

THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020  
9:30 A.M.

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09:30:13 >>Mayor Ribble: THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING IS CALLED TO  
09:30:16 ORDER.  
09:30:17 I REMIND EVERYONE TO PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.  
09:30:20 THIS MORNING, WE HAVE A CELEBRITY PRIEST HERE WITH US,  
09:30:23 FATHER HUGH FROM LADY OF LIGHT.  
09:30:27 FOR MANY OF YOU FOLKS, YOU MIGHT HAVE SEEN FATHER HUGH ON  
09:30:31 SUNDAYS ON THE VENICE BROADCAST WHERE HE DOES THE 10:30 MASS  
09:30:35 IN THE MORNING.  
09:30:36 OF COURSE, I ALWAYS PUT IT ON Facebook, FATHER, WHEN I SEE  
09:30:39 YOU, TO GIVE YOU FREE PR.  
09:30:41 BUT WE'RE PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS HERE IN THE VILLAGE,  
09:30:44 AND WE WELCOME YOU HERE THIS MORNING.  
09:30:47 >> THANK YOU.  
09:30:48 AND WELCOME ALL TO YOU.  
09:30:50 LET US PLACE OURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ALMIGHTY THIS  
09:30:54 DAY.  
09:30:54 AS WE BRING BEFORE HIM ALL THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND  
  
09:31:01 ALL OUR PRAYERS DURING THIS TIME OF THIS PANDEMIC, BUT IT IS  
09:31:06 IN AND THROUGH HIM THAT MUCH WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED.  
09:31:10 SO, LORD, WE GIVE YOU THIS MEETING THIS DAY.  
09:31:14 PLEASE GIVE US ALL THE COURAGE AND THE GRACE THAT WE NEED TO  
09:31:18 CONDUCT OURSELVES DURING IT IN A MANNER THAT WILL BE  
09:31:22 PLEASING TO YOU AND TO THE FAITHFUL HERE IN SELFLESS  
09:31:27 FLORIDA.  
09:31:28 SO MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL TODAY WITH ALL THE  
09:31:31 DELIBERATIONS AND THE ACTIONS THAT YOU WILL TAKE THIS DAY.  
09:31:34 AND THAT WE KNOW THAT WE CAN COUNT ON HIM FOR HE IS OUR  
09:31:39 SOURCE AND OUR LIFE.  
09:31:40 IN HIS NAME WE PRAY, HIS FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT.  
09:31:44 AMEN.  
09:31:45 HAVE A BLESSED MEETING.  
09:31:48 >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, FATHER.  
09:31:50 PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.  
09:31:54 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]  
09:32:12 >>Mayor Ribble: CAROL, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

09:32:15 >>Howard Levitan: HERE.  
09:32:17 >>Jon McLain: HERE.  
09:32:18 >>Jim Boesch: HERE.  
09:32:20 >>Nick Batos: HERE.  
09:32:23 >>Jim Wilson: HERE.  
09:32:26 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: HERE.  
09:32:27 >>Mayor Ribble: HERE.

09:32:29 NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.  
09:32:33 DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE  
09:32:37 AGENDA?  
09:32:37 HEARING NONE, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL TO APPROVE THE  
09:32:44 AGENDA?  
09:32:46 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.  
09:32:48 >>Jon McLain: AYE.  
09:32:50 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.  
09:32:52 >>Nick Batos: AYE.  
09:32:53 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
09:32:56 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.  
09:32:58 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.  
09:32:59 MOVING RIGHT ALONG, AS PROMISED, SENATOR, YOU'RE NEXT ON THE  
09:33:04 AGENDA.  
09:33:05 FOR SOME OF YOU FOLKS WHO JUST CAME INTO THE COUNCIL  
09:33:09 CHAMBER, WE GAVE THE SENATOR SOME HONOR FROM THE FLORIDA  
09:33:13 LEAGUE OF CITIES, AND SOME OF YOU FOLKS MIGHT HAVE SEEN  
09:33:17 HER -- WILL YOU HOLD THE PLAQUE UP, RACHEL?  
09:33:21 FROM THE FLORIDA LEAGUE IN RECOGNITION OF HER UNWAVERING  
09:33:25 LEGISLATIVE COMMITMENT, DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO FLORIDA'S  
09:33:28 MUNICIPALITIES.  
09:33:29 SHE'S PROBABLY -- THE SENATOR IS PROBABLY SEEING A LOT MORE  
09:33:32 OF US THIS YEAR THAN SHE'S WANTED TO.  
09:33:36 WE CAN PROMISE WE'LL BE BACK NEXT YEAR.  
09:33:39 WE APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR THE STATE AND ESTERO.

09:33:43 >>Senator Passidomo: THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBERS.  
09:33:44 I REALIZED WHEN I WALKED UP THERE TO HAVE THE PICTURE TAKEN,  
09:33:48 I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU ALL, HI, HOW ARE YOU DOING.  
09:33:51 IT'S A WEIRD TIME.  
09:33:52 DOING THE ELBOWS.  
09:33:54 DOING THE KICK THE FEET.  
09:33:55 EVERYBODY IS WEARING MASKS.  
09:33:57 I THINK "DEAR ABBY" SHOULD PROBABLY DO A BOOK OF ETIQUETTE  
09:34:01 BECAUSE NOBODY REALLY KNOWS HOW TO REACT.  
09:34:03 I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT SAYING HELLO, BUT GOOD MORNING, AND  
09:34:06 THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE.  
09:34:08 I JUST WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS.  
09:34:11 IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY THAT SESSION WAS OVER.  
09:34:17 MARCH MAY HAVE BEEN -- SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY, OVER 200 YEARS

09:34:21 AGO, WE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL SESSION UP UNTIL COVID HIT US.  
09:34:26 WE PASSED A LOT OF GOOD LEGISLATION.  
09:34:28 WE PASSED A BALANCED BUDGET.  
09:34:31 HAD GOOD MONEY FOR WATER PROJECTS AND A LOT OF LOCAL  
09:34:35 PROJECTS, AND THEN, OF COURSE, COVID HIT AND THE GOVERNOR  
09:34:41 VETOED ABOUT A BILLION DOLLARS FROM THE BUDGET.  
09:34:43 THE GOOD AND BAD PART OF IT IS THAT A LOT OF THE VETOED  
09:34:47 ITEMS WERE MEMBER PROJECTS, THINGS THAT WE WANTED TO BRING  
09:34:51 HOME TO OUR DISTRICTS.  
09:34:52 BUT THE GOOD PART ABOUT IT IS WE DIDN'T NEED TO COME BACK  
09:34:57 INTO SESSION TO AMEND THE BUDGET BECAUSE WE ARE IN PRETTY

09:35:02 GOOD SHAPE RIGHT NOW.  
09:35:03 WE HAD ABOUT \$4 BILLION IN RESERVE, AND WE'VE BEEN USING  
09:35:09 THAT FOR SOME OF OUR EXPENSES ON COVID.  
09:35:15 BY THE VETO OF THE GOVERNOR, THERE'S MORE MONEY THAT IS BACK  
09:35:18 IN THE GENERAL FUND THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO USE.  
09:35:20 THE FUNDING THAT WE GOT FROM THE CARES ACT FROM THE FEDERAL  
09:35:23 GOVERNMENT, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE STATE OF FLORIDA,  
09:35:28 BECAUSE WE WERE NOT IN AN ECONOMIC -- A BAD POSITION LIKE  
09:35:34 SOME STATES WERE, WE DON'T HAVE TO BACKFILL OUR BUDGET WITH  
09:35:39 CARES FUNDING.  
09:35:40 THE CARES FUNDING THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE USED FOR  
09:35:42 COVID-RELATED EXPENSES, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL BE ABLE  
09:35:47 TO USE THAT.  
09:35:48 AND I THINK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS AMENABLE TO THAT.  
09:35:52 THEY JUST DON'T WANT STATES TO USE THEIR CARES FUNDING TO  
09:35:55 BACKFILL THEIR BUDGET.  
09:35:57 SO I THINK MY GUESSTIMATE IS THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET  
09:36:03 THROUGH THE 2020-2021 BUDGET WITHOUT HAVING ANY SPECIAL  
09:36:08 REALLOCATIONS.  
09:36:10 2022 IS GOING TO BE A DIFFERENT MATTER, AND WE'LL ALL CROSS  
09:36:16 THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE COME TO IT.  
09:36:18 THAT WILL PROBABLY MEAN, AGAIN, WE'RE GOING TO AGAIN TIGHTEN  
09:36:20 OUR BELTS LIKE WE DID IN 2008 AND 2010.  
09:36:24 I WANTED TO MENTION SOMETHING THAT COMES UP FREQUENTLY.  
09:36:29 I THINK YOU KNOW THIS, BUT A LOT OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS MAY

09:36:34 NOT.  
09:36:35 I GET HUNDREDS OF E-MAILS A DAY SAYING, WHY DOESN'T THE  
09:36:41 STATE REQUIRE MASKS OR WHY DOESN'T THE STATE DO SUCH AND  
09:36:46 SUCH OR WHY ARE THE SCHOOLS OPENING?  
09:36:50 WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?  
09:36:52 THE REALITY IS THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS NOT IN SESSION RIGHT  
09:36:57 NOW.  
09:36:57 AND THAT MEANS WE CANNOT PASS ANY LAWS.  
09:37:02 THE INTERESTING THING ABOUT THIS WHOLE PROCESS -- AND IT'S  
09:37:06 SOMETHING WE NEED TO LOOK AT -- IS THAT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE

