTION GOING FORWARD.

09:52:15 THAT 30% NUMBER IS KIND OF WIDELY WHAT PEOPLE ARE SEEING AND
09:52:19 WHAT PEOPLE ARE PROJECTING.
09:52:20 GAS TAX, THESE ARE PRIMARILY CONSIST OF SALES TAX AND THEN
09:52:24 SOME GAS TAX.
09:52:26 THIS GIVES YOU JUST A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ACTUAL DOLLAR
09:52:32 SHORTFALLS WE'RE GOING TO PROJECT THIS FISCAL YEAR.
09:52:35 YOU CAN SEE, WE WERE REALLY AGAIN BOOMING BEFORE THEN.
09:52:38 NOT A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30th.
09:52:40 THIS IS A SUMMARY OF ALL OF THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE INDIVIDUAL
09:52:48 FUNDS, AGAIN, FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR ONLY THROUGH
09:52:51 SEPTEMBER 30th.
09:52:52 YOU CAN SEE THE BIGGEST REDUCTION WE'RE FACING ARE CAPITAL
09:52:57 PROJECT REVENUES, WHICH WE JUST COVERED, NEW CONSTRUCTION
09:53:00 GENERATED.
09:53:01 THE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR FOR OUR MAJOR
09:53:06 STATE REVENUES, WE'RE RIGHT NOW LOOKING AT A 30% REDUCTION
09:53:12 FOR THE THREE MAJOR FUNDS.
09:53:14 AGAIN, IN LINE WITH WHAT OTHERS ARE SEEING ACROSS THE STATE.
09:53:17 THIS SLIDE DEMONSTRATES WHAT THAT MEANS NUMERICALLY FOR EACH
09:53:24 OF THE REVENUE SOURCES.
09:53:26 WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE WE TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION
09:53:29 TO EVERYONE THAT WE THINK THERE ARE SOME LOCAL FEES AND
09:53:32 TAXES THAT HAVE EXPOSURE TO EXTENDED IMPACTS OF COVID-19.
09:53:36 THESE ARE TWO SIGNIFICANT REVENUE SOURCES THE VILLAGE RELIES
09:53:39 UPON, COMMUNICATION SERVICES TAXES AND ELECTRICAL FRANCHISE

09:53:44 FEES.
09:53:44 THESE HAVE HISTORICALLY GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY EACH FISCAL YEAR
09:53:48 AS OUR ECONOMY WAS BOOMING, THEY WERE GROWING.
09:53:50 YOU CAN SEE COMMUNICATION SERVICES TAX LAST YEAR ALONE GREW
09:53:54 9%.
09:53:55 THIS YEAR WE'RE ONLY GOING TO SEE A 3% GROWTH.
09:53:58 WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO ON BOTH OF THESE IS WE'RE GOING TO
09:54:01 SEE FLATTENING NEXT YEAR.

09:54:03 WE'LL SAY NO NEW GROWTH PRELIMINARILY.
09:54:06 AGAIN, THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE ELSE IS HOPING.
09:54:08 THESE AREN'T QUITE AS SUSCEPTIBLE TO SOME OF THE IMPACTS OF
09:54:11 COVID, AT LEAST INITIALLY, BUT WE DO FEAR, WITH EVERYTHING
09:54:14 ELSE, IF THE IMPACTS OF COVID CONTINUE AND ARE EXTENDED FOR
09:54:18 A LENGTH OF TIME, WE'LL WATCH THESE AND MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AS
09:54:21 WE NEED TO.
09:54:22 HERE WE HAVE THE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR
09:54:27 FOR REVENUES.
09:54:29 YOU CAN SEE THE GENERAL FUND REVENUES.
09:54:36 WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THE DETAIL SHORTLY, ABOUT 1.2 MILLION.
09:54:39 THE CAPITAL PROJECTS REVENUE, AGAIN, THAT'S PRIMARILY NEW
09:54:42 CONSTRUCTION, IMPACT FEE DRIVEN.
09:54:45 WE'D LOVE TO SEE SOMETHING POSITIVE HAPPEN, AND WHEN THIS
09:54:48 NEW CONSTRUCTION, IF IT WILL COME BACK, WHEN IT DOES, WE'LL
09:54:51 BE RATCHETING IT UP.
09:54:53 WE CAN CHANGE THE NUMBERS AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR.

09:54:55 THOSE ARE RESTRICTED FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS.
09:54:57 WE CAN MAKE THOSE ACCESSIBLE AS SOON AS WE GET THEM AND HAVE
09:55:00 THEM IN THE BANK, HELP YOU ALL APPLY THAT HOWEVER YOU'D LIKE
09:55:03 GOING FORWARD.
09:55:04 THESE CAN BE VERY FLUID AND WE CAN MAKE CHANGES AS WE NEED.
09:55:08 THIS IS JUST A QUICK SUMMARY OF OUR GENERAL OPERATING FUND.
09:55:11 IT'S COMPARATIVE IN NATURE.
09:55:13 IT SHOWS THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET TO NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET.
09:55:16 I THINK WHAT YOU CAN SEE HERE IS IN THE NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET,
09:55:20 EVEN WITH THE REVENUE SHORTFALL, AND EVEN AFTER PAYING OUR
09:55:23 DEBT SERVICE, WHICH WE'RE REQUIRED TO FUND, AND THEN OUR
09:55:27 ADDITIONAL DEBT REDUCTION THAT WE HAVE BEEN SETTING ASIDE
09:55:30 ANNUALLY, WE'RE NOT AT THIS POINT PROJECTING A DEFICIT IN
09:55:34 OUR GENERAL OPERATING FUND.
09:55:36 HOWEVER, THAT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND WE'LL BE MAKING
09:55:38 CHANGES AS WE NEED TO GOING FORWARD.
09:55:40 THIS GIVES YOU AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SLIDE, IT GIVES YOU
09:55:43 CUMULATIVE ALLOCATIONS.
09:55:44 OUR OPERATING REVENUES SHOWS.
09:55:47 THOSE ARE AT 12 MONTHS.
09:55:48 IT SHOWS OUR LITIGATION DEFENSE FUND RESERVES, OPERATING
09:55:53 RESERVES, EXCUSE ME.
09:55:55 MAJOR REVENUE RESERVES.
09:55:56 AND ALSO, OUR REMAINING FUND BALANCE FOR THE GENERAL FUND.
09:56:01 AGAIN, THESE ARE PRELIMINARY, FLUID AND WE'LL CHANGE THESE

09:56:04 AS WE NEED TO.
09:56:05 BUILDING PERMIT FEES, AGAIN, WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT WE'RE
09:56:09 SEEING SOME REVENUE CONTINUING DOWNSTAIRS.
09:56:11 ONE THING WE HAVE ON THE SLIDE THAT I WANTED TO CALL YOUR

09:56:14 ATTENTION, THERE IS A NEW STATE REGULATION.
09:56:16 FIRST, I WANT TO LET YOU ALL KNOW ABOUT IT BECAUSE IT WILL
09:56:19 CHANGE HOW WE BUDGET AND HOW WE OPERATE IN THE BUILDING
09:56:22 PERMIT FEE FUND.
09:56:24 THE STATE IS DISALLOWING GOVERNMENTS TO CARRY FORWARD MORE
09:56:28 THAN AN AVERAGE OF THE LAST FOUR FISCAL YEAR OPERATING
09:56:32 EXPENSES.
09:56:33 WE'VE CALCULATED THAT NUMBER FOR US AND WE SHOWED IT THERE.
09:56:36 IT'S 900,000.
09:56:38 WE'RE ONLY AT 500,000.
09:56:39 WE'RE WELL IN COMPLIANCE, BUT WE WILL BE WATCHING THIS EVERY
09:56:42 YEAR BECAUSE IT IS A NEW LAW AND IT WILL CHANGE HOW WE
09:56:44 BUDGET AND OPERATE IN THE BUILDING PERMIT FUND.
09:56:48 DEBT SERVICE FUND.
09:56:50 THIS IS A COMPARISON.
09:56:51 LAST CURRENT YEAR BUDGET TO NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET.
09:56:53 AND YOU CAN SEE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ON THIS SIDE IS THE
09:56:56 -- SLIDE, EXCUSE ME, CUMULATIVE ALLOCATION FOR THE DEBT
09:56:59 REDUCTION.
09:57:00 WE'RE PROJECTING TENTATIVELY TO CONTINUE TO MAKE THAT
09:57:03 ADDITIONAL 1.1 DEBT REDUCTION FUNDING, WHICH IS ACCUMULATING

09:57:08 TO PAY OFF OUR DEBT.
09:57:10 SO IF THIS BUDGET HOLDS, WE COULD BE AT 5.2, \$5.3 MILLION
09:57:15 THE END OF NEXT FISCAL YEAR.
09:57:17 CAPITAL PROJECTS, AGAIN, YOU SEE THE REVENUE REDUCTION
09:57:21 THERE, BUT YOU ALSO SEE THE REDUCTION IN CAPITAL PROJECTS
09:57:25 FUNDING.
09:57:26 THE REMAINING FUND BALANCE IS THERE.
09:57:29 THIS MONEY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER.
09:57:32 IT CAN ONLY BE SPENT ON CAPITAL PROJECTS.
09:57:35 IT'S ACCUMULATED OVER TIME.
09:57:37 WE LOVE TO DO PAY AS YOU GO HERE.
09:57:39 WE ACCUMULATE THE MONEY.
09:57:40 YOU APPROVE THE PROJECT, THEN WE FUND THE PROJECT WITHOUT
09:57:43 HAVING TO GO OUT FOR DEBT.
09:57:44 THAT'S WHY YOU SEE THESE BUILDUPS AND THESE CAPITAL PROJECT
09:57:49 FUNDS.
09:57:50 BEYOND 2020, 2021, CONCERNS.
09:57:55 OUR TAXABLE VALUE THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR CURRENT BUDGET IS
09:57:59 BASED ON JANUARY 2020 VALUES.
09:58:03 YOUR NEXT BUDGET WILL BE JANUARY 2021.
09:58:07 IT'S WIDELY ACCEPTED THAT THOSE PROPERTY VALUES ARE GOING TO
09:58:11 DECLINE.
09:58:12 WE'LL BE WATCHING THAT, AND THE PROPERTY APPRAISER WILL GIVE
09:58:15 US OUR EXACT NUMBERS AS WE MOVE THROUGH NEXT FISCAL YEAR,
09:58:18 BUT THAT IS A CONCERN FOR US BALANCING OUR BUDGET NEXT YEAR.

09:58:21 CONTINUING NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF COVID.
09:58:24 THAT MAY GO WITHOUT SAYING, BUT WE ARE WATCHING THOSE --
09:58:28 WATCHING IT AS CLOSELY AS WE CAN AND MAKING OUR ADJUSTMENTS
09:58:31 AS WE NEED.
09:58:33 ONE THING WE ALSO WANTED TO POINT OUT TO YOU IS PERSISTENT
09:58:37 HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON OUR SALES TAX
09:58:41 AND OUR GAS TAX COLLECTIONS.
09:58:43 WE'RE SEEING THAT ALREADY.
09:58:44 IF THAT CONTINUES OR ESCALATES, IT WILL HAVE A CONTINUED
09:58:49 DAMPENING EFFECT.
09:58:51 UNFORTUNATELY, IF THAT GOES ON TOO LONG AND IT'S TOO
09:58:54 EXCESSIVE, WE JUST WANT TO MAKE YOU AWARE IT COULD LEAD TO
09:58:57 FORECLOSURES WHICH, OF COURSE, FOR OUR IMPACT FOR
09:59:00 FORECLOSURES WILL BE LOWER TAXABLE VALUES.
09:59:02 WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT THAT -- WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE FACED
09:59:05 WITH THAT.
09:59:06 BUT WE ARE PREPARED.
09:59:07 WE'RE WATCHING AND WE'RE READY TO MAKE WHATEVER ADJUSTMENTS
09:59:11 AND WHATEVER CHANGES WE NEED TO.
09:59:13 WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE AWARE THAT WE HAVE A
09:59:20 CONTINGENCY PLAN IN PLACE FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR TO ADJUST --
09:59:23 TO ADDRESS ANY OF THOSE CONCERNS, IF THEY SHOULD MATERIALIZE
09:59:27 AND DEAL WITH WHATEVER WE'RE FACING.
09:59:29 OUR OPERATING RESERVE IS 5.9 MILLION.
09:59:32 THAT'S AVAILABLE TO OFFSET FUTURE REVENUE REDUCTIONS.

09:59:34 ANOTHER OPTION WOULD BE TO DELAY NON-TIME SENSITIVE CAPITAL
09:59:40 PROJECTS.
09:59:41 ANOTHER OPTION THAT WE HAVE WOULD BE TO DISCONTINUE THE
09:59:44 ANNUAL SURPLUS FOR DEBT REDUCTION FUNDING OF 1.1.
09:59:48 THOSE ARE SEVERAL AREAS THAT COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
09:59:51 ON HELPING US BALANCE OUR BUDGET GOING FORWARD IN THE EVENT
09:59:54 WE NEED TO USE THAT.
09:59:55 THAT'S IT.
09:59:58 DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?
10:00:00 >>Mayor Ribble: I THINK WE'RE GOING TO -- I THOUGHT WE WERE
10:00:04 GOING TO HOLD OFF OUR QUESTIONS UNTIL THE MEETING, JIM.
10:00:10 >>Jim Boesch: ANTICIPATE NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE UNDERTAKING
10:00:16 SOME OF THE -- NOT 30% -- I CAN TELL YOU, MY EXPERIENCE WITH
10:00:28 THE STATE LEGISLATURE -- [INAUDIBLE] -- WHAT'S GOING TO
10:00:38 HAPPEN.
10:00:38 GENERALLY, WHEN THE STATE HAS A REDUCTION IN THEIR BUDGET
10:00:43 AND THEN THE MONEY COMES BACK AGAIN, NOT SO GENEROUS
10:00:51 REPLACING MONEY GIVE TO MUNICIPALITIES.
10:00:54 I THINK WE ARE GOING TO BE IN A DIFFERENT REVENUE POSITION
10:00:59 IN THE FUTURE.
10:01:01 30% REDUCTION IN EXPENDITURES IS -- STEVE AND LISA GOING
10:01:13 OVER THE BUDGET -- [INAUDIBLE] -- SOME OF THE ANSWERS --

10:01:21 [INAUDIBLE]
10:01:27 >>Mayor Ribble: ANYONE SIGNED UP FROM THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK?
10:01:29 >>Carol Sacco: NO, MAYOR.

10:01:30 >>Mayor Ribble: WE'RE GOING TO FOREGO, STEVE, AT THIS TIME
10:01:33 TO MAKE A MOTION ON THIS.
10:01:35 WE WANT TO WAIT FOR OUR ONE ON ONES WITH YOU.
10:01:39 WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE A MOTION AT THIS TIME BECAUSE THERE
10:01:41 WILL BE SEVERAL CHANGES, I THINK, AS WE MEET IN THE NEXT
10:01:44 COUPLE OF WEEKS.
10:01:44 OKAY.
10:01:46 MOVING RIGHT ALONG, THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS
10:01:48 RESOLUTION 2020-13, THE VILLAGE COUNCIL, VILLAGE OF ESTERO,
10:01:54 FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL
10:01:57 YEAR 2020-2021.
10:02:02 WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION?
10:02:04 >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION 2020-13, A RESOLUTION OF THE
10:02:07 VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA,
10:02:09 DETERMINING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
10:02:12 2020-2021, SETTING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC
10:02:16 HEARINGS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW; DIRECTING STAFF TO TRANSMIT
10:02:21 NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF
10:02:24 FLORIDA STATUTES AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE
10:02:26 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING
10:02:29 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
10:02:32 >>Mayor Ribble: STEVE, YOU'RE UP AGAIN, MY FRIEND.
10:02:34 >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR.
10:02:35 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, THIS COMES TO YOU AS A RESULT OF THE
10:02:40 RETIREMENT OF KATHY HALL, OUR VILLAGE CLERK.

10:02:43 KATHY RESIGNED AND RETIRED ON JUNE 12th OF THIS YEAR.
10:02:48 WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT HOW TO FILL THE DUTIES OR PERFORM THE
10:02:52 DUTIES THAT THE VILLAGE CLERK HAD HAD.
10:02:56 >>Mayor Ribble: WE'RE ON THE MILLAGE RATE, AREN'T WE, STEVE?
10:02:59 >>Steven Sarkozy: I'M SORRY.
10:02:59 I'M LOOKING AHEAD.
10:03:01 THANK YOU.
10:03:01 THE MILLAGE RATE -- DROPPED THE MILLAGE RATE EACH OF THE
10:03:08 LAST BUDGETS SINCE INCORPORATION.
10:03:12 AND THAT HAS PUT YOU IN A POSITION WHERE YOUR MILLAGE RATE
10:03:15 IS WE BELIEVE THE LOWEST IN SOUTH FLORIDA AND QUITE POSSIBLY
10:03:22 ONE OF THE LOWEST IN THE ENTIRE STATE.
10:03:24 THAT HAS PROVIDED AN IMMEDIATE BENEFIT TO OUR PROPERTY TAX
10:03:30 PAYERS, BOTH THE BUSINESS PROPERTY TAXPAYERS AND RESIDENTIAL
10:03:34 PROPERTY TAXPAYERS IN ESTERO AS A RESULT OF INCORPORATION.
10:03:37 THIS YEAR, AS A RESULT OF THE COVID CRISIS, WE KNOW THAT
10:03:44 WE'RE GOING TO GET HIT WITH A REDUCTION IN REVENUES, AS LISA
10:03:50 JUST OUTLINED.

10:03:51 WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT WILL BE, BUT WE KNOW IT WILL BE
10:03:54 SIGNIFICANT.
10:03:54 WE BELIEVE THAT IN RESPONSE TO THAT, OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP THE
10:03:58 PROPERTY TAX LOW, PROBABLY REACHED A POINT WHERE IT WOULD BE
10:04:04 INAPPROPRIATE AND INADVISABLE TO DROP THEM FURTHER.
10:04:07 AT THE SAME TIME, THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE COMMENDED, UNLIKE
10:04:13 ANY OTHER COMMUNITY, YOU'VE SET ASIDE MONIES IN RESERVE THAT

10:04:19 PROTECT YOU.
10:04:20 SO THIS DOWNTURN IS REALLY BAD NEWS FOR A LOT OF CITIES IN
10:04:25 THE STATE AND COUNTIES, BUT YOU CAN BE ASSURED SITTING HERE,
10:04:32 MONEY SET ASIDE FOR THE SHORT-TERM IMPACTS ON OUR BUDGET.
10:04:38 NOW, WHEN I SAY "SHORT-TERM," THAT COULD BE TWO OR THREE
10:04:42 YEARS THAT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE COVERED FOR, SHOULD YOU
10:04:46 DECIDE TO USE THE RESERVES AND GO THAT DIRECTION.
10:04:50 SO WE'RE NOT MAKING ANY ASSUMPTIONS, BUT THE TIME TO WORRY
10:04:54 ABOUT A DOWNTURN IS WELL BEFORE IT EVER HAPPENS, AND YOU'VE
10:05:00 DONE THAT.
10:05:01 YOU'VE SET MONEY ASIDE IN A VERY CONSERVATIVE APPROACH TO
10:05:05 PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY FOR JUST THIS SUCH EVENT.
10:05:09 AND IF YOU'LL RECALL, WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT RESERVES IN
10:05:11 THE PAST, WE DESCRIBED THE NEED FOR RESERVES TO BE IN
10:05:18 RESPONSE TO A FISCAL DOWNTURN, WHICH WE'VE GOT, OR A
10:05:23 SIGNIFICANT NATURAL DISASTER.
10:05:24 THE ONE-TWO PUNCH THAT WE'VE RECEIVED IS IN 2017, IRMA
10:05:31 HITTING US, A DIRECT IMPACT, AND THE RAINS THAT PRECEDED
10:05:37 THAT, WE WEATHERED THAT STORM FIGURATIVELY AND LITERALLY.
10:05:40 BUT ALSO NOW YOU'VE GOT THE COVID-19 FISCAL CRISIS.
10:05:44 AND IT IS SEVERE.
10:05:47 IT WILL MEAN SOME SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO US, BUT YOU'RE IN A
10:05:50 VERY COMFORTABLE POSITION.
10:05:53 YOU'VE PLANNED AHEAD.
10:05:54 BECAUSE OF ALL OF THAT, WE'RE NOT RECOMMENDING A DOWNTURN OR

10:05:59 A REDUCTION IN THE TAX RATE.
10:06:04 WE'RE RECOMMENDING THAT IT STAY FLAT, STAY THE SAME THIS
10:06:08 YEAR, AND CONTINUE THAT THROUGH THE UPCOMING YEAR.
10:06:16 AT SOME POINT, YOU MAY, AND I UNDERSCORE THIS, MAY HAVE TO
10:06:20 RESPOND AGAIN TO THE COVID CRISIS, AND WE WOULD LEAVE AS A
10:06:24 FUTURE OPTION AN INCREASE, SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE,
10:06:30 BUT RECOMMENDATION AT THIS POINT IS THAT WE LEAVE IT AS A
10:06:33 FLAT PROPERTY TAX.
10:06:37 >>Mayor Ribble: COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?
10:06:39 JON.
10:06:40 >>Jon McLain: I'D LIKE TO LEAVE THE RATE AT THE EXISTING
10:06:44 LEVEL, BUT I AM CONCERNED, YOU MENTIONED THE HURRICANES AND
10:06:48 WITH LEE COUNTY NOW CHANGING THE WAY -- [INAUDIBLE] -- [NOT
10:06:56 SPEAKING DIRECTLY INTO THE MICROPHONE] -- FROM FEMA.

10:07:03 WITH SOME OF THE UNCERTAINTY THAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW, THE WAY
10:07:07 THIS WORKS, I'M NOT 100% CONFIDENT ON HOW THIS WORKS, WOULD
10:07:11 IT BE PRUDENT FOR US TO INCREASE THE RATE NOW, AND AS WE GO
10:07:19 THROUGH THE PROCESS, AS WE GET MORE DATA ABOUT THE
10:07:21 SHORTFALLS IN OUR BUDGET, WE CAN LOWER IT, BUT WE CAN'T
10:07:26 RAISE IT IF WE FIND THE IMPACTS OF DOWNTURN IS MORE
10:07:31 SIGNIFICANT IN THE FUTURE THAN WE THOUGHT.
10:07:33 SO THE TIMING -- MAYBE I ASK THIS OF LISA.
10:07:36 WHAT IS THE TIMETABLE WE HAVE FROM TODAY, MAINTAINING OR
10:07:41 MAYBE INCREASING, TO BE ABLE TO REDUCE IT IF NEED BE IN THE
10:07:46 FUTURE, IF WE DECIDE THAT THE SHORTFALLS ARE NOT QUITE AS

10:07:49 STAGGERED AS WHAT WE THINK?

10:07:53 >>Lisa Roberson: WITH RESPECT TO THIS UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR,
10:07:55 THE BUDGET PROCESS THAT WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW, YOUR TWO
10:07:58 SEPTEMBER MEETINGS WOULD BE YOUR TWO NEXT MILLAGE RATE
10:08:01 VOTES, AND YOU COULD VOTE TO REDUCE THE MILLAGE RATE AT
10:08:05 EITHER OF THOSE MEETINGS.

10:08:07 >>Jon McLain: CAN'T INCREASE IT IF TODAY WE VOTE TO MAINTAIN
10:08:12 IT.

10:08:12 >>Lisa Roberson: YES, TODAY WILL BE YOUR MAXIMUM MILLAGE
10:08:15 RATE FOR THIS UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR THAT YOU CAN ASSESS.

10:08:18 >>Jon McLain: THAT'S KIND OF MY POINT, SINCE WE HAVE A LOT
10:08:21 OF UNKNOWNNS, WOULD IT BE PRUDENT FOR US TO PRELIMINARILY
10:08:26 INCREASE IT BY A CERTAIN AMOUNT WITH THE OPTION OF BEING
10:08:31 ABLE TO REDUCE IT DOWN TO CURRENT -- [INAUDIBLE]

10:08:36 >>Mayor Ribble: NICK.

10:08:38 >>Nick Batos: JUST TO RESPOND TO THAT, I WOULD BE OPPOSED TO
10:08:42 RAISING THE RATE ANY AMOUNT.

10:08:46 I THINK THAT IF WE ARE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT IT, WITHIN
10:08:51 THIS BUDGET, THERE ARE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WE COULD
10:08:54 TAKE OUT OF THE BUDGET AND MAKE UP IF WE NEED TO MAKE UP
10:08:59 MONEY.

10:08:59 THERE'S PLENTY OF MONEY IN THIS BUDGET.

10:09:02 \$5 MILLION IN RESERVES.

10:09:04 AND TO RAISE THE RATE TO OUR RESIDENTS, OR POTENTIALLY RAISE
10:09:08 IT, I THINK IT WOULD BE SENDING THE WRONG MESSAGE UNTIL WE

10:09:11 KNOW WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN TO USE THE RESERVES WE
10:09:14 HAVE OR TO LOOK AT THE BUDGET ON A LINE-BY-LINE BASIS TO SEE
10:09:22 WHAT ITEMS ARE IN THE LINES.