09:37:09 IS NOT IN SESSION, NUMBER ONE, AND NUMBER TWO, WHEN THERE IS  
09:37:13 A STATE OF EMERGENCY, WHICH WE ARE UNDER AND IT WAS JUST  
09:37:18 EXTENDED BY THE GOVERNOR, UNDER THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION IN  
09:37:21 THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, THE GOVERNOR BASICALLY RUNS THE  
09:37:26 STATE.  
09:37:28 THAT'S IT.  
09:37:30 AND THAT'S FURTHER CODIFIED BY FLORIDA LAW.  
09:37:33 SO THE LEGISLATURE, UNLESS IT GOES INTO A SPECIAL SESSION,  
09:37:38 CANNOT PASS A MASK ORDINANCE OR WE CANNOT PASS A REOPENING  
09:37:44 HERE, REOPENING THERE.  
09:37:47 IT CANNOT BE BY THE LEGISLATURE.  
09:37:48 WHAT THE GOVERNOR HAS DONE, HOWEVER, IS HE IS LEAVING A LOT  
09:37:52 OF THOSE DECISIONS UP TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND EVERY LOCAL  
09:37:57 GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING AT WHAT'S IMPORTANT IN THEIR  
09:38:01 COMMUNITY, AND I THINK IT'S BEEN A PRETTY GOOD RESPONSE

09:38:06 THROUGHOUT THE STATE.  
09:38:07 AS YOU KNOW, YESTERDAY, THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, THE  
09:38:13 COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION ORDERED THAT ALL SCHOOLS WOULD BE  
09:38:16 REOPENED IN THE FALL.  
09:38:18 THAT'S CERTAINLY GOING TO AFFECT YOUR COMMUNITY AND ALL  
09:38:21 COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE.  
09:38:24 PERSONALLY, I THINK THAT WAS A GOOD DECISION BECAUSE WE ARE  
09:38:28 HAVING SERIOUS ISSUES WITH PARENTS WHO CANNOT GO BACK TO  
09:38:33 WORK AND OUR ECONOMY IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET BACK ON  
09:38:38 ITS FEET IF PARENTS CAN'T GO BACK TO WORK, BECAUSE NOT  
09:38:41 EVERYBODY CAN WORK FROM HOME.  
09:38:42 SO THERE ARE A LOT OF ISSUES THAT WE HAVE TO ADDRESS AND  
09:38:46 BEARING IN MIND -- AND THAT'S A TOUGH POSITION FOR HIM TO BE  
09:38:50 IN.  
09:38:50 BECAUSE WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, EVERYTHING FROM HEALTH  
09:38:52 CARE, ECONOMY, EDUCATION, AND EVERYDAY OPERATION OF  
09:38:58 GOVERNMENT IS NOW UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND HIS STATE  
09:39:04 AGENCIES.  
09:39:04 ONE OF THE BIG ISSUES, OF COURSE, IS THE DEPARTMENT OF  
09:39:07 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND THE PROBLEMS WE'VE HAD WITH PEOPLE  
09:39:11 WHO ARE FILING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT.  
09:39:14 THAT HAS BEEN A HORRIFIC NIGHTMARE.  
09:39:18 FROM WHAT I CAN SEE FROM MY OFFICE BECAUSE WE WERE ON THE  
09:39:22 FRONT LINES WITH OUR CONSTITUENTS WHO WERE -- AND MANY  
09:39:25 PEOPLE FROM ESTERO WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED, PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO

09:39:29 FINALLY GET ON THE ROLLS OR SOME PEOPLE HAVE GONE BACK TO  
09:39:33 WORK.  
09:39:34 NOW THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE APPLYING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT ARE  
09:39:36 USUALLY PEOPLE WHO ARE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS WHO WORK FOR  
09:39:43 THEMSELVES, SO THEY ALWAYS HAVE LITTLE DIFFICULT ISSUES.  
09:39:47 THOSE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS WE'RE DEALING WITH RIGHT NOW.

09:39:49 WE'RE GOING TO BE GOING BACK TO TALLAHASSEE IN NOVEMBER  
09:39:53 AFTER THE ELECTION.  
09:39:56 ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, AND I'VE  
09:39:59 TALKED TO OUR INCOMING PRESIDENT, SIMPSON, IS CREATE A  
09:40:04 STANDING COMMITTEE.  
09:40:05 I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'LL CALL IT, BUT A SORT OF 9/11-TYPE  
09:40:09 COMMITTEE.  
09:40:09 A TWO-YEAR PROCESS WHERE WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT EVERYTHING  
09:40:12 THAT OCCURRED DURING THIS PANDEMIC, FROM SOUP TO NUTS.  
09:40:17 AND LOOK AT JUST EVEN THE LITTLEST TINY DETAILS TO THE BIG  
09:40:23 PICTURE, AND THEN COME UP WITH EITHER LEGISLATION OR A BEST  
09:40:31 PRACTICES, SOMETHING THAT WE COULD LOOK TO IN THE FUTURE,  
09:40:35 BECAUSE IF THIS EVER HAPPENS AGAIN, WE DON'T WANT TO BE  
09:40:38 UNPREPARED.  
09:40:39 THE REASON I BRING THIS UP IS THAT YOU ALL ARE ON THE FRONT  
09:40:43 LINE IN YOUR COMMUNITY, AND YOU'VE SEEN THINGS THAT AFFECT  
09:40:47 ESTERO AND YOUR CONSTITUENTS.  
09:40:50 SO I AM HOPEFUL THAT YOU WILL PROVIDE TO THE LEGISLATURE  
09:40:54 WHEN THESE COMMITTEES START MEETING SOME OF THE THINGS  
  
09:40:57 YOU'VE SEEN AND THE SUGGESTIONS YOU HAVE.  
09:41:00 YOU ALL CAN COME UP TO TALLAHASSEE AND TESTIFY AT COMMITTEE  
09:41:05 HEARINGS OR I KNOW LEAGUE OF CITIES WILL BE VERY INVOLVED IN  
09:41:10 THE PROCESS.  
09:41:11 BECAUSE I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR A  
09:41:16 CRISIS LIKE THIS IN THE FUTURE.  
09:41:19 THIS IS NOT JUST LIKE A HURRICANE THAT COMES AND GOES AND  
09:41:22 WE'RE KIND OF USED TO IT.  
09:41:24 THOSE ARE MY SORT OF BROAD COMMENTS.  
09:41:26 I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF I KNOW THE  
09:41:29 ANSWER.  
09:41:33 >>Nick Batos: SENATOR, HOW ARE YOU?  
09:41:34 >>Senator Passidomo: GOOD TO SEE YOU.  
09:41:36 >>Nick Batos: IT'S GOOD TO BE SEEN.  
09:41:37 A QUICK QUESTION, AND IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO DO WITH  
09:41:39 OUR PARTICULAR CITY.  
09:41:41 BUT I'VE HAD A NUMBER OF CALLS FROM PEOPLE IN LEE COUNTY AND  
09:41:44 PEOPLE OUT OF LEE COUNTY WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED, WHO HAVE PUT IN  
09:41:48 FOR THE PAPERWORK, MAYBE GOT ONE OR TWO CHECKS, BUT HAVE  
09:41:52 MISSED ALL OF THE OTHERS.  
09:41:54 THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO, IN MOST CASES, REALLY NEED THE MONEY.  
09:41:58 IS THERE ANY WAY THAT YOUR OFFICE CAN HELP DIRECT THESE  
09:42:03 PEOPLE INTO SOMEPLACE?  
09:42:05 BECAUSE RIGHT NOW IT'S GOING INTO A HOLE.  
09:42:07 THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE CALLS.  
  
09:42:09 THEY CAN'T GET THROUGH.  
09:42:10 THEY TRY TO USE THE WEBSITE.

09:42:11           SOMETIMES IT WORKS, SOMETIMES IT DOESN'T.  
09:42:15           >>Senator Passidomo: THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.  
09:42:16           TWO THINGS.  
09:42:18           FIRST OF ALL, MY OFFICE IS HAPPY TO HELP ANY OF MY  
09:42:24           CONSTITUENTS AND, OF COURSE, ESTERO IS IN MY DISTRICT.  
09:42:26           YOU CAN HAVE YOUR CONSTITUENTS CALL MY OFFICE.  
09:42:28           AND WE DO -- WE PUT IN REQUESTS FOR PERSONALIZED ATTENTION.  
09:42:37           I GUESS THAT'S A WAY TO EXPLAIN IT.  
09:42:38           IT'S CALLED A SMART SHEET, AND WE CAN SUBMIT IT TO DEO, AND  
09:42:44           THEY WILL GET BACK TO ME.  
09:42:47           IN THE EGREGIOUS CASES WHERE SOME PEOPLE HAVE JUST BEEN  
09:42:50           KICKED OFF THE WEBSITE, ET CETERA, ET CETERA, I WILL  
09:42:54           PERSONALLY CALL THE SECRETARY AND SAY, "HERE'S MY LIST."  
09:43:00           AND THERE'S ABOUT 25 PEOPLE ON THAT RIGHT NOW THAT HAVE JUST  
09:43:04           BEEN TRYING REALLY HARD.  
09:43:06           UNFORTUNATELY, WITH THIS SYSTEM, THEY HAVE AN HAD DIFFERENT  
09:43:09           WAYS OF GOING ABOUT DOING CERTAIN THINGS.  
09:43:12           I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT THAT'S THE NATURE OF THE BEAST.  
09:43:15           SO SOME PEOPLE, WHEN THEY APPLIED, THEY FINALLY GOT THROUGH.  
09:43:22           THEY FINALLY GOT APPROVED.  
09:43:24           THEN THEY STARTED GETTING THEIR CHECKS, BUT THE BACK  
09:43:28           PAYMENTS -- THEY ARE ENTITLED TO THOSE BACK PAYMENTS BECAUSE  
09:43:32           SOMETIMES IT TOOK TWO OR THREE MONTHS TO GET APPROVED,  
  
09:43:35           ORIGINALLY TO OBTAIN THE BACK PAYMENTS, YOU HAD TO GO ON TO  
09:43:38           THE WEBSITE AND CHANGE -- IT WAS KIND OF COMPLICATED.  
09:43:42           CHANGE YOUR START DATE, ET CETERA.  
09:43:44           AND WE WERE ABLE TO DO THAT WITH PEOPLE AND THEY STARTED  
09:43:47           GETTING THEIR BACK PAYMENTS.  
09:43:48           >>Nick Batos: DO YOU THINK THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THE STATE  
09:43:51           IS GOING TO CHANGE THAT SYSTEM?  
09:43:55           >> THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'LL LOOK INTO, THE WHOLE  
09:43:58           SYSTEM.  
09:43:59           >>Nick Batos: I THANK YOU.  
09:44:01           IF A PERSON IS NOT IN YOUR DISTRICT, SHOULD THEY GO TO THEIR  
09:44:05           SENATOR?  
09:44:07           >>Senator Passidomo: YEAH, THEY SHOULD.  
09:44:11           WHAT HAPPENS SOMETIMES IS WE HAVE DUPLICATE REQUESTS.  
09:44:17           >>Jim Boesch: SENATOR, I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THE COVID-19,  
09:44:21           AND I THINK EVERY RELIGIOUS LEADER IN THE STATE IS  
09:44:26           CONCERNED.  
09:44:26           IN SIX WEEKS, WE'VE GONE FROM 35 TO 165.  
09:44:30           SO THAT REALLY SAYS IT ALL.  
09:44:32           BUT I WOULD ASK -- THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE, IT SEEMS TO  
09:44:38           ME WE'RE DROPPING THE BLUE ALGAE ISSUE.  
09:44:42           I WOULD HOPE THAT AT LEAST WE HAVE SOME TIME THAT WE SPEND  
09:44:49           TO KEEP ON GETTING THIS ADDRESSED.  
09:44:51           IF WE DON'T, IT'S GOING TO COME BACK, AND WE HAVE A GOOD

09:44:56 MOVEMENT UP UNTIL THE COVID-19, BUT IF WE DON'T CONTINUE ON

09:45:00 THAT PATH, IT'S GOING TO COME BACK AND WE'RE GOING TO BE  
09:45:04 ADDRESSING -- EVERYBODY WILL SAY, WELL, COVID-19, I DON'T  
09:45:07 THINK THAT'S ANY EXCUSE NOT TO SOLVE THE BLUE ALGAE.  
09:45:12 I THINK FGCU IS DOING A GREAT JOB WORKING ON IT.  
09:45:17 IF YOU WOULD KEEP THAT IN MIND, IT'S IMPORTANT, TOO, THAT WE  
09:45:21 GET THAT DONE.  
09:45:22 IT COULD BE SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN COVID-19 AS WELL.  
09:45:26 >>Senator Passidomo: I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE.  
09:45:29 I WAS VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE GOVERNOR DID NOT VETO ANY  
09:45:32 OF THE FUNDING FOR THE RESEARCH.  
09:45:36 THE FGCU FUNDING AND THE MARINE -- MOTE MARINE FUNDING WAS  
09:45:42 NOT VETOED.  
09:45:44 THE CLEAN WATERS ACT BILL, WHICH HAD FUNDING ATTACHED TO IT  
09:45:47 WAS NOT VETOED.  
09:45:48 SO THAT WAS VERY IMPORTANT.  
09:45:51 AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP THAT UP WITH REGARD TO PRESSURING  
09:45:55 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR SHARE OF THE FUNDING, AND  
09:45:59 EVEN IF THEY DON'T COME FORWARD, I THINK FLORIDA IS GOING TO  
09:46:02 HAVE TO.  
09:46:03 UNFORTUNATELY, SOME OF THE FUNDING FOR THE SEPTIC TO SEWER  
09:46:08 SYSTEMS WAS VETOED, BUT ONLY IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE I  
09:46:12 THINK THE GOVERNOR FELT THEY COULD ACTUALLY AFFORD IT, LIKE  
09:46:16 NAPLES.  
09:46:16 IT IS WHAT IT IS.  
09:46:19 WHEN YOU'RE IN A WEALTHY COMMUNITY.

09:46:23 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?  
09:46:24 KATY.  
09:46:27 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: SENATOR, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU  
09:46:29 FOR YOUR SERVICE AND TRUSTING THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO ENOUGH  
09:46:31 TO COME HERE TODAY AND SEE HOW WE'RE TRYING TO PRACTICE WHAT  
09:46:34 WE PREACH.  
09:46:35 >>Senator Passidomo: YES.  
09:46:37 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: THANK YOU FOR TRUSTING US AND THANK  
09:46:39 YOU FOR BEING HERE.  
09:46:40 >>Senator Passidomo: NOTICE I DIDN'T TOUCH ANYTHING.  
09:46:44 I DON'T WANT TO TOUCH ANYTHING BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO CLEAN IT.  
09:46:46 I'LL STAND JUST LIKE THIS, LIKE A LITTLE MOUSE.  
09:46:49 I REALLY APPRECIATE ANYTHING, YOUR ADVICE, YOUR COUNSEL, ANY  
09:46:56 ISSUES THAT YOU HAVE, YOU KNOW MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN TO  
09:47:00 BRING YOUR THOUGHTS UP TO TALLAHASSEE AND HOPEFULLY NEXT  
09:47:04 SESSION WE'LL BE ABLE TO BRING HOME WHATEVER YOU NEED TO  
09:47:08 KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY VIBRANT.  
09:47:11 >>Mayor Ribble: I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE RACHEL KEESLING.  
09:47:15 SHE IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES CHAPTER,  
09:47:18 THE SOUTHWEST CHAPTER.

09:47:19 WE DID OUR PHOTO SHOOT EARLIER, BUT WE WANT TO FORMALLY GIVE  
09:47:22 YOU THE PLAQUE, SO THE FOLKS AT HOME CAN SEE ON THE  
09:47:27 TELEVISED.  
09:47:28 >> IT IS MY HONOR AND PLEASURE TO BE HERE ON BEHALF OF THE  
09:47:30 FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES.

09:47:31 WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEGISLATIVE -- THIS IS YOUR  
09:47:35 LEGISLATIVE APPRECIATION AWARD.  
09:47:37 >>Senator Passidomo: THANK YOU.  
09:47:37 >> YOU HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE FRIENDLIEST SENATORS THAT WE  
09:47:41 VISIT WITH UP IN TALLAHASSEE.  
09:47:43 YOU DEFINITELY DO HAVE AN OPEN-DOOR POLICY.  
09:47:46 I WANT YOU TO KNOW WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT.  
09:47:48 THANK YOU.

09:47:48 >>Senator Passidomo: THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
09:47:49 THANK YOU FOR PRESENTING IT IN SUCH A WONDERFUL --  
09:47:52 [ APPLAUSE ]

09:47:57 >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, MAYOR RACHEL KEESLING, FORMER  
09:48:01 MAYOR OF PUNTA GORDA AND A DEAR FRIEND OF MINE AND OF THE  
09:48:03 LEAGUE AS WELL.

09:48:04 MOVING RIGHT ALONG, WE'LL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT  
09:48:07 ON THE AGENDA.

09:48:08 IS ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK?

09:48:10 >>Carol Sacco: YES, MAYOR.

09:48:12 WE HAVE MR. JACK MEEKER.

09:48:13 HE'S FROM ESTERO COPPERLEAF BROOKS.

09:48:15 HE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON EDISON FARMS.

09:48:23 >> GOOD MORNING, COUNCILORS.

09:48:26 THANK YOU.

09:48:26 FATHER HUGH, I ALWAYS ENJOY YOUR SERVICE ON SUNDAYS OR  
09:48:30 WHENEVER.

09:48:31 I'M HERE TO ASK YOU COUNCILORS TO ANNEX EDISON FARMS.

09:48:37 ALL THE HEAVY LIFTING HAS BEEN DONE.

09:48:40 IT'S BEEN PURCHASED BY CONSERVATION 2020, WHICH IS OUR  
09:48:45 PROPERTY TAX MONEY AT WORK.

09:48:48 SO IT'S NOT GOING TO COST YOU ANYTHING, BUT IT WILL DO  
09:48:52 SOMETHING.

09:48:53 IT WILL PRESERVE THIS LAND AND THE CONTROL OF IT WILL BE  
09:48:58 UNDER THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.

09:49:01 THIS IS OUR LARGEST NEIGHBOR, EVEN THOUGH IT'S ON THE OTHER  
09:49:04 SIDE OF 75, IT IS STILL ESTERO'S LARGEST NEIGHBOR.

09:49:09 IT HAS THE POTENTIAL OF HAVING A HUGE IMPACT ON US.