10:09:24 I'VE LOOKED AT THEM.

10:09:25 I WON'T GO THROUGH THE ITEMS NOW.

10:09:27 BUT I THINK THERE ARE PLENTY OF LINES THAT WE CAN REMOVE IF
10:09:30 WE FELT WE HAD TO.

10:09:34 >>Jim Boesch: JON, I THINK PROBABLY THE BIGGEST ADVANTAGE IS
10:09:40 -- THAT IN DEVELOPING THIS --

10:09:43 >>Carol Sacco: HE HAS TO SPEAK LOUDER.

10:09:46 THEY CAN'T HEAR HIM.
10:09:48 >>Jim Boesch: IN DEVELOPING THIS CONCEPT OF -- GOVERNMENT,
10:09:51 WE ALSO INCORPORATED SOME NICE RESERVES THAT WE PUT INTO
10:09:55 PLACE.
10:09:56 AND THAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF THIS CONCEPT IN GOVERNMENT.
10:10:00 SO WHEN THINGS GET REALLY -- THIS IS A PANDEMIC, BUT IT'S A
10:10:05 DISASTER.
10:10:06 WE WOULD CONSIDER IT, MUNICIPALITIES, A DISASTER.
10:10:12 WE HAVE ALWAYS SOUGHT TO TRY TO GET ONE FULL YEAR OF
10:10:15 OPERATIONAL -- MOVING FORWARD WITH THE BUDGET, SO,
10:10:20 FORTUNATELY, WE'VE PUT MONEY INTO RESERVES AND SO IT CAN BE
10:10:26 UTILIZED AT A PARTICULAR PERIOD OF TIME IN ORDER TO KEEP THE
10:10:33 VERY FAVORABLE PROPERTY TAX RATE THAT WE HAVE IN THIS WHOLE
10:10:38 STATE.
10:10:39 PROBABLY WE ARE GOING TO BE ONE OF THE LOWEST, ONE OF THE

10:10:43 VERY FEW PEOPLE THAT DO NOT RAISE THE TAX RATE.
10:10:47 IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THE PREVIOUS SIX YEARS THAT WE'VE RUN
10:10:52 THE GOVERNMENT AND PUT MONEY INTO RESERVES.
10:10:57 THAT'S THE CREDIT THAT WE SHOULD BE GETTING FOR DOING MONEY
10:11:01 IN THE GOVERNMENT THAT PARTICULAR WAY.
10:11:02 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT, WE CAN AFFORD TO KEEP -- WE HAVE
10:11:12 \$190 MILLION C.I.P. BUDGET.
10:11:16 IT MAY TAKE A LITTLE LONGER TO GET IT, SLOW DOWN A LITTLE
10:11:22 BIT.
10:11:22 I PERSONALLY WOULD AGREE WITH NICK.
10:11:26 IF WE CAN KEEP THIS CONCEPT AND POSITION THAT WE'VE HAD, I'M
10:11:35 IN FAVOR -- [INAUDIBLE] -- OPERATION BUDGET.
10:11:40 CERTAINLY CAN BE DISCUSSED -- [INAUDIBLE] -- WE SHOULD ALL
10:11:49 BE PROUD THAT WE CAN BRING THIS SAME RATE TO THE RESIDENTS.
10:11:56 [INAUDIBLE]
10:11:57 >>Mayor Ribble: YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE?
10:12:00 >>Nick Batos: ONE OTHER THING, JON, I THINK WE KNOW THERE
10:12:03 ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY HURTING IN OUR COMMUNITY.
10:12:08 AND I THINK THAT UNTIL WE GET TO THE POSITION THAT WE'VE
10:12:12 DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN TO EVEN SEND THE MESSAGE THAT WE'RE
10:12:17 GOING TO BE DOING IT, KNOWING THAT WE HAVE ALL THESE
10:12:19 RESERVES AND ALL THE BUDGET ITEMS THAT WE CAN DO THINGS TO
10:12:24 KEEP IT WHERE WE HAVE TO KEEP IT.
10:12:27 I THINK IT'S SENDING THE WRONG MESSAGE OF WHAT WE'VE
10:12:30 INTENDED FROM THE DAY WE INCORPORATED.

10:12:36 >>Jon McLain: I AGREE WITH BOTH OF YOU.
10:12:37 I SURELY DON'T WANT TO RAISE THE RATE.
10:12:40 I'M BEING CAUTIOUS, AND WE HAVE THE MECHANICS THAT ALLOW US
10:12:43 TO GO THROUGH AND FINE-TOOTH COMB OUR BUDGET, WHICH WE
10:12:49 HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO YET.
10:12:50 IF WE FIND, YOU MENTIONED THAT THE STATE WILL BE SLOWLY

10:12:54 RECOVERING DOLLARS BACK TO US, I'D ONLY IMPLEMENT THIS AS A
10:12:59 LAST CAUSE, LAST ELEMENT.
10:13:04 BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE THE TIME TO DO IT, IT MAKES SENSE TO ME
10:13:07 TO SAY LET'S ERR ON THE CAUTION SIDE OF ALLOWING US THE
10:13:12 OPPORTUNITY TO AT LEAST REVIEW IT.
10:13:14 I'M OPEN FOR IT.
10:13:16 WE HAVE RESERVES.
10:13:17 WE CAN CUT THROUGH.
10:13:19 I'D LIKE TO SEE THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO CONTINUE TO SEE
10:13:22 IMPROVEMENTS.
10:13:23 AND IF THAT MEANS A FEW EXTRA DOLLARS, I THINK THEY'D RATHER
10:13:30 SEE US MAKE THIS A MORE BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE.
10:13:32 I KNOW THERE ARE SOME ECONOMIC CONCERNS.
10:13:34 I'M NOT SAYING WE DO IT.
10:13:36 I'M JUST SAYING, HEY, LET'S GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY IF AFTER
10:13:40 FURTHER REVIEW, WE SEE THAT THIS IS --
10:13:43 >>Mayor Ribble: LET'S HEAR FROM THE REST OF THE COUNCIL
10:13:45 HERE.
10:13:46 KATY, YOU HAVEN'T SPOKEN YET.

10:13:50 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: JON, I UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU'RE
10:13:52 COMING FROM.
10:13:53 HOWEVER, IF WE VOTED HERE TODAY TO RAISE THE RATE, WE WOULD
10:14:01 MAKE THE HEADLINES OF THE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA, THE NEWSPAPERS.
10:14:05 AND I THINK THE MESSAGE WOULD BE NOT WHAT WE WANT THE
10:14:09 VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
10:14:12 I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO BECOME ALARMED THAT OUR TAXES ARE
10:14:15 GOING UP.
10:14:16 IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN TALK ABOUT IN
10:14:18 GOVERNMENT THAT GETS PEOPLE -- THAN RAISING TAXES.
10:14:26 I UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM.
10:14:28 I JUST CAN'T SUPPORT IT RIGHT NOW.
10:14:30 WE'VE GONE THROUGH LISA AND STEVE, EVERYBODY INVOLVED, A
10:14:37 TREMENDOUS JOB IN GETTING WHERE WE ARE TODAY.
10:14:40 AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL, THANKFUL FOR ANY RESERVE FUND.
10:14:45 THE WHOLE TIME WE WERE WORKING ON THAT, ALWAYS GAVE THE
10:14:48 IMPRESSION IT WAS FOR A HURRICANE OR A TROPICAL STORM.
10:14:51 NEVER IN MY LIFE DID I IMAGINE WE WOULD BE SITTING HERE
10:14:54 TODAY WITH MASKS ON GOING THROUGH WHAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH.
10:14:59 LET'S KEEP THE PEOPLE CALM AND CALM THEIR FEARS THAT WE ARE
10:15:06 NOT GOING TO RAISE TAXES THIS GIVEN YEAR.
10:15:10 >>Mayor Ribble: HOW ABOUT JIM WILSON AND HOWARD?
10:15:17 >>Howard Levitan: I'D LIKE TO CHIME IN ON THIS ONE, BILL.
10:15:20 >>Mayor Ribble: GO AHEAD, HOWARD.
10:15:21 >>Howard Levitan: I THINK WE SPENT AT LEAST THE PAST FIVE

10:15:25 YEARS BEING AS FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE AS WE POSSIBLY CAN.
10:15:30 I'M HAVING TROUBLE EVEN THINKING ABOUT HAVING A DISCUSSION

10:15:34 ABOUT RAISING TAXES.
10:15:35 SO I WOULD BE AGAINST THIS COMPLETELY.
10:15:40 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:15:41 JIM WILSON?
10:15:43 >>Jim Wilson: YES, MR. MAYOR, I AGREE WITH HOWARD.
10:15:47 WE HAVE A VERY GOOD RECOMMENDATION FROM THE VILLAGE MANAGER
10:15:51 AND FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH ALL
10:15:55 OF THE NUMBERS.
10:15:57 STEVE FEELS COMFORTABLE THAT WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT RESERVES
10:16:03 AND THAT WE'RE IN A UNIQUE FINANCIAL POSITION.
10:16:07 SO, NO, I THINK WE SHOULD GO WITH HIS RECOMMENDATION, USE
10:16:12 THE PROPOSED VILLAGE RATE AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF AND GO
10:16:16 WITH IT.
10:16:17 >>Mayor Ribble: DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THE
10:16:19 MOTION, JIM, SINCE YOU'RE THE LAST ONE TO SPEAK?
10:16:22 >>Jim Wilson: I WOULD BE HAPPY TO.
10:16:23 I WOULD MOVE THAT WE ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
10:16:26 VILLAGE MANAGER AND SET THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR THE
10:16:30 FISCAL YEAR AT 0.7726 MILLS.
10:16:39 >>Mayor Ribble: NICK HAD HIS HAND UP FIRST.
10:16:41 NICK.
10:16:41 MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
10:16:45 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON?

10:16:47 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
10:16:49 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
10:16:51 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
10:16:53 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
10:16:56 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
10:16:59 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
10:17:00 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
10:17:01 GOOD DISCUSSION.
10:17:03 NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-12A, RESOLUTION
10:17:10 OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA,
10:17:14 NAMING THE LEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS AS THE VILLAGE
10:17:16 OF ESTERO'S QUALIFYING OFFICIAL.
10:17:19 WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE TITLE OF THE RESOLUTION?
10:17:24 >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-12, A RESOLUTION OF
10:17:26 THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA,
10:17:30 NAMING THE LEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS AS THE VILLAGE
10:17:33 OF ESTERO'S QUALIFYING OFFICIAL AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
10:17:36 DATE.
10:17:38 >>Mayor Ribble: STEVE?
10:17:39 YOU ALREADY STARTED THIS.
10:17:42 >>Steven Sarkozy: I STARTED THIS ONE ALREADY.
10:17:43 I APOLOGIZE AGAIN.
10:17:46 AS I STARTED TO MENTION, THAT WHEN THE VILLAGE CLERK, KATHY
10:17:50 HALL RESIGNED AND RETIRED EARLIER THIS YEAR, WE LOOKED AT

10:17:54 ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF FILLING THAT POSITION.

10:17:57 AND THAT'S STILL AN OPEN QUESTION ON HOW WE DO THIS, BUT WE
10:18:03 THINK WE CAN FIND AN EFFICIENT WAY OF FILLING THE POSITION
10:18:08 AND SAVING A LITTLE MONEY AND KEEPING OUR EMPLOYEE COUNT
10:18:14 LOW.
10:18:14 NONETHELESS, WE HAVE AN ELECTION YEAR THIS YEAR, AND WE NEED
10:18:18 TO RESPOND TO THAT WITH SERVICES THAT HELP US GUIDE THE
10:18:24 ELECTION PROCESS.
10:18:25 AND THIS IS A UNIQUE KNOWLEDGE BASE OR SET OF RULES THAT WE
10:18:35 HAVE TO COMPLY WITH, AND WE THINK THAT IN THE SHORT TERM,
10:18:38 THE BEST WAY TO DO THIS WOULD BE TO ENGAGE IN A SHORT-TERM
10:18:42 CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE.
10:18:45 THEY'VE INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE FOR A MAXIMUM OF \$20,000,
10:18:50 BILLED TO US AT AN HOURLY RATE FOR THE SERVICES THEY
10:18:54 PERFORM.
10:18:54 THE BEAUTY OF THIS IS WE DO NOT NEED TO GO THROUGH THE
10:18:59 TRAINING OR AN AGGRESSIVE AND IMMEDIATE RECRUITMENT FOR A
10:19:05 CLERK, BUT WE COULD HAVE THESE PEOPLE STEP IN AND PROVIDE
10:19:09 SERVICES TO US.
10:19:11 THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WE WOULD GO TO FOR ANSWERS TO ANY
10:19:16 QUESTIONS WE WOULD HAVE ANYWAY.
10:19:17 SO WE THINK THIS ELIMINATES SOMETHING OF A REDUNDANCY IN THE
10:19:23 PROCESS AND PROVIDES GREAT SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE.
10:19:27 IT'S ALSO FLEXIBLE ENOUGH THAT IF WE NEED SOMEBODY HERE FOR
10:19:32 A PERIOD OF TIME TO RESPOND TO FOLKS WHO ARE RUNNING FOR
10:19:37 ELECTION OR HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROCESS, WE'LL HAVE

10:19:42 ONE POINT OF CONTACT THAT THAT PERSON CAN EITHER COME HERE
10:19:46 AND MEET INDIVIDUALLY OR SKYPE OR BY PHONE, ANSWER SPECIFIC
10:19:53 QUESTIONS.
10:19:54 SO WE THINK THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO GO.
10:19:57 WE WOULD DO THIS ON A TRIAL BASIS AND ONCE WE FIGURE OUT HOW
10:20:03 BEST TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT CLERK POSITION, WE WOULD
10:20:06 AMEND THIS OR CANCEL IT AS APPROPRIATE.
10:20:10 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:20:11 COUNCIL, QUESTIONS, DISCUSSION?
10:20:12 KATY?
10:20:15 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: STEVE, I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT
10:20:17 HAVING ONE PERSON HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.
10:20:21 I WENT THROUGH THIS PROCESS SOME TIME AGO, AND THAT IS NOT
10:20:25 THAT EASY.
10:20:26 COULD YOU CONTRACT ALL OF THAT OVER TO THE COUNTY?
10:20:30 >>Steven Sarkozy: WELL, WE WOULD, AND WE MAY THEN HAVE THAT
10:20:32 COUNTY PERSON HERE PHYSICALLY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS SHOULD
10:20:37 THAT BE NEEDED.
10:20:38 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: THAT'S GET VERY TRICKY.
10:20:40 IF YOU GIVE THE WRONG ANSWER, THEN YOU BECOME LIABLE.

10:20:43 >>Steven Sarkozy: EXACTLY.
10:20:43 THE PEOPLE AT THE COUNTY OFFICE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WE WOULD
10:20:49 CHECK OUR INFORMATION WITH TO PROVIDE YOU, AS AN ELECTED
10:20:53 OFFICIAL, THAT INFORMATION ON HOW TO COMPLY WITH THE
10:20:55 STATUTES.

10:20:57 SO RATHER THAN HAVE A PERSON LEARN HERE, WE'LL GO RIGHT TO
10:21:02 THE SOURCE AND HAVE THAT PERSON RESPOND.
10:21:06 >>Mayor Ribble: NICK?
10:21:10 >>Nick Batos: I THINK THIS IS A GREAT SOLUTION TO A PROBLEM
10:21:12 THAT WE'RE IN NOW.
10:21:13 I THINK ANY OF US WHO HAVE DEALT WITH THE SUPERVISOR OF
10:21:17 ELECTIONS OFFICE KNOWS THAT THE QUALIFYING -- ARE REALLY,
10:21:21 REALLY SUPER.
10:21:22 THEY ARE VERY COOPERATIVE, VERY PROFESSIONAL, AND REALLY
10:21:27 WELL -- HAVE A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHAT TO DO.
10:21:30 I'M ALL FOR THIS.
10:21:31 HOWEVER, I THINK IF POSSIBLE, TO HAVE A DESIGNATED DAY OR
10:21:40 WEEK, EVERY OTHER WEEK, THAT A PERSON WOULD BE HERE BECAUSE
10:21:44 IT IS GOING TO BE A TRIP TO GET DOWN TO --
10:21:49 >>Mayor Ribble: THAT'S A GREAT IDEA.
10:21:51 >>Nick Batos: I THINK A DESIGNATED TIME, ONCE A WEEK, ONCE
10:21:55 EVERY OTHER WEEK, WHATEVER IT IS, THAT THE CANDIDATES WHO
10:21:58 ARE RUNNING FOR IT WOULD KNOW THAT THERE ARE QUESTIONS.
10:22:02 THEY CAN COME DURING THAT TIME PERIOD AND GET THEM ANSWERED
10:22:05 I THINK WOULD BE A BIG HELP ALSO.
10:22:09 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL?
10:22:11 ANYONE SIGNED UP FROM THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK?
10:22:17 >>Carol Sacco: NO, MAYOR.
10:22:18 >>Mayor Ribble: CAN I HAVE A MOTION?
10:22:21 JIM.

10:22:21 SECONDED BY KATY.
10:22:22 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
10:22:25 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITAN?
10:22:27 >>Howard Levitan: YES.
10:22:29 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
10:22:30 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
10:22:32 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
10:22:33 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
10:22:37 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
10:22:38 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
10:22:39 THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE
10:22:44 CREDIT AGREEMENT.
10:22:45 STEVE?
10:22:45 >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
10:22:47 THE COUNCIL IS WELL AWARE THAT WE'VE BEEN DEALING FOR OVER A
10:22:53 YEAR IN AN EFFORT TO TRY TO INSTALL A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT U.S.

10:22:58 41 AND PELICAN COLONY BOULEVARD.
10:23:01 IN THAT PROCESS, WE'VE BEEN LOOKING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
10:23:11 PRIVATE DEVELOPERS WHO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR INCREASING
10:23:14 THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC IN THAT AREA, MAKING NECESSARY THE
10:23:19 TRAFFIC SIGNAL PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE.
10:23:23 AND WE'VE BEEN IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES THAT
10:23:28 CONTROL EACH OF THE LEGS OF THE INTERSECTION.
10:23:32 AND SAFE TO SAY IT'S A COMPLICATED ISSUE.
10:23:35 IT'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL IN THE SENSE THAT IT ALSO INVOLVES

10:23:39 BONITA SPRINGS, BUT IT ALSO INVOLVES ALL OF THE DEVELOPERS
10:23:43 THAT HAVE IMPACTED THAT AREA.
10:23:45 WHAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING IS THAT WE DEVELOP THIS IMPACT FEE
10:23:51 CREDIT APPROACH THAT PROVIDES AN OFFSET FOR ONE OF THE
10:23:58 DEVELOPERS, AT LEAST THAT'S INVOLVED.
10:23:59 I'D LIKE TO TURN THIS OVER TO OUR VILLAGE ATTORNEY
10:24:04 REPRESENTATIVE, DEREK ROONEY, FOR FURTHER EXPLANATION OF
10:24:08 THIS.
10:24:09 >>Derek Rooney: YES.
10:24:11 THANK YOU, COUNCIL.
10:24:12 AS YOU RECALL IN THE PAST, WHEN WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO
10:24:16 DETERMINE THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ALL THE PARTIES, YOU
10:24:18 HAD AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO ENGAGE OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR
10:24:21 LITIGATION, IF WE NEEDED TO DO THAT.
10:24:23 WE HAVE BEEN, HOWEVER, WORKING TO COOPERATIVELY RESOLVE THIS
10:24:29 ISSUE.
10:24:29 WCI, WHO WAS THE ORIGINAL DEVELOPER OF PELICAN LANDING, HAD
10:24:34 SOME -- THEIR CONCERNS AND THEIR OBJECTIONS WERE WHETHER OR
10:24:37 NOT THEIR PROJECT TRIGGERED THE IMPROVEMENTS AT THIS TIME.
10:24:41 AND THEN WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR IMPACT
10:24:46 FEE CREDITS.
10:24:47 IN ORDER TO GET THIS RESOLVED TODAY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE,
10:24:50 WHILE WE HAVE COCONUT POINT WHO IS ALSO OBLIGATED TO PAY
10:24:54 THEIR PROPORTIONATE FAIR SHARE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, WE HAD
10:24:58 INITIATED DISCUSSIONS ALONG THE LINES AND ULTIMATELY IN THE

10:25:02 AGREEMENT BEFORE YOU TODAY.
10:25:03 IN THE LAST WEEK, WE HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF RAPTOR BAY IN
10:25:10 THE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS SUBMITTED BY LONDON BAY HOMES FOR THAT
10:25:14 SHOWS IN THEIR TRAFFIC ANALYSIS THAT THAT INTERSECTION MAY
10:25:17 BE CRITICAL TO THAT PROJECT.
10:25:20 THEREFORE, WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR APPROVAL TODAY OF THIS SO
10:25:22 THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF ANY AGREEMENT,
10:25:27 WHETHER IT IS BETWEEN ULTIMATELY WCI, LONDON BAY HOMES, OR
10:25:31 THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, WHILE YOU'RE ON YOUR SUMMER
10:25:33 BREAK.
10:25:34 WE DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE ANY MOMENTUM.
10:25:36 BUT IT MAY ULTIMATELY BE AN ISSUE WHERE THOSE IMPACT FEE

10:25:41 CREDITS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS ARE COMING FROM THE CITY OF
10:25:43 BONITA SPRINGS INSTEAD OF FROM THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
10:25:45 WE JUST WANT BROAD AUTHORIZATION TO, IF NECESSARY, AMEND THE
10:25:51 SCOPE OF THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY DETAILS SO THAT WE CAN WORK
10:25:54 FORWARD DURING YOUR SUMMER BREAK TO GET A RESOLUTION THAT
10:25:57 ALLOWS THIS SIGNAL TO BE BUILT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
10:26:01 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:26:02 COMMENTS AND REQUEST HE IS FROM COUNCIL?
10:26:05 >>Derek Rooney: A REPRESENTATIVE FROM WCI IS HERE IF YOU
10:26:08 HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.
10:26:09 >>Mayor Ribble: NICK, DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING?
10:26:16 >>Nick Batos: I'M ALL FOR THE LIGHT.
10:26:18 I THINK THAT WE HAVE PLAYED AROUND THIS SO LONG, I THINK

10:26:22 THAT WCI IS NOT GIVING -- NOT BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR TO THE
10:26:28 PEOPLE AROUND THEM.
10:26:29 I THINK THAT IF WE HAD TO, I WOULD BE ALL IN FAVOR OF US
10:26:34 PAYING FOR IT.
10:26:36 BASICALLY, UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, WE ARE PAYING FOR IT
10:26:38 ANYWAY.
10:26:40 THEY MAY PUT UP THE MONEY BUT WE'RE GOING TO GIVE IT BACK TO
10:26:44 THEM ANYWAY.
10:26:45 I HOPE THAT YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND MAKE OTHER NEGOTIATIONS,
10:26:49 BUT I WOULD EVEN BE IN FAVOR OF US PAYING FOR IT RATHER THAN
10:26:53 GIVING THEM -- LOOKING LIKE THEY ARE PAYING BECAUSE THEY ARE
10:26:57 NOT.
10:26:58 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM
10:27:00 COUNCIL?
10:27:00 I WANT TO MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS TO THIS ONE.
10:27:04 WHAT'S THAT?
10:27:08 IT'S MY TURN TO TALK.
10:27:13 THEY DIDN'T WANT TO TALK.
10:27:15 I ASKED THEM.
10:27:15 NO ONE CHIMED IN.
10:27:16 LET ME JUST SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS ABOUT THIS.
10:27:20 THIS PROBABLY HAS THE THICKEST PACKET WE'VE HAD ON ANY ITEM
10:27:26 OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS WE'VE HAD.
10:27:28 THIS THING GOES BACK BEFORE WE WERE EVEN AN EMBRYO AS A
10:27:32 COUNCIL.

10:27:32 BACK IN 2010, THAT INTERSECTION HAS BEEN A DISASTER.
10:27:35 I BOUGHT IN IN 2007.
10:27:38 BACK THEN, THE INTERSECTION, IF YOU GO DOWN THERE AT 4:00,
10:27:41 EVEN TODAY, NONSEASON, IT'S LIKE SUICIDE ALLEY.
10:27:44 YOU'VE GOT PEOPLE COMING FROM THE EAST GOING WEST, WEST TO
10:27:47 THE EAST, THEY STACK THEM UP FIVE AND SIX, CAPITAL BLAKELY,
10:27:51 IF YOU REMEMBER WHEN WE DID OUR OPEN HOUSE, HE WAS ONE OF
10:27:54 THE THINGS HE ASKED US AS A GROUP, WHEN ARE YOU GUYS GOING

10:28:00 TO GET THIS LIGHT UP HERE?
10:28:01 I HAD A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CRUISER TOTALLY DEMOLISH AND
10:28:07 SHERIFF'S DEPUTY INJURED AT THE INTERSECTION.
10:28:10 IF YOU GET BORED SOMEDAY AND YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING AND
10:28:12 YOU WANT TO BE BY YOURSELF, GET YOURSELF A COFFEE OR
10:28:17 FAVORITE BEVERAGE, NONALCOHOLIC, OF COURSE, AND PARK ON THE
10:28:20 EAST SIDE OF 41 ON PELICAN COLONY BOULEVARD.
10:28:23 THERE IS A SPACE THAT YOU CAN PARK THERE, AND JUST WATCH THE
10:28:26 AMBULANCE TRAFFIC GOING IN AND OUT OF THERE.
10:28:29 IF THEY HAVE TO MAKE A CALL GOING SOUTH ON 41, THEY CAN'T
10:28:32 GET OUT.
10:28:33 THEY CAN'T GET ACROSS.
10:28:35 EVEN WITH THE LIGHTS AND STUFF GOING, PEOPLE DON'T YIELD TO
10:28:37 IT.
10:28:37 IT'S LIKE SUICIDE ALLEY RUNNING UP AND DOWN THERE.
10:28:40 AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS LIGHT.
10:28:42 WE FINALLY GOT THE WARRANTS LAST AUGUST, IF YOU WENT THROUGH

10:28:47 YOUR PACKET.
10:28:48 IT'S ALMOST A YEAR NOW THAT WE'VE HAD THE WARRANTS AND WE
10:28:51 CAN'T GET THIS LIGHT MOVED FORWARD TO GET IT DESIGNED.
10:28:54 FIRST, WE COULDN'T GET THE WARRANTS.
10:28:56 NOW THE VILLAGE DID A GREAT JOB GETTING AN ENGINEER TO DO
10:28:59 THE STUDY, THE HOSPITAL COOPERATED.
10:29:03 NED DEWHIRST -- I'VE GO TO DROP HIS NAME -- OAKBROOK
10:29:05 PROPERTIES, HE'S BEEN JUST A GREAT CORPORATE CITIZEN TO
10:29:08 ESTERO.
10:29:08 HE'S STEPPING UP TO HIS PLATE OF RESPONSIBILITIES.
10:29:12 WE JUST GOT THIS ONE GROUP, FOR WHATEVER REASON, HAS BEEN
10:29:15 PLAYING HARD BALL ON THIS THING, BUT IT'S TIME TO GIVE THE
10:29:18 PEOPLE OF ESTERO WHAT THEY WANT, JUST LIKE WE DID THE OTHER
10:29:21 LIGHTS IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE WE HAD DANGEROUS SITUATIONS IN
10:29:23 THE PAST.
10:29:24 SO I WOULD APPRECIATE IF I COULD GET SOMEONE -- WE HAVE TO
10:29:28 HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC FIRST, THOUGH, RIGHT?
10:29:30 GO AHEAD, JON.
10:29:34 >>Jon McLain: I'M 100% IN FAVOR OF THE LIGHT.
10:29:40 I THINK SINCE LAST AUGUST, HAD THE WARRANTS -- [INAUDIBLE]
10:29:45 -- I'M JUST CONCERNED, AND I'M GLAD THAT WCI IS WILLING TO
10:29:49 PUT THE MONEY UP FRONT, WHICH IS GOOD, BUT WE'RE GOING TO
10:29:53 REVERSE IT BACK.
10:29:54 I TALKED WITH STEVE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS.
10:29:56 I SEE -- THERE ARE TWO SIDES.

10:30:01 THE EXIT THAT COMES FROM PELICAN LANDING, IS THAT ESTERO OR
10:30:05 IS THAT --
10:30:07 >> IT'S BOTH.
10:30:10 >>Mayor Ribble: IT'S BOTH.

10:30:10 YOU'RE AT THE DIVIDING LINE THERE.
10:30:12 IT'S THE BOUNDARY.
10:30:12 >>Jon McLain: I'M CONCERNED ABOUT US GIVING THEM IMPACT FEE
10:30:16 CREDITS FOR THIS WHEN, IN FACT, THEIR BUILDING FOR RAPTOR
10:30:21 BAY -- [INAUDIBLE] -- OUR SISTER CITY DOWN THERE, IT SEEMS
10:30:28 LIKE THEY WOULD HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITY -- [INAUDIBLE] -- I
10:30:34 WANT TO SEE THIS THING MOVE FORWARD, BUT I HATE TO SEE US
10:30:40 BEING THE CITY THAT WILL TAKE THE BURDEN.
10:30:44 SEEMS LIKE PART BONITA AND PART US.
10:30:47 ASSIGNED YOU TO WORK WITH BONITA.
10:30:50 MY QUESTION TO YOU IS [INAUDIBLE] -- SOME IMPACT ON THIS
10:31:07 WITH BONITA.
10:31:08 IS THERE A RESOLUTION?
10:31:11 >>Mayor Ribble: WE'LL TRY TO NEGOTIATE.
10:31:13 >>Derek Rooney: DIRECTLY TO COUNCILMAN McLAIN'S POINT.
10:31:18 WHEN WE STARTED DISCUSSING THE ISSUE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT
10:31:21 WCI HAD AN OBLIGATION.
10:31:23 NOW, I'M NOT A TRAFFIC ENGINEER.
10:31:25 I'VE DRIVEN THROUGH THAT INTERSECTION.
10:31:26 IT'S TERRIFYING.
10:31:27 THE ISSUE ON WHETHER IT'S TRIGGERED, THE TWO PARTS OF THE

10:31:33 DEVELOPMENT, THE DRI AGREEMENT FOR PELICAN LANDING, IS THERE
10:31:38 IS A COMPONENT OF WHEN IT IS TRIGGERED.
10:31:41 WE ARGUED, OF COURSE, WHEN IT WAS F.D.O.T. WARRANTED.
10:31:44 THERE IS SOME DOCUMENTATION GOING BACK TO THE ORIGINAL
10:31:47 APPROVAL THAT WENT BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION THAT
10:31:49 INDICATES IT WOULD BE DETERMINED ON A PER-PROJECT BASIS.
10:31:52 OBVIOUSLY, THE WARRANTS WERE RELATED TO THE COCONUT POINT
10:31:56 DEVELOPMENT GOING FORWARD.
10:31:57 SO WCI'S POSITION IS, WELL, IT'S TIED TO THEIR PROJECT, NOT
10:32:01 OURS.
10:32:01 THE QUESTION OF IMPACT FEES IS AN OPEN QUESTION UNDER THE
10:32:07 DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT ORDER, WHETHER OR NOT THE
10:32:11 IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE A CAPACITY-ADDING IMPROVEMENT OR NOT.
10:32:15 NOW, WHAT WE LEARNED IN THE LAST WEEK WAS FROM THE RAPTOR
10:32:18 BAY PROJECT, WHICH WE HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSING PREVIOUSLY.
10:32:21 BUT AS YOU'RE WELL AWARE, APPOINTED THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE
10:32:25 ISSUES RELATING TO THAT WITH THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS.
10:32:29 THAT PROJECT APPEARS TO TRIGGER IT BECAUSE IT RELIES ON THAT
10:32:33 COLONY POINT INTERSECTION BEING THERE IN ORDER TO AVOID
10:32:37 TRAFFIC PROBLEMS ON COCONUT ROAD.
10:32:40 IF THAT IS CORRECT -- AND I'VE HAD AT LEAST PRELIMINARY
10:32:43 CONVERSATION WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF
10:32:46 BONITA SPRINGS, IT WOULD BE A CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS IMPACT
10:32:49 FEE CREDIT SO IT WOULD NOT BE COMING FROM THE VILLAGE OF
10:32:53 ESTERO.

10:32:53 NOW, WE HAD OFFERED THE IMPACT FEE CREDITS FOR VILLAGE
10:32:57 PROJECTS, ENTICEMENT IN ORDER TO GET THIS TO GO FORWARD AND
10:33:01 BASICALLY SAY WE'LL PUT THAT ARGUMENT ASIDE AS FAR AS WHEN
10:33:04 IT'S TRIGGERED AND WHETHER CREDIT AVAILABLE BECAUSE WE WANT
10:33:09 THIS DONE NOW AND DOLLAR AMOUNTS ARE FAIRLY SMALL.
10:33:11 YOU ARE CORRECT, IF THIS IS NOW TRIGGERED BY RAPTOR BAY --
10:33:14 AND I HAVE HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS WITH LONDON BAY AND IT LOOKS
10:33:18 VERY POSITIVE -- THAT IT WILL BE CREDIT AVAILABLE FOR
10:33:20 BONITA.
10:33:21 IT WILL NOT BE SOMETHING THAT THE VILLAGE WILL HAVE TO DEAL
10:33:24 WITH.
10:33:25 WE MAY FIND OUT WHEN YOU COME BACK FROM SUMMER BREAK THAT WE
10:33:27 NEVER HAD TO ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENT.
10:33:31 THE ISSUE IS NOT NECESSARILY WHETHER IT'S A CONDITION AND
10:33:34 WHETHER IT'S CREDIT AVAILABLE, BUT WE STILL WANT IT TO BE
10:33:37 MOVED FORWARD.
10:33:37 BECAUSE RAPTOR BAY MAY NOT BUILD OUT FOR SEVERAL YEARS SO
10:33:41 THAT DOESN'T DO US MUCH ADVANTAGE TO HAVE CREDITS AVAILABLE
10:33:45 AND THE CONDITION OF DEVELOPMENT.
10:33:46 WE NEED IT TO OCCUR QUICKER.
10:33:50 >>Jon McLain: THE AGREEMENT WE HAVE -- I DID NOT GO THROUGH
10:33:54 IT IN GREAT DETAIL.
10:33:55 DOES IT GIVE US THAT FLEXIBILITY TO TRANSFER THE LIABILITY
10:34:00 FOR FUTURE IMPACT CREDITS?
10:34:03 BONITA.

10:34:04 >>Derek Rooney: NO.
10:34:05 THIS WAS DRAFTED AT A TIME BEFORE WE REALIZED THE RAPTOR BAY
10:34:09 PROJECT RELIED ON THIS.
10:34:10 THAT'S WHY I'VE ASKED FOR A LITTLE BIT BROADER SCOPE TO BE
10:34:13 ABLE TO CHANGE THIS, IF NECESSARY.
10:34:14 AT THIS POINT, THE ONLY REASON THIS IS STILL ON THE AGENDA
10:34:17 IS AS A BACKUP OPTION.
10:34:19 OUR PROPOSAL IS TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CITY OF
10:34:23 BONITA SPRINGS AND WITH LONDON BAY HOMES ABOUT WHETHER OR
10:34:26 NOT THEY, AS A SUCCESSOR DEVELOPER TO WCI, SHOULD BE THE
10:34:29 RESPONSIBLE PARTY.
10:34:30 AND HOW QUICKLY THAT CAN BE RESOLVED.
10:34:35 >>Howard Levitan: CAN I JUMP IN ON THIS ONE, BILL?
10:34:37 >>Mayor Ribble: YEAH, HOWARD.
10:34:38 >>Howard Levitan: I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I AGREE WITH A
10:34:41 LOT OF WHAT'S BEEN SAID PREVIOUSLY.
10:34:43 I'VE LOOKED AT THE DRI DO LANGUAGE AND IT'S FUZZY AT BEST.
10:34:50 THE REAL ISSUE IS WHETHER OR NOT THIS SIGNAL ITSELF, WITHOUT
10:34:55 LOOKING AT OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROJECTS WOULD TRIGGER AN
10:35:01 IMPACT FEE CREDIT.
10:35:02 I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT, BUT I THINK IT'S REALLY
10:35:06 SPECULATIVE.

10:35:07 BUT WHEN YOU ADD IN RAPTOR BAY AND THE IMPACTS THAT'S GOING
10:35:11 TO CREATE, I THINK WE HAVE A MUCH STRONGER CASE.
10:35:14 SO I THINK WE OUGHT TO PASS THIS TODAY AND LET DEREK AND

10:35:19 BILL WORK THIS OUT WITH BOTH BONITA SPRINGS, LONDON BAY AND
10:35:24 WCI.
10:35:25 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:35:26 ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?
10:35:27 OKAY.
10:35:29 ANYONE FROM THE PUBLIC?
10:35:30 >>Carol Sacco: NO, MAYOR.
10:35:31 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:35:32 I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION?
10:35:35 >> I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO PASS THIS AS IT IS AND GIVE
10:35:37 THE FLEXIBILITY TO THE MAYOR AND TO DEREK, NEGOTIATE THIS AS
10:35:45 BEST WE CAN.
10:35:46 >>Howard Levitan: I'LL SECOND THAT, BILL.
10:35:48 >>Mayor Ribble: KATY ALREADY BEAT YOU TO IT, HOWARD.
10:35:51 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
10:35:53 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON?
10:35:55 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
10:35:57 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
10:35:59 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
10:36:00 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
10:36:03 >>Howard Levitan: YES.
10:36:06 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
10:36:08 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
10:36:09 MOVING RIGHT ALONG, THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS CORKSCREW
10:36:15 ROAD/PUENTE LANE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND CORKSCREW ROAD/PUENTE

10:36:20 LANE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.
10:36:22 STEVE?
10:36:22 >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
10:36:24 THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF OUR MAJOR PROBLEM TRAFFIC SIGNAL
10:36:28 ISSUES, AND THIS IS RIGHT BY THE ESTERO CHEVROLET, LOWES
10:36:36 AREA WHERE AT THE OUTLET OF PUENTE LANE TO CORKSCREW ROAD,
10:36:40 WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF VERY SERIOUS ACCIDENTS.
10:36:42 A COUPLE OF FATALITIES.
10:36:44 WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE IN THE SPIRIT OF EXPEDITING
10:36:49 THIS PROJECT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, WE'RE RECOMMENDING AN
10:36:53 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WHERE THE VILLAGE WOULD STEP UP AND BE
10:36:56 ONE OF THE PRIME MOVERS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.
10:36:59 AGAIN, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO DEREK ROONEY TO EXPLAIN THE
10:37:03 LEGAL DETAILS ON HOW WE BELIEVE IT'S NECESSARY TO HAVE THE
10:37:10 VILLAGE INVOLVED IN WHAT IS A COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT.
10:37:13 DEREK?
10:37:14 >>Derek Rooney: YES.
10:37:15 LIKE THE LAST ONE, THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE ISSUES WHERE

10:37:18 THE OBLIGATIONS, IN THIS CASE, ARE NOT UNCLEAR.
10:37:22 THEY ARE VERY CLEAR WHAT THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES
10:37:24 WERE.
10:37:25 ALL THREE DEVELOPMENTS AT THE CORNERS OF THIS INTERSECTION
10:37:29 EITHER HAD DEVELOPMENT ORDER CONDITIONS OR HAD AGREEMENTS
10:37:33 WITH LEE COUNTY TO FUND THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE
10:37:38 INTERSECTION AT PUENTE LANE WHEN REQUIRED.

10:37:40 IN THE INTERVENING YEARS, ONE OF THE DEVELOPERS NO LONGER
10:37:45 EXISTS.
10:37:46 AND THIS IS THE PLAZA DEL SOL FOLKS.
10:37:48 THAT PROPERTY HAS BEEN SUBDIVIDED, SOLD OFF.
10:37:51 THE ASSOCIATION IS ARGUING THAT THEY DON'T HAVE THE
10:37:56 AUTHORITY TO ASSESS FOR IT, BUT THEY HAVE VOTED AGAINST
10:37:58 ASSESSING THEMSELVES TO PAY FOR THAT OBLIGATION.
10:38:02 STOCK DEVELOPMENT HAS AGREED TO MOVE FORWARD AND IS PREPARED
10:38:05 TO SEND FUNDING.
10:38:07 IT WOULD GO TO THE COUNTY.
10:38:08 WHAT WE HAVE TRIED TO RESOLVE AND JUST AS THE VILLAGE
10:38:13 MANAGER HAS PREVIOUSLY BROUGHT TO YOU AND PREFUNDED THE
10:38:17 DESIGN SO THAT WE COULD EXPEDITE THIS PROCESS, BECAUSE IT IS
10:38:20 STILL A COUNTY OBLIGATION AND AGREEMENTS ARE MADE WITH THE
10:38:23 COUNTY ON THAT, WE ARE NOW LOOKING TO FUND THE REMAINING
10:38:27 BALANCE OF THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS, AND WHAT WE WOULD PROPOSE
10:38:31 IS TO ASSESS THE PROPERTY OWNERS.
10:38:35 HOPEFULLY STOCK LOOKS LIKE THEY'LL CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD
10:38:38 AND PAY US UP FRONT.
10:38:39 BUT THE TWO REMAINING PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS, PLAZA DEL SOL,
10:38:42 WE WOULD ASSESS EACH OF THE PARCELS IN THERE SEPARATELY, AND
10:38:45 THE KITE DEVELOPMENT WHERE THE LOWES IS, WE WOULD ASSESS AS
10:38:48 WELL.
10:38:49 SO IT'S VERY TIED TO THE LATER ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA, THE
10:38:53 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE.

10:38:54 BASICALLY WHAT WE WOULD DO, WE WOULD PREFUND IT, THE COUNTY
10:38:57 COULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CONSTRUCTION, AND WE WOULD
10:39:00 ASSESS OVER THE INTERVENING YEARS OUR COST TO DO ALL OF THIS
10:39:05 ON THOSE PROPERTY OWNERS.
10:39:07 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:39:08 QUESTIONS, COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?
10:39:10 NICK.
10:39:12 >>Nick Batos: [INAUDIBLE]?
10:39:13 >>Derek Rooney: THAT HASN'T BEEN DETERMINED YET.
10:39:15 MY GUESS PROBABLY NO LESS THAN FIVE.
10:39:19 >>Howard Levitan: BILL, CAN I JUMP IN.
10:39:21 >>Mayor Ribble: HANG ON, NICK IS STILL TALKING.
10:39:24 >>Nick Batos: [INAUDIBLE]
10:39:26 >>Derek Rooney: I DON'T HAVE A PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF COST.

10:39:28 >>Nick Batos: PROBABLY IN THE \$700,000 RANGE THAT WE'RE
10:39:31 TALKING ABOUT --
10:39:36 >>Derek Rooney: THERE ARE LANE CHANGES.
10:39:39 IT'S MORE THAN JUST A SIGNAL.
10:39:40 THE SIGNAL ITSELF WOULD BE THREE TO FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND
10:39:43 DOLLARS, BUT THERE ARE ADDITIONAL TURNING LANES AND OTHER
10:39:45 IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE BEING CONTEMPLATED AS WELL.
10:39:48 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:39:49 HOWARD?
10:39:50 >>Howard Levitan: YEAH, I'M 100% IN FAVOR OF FRONTING THE
10:39:55 MONEY.

10:39:56 WHAT I DON'T LIKE IS TO DO THESE GUYS RELIEF BY A SPECIAL
10:40:03 ASSESSMENT FOR THEM TO SPREAD OUT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS OVER A
10:40:07 LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.
10:40:09 ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE ARE A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT-RELATED
10:40:15 REQUESTS COMING FROM BOTH OF THOSE, FROM BOTH SIDES OF
10:40:21 CORKSCREW ROAD IN BOTH PLAZA DEL SOL AND ESTERO TOWN
10:40:29 COMMONS.
10:40:29 WE HAVE SAID IN THE PAST THAT IF THERE IS A CODE ENFORCEMENT
10:40:32 ACTION UNDERWAY, WE WOULD NOT GRANT ANY APPROVALS DURING THE
10:40:37 PENDENCY OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT THING, AND I THINK WE SHOULD
10:40:41 INSIST UPON THAT AND NOT SCHEDULE ANY DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS
10:40:48 FOR EITHER OF THOSE DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE NOT LIVING UP TO
10:40:51 THEIR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.
10:40:53 I GUESS I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION, BUT NOT THE
10:40:57 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.
10:41:00 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:41:01 DID YOU WANT TO RESPOND?
10:41:02 >>Derek Rooney: I CAN'T DISAGREE WITH COUNCIL MEMBER
10:41:04 LEVITAN'S COMMENTS.
10:41:06 I MEAN, WITH PLAZA DEL SOL, YOU PROBABLY HAVE A COUPLE OF
10:41:10 OWNERS IN THERE WHO ARE COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THE
10:41:13 DEVELOPMENT OBLIGATIONS OF THE ORIGINAL DEVELOPER WHO IS NOW
10:41:16 DEFUNCT.
10:41:18 BUT THE REALITY IS THAT THEY ARE ALL -- THEY WOULD ALL
10:41:20 BENEFIT, PARTICULARLY IF THE VILLAGE WAS TO MAKE THOSE

10:41:23 IMPROVEMENTS ON THEIR BEHALF.
10:41:26 WE HAVE TALKED INTERNALLY AT THE STAFF LEVEL, ONE OF THE
10:41:30 OPTIONS WE WOULD HAVE WOULD BE TO INSTITUTE CODE ENFORCEMENT
10:41:33 CASES AGAINST ALL THE CONSTRUCTED PROJECTS AND TO DENY ANY
10:41:36 PERMITS FOR ANY TO-BE CONSTRUCTED PROJECTS.
10:41:41 WE DID FEEL, THOUGH, INTERNALLY, THAT THAT WAS FAIRLY
10:41:44 DRACONIAN AND WE WANTED TO FIND A WAY JUST TO GET IT MOVING
10:41:47 FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT THAT IS ALWAYS AN
10:41:50 OPTION.
10:41:52 >>Mayor Ribble: KATY.

10:41:52 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.
10:41:54 ONE IS, WHERE IS -- PLAZA DEL SOL, WHERE IS THAT?
10:42:00 I KNOW WHERE ESTERO CROSSING, OF COURSE, ESTERO TOWN COMMONS
10:42:04 AND THE OTHER QUESTION, THE RESIDENTS IN THE BACK OF THAT,
10:42:09 WE'RE NOT TALKING ANY KIND OF ASSESSMENT ON THOSE
10:42:12 DEVELOPMENTS.
10:42:13 >>Derek Rooney: NO, THE ASSESSMENT WOULD ONLY BE ON THE
10:42:18 COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, THE ONES WHO ULTIMATELY BEAR THE
10:42:20 BURDEN OF THE DEVELOPMENT OBLIGATION.
10:42:21 AND ALL THE COSTS.
10:42:25 OUR STAFF TIME, THE FINANCING COST, EVERYTHING WOULD BE BORN
10:42:29 BY THEM.
10:42:30 WHEN WE HAVE THE FINAL FIGURES AND THE EXTRA COST OF ADDING,
10:42:34 PUTTING THE ASSESSMENTS TOGETHER WOULD ALL BE BORN BY THE
10:42:37 PROPERTY OWNERS.

10:42:38 IT WOULD NOT GO TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS BEHIND THEM.
10:42:41 IT'S ON THE NORTH SIDE NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD.
10:42:45 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: NORTH SIDE.
10:42:48 >>Derek Rooney: I'M TRYING TO REMEMBER SOME OF THE NAMES OF
10:42:49 THE BUSINESSES.
10:42:51 >>Steven Sarkozy: ALL OF THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.
10:42:53 CULVER'S --
10:42:55 >>Derek Rooney: YEAH, YOU WILL A THE INDIVIDUAL PARCELS.
10:42:58 >> ALL OF THOSE IN THERE FROM THREE OAKS PARKWAY TO THE
10:43:02 EAST.
10:43:05 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: DO THEY KNOW THIS?
10:43:07 >>Derek Rooney: YEAH, THEY ARE AWARE, AND WE HAVE REQUESTED
10:43:09 THAT EACH OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THERE, EVEN THOUGH THEY
10:43:13 ARE NOT REQUIRED TO, GIVE US THEIR ASSENT -- SEND A LETTER
10:43:17 TO US INDICATE THEY AGREE TO BE ASSESSED.
10:43:20 WHEN WE GO FORWARD, OBVIOUSLY, THE ASSESSMENTS WOULD NOT
10:43:23 OCCUR UNTIL A FUTURE YEAR.
10:43:25 WE DO NOT WANT ANYONE COMING AND OBJECTING TO THE
10:43:27 ASSESSMENTS.
10:43:27 THIS IS AN OBLIGATION THAT WE'RE TAKING AWAY FROM THEM AND
10:43:30 MAKING SURE IT GETS DONE WHEN IT'S APPROPRIATE.
10:43:34 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:43:35 ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, COUNCIL?
10:43:37 ANYONE FROM THE PUBLIC?
10:43:40 >>Carol Sacco: YES, WE HAVE AN E-COMMENT FROM MR. LOUIS

10:43:44 FRATTARELLI.
10:43:45 PRESERVE AT CORKSCREW.
10:43:47 ECCL TRANSPORTATION.
10:43:48 THE ECCL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL RECOMMENDS COUNCIL APPROVAL
10:43:51 OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEE COUNTY AND THE
10:43:54 VILLAGE OF ESTERO FOR THE CORKSCREW ROAD PUENTE LANE TRAFFIC

10:43:59 SIGNAL.
10:43:59 THANK YOU.
10:44:02 >>Derek Rooney: ALSO POINT OUT THAT NEALE MONTGOMERY WHO
10:44:04 REPRESENTS KITE DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS STOCK IS HERE IF YOU
10:44:07 HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.
10:44:09 >>Jim Boesch: MAKE A MOTION WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT
10:44:11 WITH THE ASSESSMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY -- [INAUDIBLE]
10:44:15 >>Mayor Ribble: SECOND?
10:44:16 KATY.
10:44:17 MADAM CLERK.
10:44:22 >>Jim Boesch: PRESENTED HERE IN THE BUDGET, WITH THE
10:44:23 ASSESSMENTS.
10:44:25 >>Mayor Ribble: INCLUDING THE ASSESSMENTS.
10:44:26 >>Derek Rooney: THE INTERLOCAL IS PREDICATED ON THE
10:44:28 ASSESSMENTS.
10:44:29 THE ASSESSMENTS WILL COME TO YOU FOR A FINAL VOTE AT SOME
10:44:31 POINT IN THE FUTURE, BUT ABSENT THE ASSESSMENTS, THE
10:44:34 INTERLOCAL DOESN'T DO ANYTHING EXCEPT GIVE FREE MONEY TO LEE
10:44:37 COUNTY.