09:49:14 I DON'T TRUST THE COUNTY TO DO ANYTHING WITH THIS LAND.

09:49:18 AND WHY I SAY THAT IS BECAUSE THEY HAVE PROVEN TO US HOW  
09:49:23 THEY TREAT US.

09:49:24 THAT'S WHY A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE DECIDED TO FORM THIS VILLAGE  
09:49:30 AND GET OUT FROM UNDERNEATH THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE



09:49:33 COUNTY.  
09:49:34 WE WANT TO CONTROL OUR OWN DESTINY.  
09:49:37 THAT IS WHY WE ARE A VILLAGE.  
09:49:38 I ALSO AM CONCERNED THAT LAND SWAPS OCCUR AND DEVELOPERS  
09:49:50 PUSH FEAR.  
09:49:54 COUNTY GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS WILL CONCEDE  
09:49:58 THIS FOR THAT.  
09:49:59 AND I DON'T WANT ESTERO, EDISON FARMS TO BECOME A BARGAINING  
09:50:07 CHIP IN ANY KIND OF REAL ESTATE DEALS.

09:50:10 DEVELOP HERE, NOT DEVELOP THERE.  
09:50:12 WE WANT TO PRESERVE THIS LAND.  
09:50:14 WE FOUGHT HARD.  
09:50:17 WE STOPPED 951 FROM COMING THROUGH.  
09:50:22 WE STOPPED THE OVERPASS OVER 75 AND AN INTERSECTION THERE.  
09:50:29 WE'VE DONE A LOT OF THE WORK.  
09:50:31 IT'S UP TO YOU TO ANNEX IT AND FINISH THE JOB.  
09:50:35 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION.  
09:50:38 >>Mayor Ribble: CAROL, WHO'S NEXT?  
09:50:41 >>Carol Sacco: I HAVE FOUR E-COMMENT CARDS.  
09:50:44 THE FIRST ONE IS MR. MARK NOVITSKI REPRESENTING ECCL.  
09:50:49 REVIEWING THE C.I.P., PARKS, AND OPEN SPACE PLAN AND BIKE  
09:50:53 PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN, WE HAVE TO REMEMBER PROBABLY AT  
09:50:56 LEAST HALF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO RESIDENTS WILL HAVE TO  
09:50:58 DRIVE TO THE LINKAGE AREA AND PARK TO ENJOY EVENTS AND  
09:51:01 ACTIVITIES AT THE ESTERO REC CENTER.  
09:51:04 STATE PARK, THE 62-ACRE PURCHASE, LEE COUNTY, SOUTH COUNTY,  
09:51:08 LEE COUNTY, SOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY, THE BOOMER PROPERTY,  
09:51:11 ET CETERA.  
09:51:12 I DO NOT SEE ANY DISCUSSION OR MENTION OF PARKING.  
09:51:15 THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.  
09:51:16 THE SECOND ONE IS MR. LOU FRATTARELLI, ALSO REPRESENTING  
09:51:23 ECCL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL.  
09:51:24 THE ECCL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL RECOMMENDS ADOPTION OF THE  
09:51:29 VILLAGE OF ESTERO BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN.

09:51:31 IT IS ONE OF THE FOUNDATION STUDIES OF THE C.I.P.  
09:51:34 THE THIRD ONE IS FROM MR. GORDON BROWN OF PELICAN SOUND.  
09:51:39 HELLO.  
09:51:40 I'M GORDON BROWN, I'VE SERVED ON THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY  
09:51:43 COMMITTEE FOR THE BIKING AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN.  
09:51:46 I AM NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THIS COUNCIL SESSION TODAY.  
09:51:49 HOWEVER, I'VE BEEN STREAMING REMOTELY FROM THE VILLAGE  
09:51:52 WEBSITE.  
09:51:52 I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
09:51:55 DAVID WILLEMS, FOR THE TERRIFIC JOB HE DID COORDINATING THE  
09:51:59 DEVELOPMENT OF THE BIKE-PED MASTER PLAN AND THE  
09:52:01 COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

09:52:03 CERTAINLY, THE PRICE TAG FOR ALL THE BIKING AND PEDESTRIAN  
09:52:07 INFRASTRUCTURE IS A SOBERING AMOUNT.  
09:52:10 HOWEVER, WHEN INTEGRATED INTO LONG-TERM C.I.P., AS FUTURE  
09:52:13 VILLAGE COUNCILS DELIBERATE THE APPROVAL OF THE CAPITAL  
09:52:16 PROJECTS, THEY CAN WEIGH THEIR DECISIONS BASED ON PRIORITY  
09:52:20 THE COMMUNITY HAS PLACED ON MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION AND  
09:52:25 THE FEASIBILITY WITHIN THE ECONOMIC REALITIES AT THAT TIME.  
09:52:28 I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE COUNCILMAN NICK BATOS FOR HIS  
09:52:36 LEADERSHIP IN KEEPING ALIVE THE EXTENSION OF THE FLORIDA SUN  
09:52:37 TRAIL THROUGH ESTERO AND BONITA SPRINGS ALONG THE SEMINOLE  
09:52:41 RAILROAD LINE.  
09:52:42 THE FLORIDA SUN TRAIL, WHEN COMPLETED THROUGH ESTERO, WILL  
09:52:45 FORM A PRIMARY ROUTE FOR CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS LINKING

09:52:49 RETAIL AND FOOD SERVICES AT THE INTERSECTION OF ESTERO  
09:52:51 PARKWAY AND U.S. 41 TO THE NEW RIVER PARK.  
09:52:54 THE ESTERO COMMUNITY PARK, THE HERTZ HEADQUARTERS, COCONUT  
09:52:58 POINT AND LEE HEALTH CENTER.  
09:53:01 WITH THE SOON TO BE COMPLETED ESTERO PARKWAY PROJECT, THE  
09:53:04 NORTH-SOUTH SUN TRAIL WILL LINK UP WITH A SAFE ROUTE EAST OF  
09:53:07 BEN HILL GRIFFITH PARKWAY AND ACCESS TO FGCU, HERTZ ARENA  
09:53:12 AND MIROMAR SHOPPING CENTER.  
09:53:14 THE SUN TRAIL WILL BE A MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT  
09:53:17 WHICH WILL FURTHER THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO'S VISION.  
09:53:19 THANK YOU.  
09:53:20 THE LAST ONE AGAIN IS FROM MR. MARK NOVITSKI OF ECCL.  
09:53:27 MAYBE IT WILL HAPPEN WITH A FUTURE TRAFFIC STUDY, BUT WE  
09:53:30 NEED TO CONSIDER HOW PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS CROSS U.S.  
09:53:33 41.  
09:53:34 EITHER A BRIDGE OR A TUNNEL FROM RECENTLY PURCHASED 62 ACRES  
09:53:37 TO KORESHAN STATE PARK.  
09:53:40 THE SECOND LOCATION WOULD BE AROUND COCONUT ROAD.  
09:53:42 THIS NEEDS CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WITH HOW LEE HEALTH WILL  
09:53:46 DEVELOP THEIR PROPERTY ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF U.S. 41  
09:53:49 AND COCONUT ROAD, TOO.  
09:53:51 THE LINKAGE OF THE RECREATION AREA IS HIGHLIGHTED BUT THERE  
09:53:54 IS NO MENTION OF LINKAGE TO THE LEE COUNTY SOUTH LIBRARY.  
09:53:57 THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.  
09:53:59 THAT'S COMPLETE.

09:54:02 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.  
09:54:03 MOVING RIGHT ALONG, NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS THE CONSENT  
09:54:05 AGENDA.  
09:54:06 DO ANY OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS  
09:54:10 REGARDING THE CONSENT AGENDA?  
09:54:14 HEARING NONE, I ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT  
09:54:18 AGENDA.  
09:54:22 JON, SECONDED BY KATY.

09:54:24 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.  
09:54:28 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.  
09:54:31 >> I'M SORRY.  
09:54:33 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON.  
09:54:34 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
09:54:36 >>Nick Batos: AYE.  
09:54:36 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.  
09:54:38 >>Jon McLain: AYE.  
09:54:40 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.  
09:54:42 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.  
09:54:45 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.  
09:54:46 THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS CN 2020-01, MISCELLANEOUS  
09:54:51 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES -- [NO ENCODER]  
09:55:20 [NO ENCODER] --  
09:55:29 >>Steven Sarkozy: -- WE PUT OUT A BID IN CONFORMANCE TO  
09:55:32 PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN A VARIETY OF AREAS FOR THE  
09:55:36 VILLAGE.