10:44:42 >>Jon McLain: SOMEONE GETS AN ASSESSMENT LIKE THIS, DOES
10:44:45 THAT BECOME A LEGAL ISSUE POTENTIALLY?
10:44:47 FIGHT THE ASSESSMENT SAYING --
10:44:54 >>Derek Rooney: WELL, IT'S VERY UNLIKELY THAT EVEN -- WE
10:44:56 HAVE A LOT OF HISTORY HERE.
10:44:58 WE HAVE OBLIGATIONS AND AGREEMENTS MOSTLY BY THE DEVELOPERS
10:45:01 THEMSELVES.
10:45:01 THAT WE ARE FRONTING THE MONEY FOR.
10:45:05 BUT EVEN IF THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT, IT IS UNDOUBTED THAT
10:45:09 THESE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ARE BENEFITING THOSE
10:45:12 PROPERTIES.
10:45:12 SO, THEREFORE, I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR ASSESSMENTS WOULD
10:45:17 SURVIVE ANY ATTACK.
10:45:18 >>Mayor Ribble: NICK, DID YOU HAVE A COMMENT?
10:45:21 >>Nick Batos: THE MOTION THAT'S UP NOW WOULD ALLOW THEM --
10:45:25 ALLOW YOU TO SEND THIS OUT OVER FIVE YEARS, RATHER THAN
10:45:29 MAKING IT EITHER A SHORTER TERM OR DOING A CODE ENFORCEMENT.
10:45:35 >>Derek Rooney: THE ONLY ITEM THAT'S BEFORE YOU RIGHT NOW IS
10:45:40 THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND THAT IS BECAUSE ULTIMATELY WE
10:45:43 ARE PROVIDING FUNDS TO LEE COUNTY.
10:45:45 THEY ARE THE ONES WHO ARE TELLING US HOW MUCH THEY NEED.
10:45:48 THEY ARE THE ONES GOING THROUGH THEIR PROCUREMENT PROCESS.
10:45:52 AND THEY ARE THE ONES WHO WE WILL HAVE TO GET REMITTANCE OF
10:45:56 ANY OVERAGES FROM OR ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS FROM.
10:45:59 SO THAT'S -- BUT THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT IS WE'RE FUNDING

10:46:03 THEM ON THE CONCEPT THAT WE WILL ULTIMATELY BE CHARGING BACK
10:46:07 THOSE ASSESSMENTS.

10:46:08 IF YOU'RE AGAINST THE ASSESSMENT IDEA IN THE FUTURE, WHICH
10:46:10 WILL COME TO YOU NEXT YEAR WITH A TIMETABLE FOR HOW LONG AND
10:46:14 WHAT THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS OF THE ASSESSMENTS WILL BE, WE
10:46:17 SHOULD RECONSIDER THE INTERLOCAL.
10:46:19 I JUST DON'T WANT TO YOU AGREE TO THE INTERLOCAL, PAY LEE
10:46:22 COUNTY.
10:46:23 YOU ALWAYS HAVE THE OPTION OF FINDING OTHER FUNDING SOURCES.
10:46:27 >>Nick Batos: IF WE'RE IN FAVOR OF DOING IT BUT NOT IN FAVOR
10:46:30 OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET THE MONEY BACK, WE CAN STILL GO
10:46:33 AHEAD AND VOTE FOR THIS AND --
10:46:35 >>Derek Rooney: CORRECT.
10:46:36 >>Nick Batos: -- AND WORRY ABOUT THE OTHER ONE LATER ON.
10:46:39 >>Derek Rooney: CORRECT THIS INTERLOCAL WOULDN'T TIE IT TO
10:46:41 IT.
10:46:41 >>Howard Levitan: WAIT A MINUTE.
10:46:42 I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THAT AS WELL.
10:46:44 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:46:44 HOWARD.
10:46:45 HANG ON A SECOND.
10:46:46 JON.
10:46:46 >>Jon McLain: DIDN'T WE DO THE ENGINEERING STUDIES FOR THIS
10:46:50 AND THERE WAS -- I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT THE COST OF THAT WAS,
10:46:53 BUT THAT SHOULD BE PUT IN THE ASSESSMENT ALSO.

10:46:55 DID WE SPEND --
10:46:56 >>Mayor Ribble: HE DID.
10:46:57 HE MENTIONED THAT.
10:46:58 HE SAID ALL THEIR TIME, EVERYTHING.
10:46:59 HE ALREADY COVERED THAT.
10:47:00 WE GOT THAT IN THERE, JON.
10:47:02 HOWARD?
10:47:04 >>Howard Levitan: YEAH, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE
10:47:06 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ON PAGE 1 AT THE BOTTOM SAYS THAT WE'RE
10:47:10 GOING TO DO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.
10:47:13 AND I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE HAVE THE OPTION OF DOING
10:47:17 CODE ENFORCEMENT OR LITIGATION AS OPPOSED TO THAT.
10:47:20 SO WE AREN'T LIMITED TO JUST THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.
10:47:25 I THINK THAT'S AN EASY CHANGE.
10:47:27 IT'S NOT GOING TO AFFECT LEE COUNTY.
10:47:29 >>Mayor Ribble: NEALE, DID YOU WANT TO COMMENT OR NO?
10:47:34 >>Derek Rooney: AND I CAN MAKE THAT CHANGE FOR COUNCIL
10:47:36 MEMBER LEVITAN.
10:47:37 >>Mayor Ribble: YOU'RE UP.
10:47:38 >> FOR THE RECORD, NEALE MONTGOMERY.
10:47:41 DEREK POINTED OUT, REPRESENT STOCK AND KITE.
10:47:47 I THINK YOU NEED TO GO FORWARD WITH THIS BECAUSE THE LIGHT
10:47:51 IS NEEDED.
10:47:54 STOCK HAS BEEN TRYING FOR I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG NOW, MORE

10:47:58 THAN A YEAR, TO TRY TO WORK THROUGH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
10:48:02 COUNTY.
10:48:03 THE COUNTY KEEPS INSISTING THAT THEY HAVE TO HAVE A
10:48:06 THREE-PARTY AGREEMENT, AND THAT'S NEVER GOING TO HAPPEN.
10:48:09 AND SO WE CAN'T GET FROM POINT A TO POINT B.
10:48:12 ON BEHALF OF STOCK, WHAT I'M PROPOSING IS JUST COME BACK TO
10:48:16 YOU, GIVE YOU THE CONSTRUCTION MONEY AND -- INTERLOCAL CAN
10:48:22 DEAL WITH THE COUNTY.
10:48:23 DONE A GOOD JOB OF GETTING THEM TO BE COOPERATIVE WITH HIM
10:48:29 AND THE VILLAGE.
10:48:29 SAME THING WITH KITE.
10:48:30 KITE HAS AN EXISTING AGREEMENT, BUT THE COUNTY WON'T HONOR
10:48:34 IT.
10:48:34 IT'S LIKE, NO, NO, WE DON'T LIKE THAT ONE.
10:48:37 DO OVER.
10:48:38 WE CAN'T DO THAT.
10:48:39 AND THERE ARE OTHER OWNERS THAT WEREN'T INVOLVED.
10:48:43 THE ONLY WAY WE'LL GET FROM POINT A TO POINT B IS WITH YOUR
10:48:46 HELP.
10:48:46 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:48:47 I AGREE.
10:48:48 KATY.
10:48:50 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: QUESTION FOR NEALE.
10:48:52 WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY IN THE COUNTY TO DENY THAT?
10:48:56 IS IT ONE PERSON, A COMMITTEE, THE BOARD?
10:49:00 >>Neale Montgomery: NO, UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S BEEN A MYRIAD OF
10:49:04 PEOPLE INVOLVED.
10:49:05 I'LL TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED, TOO.
10:49:06 I GOT TO THE POINT WHERE I CALLED -- I NEED YOUR HELP.
10:49:11 I'M BEATING MY HEAD AGAINST THE WALL TO DO SOMETHING
10:49:13 EVERYBODY SAYS WE WANT.
10:49:16 LONG DISCUSSION.
10:49:17 I SAID, WELL, CAN YOU TALK TO DEREK?
10:49:19 CAN YOU GUYS TALK SO WE CAN GET SOMEWHERE SO WE CAN GET THE
10:49:26 SIGNAL, BECAUSE I AGREE WITH STEVE, IT'S A DANGEROUS
10:49:29 INTERSECTION, BUT WE CAN'T FIX IT WITHOUT HELP.
10:49:33 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:49:35 I THINK EVERYBODY HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK.
10:49:36 THE PUBLIC HAD THEIR CHANCE.
10:49:38 WE HAD THE MOTION, CORRECT?
10:49:39 KATY YOU SECONDED.
10:49:44 >>Derek Rooney: THE REQUEST -- IN THE REQUESTED ACTION, I
10:49:51 HAVEN'T GOT ALL THE COMMENTS BACK BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING ON
10:49:53 SUMMER BREAK, EVERYTHING BACK FROM LEE COUNTY EITHER.
10:49:56 I REQUESTED IN THE ACTION THAT WE HAVE AUTHORITY TO MAKE
10:49:58 SCOPE CHANGES TO ADDRESS LEE COUNTY.

10:50:01 I WOULD ALSO GO AHEAD AND RECOMMEND THAT IF AT SOME POINT IN
10:50:05 THE FUTURE, WE DON'T MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ASSESSMENT THAT
10:50:08 WE PUT THE LANGUAGE THAT COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITAN REQUESTED IN
10:50:10 THERE, THAT WE CAN USE OTHER MEANS TO COLLECT THE FUNDS DUE.
10:50:13 >>Mayor Ribble: IS EVERYBODY OKAY WITH THAT?

10:50:15 MADAM CLERK, CALL THE ROLL, PLEASE.

10:50:17 >>Howard Levitan: YES.

10:50:20 >>Jon McLain: AYE.

10:50:21 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.

10:50:23 >>Nick Batos: YES.

10:50:25 >>Jim Wilson: YES.

10:50:28 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.

10:50:29 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.

10:50:30 OKAY.

10:50:33 I'M SURE THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF HAPPY FOLKS OUT THERE
10:50:36 IN ESTERO THAT ARE PAYING THEIR TAXES THAT ARE GOING TO BE
10:50:40 HAPPY TO SEE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE A LITTLE SAFER IN THE
10:50:44 FUTURE HERE.

10:50:45 IT WILL TAKE ANOTHER GOOD YEAR TO GET THESE LIGHTS ACTUALLY
10:50:48 UP.

10:50:49 WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO DO YET TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN, AT
10:50:53 LEAST WE'RE ON THE ROAD IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

10:50:57 I THANK THE COUNCIL FOR THE GREAT VOTE THIS MORNING ON BOTH
10:50:59 THE ITEMS.

10:51:00 THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE SOLID WASTE AGREEMENT FOR
10:51:03 MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, SOLID WASTE SYSTEM
10:51:06 ASSESSMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES.

10:51:08 STEVE?

10:51:09 >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

10:51:12 THIS IS ONE OF THE BIG INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS THAT WE HAVE

10:51:20 WITH LEE COUNTY THAT HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED SINCE
10:51:24 INCORPORATION.

10:51:24 THE VILLAGE BEING RELATIVELY SMALL CONTRACTS FOR SOLID WASTE
10:51:29 SERVICES WITH LEE COUNTY.

10:51:31 THAT'S THE SAME PROCESS THAT LITERALLY ALL OF THE OTHER
10:51:35 CITIES IN LEE COUNTY ARE ENGAGED IN.

10:51:40 LEE COUNTY HANDLES ALL OF THE TRASH PICKUP AND TRANSPORT
10:51:44 THROUGH A CONTRACT.

10:51:46 THEY DO RECYCLING, HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL, DISASTER
10:51:51 RESPONSE, AND THEN ULTIMATELY TRASH DISPOSAL.

10:51:53 WHAT'S PROPOSED HERE IS AN EXTENSION OF AN AGREEMENT THAT'S
10:51:59 BEEN WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE CITIES.

10:52:04 THIS COMES TO YOU WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL.

10:52:06 THERE IS ONE BIG CHANGE IN HERE THAT WILL AFFECT US, AND
10:52:12 THAT IS THAT THE DISASTER SERVICES, WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY
10:52:17 BEEN MANAGED BY LEE COUNTY IS NOW UP TO ALL OF THE CITIES TO

10:52:25 HANDLE, AND THIS PARTICULARLY AFFECTS ESTERO.
10:52:30 ALL OF THE OTHER CITIES IN THE COUNTY HAVE DEVELOPED REALLY
10:52:32 THEIR OWN DISASTER RESPONSE APPROACH.
10:52:37 WE HAVE RELIED ON LEE COUNTY TO DO THIS, AND IT'S BEEN A
10:52:43 UNIQUE ELEMENT OF SERVICES INCORPORATION THAT WE'VE HAD
10:52:48 THAT.
10:52:48 YOU MAY RECALL THAT IN THE PAST, WE HAVE CONTRACTED FOR THE
10:52:57 EMERGENCY RESPONSE WITH THE SAME FIRMS THAT LEE COUNTY
10:53:03 UTILIZES, JUST TO BE SURE THAT WE HAVE SERVICES AVAILABLE.

10:53:08 SO WE'VE DOUBLED UP.
10:53:09 IT REALLY HASN'T BEEN NECESSARY, BUT IT WAS A PRECAUTION
10:53:12 THAT WE TOOK JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD SOMEONE TO
10:53:17 MANAGE, SHOULD WE BE HIT BY A HURRICANE.
10:53:20 THIS WILL REQUIRE US TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT, AND ALSO, THEN,
10:53:29 PARTNER AND COORDINATE WITH THE COUNTY ON TRASH DISPOSAL
10:53:33 SITES FOR MATERIALS, SHOULD WE HAVE ANOTHER HURRICANE.
10:53:38 SO THIS IS GOING TO REQUIRE SOME MANAGEMENT, TIME, AND
10:53:45 ATTENTION, ALTHOUGH WE THINK WE'VE BEEN DOING MUCH OF THAT
10:53:50 ALREADY BASED ON WHAT I JUST MENTIONED.
10:53:53 THIS IS A PROPOSED 20-YEAR EXTENSION WITH TWO 5-YEAR OPTIONS
10:54:05 TO RENEW.
10:54:07 AND IT COMES TO YOU, LIKE I SAID, WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR
10:54:11 APPROVAL.
10:54:13 THIS HAS BEEN ADOPTED -- WILL BE ADOPTED BY ALL OF THE OTHER
10:54:19 CITIES.
10:54:22 IT'S A UNIFORM APPROACH TO MANAGING SOLID WASTE SERVICES
10:54:23 COUNTYWIDE.
10:54:25 THE COUNTY IS ASKING THAT WE CONSIDER THIS BEFORE THEY TAKE
10:54:30 UP CONSIDERATION OF THIS AT THEIR LATE AUGUST MEETING.
10:54:36 I WOULD ALSO SAY AND INTRODUCE DOUG WHITEHEAD, THE NEW SOLID
10:54:41 WASTE DIRECTOR AT LEE COUNTY IS HERE, SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY
10:54:46 DETAILED QUESTIONS, BUT WE'RE OFFERING THIS UP FOR COUNCIL
10:54:50 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL.
10:54:52 >>Mayor Ribble: NICK?

10:54:54 >>Nick Batos: WHAT IS THE EXISTING CONTRACT WE HAVE, EXPIRE?
10:55:01 >>Steven Sarkozy: I COULDN'T ANSWER THAT OFF HAND WITH
10:55:05 CERTAINTY.
10:55:06 DOUG, WOULD YOU KNOW WHEN THAT IS?
10:55:08 MAYBE YOU COULD COME UP AND ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS.
10:55:11 DOUG WHITEHEAD.
10:55:14 >> GOOD MORNING.
10:55:16 FOR THE RECORD, DOUG WHITEHEAD, DIRECTOR OF SOLID WASTE, LEE
10:55:19 COUNTY, 10500 BUCKINGHAM ROAD, LEE COUNTY.
10:55:22 IT EXPIRES ON 30 SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR.
10:55:25 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?
10:55:33 >>Jim Boesch: [INAUDIBLE]

10:55:33 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:55:34 JIM.
10:55:35 >>Jim Boesch: [INAUDIBLE] -- DESCRIPTION THAT YOU GAVE TO
10:55:42 US, SEVERAL, MANY CITIES THAT WOULD BE LOOKING FOR SERVICES,
10:55:51 LOWER PRICES, WHATEVER, AND IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT THIS IS A
10:55:57 SUBJECT THAT -- WHERE MUNICIPALITIES THINK THEY POSSIBLY
10:56:05 COULD GET A BETTER DEAL.
10:56:06 SO THE FIRST THING I WOULD RECOMMEND IS THAT YOU ORGANIZE
10:56:13 THOSE CITIES AND SEE IF IT'S A FACT THAT THEY WOULD BE
10:56:19 WILLING TO LOOK INTO ANOTHER SERVICE OR WHATEVER, AND WOULD
10:56:26 HAVE SOME TYPE OF A NEGOTIATING SITUATION WITH THE COUNTY.
10:56:33 SEEMS THE COUNTY'S POSITION IS, YOU HAVE TO TAKE IT ANYHOW,
10:56:42 NO CONCEPT OF NEGOTIATION.

10:56:45 [INAUDIBLE]
10:57:21 [INAUDIBLE]
10:57:25 >>Steven Sarkozy: NO.
10:57:26 THIS IS AN ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THE COUNTY.
10:57:28 AND AS AN ENTERPRISE FUND, IT'S A BALANCED FUND SEPARATE
10:57:34 FROM THE GENERAL FUND THAT EXISTS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF
10:57:39 PROVIDING SOLID WASTE SERVICES.
10:57:43 >>Jim Boesch: [INAUDIBLE]
10:57:45 [SPEAKING AWAY FROM THE MICROPHONE]
10:58:24 [INAUDIBLE]
10:58:25 >>Mayor Ribble: NICK, DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE?
10:58:27 >>Nick Batos: I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION.
10:58:29 THE SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT THAT IS LEVIED UPON ALL THE
10:58:33 RESIDENTS OF LEE COUNTY.
10:58:37 >>Doug Whitehead: YES, SIR.
10:58:38 >>Nick Batos: IS THAT THE SAME OR UNINCORPORATED, IN THE
10:58:41 INCORPORATED AREA?
10:58:42 >>Doug Whitehead: THE ASSESSMENT, THERE ARE VARIOUS
10:58:45 COMPONENT ASSESSMENTS.
10:58:46 ALL ARE THE SAME EXCEPT FOR THE COLLECTION PIECE, WHICH IS
10:58:49 BASED UPON A BID THAT WE PUT OUT AND THEN A RENEGOTIATION
10:58:52 AND EXTENSION.
10:58:54 >>Nick Batos: OUR TAXES, ONCE A YEAR, WE GET OUR TAXES.
10:58:56 ONE OF THE LINE ITEMS OF THE 20 ITEMS ON THERE I BELIEVE IS
10:59:00 SOLID WASTE.

10:59:00 >>Doug Whitehead: YES, SIR.
10:59:03 >>Nick Batos: I'M JUST ASKING, IF THE TAX FOR THE RESIDENTS
10:59:09 IN ESTERO, THAT ASSESSMENT IS THE SAME FOR, SAY, SOMEBODY IN
10:59:16 SAN CARLOS.
10:59:16 >>Doug Whitehead: IT IS NOT.
10:59:18 AND THAT IS BECAUSE AS PART OF THE BIDDING, WE HAVE SIX
10:59:22 AREAS WHICH WE BID OUT TO COLLECT WASTE WITHIN THE COUNTY.
10:59:27 AND ESTERO IS 24207 PROTECTED FOR 2020-2021.

10:59:33 THAT IS APPROXIMATELY SEVEN DOLLARS A YEAR HIGHER THAN THE
10:59:37 AVERAGE, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$236.
10:59:41 >>Nick Batos: QUESTION I THEN HAVE, IF THE SOLID WASTE IS
10:59:45 CHARGING US MORE THAN THE AVERAGE, AND WE'RE GOING TO BE
10:59:51 GETTING LESS SERVICE FROM THE COUNTY BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO
10:59:55 EXTRACT THAT SERVICE THAT YOU'LL CONTINUE TO SUPPLY THE
11:00:01 UNINCORPORATED AREA, WHY IS IT THAT WE SHOULDN'T GET A LOWER
11:00:07 RATE IF YOU'RE TAKING OUT THAT COMPONENT OF IT?
11:00:10 >>Doug Whitehead: SIR, ESTERO WAS UNIQUE WITHIN THE COUNTY
11:00:13 IN HAVING THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT, BEING MANAGED BY THE
11:00:15 COUNTY.
11:00:16 SO AT THIS TIME, TO AVOID A MOST FAVORED NATION STATUS,
11:00:21 PRETTY MUCH INSISTED BY THE OTHER MUNICIPAL ENTITIES IN THE
11:00:24 COUNTY, WE REMOVED THAT.
11:00:26 BUT THIS RATE IS NOT LINKED TO DISASTER MANAGEMENT.
11:00:29 IT IS LINKED TO COLLECTION, WHICH IS MORE EXPENSIVE IN THE
11:00:33 ESTERO AREA, IN PART BECAUSE JUST MORE DISTANCE BETWEEN

11:00:37 HOMES.
11:00:38 IT'S ALSO LINKED TO THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE DISPOSAL AT THE
11:00:43 WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY.
11:00:45 BUT REALLY, THE ONLY DIFFERENCE, AND THERE ARE COMPONENTS TO
11:00:47 IT, WHICH ARE IN THE ILA, THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT IT
11:00:52 COSTS MORE TO COLLECT GARBAGE IN AREA 3, WHICH IS WHERE
11:00:57 ESTERO IS, BECAUSE OF THE ADDITIONAL DISTANCES BETWEEN THE
11:01:02 HOMES.
11:01:02 IF I MAY, THIS WAS A BID PROCESS THAT WAS PUT OUT, AND IT
11:01:08 WAS RECENTLY EXTENDED.
11:01:10 I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THAT THE PRICE LEE COUNTY PAYS AND
11:01:15 ESTERO SPECIFIC PAYS IS IN THE LOWEST 20% OF ENTITIES IN THE
11:01:19 STATE OF FLORIDA.
11:01:22 THIS RATE HAS TO BE APPROVED EACH YEAR BY THE BOARD OF
11:01:25 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND AS PART OF THE PRESENTATION, WE
11:01:29 DID A STUDY OF RATES AROUND THE SOUTH FLORIDA, AND IT SHOWED
11:01:35 CLEARLY A COUPLE OF THINGS.
11:01:36 ONE IS THAT OUR RATE IS THE LOWEST EXCEPT FOR THE COUNTY OF
11:01:40 SARASOTA IN SOUTH FLORIDA.
11:01:43 TO THE RESIDENT.
11:01:44 AND SECONDLY, UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN GOING OUT TO BID, THE
11:01:49 AVERAGE INCREASE IN GOING OUT TO BID HAS BEEN OVER 50% WHEN
11:01:56 COLLECTION, YOUR HAULER COMING TO YOUR HOUSE PICKS UP, SO
11:01:59 THE AVERAGE RATE INCREASE HAS BEEN OVER 50%.
11:02:03 57% IN THE CASE OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY IN DECEMBER OF LAST

11:02:07 YEAR, AND MEANWHILE, JUST LAST WEEK, HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
11:02:10 ANNOUNCED A 40% INCREASE GOING TO THE HAULERS.
11:02:14 OUR INCREASE OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS HAS AVERAGED --
11:02:19 ACTUALLY, OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, AVERAGED 2% INCREASE.

11:02:22 AND WE HAVE IT IN PLACE THAT THE CPI ONLY FOR THE NEXT SEVEN
11:02:27 YEARS.
11:02:36 >>Jim Boesch: 90% OF OUR TOWN -- THERE COULDN'T BE A
11:02:41 NARROWER AMOUNT OF SPACE -- [INAUDIBLE] THINK ABOUT HOW FAR
11:02:51 THEY HAVE TO GO -- [INAUDIBLE] FT. MYERS, ALL THOSE
11:02:56 DIFFERENT STREETS THAT YOU HAVE TO RUN UP AND DOWN.
11:02:58 YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT IN ESTERO.
11:03:01 IT'S A MATTER OF DISPUTE.
11:03:06 I CAN TELL YOU SEVERAL THINGS THAT WE ARE INVOLVED IN THAT
11:03:09 WE PAY HIGHER RATE -- [INAUDIBLE]
11:03:34 >>Mayor Ribble: JIM, WE HAVE TO KEEP POLITICS OUT OF THIS.
11:03:36 >>Jim Boesch: THIS IS CONFUSING TO ME.
11:03:38 HOW COME THEY ARE PAYING HIGHER?
11:03:43 WE RUN A GOOD BUDGET.
11:03:45 VERY CAUTIOUS OF HOW WE BILL.
11:03:47 SAY, HEY, CHARGE THEM MORE -- [INAUDIBLE]
11:03:54 >>Mayor Ribble: LISA, I SAW YOU BACK THERE NODDING YOUR HEAD
11:03:57 IN AGREEMENT WHEN DOUGLAS WAS SPEAKING.
11:03:58 ARE YOU VERIFYING THAT HE IS GIVING US A GOOD DEAL OR NO?
11:04:01 YOU'RE THE BEAN COUNTER.
11:04:04 WE GOT TO FOLLOW YOUR LEAD HERE.

11:04:07 >>Lisa Roberson: I WAS NODDING AT SOME OF THE COMMENTS HE
11:04:09 MADE WHICH WERE IN LINE WITH WHAT I UNDERSTAND HIS OPERATION
11:04:13 TO BE.
11:04:13 I CAN'T SPEAK TO THE INDIVIDUAL QUOTES.
11:04:15 BUT I HAVE NO BASIS TO DISPUTE ANYTHING THAT HE SAID.
11:04:17 I REALLY LIKE THE FACT WHEN HE COMPARED US TO OTHER SIMILAR
11:04:24 SERVICES IN THE AREA IN SAYING WE WERE REALLY LESS EXPENSIVE
11:04:27 EVEN THOUGH ESTERO, US COMPARED TO OTHER ENTITIES IN THE
11:04:31 STATE.
11:04:32 THAT WAS A GOOD POINT.
11:04:33 I LOVED THAT.
11:04:34 AND I HAVE NO REASON TO DISPUTE THAT.
11:04:36 BUT SOME OF THE STATEMENTS HE MADE ABOUT OPERATIONS ARE
11:04:38 DEFINITELY IN LINE WITH WHAT WE UNDERSTAND.
11:04:49 >>Jon McLain: JIM, YOU BRING UP SOME GOOD QUESTIONS.
11:04:53 WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME TO EVALUATE ALL OF THOSE
11:04:53 ALTERNATIVES.
11:04:53 I READ THROUGH THIS REALLY QUICKLY.
11:04:55 DOES THIS AGREEMENT HAVE A TERMINATION CLAUSE?
11:04:57 IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I SAW ONE.
11:04:59 IT LOOKS LIKE IT IS A TEN-YEAR AGREEMENT.
11:05:01 IT'S RENEWABLE FOR TWO 5-YEAR POTENTIAL.
11:05:04 IS THERE AN OPPORTUNITY IF WE FOUND -- YOU KNOW, IF THERE
11:05:07 WAS A BETTER DEAL OUT THERE, CAN WE GET OUT OF THIS 10-YEAR
11:05:10 COMMITMENT?

11:05:13 >>Doug Whitehead: FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND TALKING TO
11:05:14 ATTORNEYS, THE 180-DAY SERVICE REQUEST COULD ALSO BE USED TO
11:05:18 DIMINISH SERVICES, IF SO REQUESTED.
11:05:20 >>Mayor Ribble: IS THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING, STEVE?
11:05:22 >>Steven Sarkozy: YES.
11:05:24 >>Mayor Ribble: JON, THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.
11:05:26 >>Jon McLain: 180 DAYS WE COULD GET OUT OF IT.
11:05:31 I THOUGHT THAT WAS JUST FOR THE RENEWAL.
11:05:32 IF YOU SAY SO.
11:05:34 >>Nick Batos: I THINK YOU SAID ZONE THREE WE'RE IN.
11:05:39 >>Doug Whitehead: YES, SIR.
11:05:39 >>Nick Batos: WHO ELSE IS IN ZONE 3?
11:05:42 >>Doug Whitehead: IT'S PRETTY MUCH ESTERO AND -- OUTSIDE.
11:05:44 ZONE FOUR IS MORE EXPENSIVE.
11:05:46 THAT IS THE BUCKINGHAM AND LEHIGH ACRES AREA, TO YOUR POINT,
11:05:50 IT IS QUITE EMPTY OUT THERE.
11:05:52 >>Mayor Ribble: CHEAPER LIVING UP THERE.
11:05:56 >>Doug Whitehead: CITY OF FORT MYERS DOES COLLECT THEIR OWN
11:05:58 WASTE.
11:05:58 AS A RESIDENT OF FORT MYERS, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE RATE IS
11:06:02 SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN WHAT ESTERO IS.
11:06:07 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: [INAUDIBLE]
11:06:09 >>Doug Whitehead: BONITA SPRINGS IS SLIGHTLY LOWER, MA'AM.
11:06:12 AGAIN, THIS WAS A RESULT NOT OF -- WE DON'T REALLY SELECT
11:06:15 IT.

11:06:15 IT IS A PASS-THROUGH FROM WHAT WE PAY THE HAULER.
11:06:18 >>Mayor Ribble: YOU GUYS GOT TO GO THROUGH ESTERO TO GET TO
11:06:20 BONITA SPRINGS.
11:06:21 HOW COULD THAT BE CHEAPER THAN BONITA?
11:06:24 THEY LIKE THEM BETTER THAN US.
11:06:25 >>Doug Whitehead: IT ALSO HAS TO DO THAT THE RATE IS ALSO
11:06:29 COMBINED WITH COMMERCIAL WASTE.
11:06:30 IF YOU LIVE IN AN AREA, LIKE, SAY THE 41 CORRIDOR NORTH OF
11:06:34 HERE, WHICH HAS A VERY HIGH COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT RATE,
11:06:38 THOSE COMMERCIAL RATES ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE HAULER.
11:06:42 THIS IS COMING FROM MY EXPERIENCE AS A HAULER IS TO OFFSET
11:06:46 THE OFFSET THE RATE, THE COST OF RESIDENTIAL PICKUP.
11:06:50 RESIDENTIAL PICKUP IN GENERAL IS NOT A MONEY EARNER FOR THE
11:06:54 HAULER.
11:06:55 IT IS THE COMMERCIAL.
11:07:01 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?
11:07:04 >>Steven Sarkozy: THIS WOULD TAKE EFFECT -- THE OTHER --
11:07:07 WHEN THE OTHER ONE EXPIRES.
11:07:09 >>Mayor Ribble: THE END OF AUGUST.
11:07:11 >>Doug Whitehead: 1 OCTOBER, SIR.
11:07:13 >>Mayor Ribble: 1 OCTOBER.
11:07:14 OKAY.

11:07:15 JACK HAD HIS HAND UP.
11:07:20 DID YOU FILL OUT A CARD, JACK?
11:07:35 >>Carol Sacco: MAYOR, JACK MEEKER, THE BROOKS.

11:07:37 >> JACK MEEKER FROM COPPERLEAF AGAIN.
11:07:39 THIS IS A HUGE ISSUE.
11:07:43 I THINK JIM TOUCHED IT.
11:07:45 I KNOW NICK AND I DISCUSSED THIS A LONG TIME AGO.
11:07:49 THIS REALLY IS AN ONION THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO PEEL.
11:07:55 THERE'S A LOT OF MONEY IN GARBAGE.
11:07:57 WHEN MY MOTHER THREATENED TO HAVE ME TAKEN AWAY BY THE
11:08:03 GARBAGE MAN WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I WISH HE WOULD HAVE.
11:08:07 I WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY, VERY WEALTHY TODAY.
11:08:09 THE REASON I SAY THIS I'M SPOILED, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU.
11:08:16 UNDER THE OLD CONTRACT, THEY CAME AROUND ONCE A WEEK TO PICK
11:08:20 UP THE RECYCLES AND THE GARBAGE.
11:08:22 THE NEW CONTRACT CAME, THEY MADE US NOW TROT OUR STUFF OUT
11:08:28 TWICE A WEEK, MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS.
11:08:30 AND THE COUNTY COME AROUND MONDAY AND THEY PICK UP ANY YARD
11:08:35 WASTE THAT'S LAYING AROUND, THAT'S THE COUNTY PAYING FOR
11:08:38 THAT.
11:08:39 DO I THINK WE COULD DO BETTER?
11:08:40 AS A VILLAGE?
11:08:42 ON OUR OWN?
11:08:43 YES.
11:08:44 THAT'S A QUESTION OF WHETHER YOU WANT TO PUT THE TIME AND
11:08:48 EFFORT INTO IT.
11:08:49 BUT WE COULD DO BETTER.
11:08:50 WHEN I WENT TO THE BIG SHOWS FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS IN

11:08:59 ATLANTIC CITY, THE BIGGEST COCKTAIL PARTIES AND THE BIGGEST
11:09:03 BUFFETS AND THE BEST CASINOS WERE ALL SPONSORED BY THE SOLID
11:09:08 WASTE INDUSTRY.
11:09:09 THEY ALL WERE THERE.
11:09:13 THERE'S A LOT OF MONEY IN GARBAGE, AS I SAID.
11:09:15 I THINK IF WE NEGOTIATE ON BEHALF OF ESTERO, WE COULD DO
11:09:21 BETTER.
11:09:21 I'M NOT SAYING DUMP THE COUNTY, BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK
11:09:28 AFTER ESTERO.
11:09:29 AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S REALLY BEING DONE RIGHT NOW.
11:09:31 THANK YOU.
11:09:33 >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT, JACK.
11:09:34 THANK YOU.
11:09:34 OKAY.
11:09:36 ANY OTHER DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL?
11:09:38 JON?
11:09:39 >>Jon McLain: NO.
11:09:40 STEVE, I ONLY SEE THE TERM OF THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.

11:09:46 >>Howard Levitan: CAN'T HEAR YOU, JON!
11:09:50 >>Jon McLain: WHEN I LOOK AT THIS AGREEMENT, THE TERM IS
11:09:53 SOLID.
11:09:53 NO TERMINATION THAT I SEE ALLOWED FOR THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD.
11:09:58 ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION AFTER WE AGREE TO THIS IS FOR NAUGHT
11:10:05 FOR TEN YEARS.
11:10:06 >>Mayor Ribble: DEREK, YOU'RE AGREEING WITH WHAT JON IS

11:10:08 SAYING?
11:10:09 >>Derek Rooney: I AM.
11:10:09 >>Mayor Ribble: YOU CAN'T GET OUT OF IT FOR TEN YEARS.
11:10:11 >>Derek Rooney: CORRECT.
11:10:11 >> THERE IS NO 180-DAY NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL --
11:10:12 >>Derek Rooney: THERE IS 180-DAY NOTICE PROVISION THAT
11:10:15 REQUIRES US TO GIVE THEM 180 DAYS PRIOR TO TERMINATION.
11:10:21 ACTUALLY, I THINK IF YOU RECALL, LAST YEAR, I BELIEVE LEE
11:10:25 COUNTY TRIED TO RENEGOTIATE THE AGREEMENT, AND WE USED THAT
11:10:28 TERMINATION, THAT VERY SAME TERMINATION CLAUSE TO SAY, NO,
11:10:32 YOU CAN'T GET OUT OF IT FOR ANOTHER YEAR.
11:10:32 >>Mayor Ribble: 180 DAYS PRIOR TO THE TEN-YEAR -- FIRST,
11:10:40 SECOND, OR THIRD YEAR.
11:10:41 >> THAT MAY BE PARTIALLY IN PART BECAUSE OF THE CONTRACTS
11:10:44 THAT LEE COUNTY SIGNED WITH THE VARIOUS DISPOSAL COMPANIES.
11:10:47 >>Mayor Ribble: WE NEED TO TAKE A PEEK AT THAT THING, STEVE.
11:10:50 CAN WE LOOK AT THAT OR NO?
11:10:51 IS THIS A TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT?
11:10:54 WHAT'S THE STORY HERE?
11:10:56 >>Steven Sarkozy: THIS IS A UNIFORM AGREEMENT THAT'S BEEN
11:10:58 NEGOTIATED AMONG ALL THE CITIES, AND I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE
11:11:02 COUNTY, BUT I THINK THEY WOULD BE LOATHE TO COME UP WITH AN
11:11:08 INDIVIDUAL TERM THAT'S SEPARATE FOR ANY CITY.
11:11:16 >>Mayor Ribble: DO THEY HAVE A CONTRACT WITH ALL CITIES IN
11:11:21 LEE COUNTY?

11:11:22 >>Doug Whitehead: WE DO HAVE -- [INAUDIBLE]
11:11:24 >>Mayor Ribble: THEY ARE ALL TEN YEARS?
11:11:26 >>Doug Whitehead: YES, ALL TEN YEARS WITH TWO FIVE-YEAR --
11:11:29 [INAUDIBLE]
11:11:30 >>Jim Boesch: FORT MYERS HAS THEIR OWN.
11:11:34 >>Doug Whitehead: FORT MYERS COLLECTS THEIR OWN WASTE.
11:11:37 DISPOSE OF IT AT THE WASTE TO ENERGY PLANT -- [INAUDIBLE]
11:11:41 >>Mayor Ribble: WE HAVE OUR MAYORS CALL TODAY AT 3:00.
11:11:44 EVERY MAYOR AND SOME OF THE COMMISSIONERS WILL BE ON THE
11:11:51 CALL.
11:11:51 BECAUSE OF THE MASK THING, WE'VE BEEN MEETING EVERY OTHER
11:11:54 DAY.
11:11:55 WE MET MONDAY AND MEET AGAIN TODAY AT 3:00.
11:11:57 AND THEN WE BRING UP OTHER ITEMS.

11:11:59 IF I BRING THIS UP TODAY AT 3:00, EVERYONE IS GOING TO SAY
11:12:04 THEY HAVE A CONTRACT WITH YOU GUYS?
11:12:06 >>Doug Whitehead: YES, SIR.
11:12:07 AS OF RIGHT NOW.
11:12:08 >>Mayor Ribble: THEY ARE ALL SAYING TEN YEARS.
11:12:10 >>Doug Whitehead: YES, SIR.
11:12:12 >>Mayor Ribble: IT SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE THE GUN TO OUR HEAD.
11:12:16 >>Steven Sarkozy: WHEN WE LOOKED AT THIS AND RECOMMENDED
11:12:19 APPROVAL ON THIS FOR THE AGENDA, IT'S BECAUSE OF A NUMBER OF
11:12:24 DIFFERENT FACTORS.
11:12:25 ONE, WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS FOR A LONG TIME AND

11:12:29 THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF CAPITAL EXPENSE OVER AT BUCKINGHAM
11:12:33 FOR THE WASTE-TO-ENERGY PLANT AND FOR THE RECYCLING
11:12:37 SERVICES.
11:12:37 SO GOING OFF AND DOING THIS ON OUR OWN AS A SMALL CITY, I
11:12:42 WILL TELL YOU THAT THAT IS TOTALLY UNREASONABLE TO THINK OF.
11:12:47 WE COULD DO IS BID OUT SERVICES FOR THE TRASH PICKUP, AND
11:12:55 THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER, JACK, MENTIONED THAT THERE'S BIG MONEY
11:12:58 IN THIS, AND THERE CERTAINLY IS.
11:13:01 THERE IS A REASON WHY BILL GATES IS A MAJOR INVESTOR AND A
11:13:05 MAJOR OWNER IN TRASH PICKUP SERVICES.
11:13:08 IT'S LUCRATIVE.
11:13:09 BUT TO THINK THAT WE CAN NEGOTIATE A BETTER DEAL WHEN OUR
11:13:17 TOTAL SERVICES ARE IN THE LOWER QUARTER OF THE ENTIRE STATE
11:13:23 I THINK IS PROBABLY NOT REALISTIC.
11:13:27 ALSO, AS WE'VE LOOKED AT THIS AND LOOKED AT THE RISK-REWARD
11:13:32 KIND OF THING, IF WE WERE TO GO OFF AND DO THIS ON OUR OWN,
11:13:35 I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S THAT BIG OF AN UPSIDE OR A SAVINGS
11:13:39 THAT WOULD ACCRUE TO OUR RESIDENTS IF WE WERE TO GO INTO
11:13:43 THIS.
11:13:43 I KNOW THAT JUST AS A STAFF, THE OTHER CITIES THAT HAVE FULL
11:13:51 STAFFS HAVE NOT GONE OUT AND DONE THIS ON THEIR OWN.
11:13:55 AND THERE'S A REASON WHY FORT MYERS HAS DONE THIS, AND THAT
11:13:58 IS THAT THEY ARE AN OLDER CITY, HAVE BEEN DOING IT FOR YEARS
11:14:02 AND HAVE FOUND THAT BENEFICIAL.
11:14:04 THIS WOULD BE A HUGE UNDERTAKING.

11:14:13 YOU COULD APPOINT A COUNCIL LIAISON TO TAKE A LOOK AT
11:14:16 ALTERNATIVES IN TERMS OF ONE OF THE FUNCTIONAL AREAS, BUT I
11:14:21 THINK THIS, FOR A CITY OF OUR SIZE, WHERE WE ARE AT RIGHT
11:14:27 NOW, I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD HAVE ANY --
11:14:32 >>Jim Boesch: STEVE, BEING ON THE BORDER OF LEE COUNTY, WE
11:14:34 COULD FIND A CONTRACTOR IN COLLIER COUNTY, NOT THAT WE WOULD
11:14:38 BE STUCK, POSSIBLE, MAYBE THEY HAVE A CONTRACTOR, THAT
11:14:45 CONTRACTOR WOULD BE WILLING TO LOOK AT US, TOO.
11:14:47 THE POINT I'M TRYING TO MAKE IS THAT THIS IS TOTALLY A CASE
11:14:52 OF TAKE IT, IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, TOO BAD.

11:14:55 THAT'S THE WRONG POSITION FOR US TO BE IN BECAUSE HERE WE'RE
11:15:00 TALKING -- WE PAY SEVEN DOLLARS MORE THAN ANY OF THE PEOPLE.
11:15:04 IT'S NOT RIGHT THAT THIS GOES ON.
11:15:08 IT'S ONLY BECAUSE THEY FIGURE THEY'VE GOT THE WHOLE
11:15:12 CONTRACT, TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT, YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE IT.
11:15:16 SO THAT'S WHERE WE'RE AT.
11:15:18 >>Mayor Ribble: LET ME ASK A QUESTION, BECAUSE WE'RE GETTING
11:15:20 INTO THE WEEDS HERE, JIM.
11:15:22 DO WE HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ON THIS TODAY?
11:15:25 >>Steven Sarkozy: I KNOW THE COUNTY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL
11:15:27 OF THE CITIES ON BOARD BEFORE THEIR LATE AUGUST MEETING.
11:15:32 DOUG, I WOULD DEFER.
11:15:34 >>Doug Whitehead: MR. MAYOR, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT.
11:15:39 WE HAVE SENT THIS OUT STARTING IN APRIL, I BELIEVE.
11:15:41 >>Steven Sarkozy: YES.

11:15:42 >>Doug Whitehead: SO WE'VE BEEN WORKING THROUGH IT AND SORT
11:15:46 OF DEFERRING IT.
11:15:48 ALSO, IF I COULD, I DO HAVE RATES WHICH ARE CONFIRMED BY A
11:15:51 THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT, WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TO THE
11:15:54 CLERK.
11:15:54 I WOULD LIKE TO SAY I'VE BEEN IN THE BUSINESS ABOUT 25
11:16:04 YEARS.
11:16:04 THAT'S ON THE PRIVATE SIDE.
11:16:05 [INAUDIBLE] WE REALLY DO THINK WE PROVIDE A GREAT SERVICE TO
11:16:16 THE COMMUNITY AT ABSOLUTELY AS LOW AS POSSIBLE COST,
11:16:20 PARTICULARLY GIVEN THAT OUR WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY -- [NOT
11:16:24 SPEAKING INTO THE MICROPHONE] -- [INAUDIBLE] -- THAT IS A
11:16:31 TREMENDOUS FACILITY.
11:16:32 WE ARE IN THE LOWEST, TRULY, TRULY ARE THE -- [INAUDIBLE] IN
11:16:40 THE STATE OF FLORIDA.
11:16:41 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE -- [NOT
11:16:47 SPEAKING DIRECTLY INTO THE MICROPHONE]
11:16:50 >>Mayor Ribble: DEREK, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ON THIS?
11:16:53 SHOULD WE ASK FOR A MOTION OR WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
11:16:56 >>Derek Rooney: I RECOMMEND MOVING FORWARD WITH A MOTION.
11:16:58 I CAN TELL YOU THAT AT THE MANAGER'S DIRECTION, I LOOKED AT
11:17:01 THE DRAFT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS THAT ARE BEFORE THE OTHER
11:17:04 CITIES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CAPE AND SANIBEL WHICH BOTH
11:17:08 HAVE TRANSFER STATIONS SO THEY LOWER THE COST, THE RATES AND
11:17:11 ALL THE OTHER TERMS ARE FAIRLY IDENTICAL IN EVERY WAY.

11:17:14 WE WERE CONCERNED THAT MAYBE IN THE OTHER COUNCIL MEETINGS,
11:17:21 THERE COULD BE CHANGES THAT ARE MADE BY ONE COUNCIL THAT GET
11:17:24 RECOGNIZED BY LEE COUNTY THAT AREN'T RECOGNIZED BY US.
11:17:26 SO ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS I HAVE MADE TO THE MANAGER IS
11:17:30 THAT WE APPROVE THIS TODAY, AND WE CONTINUE TO WATCH THIS,
11:17:35 AND BEFORE AUGUST 25th, WHEN THE LEE COUNTY ACTS, IF THERE

11:17:38 IS A CHANGE IN SOME OTHER CITY WHERE THEY GOT THE COMMENT OF
11:17:42 THE MOST FAVORED NATION STATUS WHERE SOMEBODY GOT A BETTER
11:17:47 DEAL THAN US, WE CAN WITHDRAW OUR APPROVAL BEFORE THE COUNTY
11:17:50 SIGNS.
11:17:52 >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.
11:17:52 COULD I HAVE A MOTION TO MOVE THIS?
11:17:54 KATY.
11:17:55 IS THAT A SECOND, JON?
11:17:56 OKAY.
11:17:57 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
11:18:00 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON?
11:18:02 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
11:18:07 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER BATOS.
11:18:10 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
11:18:12 >>Jim Boesch: NO.
11:18:14 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
11:18:17 >>Howard Levitan: YES.
11:18:21 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
11:18:23 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.

11:18:24 THAT WAS A TOUGH ONE.
11:18:28 IT WAS HARDER THAN OUR LIGHT.
11:18:30 [LAUGHTER]
11:18:30 VOTED FOR THIS THING BECAUSE OF THE ADVICE OF COUNSEL.
11:18:40 DEREK --
11:18:41 >>Derek Rooney: SURE.
11:18:42 IT'S ON ME.
11:18:43 FINE.
11:18:44 >>Mayor Ribble: I KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE.
11:18:51 >>Jon McLain: BY PASSING IT, WE AGREE -- [INAUDIBLE] ARE YOU
11:19:03 CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN THE SERVICES -- WE'RE VILLAGE
11:19:07 LIGHT.
11:19:07 I KNOW, WE ALL KNOW -- [INAUDIBLE] -- TRASH, ARE WE GOING TO
11:19:17 HAVE THE CAPABILITY WITHIN THE VILLAGE TO ENSURE THAT WE DO
11:19:20 AS GOOD A JOB AS WE DID --
11:19:25 >>Steven Sarkozy: WELL, THE CHALLENGE WE HAVE IN RESPONSE
11:19:26 TO, LIKE, IRMA, IS THAT EVERY CITY IS CLAMORING TO GET THE
11:19:32 SAME SERVICES OUT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND SUPPLEMENTING
11:19:36 THEIR OWN CREWS WITH PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRACTS.
11:19:40 AND THAT'S WHAT WE HAD BACKED UP FOR THE IRMA PROCESS.
11:19:45 NOW, THE DIFFERENCE WITH ESTERO IS, WE DON'T HAVE ANY OF OUR
11:19:50 OWN EQUIPMENT OR ANY PEOPLE TO RESPOND OURSELVES.
11:19:54 SO EVEN THAT BASELINE RESPONSE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO US.
11:19:58 I CAN'T CALL UP THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OR THE STREETS
11:20:02 SUPERINTENDENT AND SAY, GET A DUMP TRUCK OUT THERE WITH A

11:20:06 PICKER TO PICK UP TRASH.
11:20:08 WE HAVE NONE OF THAT.