09:55:36 WE'RE RECOMMENDING THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPT ALL OF THESE  
09:55:42 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FIRMS, AND THAT WHEN WE GET TO A  
09:55:46 SPECIFIC PROJECT, WE WOULD REVIEW THE QUALIFICATIONS AND  
09:55:49 BACKGROUNDS AND SELECT THOSE OR A NUMBER OF FIRMS FROM THAT  
09:55:56 LIST FOR INTERVIEW FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE.  
09:56:01 THIS ALLOWS US TO REACT MORE QUICKLY TO THE NEED FOR  
09:56:09 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, AND WE BRING THIS TO YOU WITH A  
09:56:11 RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL.  
09:56:14 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY, COUNCIL.  
09:56:16 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?  
09:56:17 HOWARD.  
09:56:19 >>Howard Levitan: STEVE, THERE ARE SEVERAL OF THESE  
09:56:24 COMPANIES THAT HAVE EITHER NOT RESPONDED TO THE INQUIRIES OR  
09:56:30 GIVEN INSUFFICIENT RESPONSES OR REFUSE TO RESPOND WITH  
09:56:36 RESPECT TO OWNERSHIP.  
09:56:39 I GUESS I DON'T CARE WHETHER THEY ARE ON THE LIST OR NOT,  
09:56:43 BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT THE STAFF WOULD TAKE THAT INTO  
09:56:45 CONSIDERATION AND NOT USE THOSE CONTRACTORS UNTIL THEY HAVE  
09:56:50 FIXED UP THEIR DISCLOSURES.  
09:56:53 BECAUSE IF THEY COME BEFORE US, I WILL HAVE TO VOTE AGAINST  
09:56:56 THOSE IN ANY EVENT.  
09:56:58 THERE ARE ALSO AT LEAST TWO ON THE LIST THAT HAVE BEEN  
09:57:02 ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN LITIGATION AGAINST THE VILLAGE.  
09:57:05 I WOULD ASSUME THAT THE STAFF WOULD NOT USE THOSE PEOPLE.  
09:57:10 >>Mayor Ribble: DO YOU WANT TO COMMENT TO THAT?

09:57:14 >>Steven Sarkozy: GOOD COMMENTS, AND WE AGREE TOTALLY ON  
09:57:18 BOTH COUNTS.  
09:57:20 WHEN WE GET INTO THE INDIVIDUAL REVIEW OF THESE FOLKS, THAT  
09:57:24 WILL PROVIDE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT BACK

09:57:28 TO THEM AND ADVISE THEM AS TO WHY THEY MAY NOT HAVE BEEN  
09:57:32 SELECTED.  
09:57:33 OUR EFFORT HERE IS NOT TO SCREEN ANYONE OFF THE LIST AT THIS  
09:57:38 POINT, BUT WE WOULD DO SO WHEN WE COME UP WITH THE  
09:57:41 INDIVIDUAL HIRING PRACTICE.  
09:57:43 >>Mayor Ribble: YEAH, I WANTED TO ASK A QUESTION, STEVE.  
09:57:46 CAN WE ADD SOMEBODY TO THE LIST THAT'S NOT ON THERE  
09:57:49 PRESENTLY OR NO?  
09:57:50 >>Steven Sarkozy: WE CAN ADD AT A LATER DATE, BUT IF  
09:57:54 SOMEBODY IS NOT ON HERE, THEY HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO OUR  
09:57:57 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.  
09:57:58 >>Mayor Ribble: THAT'S WHY THEY ARE NOT ON.  
09:58:00 >>Steven Sarkozy: THAT'S CORRECT.  
09:58:00 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER REQUEST HE IS FROM COUNCIL?  
09:58:03 COULD I HAVE A MOTION --  
09:58:07 >>Nick Batos: EXCUSE ME.  
09:58:08 JUST A QUESTION GOING BY WHAT HOWARD BROUGHT UP.  
09:58:10 IF A COMPANY HAS BEEN IN LITIGATION WITH THE CITY AND YOUR  
09:58:14 INTENTION IS NOT TO HAVE THEM -- NOT TO USE THEM, WHY WOULD  
09:58:18 THEY BE ON THE LIST?  
09:58:20 >>Steven Sarkozy: WHEN WE PUT OUT THIS PROPOSAL, WE HAD TO  
  
09:58:26 CONSIDER WHETHER WE WERE GOING TO GO THROUGH A PROCESS TO  
09:58:29 EVALUATE THE FIRMS, AND WE CHOSE NOT TO DO THAT, SIMPLY TO  
09:58:34 SAVE TIME TO GET EVERYBODY ON THE LIST AND FORWARD THEM TO  
09:58:37 THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.  
09:58:39 AT THE TIME WHEN WE WOULD SELECT ONE OF THESE FIRMS TO SERVE  
09:58:45 THE COMMUNITY, THERE MAY BE OTHER REASONS WHY SOMEONE WHO'S  
09:58:50 ON THE LIST WOULD BE DROPPED.  
09:58:52 THEY MAY GET INVOLVED IN LITIGATION AFTER THIS DATE, BUT  
09:58:56 BEFORE WE SELECT THEM.  
09:58:57 AND WE DROP THEM OFF THE LIST.  
09:59:02 >>Nick Batos: I UNDERSTAND THAT.  
09:59:03 BUT IF ONE HAS ALREADY BEEN INVOLVED WITH LITIGATION, AND IF  
09:59:07 YOU'VE ALREADY MADE THE DECISION NOT TO USE THEM, IF THERE'S  
09:59:11 THE CASE, WHY DON'T WE TAKE THOSE TWO OR THREE COMPANIES OFF  
09:59:14 THE LIST NOW?  
09:59:16 >>Steven Sarkozy: YOU CAN DO THAT NOW, IF YOU'D LIKE.  
09:59:21 >>Nick Batos: AM I MISSING SOMETHING ON THIS?  
09:59:23 >>Mayor Ribble: THE THING I THINK --  
09:59:27 >>Howard Levitan: I THINK THAT HAVING THEM ON THE LIST  
09:59:30 DOESN'T DO US ANY HARM BECAUSE AS STEVE STATED, WE WEREN'T  
09:59:37 MAKING A QUALITATIVE JUDGMENT AT THE TIME OF THE LIST.  
09:59:40 IT WAS JUST WHOEVER RESPONDED TO THE RFP SO THAT WE CAN DEAL  
09:59:44 WITH THEM WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE STATE-MANDATED PROCESS  
09:59:49 FOR ADVERTISING AND ALL THE TIME.  
09:59:53 SO THAT'S OKAY AS LONG AS STAFF UNDERSTANDS THAT IF THEY

09:59:57 BRING TO COUNCIL A CONTRACT, SOMEONE ON THE LIST THAT EITHER  
10:00:02 HASN'T RESPONDED OR RESPONDED INCORRECTLY OR HAS BEEN  
10:00:06 INVOLVED IN LITIGATION, I SAY "HAS BEEN" NOT NOW.  
10:00:11 WE DON'T HAVE ANY LITIGATION NOW, I DON'T BELIEVE.  
10:00:14 I DON'T KNOW.  
10:00:15 BUT IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD DEAL WITH IT AT THAT TIME.  
10:00:20 I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT BEING ON THE LIST.  
10:00:23 >>Mayor Ribble: I THINK THE OTHER THING -- STEVE AND I  
10:00:25 TALKED ABOUT THIS THE OTHER DAY FOR A FEW MINUTES AND I  
10:00:28 AGREE WITH HIM ON THIS POSTURE.  
10:00:30 THE OTHER THING IT DOES, THERE ARE SEVERAL -- QUITE A FEW ON  
10:00:33 THERE THAT WE'RE NOT HAPPY WITH THEIR WORK.  
10:00:35 IF WE GO AND SCRATCH THEM NOW OFF THE LIST, NOW IT TAKES  
10:00:39 AWAY OUR NEGOTIATING CAPABILITIES TO TRY TO RECTIFY THE  
10:00:43 WRONG DONE TO US.  
10:00:45 I THINK WE LIVE THE LIST THE WAY IT IS.  
10:00:48 WE CAN DEAL WITH THAT WHEN THE PROJECTS COME UP.  
10:00:52 >>Jon McLain: I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT ANY COMPANY THAT  
10:00:55 BRINGS ANY LITIGATION TO US BEING QUASI-BLACKBALLED OF EVER  
10:01:01 DOING WORK.  
10:01:01 SOMETIMES LITIGATION COULD HAVE MERIT AND WE SHOULD DISCUSS  
10:01:05 THAT, BUT JUST BECAUSE LITIGATION WAS STARTED SHOULDN'T  
10:01:09 DISQUALIFY, IN MY MIND, EVER DOING BUSINESS WITH THOSE FOLKS  
10:01:13 IN THE PAST.  
10:01:14 I THINK OUR ATTORNEY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE SOME INSIGHT ON  
  
10:01:17 THAT ALSO.  
10:01:21 >>Burt Saunders: I WOULD AGREE WITH THE COUNCIL IN TERMS OF  
10:01:23 YOU DON'T WANT TO BLACKBALL SOMEONE THAT'S EXERCISED THEIR  
10:01:26 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO FILE LITIGATION.  
10:01:29 THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO DO BUSINESS WITH THEM, BUT  
10:01:31 PUTTING THEM ON THE LIST AT THIS TIME I THINK IS  
10:01:33 APPROPRIATE.  
10:01:34 THEN YOU CAN EVALUATE THAT, WHETHER YOU WANT TO USE THEM OR  
10:01:37 NOT IN THE FUTURE.  
10:01:38 BUT I THINK THE ACTION THAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO TAKE HAVING THEM  
10:01:41 ON THE LIST IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE.  
10:01:45 >>Mayor Ribble: IS THERE ANYONE SIGNED UP FROM THE PUBLIC ON  
10:01:47 THIS?  
10:01:48 >>Carol Sacco: NO, MAYOR.  
10:01:49 >>Mayor Ribble: COULD I HAVE A MOTION ON THIS ITEM?  
10:01:52 JON.  
10:01:55 SECONDED BY NICK.  
10:01:56 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.  
10:01:59 >>The Clerk: COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITAN?  
10:02:01 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.  
10:02:02 >>Jon McLain: AYE.  
10:02:03 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.

10:02:05 >>Nick Batos: AYE.  
10:02:07 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
10:02:09 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.