11:20:09 SO WE'RE ENTIRELY AT THE MERCY OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.
11:20:14 EVERY OTHER CITY IS DOING THE SAME THING.
11:20:21 DURING IRMA, EVERYONE WAS OUT THERE CALLING AROUND, SEEING
11:20:24 WHO COULD GET A BACKHOE OR A TRUCK.
11:20:27 AND WE HAD TO RELY ON THE SAME CONTRACTS AND THE SAME
11:20:31 EMERGENCY SERVICE CONTRACTS THAT THE COUNTY HAS.
11:20:34 NOW, WHEN YOU PICTURE THAT, AND WE LIVED THROUGH IRMA, THE
11:20:41 COUNTY AND US, AND EVERY OTHER CITY WERE ASKING THOSE SAME
11:20:45 CONTRACTORS, GET US FIRST.
11:20:47 AND IF YOU REMEMBER DURING IRMA, EACH OF OUR GATED
11:20:50 COMMUNITIES WAS SAYING WHEN CAN YOU BE THROUGH, THROUGH OUR
11:20:53 AREA TO PICK UP TRASH, AND THE NUMBER OF THE GATED
11:20:57 COMMUNITIES SAID WE CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG.
11:20:58 WE'RE GOING TO PICK IT UP OURSELVES.
11:21:02 >>Mayor Ribble: WHICH REALLY BENEFITED US.
11:21:03 BECAUSE THEY PAID FOR THE COST.
11:21:05 >>Steven Sarkozy: THEY PAID FOR THE COST, BUT IT ALSO COST
11:21:10 THE GATED COMMUNITIES A SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT THAT THEY HAD
11:21:14 TO, IN SOME CASES, EITHER DIP OUT OF RESERVES OR WHAT HAVE
11:21:18 YOU.
11:21:18 THAT'S GOING TO BE THE SAME SITUATION RIGHT NOW THAT WE NEED
11:21:21 TO BE AWARE OF IF WE GET HIT WITH ANOTHER HURRICANE, WE'RE
11:21:27 GOING TO HAVE THAT SAME CHALLENGE ON WHO TO RESPOND TO.

11:21:31 I CAN ONLY THROW SO MUCH IN THE BACK OF MY CAR.
11:21:37 BUT IT LITERALLY IS A MAJOR PROBLEM.
11:21:40 AND THAT'S A FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT-LIGHT, AND NO STAFF, NO
11:21:47 TRUCKS, NO PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE, NO PLACE TO PUT THINGS.
11:21:50 NOW, WE ARE GOING TO, UNDER THIS CONTRACT, WE HAVE TO WORK
11:21:54 WITH THE COUNTY TO IDENTIFY LOCAL DISPOSAL SITES.
11:21:59 AND RIGHT NOW, I THINK WE HAVE SOME OPPORTUNITIES BECAUSE WE
11:22:03 HAVE SOME PROPERTY AT ESTERO ON THE RIVER THAT WE COULD USE
11:22:09 IF WE HAD TO.
11:22:10 IT'S NOT IDEAL, BUT THERE ARE -- THAT'S AN OPTION, UNTIL WE
11:22:15 DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH THAT PROPERTY.
11:22:19 AFTER THAT IT WILL GET MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE WE
11:22:21 SIMPLY DON'T HAVE LARGE LOTS OUT THERE.
11:22:24 YOU'LL RECALL, THE COUNTY UNDER DURESS CANNIBALIZED THE TWO
11:22:30 SOCCER FIELDS THAT ARE ON VIA COCONUT FOR A MAJOR STORAGE
11:22:33 SITE.
11:22:34 AND THAT HURT US AS WELL BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE SOCCER
11:22:37 FIELDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC.
11:22:38 SO IT'S TRADEOFFS AS YOU RESPOND TO -- AND I'M CONCERNED
11:22:44 THAT IF WE HAD ANOTHER IRMA, ARE YOU GOING TO -- IS THE
11:22:48 COMMUNITY GOING TO GOING TO REMEMBER THIS CONVERSATION, THAT
11:22:54 WE DON'T HAVE THE TRUCKS AND THE CREWS TO IMMEDIATELY
11:22:58 RESPOND?
11:22:59 >>Mayor Ribble: IT'S A REAL QUAGMIRE.

11:23:02 TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR FRIENDS TO THE SOUTH OF
11:23:04 US.
11:23:05 THEY BLEW \$16 MILLION ON THIS WHOLE FIASCO.
11:23:09 >>Steven Sarkozy: AND WE'LL HAVE TO FRONT THAT MONEY.
11:23:12 >>Mayor Ribble: JIM'S COMMENT ABOUT THE GATED COMMUNITIES,
11:23:15 LIKE IN ESTERO, WE DID IN OUR GATED COMMUNITY IN THE COLONY,
11:23:19 WE ASKED EVERY RESIDENT TO FILE ON THEIR OWN HOMEOWNERS
11:23:25 INSURANCE FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL, AND WE CHIPPED IN PER FAMILY.
11:23:29 WE COVERED IT.
11:23:31 BUT, JON, YOU'RE RIGHT.
11:23:34 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, AND, STEVE, TO YOUR DEFENSE, I DON'T
11:23:39 KNOW HOW YOU MANAGE IT BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENED TO A LOT OF THE
11:23:44 COMMUNITIES, THEY HAD A CONTRACT WITH SOMEONE, AND THEN
11:23:48 HALFWAY THROUGH THE DEBRIS REMOVAL, ANOTHER COMMUNITY CALLED
11:23:52 AND SAID, WE'LL PAY YOU 50% MORE TO COME UP AND WORK FOR US.
11:23:56 THEY DROPPED WHAT THEY WERE DOING AND WENT ELSEWHERE.
11:23:59 REAL DISASTER.
11:24:02 >>Steven Sarkozy: DURING IRMA, REMEMBER THAT IS NATURAL
11:24:04 DISASTER THAT AFFECTED THE ENTIRE STATE.
11:24:07 SO WE HAD CREWS THAT WERE COMING IN FROM THE MIDWEST WHO
11:24:12 WERE NEGOTIATING WITH COUNTIES WHILE THEY WERE ON THE ROAD
11:24:16 RESPONDING TO FLORIDA.
11:24:18 AND IT WAS A REAL CHALLENGE BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE
11:24:23 CONTRACT -- THEIR COMMITMENTS CHANGED EN ROUTE FROM OHIO TO
11:24:27 FLORIDA WHILE THEY WERE ROLLING DOWN THE STREET.
11:24:34 >>Doug Whitehead: STEVE AND COUNCIL, FOR THE RECORD, THE

11:24:34 ILA IS NOT SILENT ON DEBRIS MANAGEMENT.
11:24:42 WE DO HAVE A 2700-PAGE EMERGENCY AND DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN,
11:24:45 AND WE HAVE OVER 30 DEBRIS MANAGEMENT SITES WHICH WOULD BE
11:24:48 DESIGNATED TO SUPPORT THE VILLAGE, IF NECESSARY.
11:24:55 >>Mayor Ribble: WE GOT THIS ON VIDEO NOW, DOUG.
11:24:58 >>Doug Whitehead: I KNOW.
11:24:59 TRUST ME, I KNOW.
11:25:03 >>Mayor Ribble: BACK THIS VIDEO UP.
11:25:05 MAKE AN EXTRA COPY.
11:25:07 >>Doug Whitehead: I'M BEING WATCHED RIGHT NOW.
11:25:08 WE DO HAVE A TEMPLATE, A TEMPLATE ATTACHED TO ILA WHICH
11:25:15 ALLOWS THE COUNTY MANAGER TO QUICKLY SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
11:25:20 THE VILLAGE IN THE EVENT OF STORM OR EMERGENCY.
11:25:25 THAT TEMPLATE WILL BE ADJUSTED BASED UPON IT.
11:25:29 IRMA WAS LIKE STATEWIDE.
11:25:31 THAT WAS PRETTY EXCEPTIONAL, IN MY EXPERIENCE.
11:25:33 I'VE BEEN THROUGH A FEW.
11:25:35 SO WE DO HAVE A TEMPLATE.
11:25:37 AGAIN, MY EMPHASIS IS THAT YOU'RE NOT ALONE, IS THAT THE
11:25:41 COUNTY HAS EOC, AND WE HAVE SUPPORTS, DEBRIS MANAGEMENT

11:25:45 CENTER, THINGS LIKE THAT AND A MECHANISM IN PLACE TO HAVE A
11:25:50 QUICK AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE.
11:25:53 BUT, AGAIN, IS THAT WE HAVE OTHER ILA CITIES WHO ARE VERY --
11:26:01 EVERYONE WANTS THE SAME DEAL.
11:26:03 >>Jon McLain: WHAT WOULD THE AGREEMENT OF SERVICES BE FROM

11:26:07 THE COUNTY, PICK UP THE WASTE PILED UP IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?
11:26:10 WHAT IS IT --
11:26:11 >>Doug Whitehead: IT DEPENDS, AND THAT'S REALLY OUTSIDE OF
11:26:14 SOLID WASTE.
11:26:14 WE HAVE DEBRIS MANAGEMENT SITES NEARBY, WHICH WE WOULD
11:26:19 PROVIDE.
11:26:19 GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTY IS THAT THOSE SITES
11:26:24 SORT OF COME AND THEY GO.
11:26:27 EACH YEAR WE LOOK AT GETTING MORE SITES.
11:26:30 >>Mayor Ribble: MR. WHITEHEAD, THANKS FOR PUTTING UP WITH US
11:26:34 TODAY.
11:26:36 >>Jon McLain: VILLAGE OF ESTERO HAVE THE MEANS TO PICK UP
11:26:38 THE DEBRIS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND TAKE IT TO THE SITES, IS
11:26:42 THAT A FEMA THAT WE CAN GET REIMBURSED FOR THE SERVICES FROM
11:26:46 FEMA?
11:26:49 >>Steven Sarkozy: YES.
11:26:50 >>Jon McLain: IF THE NEIGHBORHOODS DO THAT, THE HOAs DO
11:26:53 THAT, IS THERE A MECHANISM FOR THEM TO GO TO FEMA ALSO AND
11:26:56 GET REIMBURSED TO CLEAN UP THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD AND ALSO HAVE
11:27:01 A --
11:27:02 >>Steven Sarkozy: IT DEPENDS ON HOW -- FEMA IS VERY
11:27:07 CONCERNED THAT THEY HAVE THE PROPER RECORD KEEPING SO THAT
11:27:14 THEY KNOW WHERE TRASH IS PICKED UP.
11:27:18 IT'S NOT DOUBLE COUNTED AND IT GOES TO THE PROPER SITE.
11:27:21 SO IT DEPENDS.

11:27:26 >>Jon McLain: WE'RE GOING TO RECESS HERE AND HURRICANE
11:27:29 SEASON, IF WE COULD WORK WITH THE HOAs IN ORDER TO HELP
11:27:35 THEM FINANCIAL SENSE WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE -- BURDEN OF
11:27:40 FINANCIAL, NOBODY WANTS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OR ANOTHER
11:27:45 HURRICANE COMING THROUGH THE AREA, IF THERE IS A WAY WE CAN
11:27:48 -- [INAUDIBLE] -- STAFF TO HELP DOCUMENT PROPERLY FOR FEMA
11:27:53 REIMBURSEMENT --
11:27:55 >>Mayor Ribble: YOU WANT TO HAVE A WORKSHOP, YOU'RE SAYING.
11:27:58 >>Jon McLain: YEAH, I THINK WE NEED SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
11:28:00 >>Mayor Ribble: WE CAN DO A WORKSHOP, RIGHT?
11:28:02 HAVE GUESTS COME IN THAT ARE EXPERTS OR NO?
11:28:05 >>Steven Sarkozy: WE CAN TRY THAT.
11:28:06 IT WOULD BE HARD TO MAKE A CHANGE HERE, BUT DURING THIS
11:28:10 HURRICANE SEASON.
11:28:11 WE CAN GET SOME INFORMATION OUT TO YOU BEFORE YOU --
11:28:15 >>Mayor Ribble: I CAN TELL YOU FROM THE LAST ONE, IRMA, TO

11:28:20 JON'S POINT, I'D RATHER DO A WORKSHOP AND THE COMMUNITIES,
11:28:27 AT LEAST WE HAVE CONTACTS SO WE KNOW THE PEOPLE AT THAT
11:28:31 COMMUNITY, BECAUSE YOU GET INUNDATED WITH ALL KIND OF PHONE
11:28:34 CALLS, ALL KIND OF, YOU KNOW, OUTHOUSE LAWYERS CALLING FROM
11:28:39 THESE COMMUNITIES.
11:28:42 LIKE TO HAVE THE RELATIONSHIP UP FRONT LIKE HE'S TALKING
11:28:45 ABOUT.
11:28:45 I THINK THAT IS A GOOD IDEA.
11:28:47 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: [INAUDIBLE]

11:28:48 THEY CALL HER.
11:28:55 >>Mayor Ribble: THEY STILL CALL HER.
11:28:56 LET'S MOVE RIGHT ALONG.
11:28:59 WE CAN TALK ABOUT THIS WHEN WE DO OUR HEAD-TO-HEAD, STEVE,
11:29:02 IF WE HAVE ANY MORE COMMENTS ON THIS.
11:29:04 MOVING RIGHT ALONG, THE NEXT IS THE FIRST READING OF
11:29:09 ORDINANCE 2020-06, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO,
11:29:14 FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL
11:29:16 ASSESSMENTS.
11:29:20 WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE?
11:29:22 >>Carol Sacco: ORDINANCE 2020-06, AN ORDINANCE OF THE
11:29:26 VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING
11:29:28 THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; ESTABLISHING
11:29:32 PROCEDURES IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS;
11:29:35 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS SECURED BY SUCH
11:29:39 ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR
11:29:43 CODIFICATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
11:29:49 >> STEVE, DO YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE THIS?
11:29:51 >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
11:29:53 THE ESTERO SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE WAS INITIATED AS A
11:29:57 RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSION PREVIOUSLY WITH COUNCIL REGARDING
11:30:02 THE SEPTIC TO SEWER PROJECT.
11:30:04 AT THIS POINT, WE DO NOT HAVE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE
11:30:08 ON THE BOOKS.
11:30:10 AND DURING THE DISCUSSION OF SEPTIC TO SEWER, WE TALKED

11:30:14 ABOUT HOW THESE PROJECTS WOULD BE INITIATED BY THE VILLAGE
11:30:18 AND SPECIAL ASSESSED TO EACH OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS
11:30:20 AFFECTED.
11:30:21 THERE ARE OTHER TYPES OF PROJECTS THAT COULD BE SPECIAL
11:30:26 ASSESSED, BUT THAT IS THE PRIMARY FOCUS HERE.
11:30:29 AS A STARTING POINT, WE DISCUSSED WITH THE COUNCIL THE
11:30:35 PROCESS FOR MOVING FORWARD ON THE SEPTIC TO SEWER, AND
11:30:39 PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING HAS ALREADY OCCURRED.
11:30:42 YOU'VE IDENTIFIED THE FIRST OF FOUR TARGET AREAS, AND ALONG
11:30:48 WITH THE ENGINEERING AND THE PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS GOES THE
11:30:54 FINANCING MECHANISM TO MAKE THOSE PROJECTS POSSIBLE.
11:30:58 SO THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THAT EFFORT TO REMOVE ALL OF

11:31:05 THE PROJECTS -- ALL OF THE AREAS OF THE VILLAGE OFF OF
11:31:08 SEPTIC AT SOME POINT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.
11:31:12 I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO OUR VILLAGE ATTORNEY DEREK
11:31:17 ROONEY TO DESCRIBE THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND KIND OF THE
11:31:20 STEPS FORWARD.
11:31:21 >>Derek Rooney: SURE.
11:31:22 I'LL JUST ADD THAT THIS IS -- WE DID TAKE THIS BEFORE YOU IN
11:31:27 2019, AND THERE WERE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER WE
11:31:30 WOULD DO SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.
11:31:32 SO LET ME SORT OF GET BACK TO BASICS.
11:31:34 OUR CODE DERIVES FROM LEE COUNTY.
11:31:38 LEE COUNTY HAD ITS OWN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS THAT
11:31:41 EVERYONE KNOWS THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT.

11:31:45 THAT LANGUAGE IN THAT CODE WAS INCOMPATIBLE WITH CITY'S HOME
11:31:49 RULE AUTHORITY, SINCE THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT IS
11:31:52 ACTUALLY A STATUTORY CREATION FOR COUNTIES ONLY.
11:31:54 BUT IT EFFECTIVELY HAS THE SAME ROLE.
11:31:57 SO WE REPEALED THOSE PROVISIONS, AND WE HAVE NOTHING TO
11:32:00 REPLACE THAT.
11:32:01 SO WHAT THIS DOES IS ALLOWS US TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO LEVY
11:32:07 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, WHETHER THEY ARE FOR SEPTIC TO SEWER OR
11:32:11 WHETHER THEY ARE FOR INTERSECTION LIGHTS, REQUESTS BY
11:32:15 NEIGHBORHOODS TO HAVE IMPROVED SERVICES, LANDSCAPING.
11:32:19 IT'S THE WHOLE GAMUT.
11:32:20 WHAT ALL THIS DOES IS SET UP THE AUTHORITY FOR YOU TO TAKE
11:32:23 ACTION LATER ON, WHETHER IT'S ON YOUR OWN INITIATIVE OR ON
11:32:25 THE REQUEST OF COMMUNITIES SPECIFICALLY.
11:32:29 THE ORDINANCE ITSELF IS GENERIC.
11:32:31 IT JUST DESCRIBES THE PROCESS THAT'S REQUIRED.
11:32:35 AND THAT REQUIRES US TO IDENTIFY PROJECTS GOING FORWARD, SET
11:32:38 UP AN ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION, WHICH WOULD IDENTIFY THE
11:32:41 PROJECT, THE PUBLIC NEED AND THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT
11:32:44 METHODOLOGIES AND HOW LONG IT WOULD GO FOR.
11:32:46 AND THEN THAT PROCESS, WE HAVE TO WORK, IT'S CALLED THE
11:32:49 UNIFORM METHOD.
11:32:50 WE WORK EACH YEAR, JUST AS LISA DOES WITH THE BUDGET.
11:32:53 THERE'S A SET OF DEADLINES WE HAVE TO MEET EARLY IN THE
11:32:57 YEAR.

11:32:57 WE HAVE TO IDENTIFY THE ASSESSMENT.
11:32:59 THEN WE HAVE TO WORK WITH THE TAX COLLECTOR AND THE PROPERTY
11:33:01 APPRAISER TO MAKE SURE IT GETS NOTICED TO EVERYONE.
11:33:04 AND THEN, FINALLY, IT GETS ADOPTED WITH YOUR BUDGET IN THE
11:33:08 FALL.
11:33:08 THIS IS A TECHNICAL ORDINANCE DESIGNED TO MEET THE
11:33:12 REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER FOR YOU TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.
11:33:15 NOTHING YOU APPROVE TODAY IS AUTHORIZING ANY SPECIFIC

11:33:20 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON ANY -- OR ANY TYPE OF PROJECT.
11:33:23 YOU'RE JUST GIVING YOURSELVES THE BROAD AUTHORITY TO DO SO
11:33:26 IN THE FUTURE.
11:33:27 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
11:33:28 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS OF COUNCIL?
11:33:29 JIM, YOU'RE UP.
11:33:30 >>Jim Boesch: THE REALITY IS WE'RE NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION,
11:33:36 I PRESUME.
11:33:37 WE ALL AGREED WE'LL LOOK INTO SEPTIC TANK SEWER SITUATION,
11:33:42 AND WE DEFINITELY WOULD HAVE TO ASSESS WHEN IT COMES TO --
11:33:50 CERTAIN PARTICULAR AREAS.
11:33:55 >>Derek Rooney: IF YOU WANTED TO FINANCE SEPTIC TO SEWER
11:33:57 THROUGH ASSESSMENT, YOU COULD DO THAT.
11:33:58 OR YOU COULD DO IT THROUGH YOUR GENERAL FUND.
11:34:01 >>Jim Boesch: EVERY COMMUNITY HAS AN ASSESSMENT.
11:34:03 THEY DON'T GO IN AND SAY YOU PAY CASH AND GET THE PEOPLE --
11:34:09 OFFER A PROGRAM AND SO FORTH BECAUSE IT IS AN EXPENSIVE

11:34:13 DEAL.
11:34:16 FOR SURE HAVE TO DO ASSESSMENT -- WHEN THAT TIME COMES.
11:34:20 [INAUDIBLE]
11:34:25 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
11:34:27 JON.
11:34:28 >>Jon McLain: WHAT WE'RE VOTING IS ONLY AN ASSESSMENT
11:34:35 PROCESS.
11:34:35 >>Derek Rooney: CORRECT.
11:34:36 >>Jon McLain: NOT NECESSARILY HOW THAT ASSESSMENT IS GOING
11:34:38 TO BE PAID.
11:34:42 >>Derek Rooney: EVENTUALLY, YES --
11:34:43 >>Mayor Ribble: MENU OF CHOICES HOW THEY WANT TO PROCEED.
11:34:45 >>Derek Rooney: YOU'LL HAVE, WHETHER IT'S A SERIES OF
11:34:49 PROJECTS LIKE SEPTIC TO SEWER OR A SPECIFIC PROJECT IN THE
11:34:54 GAMUT OF CHOICES ARE SIGNIFICANT.
11:34:56 STREETLIGHTS, GARBAGE COLLECTION, SIDEWALKS, ROAD
11:35:01 IMPROVEMENTS.
11:35:02 LANDSCAPING.
11:35:02 THERE'S ANY NUMBER OF THINGS THAT AS THE CITY GROWS, WE MAY
11:35:06 DECIDE THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE VILLAGE
11:35:08 AT SOME POINT.
11:35:09 AND IT MAY BE NEIGHBORHOODS THEMSELVES.
11:35:13 I'M THINKING ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOODS OUTSIDE THE NORMAL CDD
11:35:16 GATED COMMUNITY THAT WANT TO MAIM IMPROVEMENTS.
11:35:18 THEY MAY COME TO YOU TO REQUEST THIS. WHAT THIS ORDINANCE

11:35:21 DOES IS PROVIDE YOU THE METHODOLOGY FOR DOING IT.
11:35:24 THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO DO IT, BUT THIS IS THE STANDARD
11:35:28 PROCESS THAT'S GONE FORWARD.
11:35:30 WE'VE TALKED WITH OUR BOND COUNSEL, IF WE WERE GOING TO

11:35:33 BORROW AGAINST IT, THIS WOULD MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS, BUT
11:35:36 ALL THE SPECIFICS OF ANY PROJECT WILL BE A SEPARATE
11:35:38 RESOLUTION THAT'S APPROVED BY YOU AND YOU'LL HAVE MULTIPLE
11:35:42 HEARINGS ON IT.
11:35:43 IT'S NOT SNEAKING UP ON ANYONE.
11:35:45 IT'S JUST SETTING UP THE PROCESS.
11:35:47 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?
11:35:50 >>Howard Levitan: BILL, I'D LIKE TO WEIGH IN.
11:35:52 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY, HOWARD.
11:35:54 >>Howard Levitan: DEREK, THERE'S ONE CHANGE I WOULD LIKE TO
11:35:58 MAKE.
11:35:59 THE ORDINANCE ITSELF LOOKS REALLY GOOD.
11:36:01 ON PAGE 2, UNDER THE DEFINITION OF EQUALIZING BOARD, THAT IS
11:36:09 THE BOARD THAT HEARS ANY COMPLAINTS FROM PEOPLE THAT ARE
11:36:11 INCLUDED IN A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.
11:36:14 I WOULD RATHER QUICK THAT DOWN TO THE PLANNING BOARD AND USE
11:36:19 THE VILLAGE COUNCIL AS AN APPEAL ONLY.
11:36:24 I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ALL THOSE.
11:36:27 I DON'T THINK THE VILLAGE COUNCIL REALLY WANTS TO HEAR
11:36:29 EVERYBODY'S COMPLAINT ABOUT INCLUSION.
11:36:33 >>Mayor Ribble: GOOD IDEA.

11:36:33 >>Derek Rooney: YEAH, IN FACT, I MIGHT GO -- WHAT YOU MIGHT
11:36:37 WANT TO DO TO HAVE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY, BECAUSE SOME OF
11:36:39 THESE THINGS MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PLANNING BOARD, IS
11:36:43 WE'LL -- A BOARD DESIGNATED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.
11:36:47 SO FOR EACH ASSESSMENT WE COME UP WITH, YOU COULD ALWAYS
11:36:51 PICK THE PLANNING BOARD.
11:36:52 YOU COULD PICK YOURSELVES.
11:36:54 YOU COULD PICK SOME SPECIAL AD HOC BOARD.
11:36:57 MAYBE THAT KIND OF FLEXIBILITY WOULD BE BETTER?
11:37:00 >>Howard Levitan: I ACTUALLY THINK WE OUGHT TO KICK THAT
11:37:03 DOWN AND NOT GIVE ANYBODY THE IDEA OF CREATING ANOTHER
11:37:07 BOARD.
11:37:07 TROUBLE FILLING THE EXISTING BOARDS.
11:37:09 >>Mayor Ribble: I AGREE.
11:37:10 I AGREE WITH HOWARD.
11:37:11 >>Derek Rooney: OKAY.
11:37:12 SO PLANNING BOARD?
11:37:15 >>Howard Levitan: PLANNING BOARD, YEAH.
11:37:20 >>Jim Boesch: I DISAGREE WITH ANYBODY ELSE APPROVING
11:37:23 ASSESSMENTS EXCEPT FOR US.
11:37:24 WE WERE ELECTED --
11:37:26 >>Mayor Ribble: THAT'S NOT THE POINT.
11:37:27 HE'S SAYING THE APPEAL PROCESS.
11:37:28 >>Jim Boesch: I UNDERSTAND.
11:37:30 BUT I'M JUST SAYING YOU WANT TO BRING IT TO A BOARD AND HAVE

11:37:33 THE COUNCIL READ THE FINAL -- I DON'T AGREE WITH THAT.
11:37:36 I AGREE THAT THERE'S ONLY ONE ENTITY THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO
11:37:41 DISCUSS AN ASSESSMENT, WHETHER IT'S GOING TO BE APPROVED OR
11:37:44 NOT, IT COMES SPECIFICALLY TO THE COUNCIL.
11:37:51 >>Howard Levitan: YOU'RE GOING TO REALLY HATE THAT.
11:37:58 >>Jon McLain: WOULD WE BE SEEING INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINTS?
11:38:00 LET'S SAY WE ASSESSED -- [INAUDIBLE] -- 50 HOMES.
11:38:05 I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO HEAR A COMPLAINT FROM THE 50
11:38:08 HOMEOWNERS AS OPPOSED TO HEARING COMPLAINTS FROM 50
11:38:15 INDIVIDUAL HOMEOWNERS.
11:38:16 THAT COULD TIE US UP FOR HOURS EACH TIME.
11:38:19 -- [INAUDIBLE]
11:38:31 >>Howard Levitan: I CAN'T HEAR.
11:38:32 I CAN'T HEAR HIM.
11:38:33 >>Mayor Ribble: JON, HE CAN'T HEAR YOU.
11:38:35 >>Jon McLain: NOT SURE I WANT TO DELEGATE THAT
11:38:38 RESPONSIBILITY OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO ANOTHER BOARD, BUT
11:38:42 I ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE A MECHANISM THAT WE'RE NOT
11:38:46 HEARING EACH INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ABOUT NEW LIGHTS OR NEW
11:38:54 LANDSCAPING OR SOMETHING, BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO GET A LOT
11:38:56 OF DISAGREEMENTS.
11:38:57 >>Derek Rooney: LET ME GIVE YOU A FACTUAL SCENARIO THAT MAY
11:39:03 HELP TO ILLUMINATE WHAT THINGS HAPPEN AT THE BOARDS.
11:39:07 I'M THINKING OF ONE THAT I DEALT WITH RECENTLY.
11:39:09 A COMMUNITY THAT HAD A LARGE WATERWAY SYSTEM, LIKE THE CITY

11:39:13 OF CAPE CORAL.
11:39:14 AND THEY WERE DOING AN ASSESSMENT TO MAINTAIN THOSE CANALS,
11:39:19 CLEAN THEM UP, MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE.
11:39:21 AND THEY DID AN ASSESSMENT BASED ON THE LINEAR FRONTAGE OF
11:39:25 EACH LOT.
11:39:27 BUT THE CITY ALSO HAD A REQUIREMENT THAT YOU COULD ONLY HAVE
11:39:30 ONE DOCK OR ONE BOAT.
11:39:31 SO PEOPLE WITH LARGE LOTS WOULD BE ASSESSED MORE MONEY, EVEN
11:39:36 THOUGH THEY HAVE ONLY THE SAME AMOUNT OF ACCESS AS SOMEONE
11:39:39 WITH A SMALLER LOT.
11:39:40 SO AN ASSESSMENT LIKE THAT MAY BE CHALLENGED AND MAY GET
11:39:44 GRANTED RELIEF AT THAT EQUALIZING BOARD.
11:39:47 WHEREAS, IF IT WAS AN ASSESSMENT ON SEAWALL MAINTENANCE,
11:39:51 WHICH THE CITY OF PUNTA GORDA JUST HAD A BIG CHALLENGE ON,
11:39:54 WELL, THEN ON A LINEAR FOOTAGE, SINCE EVERYONE IS GETTING
11:39:57 THEIR SEAWALL MAINTAINED, IT IS TOTALLY APPROPRIATE STANDARD
11:40:01 TO HAVE IT BASED ON IT.
11:40:04 IT'S A FACTUAL-BASED ISSUE.
11:40:06 SO YOU'LL LIKELY FIND THAT THERE ARE PARTICULAR PROPERTIES
11:40:10 THAT MAY APPEAR TO HAVE MULTIPLE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS, FOR
11:40:13 INSTANCE, AND A SEWER SEPTIC CONVERSION, SO WE WOULD SAY YOU
11:40:16 COULD BUILD SEVEN UNITS ON THAT PROPERTY, SO WE'LL ASSESS

11:40:19 YOU SEVEN ASSESSMENTS, WHATEVER THE EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL
11:40:25 UNIT IS.
11:40:26 BUT THEN THAT PROPERTY OWNER COMES BACK AND SAYS, ACTUALLY,

11:40:29 I'VE GOT A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON MY PROPERTY AND CAN I
11:40:32 ONLY BUILD ONE.
11:40:33 THAT'S THE KIND OF THING.
11:40:34 SO THEY ARE VERY FACT INTENSIVE.
11:40:36 YOU'LL HAVE STAFF REVIEWING THEM.
11:40:38 SOMETIMES THERE WILL BE OUTSIDE LAWYERS, CONSULTANTS.
11:40:40 IT IS A TIME-CONSUMING ISSUE, BUT I JUST WANT TO LET YOU
11:40:43 KNOW, THOSE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS YOU'LL BE HEARING AS THE
11:40:46 EQUALIZING BOARD.
11:40:49 >>Mayor Ribble: WE NEED TO GET CONSENSUS ON WHAT THIS MOTION
11:40:52 IS GOING TO BE HERE.
11:40:53 KATY, YOU HAVE A COMMENT?
11:40:55 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I'M CONCERNED BECAUSE I JUST DON'T
11:40:59 THINK THE COUNCIL IS PREPARED TO BE INUNDATED WITH A WHOLE
11:41:04 LOT OF PROJECTS COMING FORWARD WITH ASSESSMENTS.
11:41:08 WE HAVE THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD -- [INAUDIBLE] -- I
11:41:15 WOULD CONCUR WITH HIM THAT THAT'S WHERE WE OUGHT TO BE WITH
11:41:18 THEM HANDLE IT, AND THEN IF THERE IS -- [INAUDIBLE] -- I
11:41:24 DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO -- I THINK WE HAVE ENOUGH ON OUR
11:41:27 PLATE, AND I DON'T THINK WE'RE DOING A DISSERVICE TO THE
11:41:30 COMMUNITY.
11:41:30 I THINK WE'RE HANDLING IT IN THE PROPER PROCEDURE BY LETTING
11:41:36 PLANNING BOARD DEAL WITH IT.
11:41:39 WE GET ENOUGH FROM THE PLANNING BOARD HERE FOR HEARING.
11:41:45 THAT'S MY FEELING ON IT.

11:41:46 IT'S NEEDED, AND, ALSO, IT'S NEEDED BECAUSE WHENEVER -- WHAT
11:41:52 WE VOTED ON THIS MORNING WAS THE ORDINANCE WITH THE TRAFFIC
11:41:55 LIGHT, ESTERO CROSSING, I MEAN, THAT'S GOING TO BE THE
11:41:59 ASSESSMENT THERE ACROSS THE STREET.
11:42:01 IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.
11:42:03 CHANCES ARE, SOME OF THOSE WILL END UP HERE IF WE APPROVE
11:42:07 THIS.
11:42:08 >>Mayor Ribble: I AGREE WITH WHAT YOU SAID, KATY, TOTALLY.
11:42:11 I THINK ANYTIME YOU CAN BUILD ON THE BUFFER FOR ANYTHING,
11:42:14 LABOR RELATIONS, HUMAN RESOURCES, WHAT DOES THE COMPANY DO?
11:42:17 THEY HAVE THE FRONT LINE FOLKS IN HR, HERE TO COMPLAIN.
11:42:20 TAKE IT TO LEGAL UNTIL IT'S BEEN VETTED THREE OR FOUR TIMES.
11:42:25 I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOUR POINT.
11:42:27 GO AHEAD, NICK.
11:42:29 >>Nick Batos: I AGREE ALSO.
11:42:31 I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT COMING TO US FOR THE
11:42:35 INITIAL ASSESSMENT, PASSING THAT ASSESSMENT, EVERYBODY IS
11:42:38 GOING TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT IT TO US, MAKE

11:42:42 THAT DECISION.
11:42:43 AND I ALSO LOOK AT THIS AS SIMILAR TO WE PASS A TAX RATE AND
11:42:50 THE TAX ASSESSOR PUTS ON THE BILL, AND THEN IF SOMEBODY HAS
11:42:55 A COMPLAINT, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO COME TO US.
11:42:58 THEY WILL GO TO THE ASSESSOR.
11:43:01 SO I THINK WE SHOULD BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT WE MAKE THE
11:43:05 ASSESSMENT.

11:43:05 WE SHOULD BE VERY CAREFUL THAT WE LISTEN TO EVERYBODY BEFORE
11:43:08 MAKING THAT ASSESSMENT, BUT ONCE WE MAKE IT, I THINK IT
11:43:12 SHOULD BE JUST CARRIED ON, OTHERWISE -- SOME OF US WILL NOT
11:43:17 BE HERE, BUT I COULD SEE IT WHERE YOU HAVE A HUNDRED PEOPLE
11:43:20 HERE COMPLAINING INDIVIDUALLY.

11:43:24 >>Mayor Ribble: DO I HAVE A MOTION TO PASS THE FIRST READING
11:43:26 OF ORDINANCE 2020-06?

11:43:28 AND SET THE SECOND READING PUBLIC HEARING FOR
11:43:32 SEPTEMBER 9th?

11:43:33 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I MAKE THE MOTION.

11:43:34 >>Mayor Ribble: WHAT IS THE MOTION?

11:43:35 JUST SO EVERYBODY KNOWS.

11:43:37 BECAUSE YOU'RE INCLUDING THE PROCESS FOR APPEAL.

11:43:42 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: HAVE IT WRITTEN DOWN.

11:43:44 REREAD IT AND I'LL TELL YOU --

11:43:47 >>Mayor Ribble: I HAVE IT PRETTY CLOSE.

11:43:50 DEREK.

11:43:50 >>Derek Rooney: I WOULD SAY YOU'RE GOING TO PASS IT FOR
11:43:53 FIRST READING.

11:43:54 SET IT FOR SECOND READING SEPTEMBER 9 AT 5:30 AND CHANGE THE
11:43:58 EQUALIZING BOARD ROLE FROM THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO THE
11:44:01 PLANNING BOARD.

11:44:03 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: THAT'S IT.

11:44:04 >>Mayor Ribble: THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID, RIGHT?

11:44:06 >>Derek Rooney: I HEARD IT.

11:44:07 IT'S THE MASK.

11:44:08 >>Mayor Ribble: ANYBODY GOING TO SECOND THAT?

11:44:09 JON.

11:44:11 SECONDED BY JON McLAIN.

11:44:14 GOOD JOB, KATY.

11:44:15 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

11:44:19 >>Howard Levitan: YES.

11:44:21 >>Jon McLain: YES.

11:44:26 >>Jim Boesch: YES.

11:44:27 >>Nick Batos: YES.

11:44:29 >>Jim Wilson: YES.

11:44:31 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YES.

11:44:32 >>Mayor Ribble: YES.

11:44:33 ALL RIGHT.

11:44:35 MOVING RIGHT ALONG -- ARE WE GOING TO ORDER OUT FOR DINNER
11:44:41 HERE TONIGHT?
11:44:42 OKAY.
11:44:42 WE HAVE ON THE AGENDA THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE
11:44:45 2020-05, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE
11:44:48 OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE
11:44:53 THE OFFICIAL VILLAGE SEAL.
11:44:56 MADAM CLERK.
11:44:58 >>Carol Sacco: ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-05, AN ORDINANCE OF THE
11:45:01 VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, ADOPTING
11:45:05 AN OFFICIAL VILLAGE SEAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING

11:45:08 FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING
11:45:13 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
11:45:16 >>Mayor Ribble: STEVE, YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE THIS?
11:45:23 >>Steven Sarkozy: THE VILLAGE SEAL HAS BEEN MUCH DISCUSSED
11:45:26 WITH COUNCIL.
11:45:27 WE'VE HAD A CONSULTANT COME IN, AND THE CONSULTANT
11:45:32 CONTRIBUTED WITH THEIR OWN PROFESSIONAL ADVICE BUT ALSO
11:45:37 ENGAGED A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY.
11:45:40 AS IS OUR PRACTICE ON ALL MAJOR ISSUES.
11:45:44 >>Mayor Ribble: SO WE HAVE THE COLORS ALL FIGURED OUT NOW.
11:45:47 WE'RE ALL GOOD TO GO WITH THAT?
11:45:49 >>Steven Sarkozy: I THINK YOU'RE ALL SET, READY TO GO.
11:45:51 WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANY COMMENTS POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE SINCE,
11:45:53 BUT THIS HAS BEEN VETTED EXTENSIVELY OVER THE LAST YEAR AND
11:46:00 A HALF.
11:46:02 >>Nick Batos: APPROPRIATE AFTER FIVE YEARS, FIVE AND A HALF
11:46:03 YEARS, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION.
11:46:08 [LAUGHTER]
11:46:08 ONE PROVISO.
11:46:10 THAT SOME TIME BETWEEN NOW AND WHEN THREE OF US LEAVE, WE
11:46:15 GET TO SEE THIS UP SOMEPLACE.
11:46:16 [LAUGHTER]
11:46:19 >>Mayor Ribble: HOPEFULLY, MR. BOESCH, PER DIANE'S REQUEST,
11:46:23 WE GET THESE THINGS UP OUT IN THE PUBLIC VIEW ON THE WAY IN
11:46:27 AND OUT OF ESTERO SO PEOPLE KNOW WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT.

11:46:31 OKAY.
11:46:32 ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
11:46:33 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I HAVE A COMMENT.
11:46:34 IF WE APPROVE THIS, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER THE
11:46:42 PROCEDURE IS, THIS WOULD INVOLVE OUR ATTORNEY, IS MAKING
11:46:45 SURE THAT WE GET THIS REGISTERED AND SOMEBODY ELSE CAN'T
11:46:51 COME IN AND STEAL OUR LOGO AND ALL THAT.
11:46:54 GET IT REGISTERED, AND I THINK IT'S GOOD FOR TEN YEARS ONCE
11:46:57 YOU GET IT REGISTERED.
11:46:58 THEN YOU HAVE TO RENEW IT EVERY TEN YEARS.

11:47:00 BUT WE NEED TO PROTECT THIS LOGO.
11:47:04 ONCE WE APPROVE THAT TODAY, HOPEFULLY, THEN IT'S OUT THERE
11:47:09 IN THE PUBLIC, AND IT NEEDS TO BE DONE ASAP BECAUSE SOMEBODY
11:47:12 COULD TAKE THAT AWAY FROM US.
11:47:13 >>Mayor Ribble: DEREK, YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT?
11:47:16 >>Derek Rooney: THERE ARE TWO PARTS TO IT.
11:47:18 FIRST, FLORIDA LAW HAS RECOGNIZED THAT MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY
11:47:22 SEALS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE, IT'S A CRIMINAL INFRACTION FOR
11:47:25 ANYONE TO UTILIZE THEM. I DID, TO MAKE SURE WE WEREN'T
11:47:31 GOING TO GET ANY PROBLEMS, LOOK AT ABOUT 300 OR SO SEALS IN
11:47:35 THE STATE OF FLORIDA, MAKE SURE OURS WASN'T REMOTELY CLOSE
11:47:39 TO OTHERS.
11:47:40 YOU WOULD BE AMAZED HOW MANY PALM TREES AND WATER YOU SEE IN
11:47:44 THESE THINGS.
11:47:45 BUT, NO, I DON'T THINK OURS WAS IN VIOLATION OF ANY EXISTING

11:47:47 ONES.
11:47:48 WE CAN REGISTER IT AS A SERVICE MARK.
11:47:53 THAT PROCESS IS REALLY UP TO YOU HOW FAR YOU WANT TO GO.
11:47:57 SIMPLE REGISTRATION OF IT IS NOT THAT MUCH, BUT THE SEARCHES
11:48:01 CAN BE EXTENSIVE, AND I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND GOING, LIKE
11:48:07 \$3,000, WITH INTERNATIONAL SEARCHES AND STUFF LIKE THAT, I
11:48:10 DON'T THINK THAT'S REASONABLE, BUT IF YOU'RE AFRAID SOMEONE
11:48:14 MIGHT BE MAKING KNOCKOFFS OF IT IN CHINA, THEN WE CAN DO
11:48:19 THAT.
11:48:19 IT'S UP TO YOU.
11:48:20 FROM A FLORIDA LAW PERSPECTIVE, IT'S PROTECTED, BUT BEYOND
11:48:23 THAT, IF YOU WANT TO ENGAGE AND HAVE US LOOK AT REGISTERING
11:48:28 IT AS A SERVICE MARK, WE CAN DO THAT, BUT THERE WOULD BE A
11:48:31 COST.
11:48:31 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I WANT TO MAKE SURE WHEN I GO TO A
11:48:33 LOCAL SUPERMARKET OR A DRUG STORE THAT I DON'T SEE IT ON A
11:48:37 BALL CAP OR SHIRT AND IT IS THE SAME LOGO.
11:48:41 IF YOU SAY WE'RE PROTECTED IN FLORIDA, THEN WE'RE OKAY.
11:48:45 >>Derek Rooney: YES.
11:48:46 BUT THAT WOULDN'T PREVENT SOMEONE FROM SELLING SOMETHING
11:48:50 ONLINE.
11:48:51 THAT'S WHY YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER LOOKING BEYOND THAT.
11:48:57 >>Jon McLain: I WANTED TO COMPLIMENT THE STAFF FOR PUTTING
11:49:01 THIS TOGETHER.
11:49:01 >>Mayor Ribble: I'M NOT COMPLIMENTING THEM.

11:49:04 NO WAY.
11:49:04 I DON'T MIND GIVING YOU GUYS COMPLIMENTS, BUT YOU GUYS
11:49:08 CARRIED THIS THING OUT.
11:49:09 >>Jon McLain: THE ONLY OTHER COMMENT I'VE GOT, SEE THIS --
11:49:15 [INAUDIBLE] -- I RECOMMEND THAT YOU BUY -- [INAUDIBLE] WHEN
11:49:21 YOU GO OUT TO CONTRACT AND RECEIVE MERCHANDISE, YOU CAN SEE

11:49:27 -- [INAUDIBLE] ABOUT 150 BUCKS -- [INAUDIBLE]
11:49:37 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
11:49:37 ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?
11:49:39 DO I HAVE A MOTION TO PASS A SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE
11:49:44 2020-05?
11:49:45 NICK WANTS TO MAKE THAT MOTION.
11:49:48 OKAY, NICK.
11:49:49 HOW ABOUT A SECOND?
11:49:51 KATY SECONDS.
11:49:54 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
11:50:01 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
11:50:03 >>Nick Batos: YES.
11:50:04 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
11:50:07 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
11:50:09 >>Howard Levitan: YES.
11:50:10 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YES.
11:50:12 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
11:50:13 OKAY.
11:50:16 WE'RE NOW ON THE SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION 2020-14.

11:50:20 A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF
11:50:22 ESTERO, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
11:50:26 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
11:50:32 WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THIS TITLE.
11:50:38 >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION 2020-14, A RESOLUTION OF THE
11:50:41 VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, ADOPTING
11:50:43 THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021,
11:50:47 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
11:50:49 >>Mayor Ribble: STEVE, ANY COMMENTS ON THIS?
11:50:54 >>Steven Sarkozy: ONLY THAT THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
11:50:56 HAS BEEN REVIEWED PREVIOUSLY BY THE COUNCIL.
11:50:58 IT'S COMING TO YOU HAVING BEEN REVIEWED WITHOUT ANY
11:51:03 ADDITIONAL CHANGES FROM STAFF.
11:51:06 BUT IT ALSO, I'D LIKE TO UNDERSCORE THE COMMENT THAT WE'VE
11:51:10 MADE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING IS THAT THIS IS A PLANNED
11:51:15 PROJECT.
11:51:15 IT'S NOT A COMMITMENT THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO EACH OF THESE
11:51:18 PROJECTS.
11:51:18 GOING BACK TO OUR CONVERSATION ABOUT THE COVID-19 RESPONSE,
11:51:22 IF AT ANY TIME IN RESPONSE TO THE DOWNTURN IN THE ECONOMY OR
11:51:28 SIMPLE REPRIORITIZATION, YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEFER
11:51:32 THESE OR SUBSTITUTE OUT ON THE PROJECTS.
11:51:35 THIS IS A GOOD PLAN, BUT IT STILL REMAINS IN FULL COUNCIL
11:51:41 CONTROL.
11:51:42 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?

11:51:46 >>Howard Levitan: BILL, I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY AGAIN THAT I
11:51:52 CAN'T VOTE FOR THIS PLAN IF IT INCLUDES THE RIVER OAKS PARK.

11:51:57 SO I SAID THAT LAST TIME.
11:51:58 I VOTED NO.
11:51:59 I'M GOING TO DO THE SAME THING.
11:52:01 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY, HOWARD.
11:52:02 ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?
11:52:04 HAS ANYBODY SIGNED UP TO SPEAK?
11:52:08 >>Carol Sacco: YES, I HAVE TWO E COMMENT CARDS.
11:52:10 THE FIRST ONE IS FROM MR. LOUIS FRATTARELLI FROM THE
11:52:14 PRESERVE AT CORKSCREW REPRESENTING ECCL TRANSPORTATION
11:52:17 COUNCIL.
11:52:17 THE ECCL SUPPORTS THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-14
11:52:22 WHICH PROVIDES A C.I.P. BUDGET AND FUNDING FOR 2020-21
11:52:27 CAPITAL PROJECTS.
11:52:27 WE ALSO APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
11:52:30 PUBLIC PROCESS.
11:52:31 THE SECOND ONE IS FROM MR. BOB DION OF PELICAN SOUND GOLF.
11:52:38 AS WE KNOW, THE ESTERO RIVER IS IN GREAT NEED OF HELP
11:52:42 BECAUSE OF SEDIMENT AND DEBRIS BLOCKAGE AND THE BACTERIA.
11:52:45 WE KNOW THAT WE WILL BE UNDERWATER WHEN THE NEXT MAJOR STORM
11:52:49 OCCURS.
11:52:50 ACCORDING TO THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES, ESTERO HAS SPENT ONLY
11:52:54 ONE ONE ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE DOLLARS ON
11:52:59 STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2018 TO 2020.

11:53:02 SEE PAGE 27 OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS.
11:53:05 I ASK THAT YOU BRING IN 2021-2022 BUDGET FOR STORMWATER OF
11:53:11 ONE MILLION ELEVEN THOUSAND FIFTY DOLLARS INTO 2021 TO GET
11:53:18 AS MUCH DONE THIS YEAR AS POSSIBLE.
11:53:19 THE ESTERO RIVER NEEDS TO FLOW.
11:53:20 THANK YOU.
11:53:21 THAT'S IT, MAYOR.
11:53:23 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
11:53:24 CAN I HAVE A MOTION ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE?
11:53:26 JON McLAIN.
11:53:28 SECOND, NICK.
11:53:30 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
11:53:33 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITAN?
11:53:35 >>Howard Levitan: NO.
11:53:38 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
11:53:40 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
11:53:42 >>Nick Batos: YES.
11:53:44 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
11:53:48 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
11:53:50 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
11:53:51 THE MOTION PASSES.
11:53:57 NOW WE'LL TAKE COMMENTS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA.
11:53:59 ANYONE ELSE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK?
11:54:01 >>Carol Sacco: NO, SIR.

11:54:02 >>Mayor Ribble: JON, YOU'RE UP.

11:54:09 >> JACK MEEKER FROM THE BROOKS.
11:54:16 I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE COUNCIL ON THEIR ACTION ON THE
11:54:21 STOPLIGHTS.
11:54:22 ALL THOSE HIGHWAY ENGINEERS WILL TELL YOU THAT THEY WILL NOT
11:54:26 REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS.
11:54:30 STATISTICS WILL HOLD.
11:54:31 BUT WHAT THEY DON'T TELL YOU IS THAT THEY WILL REDUCE THE
11:54:37 SEVERENESS OF THOSE ACCIDENTS.
11:54:39 FEWER PEOPLE WILL BE MAIMED OR KILLED BY THESE TRAFFIC
11:54:43 LIGHTS.
11:54:44 I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR BUDGET PROCESS.
11:54:48 YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE US A CHANCE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS
11:54:51 BUDGET BEFORE IT'S FINALLY ADOPTED.
11:54:54 THANK YOU.
11:54:56 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
11:54:56 NOW WE'LL HEAR FROM COUNCIL COMMENTS.
11:54:58 JON.
11:54:59 >>Jon McLain: JUST A COUPLE OF QUICK THINGS.
11:55:01 ESTERO PARKWAY IS COMING ALONG, IF ANY OF YOU HAVE DRIVEN
11:55:05 ALONG THERE.
11:55:06 WORKING ON THE MEDIANS.
11:55:08 THEY ARE TAKING OUT QUITE A FEW OF THE DEAD WOOD.
11:55:13 COMING ALONG WELL.
11:55:14 SIDEWALKS ON THE NORTH SIDE ALMOST COMPLETED.
11:55:18 THE PROJECT LOOKS GOOD.