10:02:11 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.  
10:02:12 THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE WATER QUALITY MONITORING  
10:02:16 ASSISTANCE CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON ENGINEERING.  
10:02:17 STEVE?  
10:02:18 >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.  
10:02:21 AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE BEING VERY ACTIVE IN THE AREA OF WATER  
10:02:27 QUALITY AND TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO BE  
10:02:30 ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE.  
10:02:32 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PROJECTS THAT WE'RE ENGAGED  
10:02:35 IN THAT HAVE RECENTLY COME TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.  
10:02:39 MOST NOTABLY, THE SEPTIC TO SEWER PROJECT THAT YOU'VE  
10:02:43 INITIATED, AND THAT WE'RE AGGRESSIVELY MOVING ON.  
10:02:46 BUT THAT PROJECT CAME OUT OF OUR REVIEW AND TECHNICAL  
10:02:53 ANALYSIS OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.  
10:02:58 AND WE'RE NOT SUGGESTING THAT WE STOP WITH THE TESTING  
10:03:01 THAT'S ALREADY BEEN DONE, BUT WE'RE SUGGESTING WITH THIS  
10:03:05 ACTION THAT WE CONTINUE THAT AND BE CONTINUOUSLY AND  
10:03:10 VIGOROUSLY GOING AFTER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ENVIRONMENT.  
10:03:14 SPECIFICALLY, IN THIS CASE, WE'RE SUGGESTING THAT WE DO  
10:03:18 ADDITIONAL MONITORING OF WATER QUALITY, WATER ELEVATIONS AND  
10:03:23 WATER FLOW THROUGH THE NATURAL SYSTEMS HERE IN ESTERO.  
10:03:29 THESE ARE ALL IMPORTANT FOR THE OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL  
10:03:33 QUALITY, BUT THEY HAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER POSSIBLE IMPACTS.  
10:03:40 THIS DATA CAN INCLUDE AND WILL INFLUENCE WHAT WE MIGHT DO  
10:03:44 INTO THE FUTURE, NOT ONLY WITH SEPTIC TO SEWER, BUT ALSO

10:03:47 WITH WAYS OF PROTECTING OUR WETLANDS AND ALSO PROTECTING OUR  
10:03:55 POTABLE WATER SUPPLY, WHICH IN THIS AREA COMES FROM WELLS.  
10:03:59 SO UNLESS WE'RE REPLENISHING THE UNDERGROUND WATER SUPPLY  
10:04:05 AND CREATING A HEALTHY SYSTEM, WE'RE GOING TO END UP WITH  
10:04:09 WATER SHORTAGES, LIKE WE DID THIS YEAR, AMAZINGLY, SHORT OF  
10:04:17 POTABLE WATER IN THIS AREA IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO  
10:04:20 AVOID AT ALL COSTS.  
10:04:21 SO WHAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING HERE IS A CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON  
10:04:25 ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE THESE MONITORING SERVICES FOR A TOTAL  
10:04:31 OF \$62,400.  
10:04:33 THE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO US ON AN ONGOING BASIS  
10:04:44 AND WILL BE HELPFUL AS WE DISCUSS FUTURE PUBLIC POLICY  
10:04:46 ISSUES.  
10:04:53 >>Jim Boesch: STEVE, I NOTICED IN OUR E-MAIL, SOUTH FLORIDA  
10:04:57 WATER MANAGEMENT HAS SOME MONEY TO DO FOR PARTNERSHIP  
10:05:01 PROJECTS WHICH IS A BENEFIT TO US BECAUSE WE HAVE THE MONEY  
10:05:06 TO MATCH.  
10:05:07 ARE ANY OF THESE PROJECTS SUBJECT TO BE PROMOTED TO BE PART

10:05:13 OF THAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM?  
10:05:16 >>Steven Sarkozy: THE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM THAT WAS RECENTLY  
10:05:19 ANNOUNCED BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IS  
10:05:22 A GRANT PROGRAM THAT COULD HELP US ACCESS OTHER POTABLE  
10:05:28 WATER SUPPLY SOURCES.  
10:05:31 THAT PROGRAM REALLY REQUIRES SOME GOOD DATA TO HAVE A  
10:05:39 SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION.

10:05:39 AND WE THINK THIS KIND OF DATA THAT WILL BE GENERATED BY  
10:05:43 JOHNSON ENGINEERING FOR US WILL HELP IN ADVOCATING NOT ONLY  
10:05:48 FOR THAT KIND OF GRANT PROGRAM BUT OTHERS.

10:05:54 >>Mayor Ribble: NICK?

10:05:56 >>Nick Batos: TWO QUESTIONS.

10:05:56 ONE, DOES ANY OF THIS INVOLVE ACTUAL MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT  
10:06:03 THAT WOULD BE PUT IN PLACE?

10:06:04 OR IS IT JUST ACTUALLY GOING AND TAKING TESTS OF THE WATER  
10:06:08 FLOW?

10:06:09 >>Steven Sarkozy: THERE IS SOME EQUIPMENT IN PLACE, YES.

10:06:11 >>Nick Batos: SO THEY WOULD BE PUTTING EQUIPMENT IN PLACE.

10:06:14 THE SECOND QUESTION IS, ON THEIR FOUR GROUNDWATER WELLS IN  
10:06:20 EDISON FARMS, OBVIOUSLY, THAT'S NOT OUR PROPERTY.

10:06:26 IS THAT SOMETHING WE ALREADY HAVE PERMISSION FOR OR EXPECT  
10:06:29 TO GET IT?

10:06:30 >>Steven Sarkozy: EXPECT TO GET IT, YES.

10:06:32 THERE'S NO REASON WHY THE COUNTY WOULD DENY THIS KIND OF  
10:06:36 APPLICATION BECAUSE WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS IN THEIR BEST  
10:06:41 INTEREST AS WELL.

10:06:43 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.

10:06:43 ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

10:06:46 JON.

10:06:46 >>Jon McLain: IF WE DO NEED TO DRILL NEW WELLS, WILL THAT BE  
10:06:50 A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN US AND LEE COUNTY AS FAR AS  
10:06:53 SHARING THE EXPENSE FOR THE NEW WELL?

10:06:55 >>Steven Sarkozy: AT THIS POINT, WE'RE PROPOSING TO DO THAT  
10:06:58 OURSELVES.

10:07:00 THE COST IS RELATIVELY SMALL.

10:07:01 THE DATA WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY AND TO US AS WELL.

10:07:05 >>Jon McLain: WHEN I LOOK AT THE MONTHLY WATER QUALITY FLOW  
10:07:08 MONITORING, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALMOST DUPLICATING EFFORTS  
10:07:12 THERE.

10:07:13 WE'RE GOING TO DO OUR SAMPLING WITH JOHNSON ENGINEERING THE  
10:07:16 SAME DAY THAT LEE COUNTY IS GOING TO BE THERE.

10:07:21 IS THERE A REASON TO HAVE THAT DUPLICATE EFFORT GOING ON?

10:07:25 >>Steven Sarkozy: WE HOPE THAT IT WON'T BE DUPLICATE.

10:07:28 WE'LL SPREAD OUT OUR TESTING AREAS SO THAT WE AVOID DOUBLING  
10:07:32 UP.

10:07:32 OBVIOUSLY, WE WOULDN'T WANT TO TEST IN THE SAME LOCATION FOR

10:07:35 THE SAME PURPOSE.  
10:07:37 >>David Willems: JUST REAL QUICKLY, THE REASON WE'RE DOING  
10:07:40 THE SAMPLING ON THE SAME DAY IS THAT THEY ARE NOT DOING IT  
10:07:43 AT THE SAME LOCATION.  
10:07:45 THEY HAVE FOUR WATER QUALITY SAMPLING LOCATIONS IN ESTERO,  
10:07:49 LEE COUNTY DOES.  
10:07:50 OURS ARE AT ALL DIFFERENT LOCATIONS FROM THEIR.  
10:07:54 WE'RE DOING IT THE SAME DAY SO YOU DON'T HAVE TWO WEEKS  
10:07:56 LATER AND IT DOESN'T REALLY REFLECT ON.  
10:07:58 SO IT'S NOT THE SAME DATA.  
10:08:00 THE REASON WE'RE DOING IT THE SAME DAY IS SO WE CAN COMPARE  
  
10:08:03 TO LEE COUNTY'S DATA AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.  
10:08:06 >>Jon McLain: THEY HAVE FOUR AND THEY HAVE FOUR WELLS  
10:08:10 BASICALLY, YOU'RE SAYING?  
10:08:11 >>David Willems: NO.  
10:08:12 LEE COUNTY, WHERE WE'RE TRYING TO LINE UP WITH LEE COUNTY IS  
10:08:14 ON THE WATER QUALITY.  
10:08:15 SO THAT'S THE WATER QUALITY ON THE ESTERO RIVER AND ON  
10:08:19 HALFWAY CREEK.  
10:08:20 THE MONITORING WELLS ARE ON KIKER PRESERVE, AND THEY ARE IN  
10:08:25 LOCATIONS THAT THERE IS HISTORICAL DATA.  
10:08:27 SO THERE'S AN EXISTING WELL THERE.  
10:08:29 THE HOPE IS THAT WELL IS IN GOOD ENOUGH CONDITION THAT WE  
10:08:32 CAN JUST USE IT.  
10:08:34 IF IT'S NOT, AND HERE IS ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR BUILDING  
10:08:39 THOSE IF WE HAD TO.  
10:08:40 BUT LEE COUNTY, OR THE PROPERTY OWNER THERE STOPPED  
10:08:44 MONITORING IT.  
10:08:45 AND WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW  
10:08:47 THE WATER FLOWS ON THAT PROPERTY, AND THIS WILL HELP US  
10:08:51 IDENTIFY THAT.  
10:08:55 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR WITH WATER  
10:08:57 QUALITY?  
10:08:57 TELL ME ABOUT WATER QUALITY.  
10:09:00 >>David Willems: WITH THE DATA THAT THE COUNTY HAS OBTAINED,  
10:09:03 THEY HAVE A LOCATION -- THEIR LOCATIONS ARE REALLY ON THE  
  
10:09:07 ESTERO RIVER AND THEN ONE LOCATION ON THE NORTH BRANCH.  
10:09:10 WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, AND WE'RE ADDING LOCATIONS  
10:09:12 TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE SOUTH BRANCH OF THE  
10:09:16 ESTERO RIVER.  
10:09:16 AND THEN ALSO WHAT'S HAPPENING ON HALFWAY CREEK.  
10:09:19 WE REALLY DON'T HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE QUALITY OF  
10:09:22 WATER THAT'S COMING IN -- INTO THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO ON THE  
10:09:27 SOUTH BRANCH OF THE ESTERO RIVER AND WE DON'T HAVE A GOOD  
10:09:29 IDEA ON WHAT'S COMING INTO ESTERO FROM HALFWAY CREEK FROM  
10:09:35 I-75.



10:09:36 WE'RE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THAT.  
10:09:37 WE'RE ALSO ADDING ANOTHER WATER QUALITY LOCATION DOWNSTREAM  
10:09:40 OF WHERE THE NORTH AND SOUTH BRANCHES CONNECT, AND IT'S  
10:09:43 REALLY TO HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE  
10:09:46 BACTERIA.  
10:09:47 WE HAVE SOMETHING UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM.  
10:09:49 WE'RE JUST TRYING TO KIND OF BOOK-END WHERE THE ISSUES ARE  
10:09:53 AND WE'RE ADDING MONITORING LOCATIONS.  
10:09:54 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: HOW DOES THE FGCU STUDY FIT IN WITH  
10:09:58 ALL THIS?  
10:09:59 >>David Willems: IT IS A ONE-OFF REALLY.  
10:10:02 BECAUSE THE FGCU STUDY IS A YEARLONG EXERCISE TO UNDERSTAND  
10:10:07 SPECIFICALLY HOW SEPTIC TANKS MIGHT BE IMPACTING WATER  
10:10:11 QUALITY.  
10:10:11 THIS PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO STAY FOR 20, 30 YEARS SO THAT WE  
  
10:10:15 CAN IDENTIFY TRENDS AND CHANGES IN WATER QUALITY ALONG WITH  
10:10:19 IDENTIFYING WHAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW.  
10:10:24 >>Nick Batos: DAVID, YOU MENTIONED THAT HALFWAY CREEK AND  
10:10:27 THE MONITORING OF THE WATER QUALITY.  
10:10:30 IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT JOHNSON ENGINEERING HAS BEEN  
10:10:33 DOING THAT EXACTLY AT THE WESTERN EDGE OF 75 AS HALFWAY  
10:10:41 CREEK COMES THROUGH 75 INTO THE BROOKS.  
10:10:44 I UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE THOSE NUMBERS AND ALSO AS IT'S GOING  
10:10:46 OUT OF IT UNDER THE RAILROAD TRACKS AND THEY HAVE BEEN DOING  
10:10:49 THAT FOR 20 YEARS.  
10:10:51 >>David Willems: YEAH, WE HAVE THAT DATA.  
10:10:53 THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE'RE NOT ABLE TO COMPARE THAT WITH LEE  
10:10:55 COUNTY DATA FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS.  
10:10:58 THEY ARE ONLY GETTING WATER QUALITY DATA I BELIEVE DURING  
10:11:01 THE SUMMER.  
10:11:02 SO THERE'S ONLY A COUPLE OF MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR, WE'RE  
10:11:05 NOT GETTING A YEAR-ROUND ANALYSIS.  
10:11:08 AND THEN THE PARAMETERS THAT ARE BEING TESTED AREN'T THE  
10:11:11 SAME AS WHAT LEE COUNTY IS DOING.  
10:11:13 SO WE'RE TRYING TO GET HALFWAY CREEK TO HAVE THE SAME TYPE  
10:11:18 OF DATA THAT ESTERO RIVER HAS.  
10:11:24 >>Jim Boesch: DAVID IS IT SAFE TO SAY THIS IS OUR SECTION OF  
10:11:27 THE ESTERO RIVER, JUST ONE PORTION.  
10:11:30 IF WE LOOK AT THIS AS ONE PORTION, WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET  
10:11:34 CORRECT AND PROPER INFORMATION.  
  
10:11:36 WE HAVE TO LOOK AT IT IN THE LARGER PICTURE WHEN WE'RE  
10:11:38 LOOKING AT ESTERO RIVER.  
10:11:40 IT'S IMPORTANT FOR EVERYBODY.  
10:11:41 IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE ANY CORRECTIONS TO THE WATER QUALITY  
10:11:47 OF ESTERO RIVER HERE, WE HAVE TO LOOK FURTHER THAN JUST  
10:11:51 LOOKING FOR IT HERE.

10:11:52 >>David Willems: WELL, AND WHAT THIS DATA WILL DO, WE'LL GET  
10:11:56 DATA AT EACH POINT WHERE WATER COMES INTO ESTERO SO WE CAN  
10:12:00 KNOW MORE DEFINITELY WHETHER THIS IS A PROBLEM ORIGINATING  
10:12:03 IN ESTERO OR IS IT GETTING PASSED THROUGH ESTERO?  
10:12:11 >>Howard Levitan: THIS ISN'T ANYTHING AGAINST YOU, BUT I  
10:12:14 THOUGHT WE WERE WEARING MASKS IN CHAMBERS.  
10:12:17 >>David Willems: I THOUGHT WHEN WE WERE SPEAKING, WE WERE --  
10:12:20 IT'S HARD WHEN I'M TALKING EXTENSIVELY.  
10:12:23 >>Howard Levitan: THIS IS MY FIRST TIME BACK.  
10:12:24 IS THAT THE RULE?  
10:12:26 >>David Willems: I CAN DO IT EITHER WAY.  
10:12:28 WHEN I'M TALKING EXTENSIVELY, IT'S HARD WITH THE MASK ON.  
10:12:32 BUT I CAN, THAT'S FINE.  
10:12:33 >>Mayor Ribble: THE CLERK HAS TO CLEAN THE THING WHEN HE'S  
10:12:37 DONE.  
10:12:40 >>Howard Levitan: [INAUDIBLE]  
10:12:41 >>David Willems: THAT'S FINE.  
10:12:42 I'M FINE EITHER WAY.  
10:12:44 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?

10:12:46 ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC?  
10:12:48 >>Carol Sacco: MR. JOE MICELI FROM ROOKERY POINT.  
10:13:14 >> GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.  
10:13:16 JOE MICELI, 20271 ROOKERY DRIVE.  
10:13:19 MR. MAYOR, COUNCIL, I'M VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THIS STUDY.  
10:13:24 THE THING THAT I JUST FIND VERY INTERESTING TO ME, SOME OF  
10:13:27 THE HEAVY METALS THAT ARE REPORTED THAT WILL BE MONITORED,  
10:13:33 PERHAPS DAVID KIND OF ADDRESSED THAT ABOUT HISTORICAL DATA,  
10:13:38 AND I WOULD CERTAINLY BE INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT THAT  
10:13:41 HISTORICAL DATA AND WHERE THE SOURCES OF THESE.  
10:13:44 IN PARTICULAR, THE ONES THAT I FIND VERY INTERESTING --  
10:13:47 NICKEL, LEAD, ANTIMONY, SELENIUM, TITANIUM, VANADIUM AND  
10:13:55 ZIRCONIUM.  
10:13:56 THESE ARE NOT COMMONLY FOUND UNLESS THERE IS SOME KIND OF  
10:14:01 POLLUTION SOURCE AROUND HERE.  
10:14:02 SO THAT WOULD BE ONE QUESTION THAT I HAVE IS, IF THEY ARE  
10:14:07 LOOKING FOR THESE THINGS, WHAT'S THE INTENTION OR WHAT IS  
10:14:11 THE HISTORICAL POSSIBLE SOURCES OF THESE KINDS OF HEAVY  
10:14:16 METALS COMING INTO OUR ENVIRONMENT?  
10:14:18 THE SECOND THING IS, IF I READ THIS CORRECTLY ON SECTION C,  
10:14:24 WHERE IT TALKS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE, IT SAYS MONITORING WILL  
10:14:27 BE FOR A TWO-MONTH PERIOD, WHICH IS FINE, BUT IF WE FIND  
10:14:33 ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT IN THE RESULTS, I WOULD REALLY  
10:14:37 RECOMMEND AND URGE THAT THIS MONITORING BE CONTINUING  
10:14:43 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

10:14:44 DAVID KIND OF INTIMATED THAT, BUT IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO ME  
10:14:48 WHETHER THIS IS THE LONG-TERM GOAL OF THIS.