11:55:21 STILL WORKING ON WATER SPRINKLING, IRRIGATION ISSUES THAT
11:55:27 ARE NOT COMPLETELY RESOLVED.
11:55:29 SHOULD HAVE AN ANSWER TO THAT THIS WEEK.
11:55:30 MOVING FORWARD ON VETERANS DAY, BUT I THINK IT'S SUBJECT TO
11:55:38 CANCELLATION LAST MINUTE.
11:55:39 LOOKING FOR A SPEAKER, HISTORICAL SOCIETY -- [INAUDIBLE]
11:55:48 IT WILL BE AN EASIER PROGRAM THIS YEAR.
11:55:50 NO FOOD SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED.
11:55:53 >>Mayor Ribble: THEY CUT THE GRASS UP THERE AT ESTERO
11:55:57 PARKWAY?
11:55:58 GET THAT DONE?
11:56:01 >>Jon McLain: NO GRASS.
11:56:02 >>Mayor Ribble: NO, IN THE MEDIAN.
11:56:05 >>Jon McLain: THEY HAVE BEEN --
11:56:08 >>Mayor Ribble: IT LOOKS HORRIBLE.
11:56:11 >>Jon McLain: THEY ARE ACTUALLY KILLING IT YESTERDAY AND
11:56:14 REMOVING SOME OF IT.
11:56:15 WHOLE REFRESH ON THE MEDIAN LANDSCAPE.
11:56:22 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
11:56:23 KATY.

11:56:23 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YES, THANK YOU, MAYOR.
11:56:25 I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT -- CAN YOU STILL HEAR ME?
11:56:33 I KNOCKED THE -- HOLD ON.
11:56:36 WE'RE GOING THROUGH A TREMENDOUS TRYING TIME AND SO MANY
11:56:46 PEOPLE'S LIVES HAVE BEEN TURNED UPSIDE DOWN WITH THIS

11:56:49 PANDEMIC, IT HAS CERTAINLY CHANGED THE CULTURE IN OUR AREA
11:56:55 AND IN OUR VILLAGE, AND IT'S GOING TO CHANGE ALL OF US FOR A
11:57:01 LONG TIME.
11:57:02 I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING THAT I CAN POSSIBLY DO AND WE CAN
11:57:08 POSSIBLY DO TO HELP GET RID OF THIS VIRUS THAT'S DEVASTATING
11:57:15 OUR ECONOMY IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA RIGHT NOW IN CERTAIN
11:57:19 AREAS.
11:57:20 WITH THAT IN MIND, I WOULD LIKE JUST TO OFFER SUPPORT FOR
11:57:29 THE STAFF WHO STAYS HERE IN THIS BUILDING, YOU DO YOUR WORK
11:57:33 HERE.
11:57:34 I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT MAYBE YOU LOOK AT DOING SOME AIR
11:57:40 PURIFIERS FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL OFFICES OR WHATEVER.
11:57:43 I KNOW I'M A BIG PROPONENT FOR THOSE.
11:57:47 AFTER WE HAD IRMA AND AFTER WE HAD THE BLUE-GREEN ALGAE, I
11:57:51 STARTED CHECKING INTO THEM.
11:57:54 AND I FINALLY -- I'M SO CONVINCED THAT THEY REALLY HAVE
11:57:59 MATURED AND THEY ARE DOING THE KIND OF WORK THAT YOU WANT
11:58:01 THEM TO DO WITH ALL THE BACTERIA AND THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS.
11:58:07 THERE ARE AIR PURIFIERS IN THE FILTRATION SYSTEMS OUT THERE
11:58:10 NOW THAT WOULD TAKE OUT VIRUSES AND GERMS, AND THEY ARE
11:58:18 APPROVED BY CONSUMER REPORTS AND VERIFIED, THE PROPER
11:58:21 HEPAFILTERS.
11:58:22 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE STAFF HERE BE ABLE TO HAVE A FEW
11:58:27 THAT ARE PORTABLE.
11:58:29 THEY ARE VERY PROFESSIONAL LOOKING.

11:58:32 GET THEM ON CASTERS AND YOU CAN ROLL THEM AROUND.
11:58:36 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR STAFF SAFE AND HEALTHY AS BEST AS
11:58:41 POSSIBLE.
11:58:41 BREATHING GOOD, CLEAN, QUALITY AIR IN YOUR OWN OFFICE I
11:58:45 THINK WILL GO A LONG WAY INTO HELPING TO DO THAT.
11:58:52 THOSE OF YOU WHO COME IN, I APPRECIATE IT.
11:58:54 WE APPRECIATE.
11:58:55 I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SEE SUPPORT FOR THAT.
11:59:02 >>Mayor Ribble: IS THAT IT?
11:59:03 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: THAT'S IT.
11:59:04 >>Mayor Ribble: JIM.
11:59:05 >>Jim Boesch: I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE IS THAT TOMORROW, STEVE
11:59:08 AND I WILL BE MEETING ON ZOOM WITH BIG CYPRESS BASIN.
11:59:20 -- TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING THE GOAL.
11:59:25 >>Nick Batos: I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A COUPLE OF THINGS.
11:59:28 NUMBER ONE, FOR THOSE LISTENING IN AND JUST AN UPDATE ON THE

11:59:32 SCHOOL REOPENING SITUATION.
11:59:33 THE SCHOOLS WERE SCHEDULED TO REOPEN ON AUGUST THE 10th,
11:59:37 BUT THEY PROBABLY WILL BE PUSHED BACK TILL EITHER
11:59:42 AUGUST 24th OR THE 31st.
11:59:44 AND THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL MAKE THAT FINAL DECISION ON
11:59:47 THURSDAY.
11:59:48 AS MOST OF YOU HAVE HEARD, PARENTS ARE GOING TO BE GIVEN AN
11:59:53 OPTION OF FOUR DIFFERENT CHOICES TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN BACK
11:59:55 TO SCHOOL.

11:59:57 IT'S FACE TO FACE, NORMAL WAY OF GOING INTO SCHOOL.
12:00:02 LEE HOME CONNECT, WHICH YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DO VIRTUALLY WITH
12:00:07 AN ACTUAL TEACHER, AND IF THEY SWITCH CLASSES IN THE OLDER
12:00:12 GROUPS, THEY'LL BE SWITCHING TEACHERS ALSO.
12:00:14 IT WILL BE SIMILAR TO WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN IN SCHOOL BUT
12:00:17 DOING IT FROM HOME.
12:00:18 ANOTHER IS LEE VIRTUAL SCHOOL, WHICH IS LESS TEACHER
12:00:25 INTENSIVE.
12:00:26 STUDENTS SHOULD BE MORE MOTIVATED TO DO IT BECAUSE THERE'S A
12:00:30 LOT OF READING ON THEIR OWN.
12:00:32 AND, OF COURSE, THEY CAN DO HOMESCHOOLING.
12:00:34 THE PARENTS HAVE BEEN SURVEYED.
12:00:37 THERE WAS A SURVEY PUT OUT ASKING THEM WHICH OF THOSE
12:00:39 CHOICES THEY WOULD WANT TO HAVE.
12:00:42 THOSE SURVEYS, IF ANY OF THE PARENTS ARE LISTENING ARE DUE
12:00:45 BACK ON JULY 26th.
12:00:47 THE FINAL RESULTS OF THAT WILL DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT THE
12:00:51 SCHOOL DISTRICTS WILL BE DOING AS FAR AS THE TEACHER
12:00:55 ASSIGNMENT, BUSING AND SO FORTH, BECAUSE THEY'LL HAVE TO
12:00:58 KNOW THAT IN ORDER TO KNOW HOW THE SCHOOLS WILL BE USED.
12:01:03 THE BUSES THAT ANY OF THE CHILDREN WHO WILL BE USING BUSES,
12:01:07 MASKS ARE GOING TO BE REQUIRED IN THE BUSES FROM BUS DRIVER
12:01:11 AND ANY OF THE STUDENTS IN THERE.
12:01:13 THE PARENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT A TOOL KIT, GIVING THEM
12:01:20 ALL THE DETAILED INFORMATION.

12:01:23 AND DR. ATKINS IS GOING TO BE MAKING THE FINAL DECISION ON
12:01:27 ALL THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND HE ASSURES US HE WILL BE
12:01:32 USING THE ADVICE OF MEDICAL EXPERTS AND DOCTORS TO MAKE THE
12:01:36 FINAL DECISION.
12:01:36 SAFETY IS A PRIMARY CONCERN.
12:01:38 THE NEXT THING I HAVE, I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN PUT IT UP.
12:01:43 DID WE GIVE EVERYBODY A COPY OF THIS?
12:01:46 YOU HAVE IN YOUR FOLDERS IN FRONT OF YOU SOME GRAPHS.
12:01:50 THESE ARE STATISTICS THAT I'VE BEEN GETTING ON A DAILY BASIS
12:01:53 FROM LEE HEALTH, BUT I'VE ASKED THEM TO PUT IT TOGETHER FROM
12:01:57 THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC GOING TO TODAY.
12:02:04 I THINK IT'S JUST INTERESTING TO SEE WHERE WE'RE AT.

12:02:07 THE FIRST ONE IS HOSPITAL STAYS.
12:02:10 YOU'LL SEE THAT SINCE JUNE 17th IS WHERE THE SPIKE STARTED
12:02:19 AND IT CONTINUES TO GO UP.
12:02:20 FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO THE NEWS, YOU'LL
12:02:25 KNOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN NOW GIVING INFORMATION ON THE
12:02:28 PERCENTAGE OF THE HOSPITAL BEING OCCUPIED, OF THE BEDS THAT
12:02:32 ARE AVAILABLE TO BE USED.
12:02:34 THAT MEANS CERTAIN BEDS THEY DO NOT HAVE STAFF FOR, THEY ARE
12:02:38 NOT COUNTING THOSE BEDS.
12:02:40 THE AMOUNT THAT THEY HAVE AVAILABLE.
12:02:44 RIGHT NOW, LEE HEALTH HAS 1300 BEDS AVAILABLE.
12:02:48 THEY'LL HAVE ANOTHER HUNDRED BEDS COMING ONLINE ON
12:02:51 AUGUST 1st WHERE THEY'LL HAVE THE STAFF FOR THAT.

12:02:55 THEY HAVE ALREADY INSTITUTED AN ADDITIONAL 25% CUT IN
12:03:03 OPERATIONS, ELECTED SURGERIES TO GIVE MORE ROOM FOR IT.
12:03:08 AND AS OF YESTERDAY, SAD TO REPORT, THAT 97% OF THE BEDS ARE
12:03:16 OCCUPIED IN THE SYSTEM, AND 94% OF THE ICU BEDS ARE ALSO
12:03:27 OCCUPIED.
12:03:28 THE NEXT SLIDE IS A SLIDE OF DEATHS IN LEE COUNTY THROUGH
12:03:35 THE LEE HEALTH SYSTEM.
12:03:36 IF YOU CAN LOOK AT -- IT'S HARD TO SEE IT, IF YOU LOOK
12:03:43 WHERE, IT'S ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF THE WAY THROUGH THE
12:03:45 GRAPH.
12:03:46 ONE SPIKE THAT GOES UP.
12:03:49 THE RED LINE.
12:03:50 THAT IS JUNE 4 -- JUNE 14th.
12:03:54 I'M SORRY.
12:03:54 THAT SHOWS THE FIRST HUNDRED DAYS SINCE IT BEGAN.
12:04:01 IT TOOK UNTIL JUNE 4, WHICH WAS 91 DAYS, TO GET A HUNDRED
12:04:06 DEATHS.
12:04:07 THE NEXT 46 DAYS TILL TODAY OR YESTERDAY, WE HAD ANOTHER 40
12:04:12 OR 86 DEATHS.
12:04:15 SO THE RATE OF DEATHS HAS ALMOST DOUBLED.
12:04:21 THE LAST ITEM I HAVE SHOWS THE AMOUNT OF POSITIVE CASES AND
12:04:31 NEGATIVE CASES, TOTAL CASES.
12:04:33 THE PINK IS THE POSITIVE PORTION OF IT.
12:04:36 GOING ACROSS THE GRAPH, YOU'LL SEE A BLUE LINE, AND THAT'S
12:04:42 THE 14-DAY AVERAGE OF THE POSITIVE CASES.

12:04:49 POSITIVE CASES RIGHT NOW ARE RUNNING AT ABOUT 22% ON AN
12:04:55 AVERAGE -- A 14-DAY AVERAGE.
12:04:58 THE CDC HAS ALWAYS SAID THAT ONCE THAT 14-DAY AVERAGE GOES
12:05:06 ABOVE 8 TO 10 PERCENT, IT IS A PROBLEM, POTENTIAL PROBLEMS.
12:05:11 SO WE ARE STILL SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THAT.
12:05:14 YOU'LL SEE THE DROP IN THE NUMBER OF CASES BEING DONE AT THE
12:05:18 LAST COUPLE OF DAYS, AND I BELIEVE THAT IS MAINLY BECAUSE OF
12:05:23 A BACKLOG IN TESTING.

12:05:24 THE LAST REPORT I HAD, THERE WAS SOMETHING LIKE 1500 TESTS
12:05:28 THAT THEY ARE WAITING TO GET RESULTS ON.
12:05:30 ALL THIS MEANS IS THAT I THINK EVERYBODY HAS TO OBSERVE CDC
12:05:37 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND DO EVERYTHING WE CAN DO.
12:05:41 I'M REALLY PROUD OF EVERYBODY ON OUR COUNCIL, THAT WE'VE
12:05:44 STOOD UP AND SAID THAT WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE THESE
12:05:48 THINGS.
12:05:49 WE'VE KEPT THE SEPARATION.
12:05:51 WE ALL WEAR MASKS, AND WE ARE ASKING EVERYBODY TO DO THAT,
12:05:55 BECAUSE WE'RE NOT JUST HELPING YOUR NEIGHBORS, BUT YOU'RE
12:05:59 HELPING YOURSELF.
12:06:00 AND THE ONLY WAY THAT WE'RE GOING TO TURN THIS AROUND, I
12:06:02 KNOW PEOPLE WILL DISAGREE WITH ME, BUT EVERY EXPERT THAT
12:06:06 I'VE LISTENED TO HAS SAID THAT IF WE CAN DO THIS ALL AND ALL
12:06:12 STAND TOGETHER AND CONSISTENTLY DOING IT, WE WILL GET
12:06:15 THROUGH THIS, AND WE'LL BREAK THIS CURVE.
12:06:18 WE'LL FLATTEN IT OUT AND WE'LL START SEEING IT GO DOWN.

12:06:20 I HOPE YOU FOUND THIS INTERESTING.
12:06:25 THE LAST THING I HAVE -- JUST A REQUEST FROM STEVE ON THE
12:06:30 BUDGET.
12:06:31 I WOULD ASK THAT WE SCHEDULE THE ONE ON ONES AS SOON AS
12:06:34 POSSIBLE.
12:06:35 I THINK WE'LL HAVE TO DO SOME OF THEM ON A VIRTUAL BASIS
12:06:39 BECAUSE SOME OF THESE PEOPLE MIGHT NOT BE HERE.
12:06:42 BUT I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE DONE BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF
12:06:45 IMPORTANT THINGS.
12:06:47 >>Mayor Ribble: I THINK HE HEARD THAT LOUD AND CLEAR
12:06:49 EARLIER.
12:06:50 I THINK WE'RE ON THE -- HOW ABOUT JIM WILSON?
12:06:57 >>Jim Wilson: YES, MR. MAYOR.
12:06:58 GOING BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING, I MISSED AN
12:07:02 OPPORTUNITY TO PRAISE THE REST OF THE COUNCIL.
12:07:07 IT'S REALLY DELIGHTFUL TO SERVE HERE ON THIS BOARD, THIS
12:07:12 CONSERVATIVE BOARD, WHERE EVEN WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT
12:07:16 WE'RE FACED WITH AS A SOCIETY, THAT WE'VE GOT SUFFICIENT
12:07:21 FUNDS IN RESERVES TO CARRY FORWARD WITH MOST OF OUR PLANS.
12:07:24 BUT I THINK THAT'S REALLY EXCITING AND PUTS US HEADS ABOVE
12:07:29 SOME OF OUR BROTHER AND SISTER COMMUNITIES.
12:07:32 THANK YOU ALL.
12:07:34 >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.
12:07:34 JIM.
12:07:35 IS THAT IT?

12:07:37 >>Jim Wilson: THAT'S IT.
12:07:37 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
12:07:38 HOWARD?
12:07:39 >>Howard Levitan: WELL, IN THE INTEREST OF TIME AND BILL

12:07:41 NEEDING TO GO TO LUNCH, I AM GOING TO PASS.
12:07:44 [LAUGHTER]
12:07:44 >>Mayor Ribble: I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
12:07:46 I'VE GOT ABOUT A 15-MINUTE SLIDE SHOW.
12:07:49 NICK SAID HE WAS DOING SLIDES TODAY.
12:07:50 SO I THOUGHT I'D DO THEM.
12:07:52 I'M ONLY KIDDING.
12:07:54 I HEARD IT REPORTED ON THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES BUDGET
12:07:56 THING, WHICH I DON'T WANT TO BE REDUNDANT WITH THAT, BELIEVE
12:07:59 IT OR NOT, I WAS GOING TO REPORT ON MY CSI COMMITTEE WITH
12:08:02 THE LEE SCHOOLS, THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE, BUT
12:08:05 MR. BATOS GAVE YOU ALL THE DETAILS ON THAT.
12:08:08 BUT I DO WANT TO COMMENT ON THE ONE PIECE THAT NICK TALKED
12:08:12 ABOUT, THE STATE'S PLAN OF RETURNING TO SCHOOL.
12:08:17 I WAS ON THE BIG DEBATE LAST NIGHT WITH THE FOLKS THAT ARE
12:08:19 RUNNING FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND IF YOU GET A CHANCE,
12:08:26 ADELE AMICO, THERE WERE 26 PEOPLE ON THIS THING.
12:08:30 NICK WAS ON IT LAST NIGHT AS WELL.
12:08:32 IT WAS QUITE APPARENT THAT THE FOLKS THAT ARE ON THERE NOW
12:08:38 KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING.
12:08:41 THE PEOPLE THAT ARE RUNNING AGAINST THEM, I WAS EMBARRASSED

12:08:44 FOR THEM, THAT THEY EVEN SHOWED UP TO DEBATE, BECAUSE THEY
12:08:47 DIDN'T HAVE THE -- THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE SKILLS NOR THE
12:08:50 EXPERIENCE TO DEBATE.
12:08:51 BUT ONE THING THEY DID POINT OUT VERY CLEARLY LAST NIGHT WAS
12:08:55 THE FOUR-STAGE PLAN, AND IT IS QUITE CONCERNING ABOUT ARE
12:08:59 THESE STUDENTS REALLY GOING TO GO BACK TO THE CLASSROOM?
12:09:02 THAT CAME OUT LOUD AND CLEAR LAST NIGHT.
12:09:05 AS NICK SAID, THE FIRST OPTION IS GOING BACK TO CLASS AS
12:09:08 NORMAL, BUT THE OTHER THREE OPTIONS, I'M UNDERSTANDING NOW,
12:09:12 PARENTS ARE REALLY TAKING A LOOK AT THAT, WHERE THEY MIGHT
12:09:15 BE DOING SOME STUFF WITH THE COMPUTER AT HOME, WITH THE
12:09:21 CHROME COMMITTEE THEY ARE ISSUED AND HOME SCHOOLING.
12:09:23 WE'LL SEE HOW THIS PLAYS OUT AS WE GET CLOSER.
12:09:25 IT GETS SCARIER AND SCARIER, AND I THINK EVERYBODY HERE, I
12:09:28 KNOW, FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT WEARING A MASK.
12:09:31 JIM, AT THE LAST MEETING, YOU COMMENTED ON MASK WEARING.
12:09:33 AS YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE IN MASK WEARING.
12:09:36 I WANT TO COMMENT ON A LOT OF THE E-MAILS I GET.
12:09:38 I MUST GET SAME AS YOU EVERY DAY.
12:09:40 WE GET A TON OF PEOPLE TRYING TO DUMP THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
12:09:44 WEARING A MASK ON THE COUNCIL, AND WE JUST HAVE NO WAY OF
12:09:49 ENFORCING THAT.
12:09:50 I DON'T CARE HOW -- THE ONLY GUY I KNOW I'M GOING TO CALL IF
12:09:53 I HAVE A PROBLEM IS GOING TO BE STEVE, OUR MANAGER.
12:09:55 AND I DON'T THINK WE WANT A THOUSAND PHONE CALLS GOING TO

12:09:57 OUR MANAGER WHEN HE'S TRYING TO MANAGE THE VILLAGE.
12:10:00 WE ALREADY HAD A COMMENT SEVERAL TIMES WITH OUR SHERIFF.
12:10:06 HE DOES NOT HAVE THE MANPOWER TO DO MASK ENFORCEMENT.
12:10:10 AND I KNOW A LOT OF THESE STORES ARE STEPPING UP TO THE
12:10:14 PLATE.
12:10:15 I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON AT DILLARD'S.
12:10:18 DILLARD'S WAS FIRST APPROACHED BY MYSELF AND BRIAN HAMMOND
12:10:22 GOING BACK 90 DAYS AGO.
12:10:26 BRIAN AND I DID A TOUR OVER HERE TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING WAS
12:10:28 CLOSED DOWN, COCONUT POINT AND DILLARD'S WAS THE ONLY STORE
12:10:34 IN THAT WHOLE COMPLEX THAT WAS OPEN WHEN WE WERE ALL
12:10:37 SUPPOSED TO BE CLOSED.
12:10:38 IF YOU TALK TO THE PEOPLE OVER THERE, THEY TELL YOU THERE'S
12:10:41 NOTHING WE CAN DO.
12:10:42 IT'S A CORPORATE DECISION.
12:10:43 WE'RE JUST THE LOCAL MANAGERS.
12:10:44 THAT'S A COP-OUT.
12:10:46 ONE MORE COMMENT ON MASKS I WANT TO MAKE.
12:10:49 I GET SOME PEOPLE THAT TALK ABOUT, WELL, PEOPLE AREN'T
12:10:53 WEARING THE MASKS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, BECAUSE YOU GUYS DON'T
12:10:57 HAVE AN ORDINANCE.
12:10:58 WELL, THAT'S A BUNCH OF CRAP.
12:10:59 BECAUSE THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
12:11:03 DICTATING THE POLICY IN THEIR COMMITTEE.
12:11:05 IF YOU GO INTO THE SORRENTO, YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME TO

12:11:09 RING MY BELL.
12:11:11 I'LL LET YOU IN THE LOBBY.
12:11:12 I CHALLENGE YOU IF YOU FIND ANYBODY IN OUR BUILDING WITHOUT
12:11:14 A MASK.
12:11:14 ALL THE RESIDENTS THAT ARE STILL THERE WEAR A MASK, WHETHER
12:11:19 THEY ARE IN THE GARAGE, IN THE ELEVATOR OR IN THE HALLWAY.
12:11:21 AND WE ENFORCE THAT.
12:11:23 HOW DO YOU ENFORCE IT?
12:11:25 WITH PEER PRESSURE.
12:11:26 THAT'S HOW YOU ENFORCE IT.
12:11:28 PEOPLE THAT THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE THE POLICE IN SOME OF
12:11:31 THESE COMMUNITIES AND HIGH-RISES, THAT IS NOT GOING TO
12:11:34 HAPPEN.
12:11:34 THEY NEED TO GO TO THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE PROBLEM WHICH IS
12:11:37 THEIR OWN PEERS.
12:11:38 AND I'LL REST MY CASE ON THAT POSITIVE NOTE, BUT WEAR YOUR
12:11:42 MASK.
12:11:42 STEVE?
12:11:48 >> NOTHING.
12:11:48 >>Mayor Ribble: MR. ATTORNEY?
12:11:48 >>Derek Rooney: NOTHING.
12:11:49 >>Mayor Ribble: I HATE TO GIVE YOU A COMPLIMENT TODAY

12:11:51 BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO WANT A RAISE, BUT YOU DID A YEOMAN'S
12:11:53 JOB TODAY FILLING IN FOR BURT AND TAKING CARE OF ALL THE
12:11:57 DETAILS ON THE REAL ESTATE ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE.

12:11:59 WE LOVE SHARING YOU WITH BONITA SPRINGS.
12:12:02 AND KATY, AND THE MPO, BY THE WAY.
12:12:06 WERE YOU SLEEPING?
12:12:13 I JUST ASKED HIM.
12:12:14 DO I HAVE A MOTION TO ADJOURN?
12:12:17 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YES.
12:12:17 >>Mayor Ribble: SO MOVED.