10:14:50           THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS AND HOPEFULLY THE ANSWERS COULD BE  
10:14:56           PROVIDED HERE NOW OR AT A FUTURE TIME, HOWEVER IT SUITS THE  
10:15:01           COUNCIL AND OUR STAFF HERE.  
10:15:03           THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
10:15:06           >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, JOE.  
10:15:08           >>Carol Sacco: WE HAVE ONE E-COMMENT FROM MR. BOB DION,  
10:15:12           20850 GLENEAGLES LINK DRIVE, ESTERO.  
10:15:16           I AM ENCOURAGED AND THANKFUL FOR THE ATTENTION THAT THE  
10:15:18           VILLAGE COUNCIL IS PAYING TO THE ESTERO RIVER AND ITS WATER  
10:15:22           QUALITY AND FLOW.  
10:15:23           PLEASE DO ALL YOU CAN TO RESOLVE THE RIVER'S IMPAIRMENT DUE  
10:15:26           TO BACTERIA AND INADEQUATE STORMWATER FLOW.  
10:15:30           MONITORING ASSISTANCE, I DON'T HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE  
10:15:34           NEED FOR THIS ADDED COST.  
10:15:35           WE ALREADY KNOW THAT THE RIVER IS IMPAIRED BECAUSE OF  
10:15:38           BACTERIA AND DOES NOT FLOW ADEQUATELY.  
10:15:42           HOWEVER, IF THESE ADDED MONITORS GIVE YOU MORE NECESSARY  
10:15:45           INFORMATION, THEN THE COST CAN BE JUSTIFIED.  
10:15:47           HOWEVER, IN EITHER CASE, THE VILLAGE WOULD PROCEED WITH  
10:15:50           CONVERTING SEPTIC SYSTEMS TO SEWER AND REMOVE SEDIMENT AND  
10:15:54           DEBRIS IN THE RIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
10:15:55           THANK YOU.  
10:15:59           >>Mayor Ribble: IS THAT IT?

10:16:00           I'LL ASK FOR A MOTION FOR THIS ITEM, PLEASE.  
10:16:02           KATY.  
10:16:04           SECOND BY NICK.  
10:16:08           MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.  
10:16:12           >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON?  
10:16:15           >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
10:16:18           >>Nick Batos: AYE.  
10:16:18           >>Jim Boesch: AYE.  
10:16:21           >>Jon McLain: AYE.  
10:16:22           >>Howard Levitan: AYE.  
10:16:24           >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.  
10:16:25           >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.  
10:16:26           THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE RESOLUTION 2020-11 OF THE  
10:16:33           VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO APPROVING A BUDGET  
10:16:36           AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 TO INCLUDE THE COCONUT  
10:16:41           ROAD IMPROVEMENT STUDY.  
10:16:42           WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE TITLE OF THIS RESOLUTION?  
10:16:45           >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION 2020-11 OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF  
10:16:48           THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT  
10:16:52           FOR COCONUT ROAD IMPROVEMENT STUDY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020  
10:16:56           AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
10:17:02           >>Mayor Ribble: DO YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE THIS?  
10:17:04           >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.  
10:17:06           WE KNOW FROM A PREVIOUS STUDY COMMISSIONED BY THE COUNCIL

10:17:09 THAT WE HAVE SOME ISSUES ON COCONUT ROAD FROM U.S. 41 WEST

10:17:15 TO THE OLD WEEKS FISH CAMP.

10:17:20 THAT'S AN AREA WHERE WE HAVE A LIMITED RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ONLY

10:17:22 A TWO-LANE ROAD.

10:17:23 THE ONGOING SITUATION THAT WE HAVE IS NOT ONLY THE CAPACITY

10:17:27 OF THE ROAD, BUT ALSO ACCESS BY OUR RESIDENTS FROM OUR

10:17:32 ADJOINING COMMUNITIES THAT ABUT THAT ROAD ONTO THE ROAD

10:17:35 DURING PEAK PERIODS.

10:17:38 THEY CAN'T MAKE LEFT TURNS AND THE CAPACITY OF THE ROAD IS

10:17:40 REALLY LIMITED.

10:17:42 WE'RE PROPOSING TO GO TO THE NEXT STEP IN THE PROCESS.

10:17:48 WE'VE ALREADY THROUGH THE PREVIOUS STUDY IDENTIFIED THAT THE

10:17:51 BEST FIX FOR THIS ROAD WOULD BE THREE ROUNDABOUTS, ONE AT

10:17:59 COCONUT SHORES DRIVE, ONE AT OLD MEADOWBROOK BOULEVARD AND

10:18:02 ONE AT EL DORADO BOULEVARD.

10:18:05 AND THEN WIDENING OF THE STREET FROM COCONUT SHORES OUT TO

10:18:09 U.S. 41.

10:18:10 IN ADDITION THEN, WE ALSO HAVE IN OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

10:18:14 PROGRAM SOME BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AND THEN

10:18:18 LANDSCAPING GOES WITH ALL OF THAT.

10:18:20 THE REASON WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW IS BONITA SPRINGS

10:18:25 IS LOOKING AT SOME MAJOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT THE FAR WEST

10:18:29 END OF COCONUT THAT'S GOING TO ADD QUITE A BIT OF ADDITIONAL

10:18:35 TRAFFIC ON THAT ROAD, EXACERBATING THE PROBLEM THAT ALREADY

10:18:41 EXISTS. SO WE WANT TO GET OUT IN FRONT OF THAT AND TAKE A

10:18:43 LOOK AT WHAT THE COSTS WILL BE, WHAT THE DESIGN WILL LOOK

10:18:47 LIKE, AND ACTUALLY GET READY TO ACTUALLY BID THE PROJECT AND

10:18:54 ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING THERE PRIOR TO THE PROBLEM GETTING

10:19:00 WORSE.

10:19:00 THE DATA THAT COMES OUT OF THIS WILL ALSO HELP US

10:19:05 COLLABORATE WITH THE COUNTY AND WITH BONITA SPRINGS, WHO

10:19:09 HAVE PORTIONS OF THE ROAD AS WELL.

10:19:12 SO WE'RE RECOMMENDING HERE THAT WE ENGAGE JOHNSON

10:19:15 ENGINEERING TO HELP US WITH THE DESIGN AND THE COST FOR

10:19:21 IMPROVEMENTS ON THIS ROAD FROM U.S. 41 GOING WEST.

10:19:28 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?

10:19:32 >>Jon McLain: I AGREE WITH TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS

10:19:34 BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF ACTIVITY WILL BE HAPPENING.

10:19:36 THE QUESTION THAT WE SPEND \$200,000 ON THIS, AND THESE

10:19:42 PROJECTS GO FORWARD AND THERE'S IMPACT FEES, WILL WE BE

10:19:47 REIMBURSED SEPARATELY FOR THESE COSTS THAT WE HAVE AND PUT

10:19:51 BACK IN THE BUDGET?

10:19:52 HOW WILL THAT WORK IF DEVELOPMENT ACTUALLY STARTS HERE

10:19:55 RELATIVELY QUICKLY?

10:19:57 >>Steven Sarkozy: WELL, THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.

10:19:59 AND ONE THAT I CAN'T ANSWER AT THIS POINT.

10:20:03 THE IMPACT FEES WOULD ACCRUE TO THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS.  
10:20:09 I PUT OUT AN E-MAIL TO THE COUNCIL LAST NIGHT THAT WE  
10:20:14 RECEIVED NOTIFICATION ONLY YESTERDAY THAT THE REZONINGS FOR  
10:20:19 RAPTOR BAY WERE GOING TO PROCEED VERY QUICKLY THROUGH THE  
10:20:23 BONITA SPRINGS PROCESS.

10:20:24 AND THAT INCLUDES A FIRST READING OF A REZONING IN THE  
10:20:30 MIDDLE OF JULY AND A SECOND READING OR A FINAL ADOPTION OF A  
10:20:35 REZONING FOR RAPTOR BAY IN THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST.  
10:20:42 I WAS GOING TO BRING UP UNDER MANAGER'S REPORT THAT ISSUE  
10:20:46 AND ASK THE COUNCIL TO APPOINT ONE OF YOUR MEMBERS TO WORK  
10:20:52 WITH STAFF AND THEN FOR US COLLECTIVELY TO WORK WITH BONITA  
10:20:58 SPRINGS TO NEGOTIATE WHO'S GOING TO PAY FOR WHAT COST.  
10:21:02 THE IMPACT FEES WOULD ACCRUE TO BONITA SPRINGS, BUT THE  
10:21:09 MAJOR IMPACTS ARE TO BE FELT BY THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.  
10:21:12 THOSE ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT WE HAVE.  
10:21:19 AND THERE'S A SOLUTION TO THIS IF WE CAN WORK  
10:21:22 COLLABORATIVELY THAT'S IN EVERYONE'S MUTUAL BEST INTEREST.  
10:21:26 >>Jon McLain: I'M DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF MOVING FORWARD ON  
10:21:30 THE STUDY.  
10:21:32 BECAUSE THE BENEFIT OF IMPROVING THAT FLOW OF TRAFFIC IS  
10:21:35 GOING TO ACCRUE TO THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND BONITA SPRINGS, IF  
10:21:40 WE HAVE 200,000, IT SEEMS LIKE WE SHOULD BE HAVING ACTIVE  
10:21:44 DISCUSSIONS NOW OR VERY QUICKLY WITH BONITA TO SAY, LOOK, WE  
10:21:52 WANT TO EXPEDITE THE PROJECT, BENEFIT ALL INVOLVED, BUT  
10:21:55 WE'RE NOT GOING TO SPEND OUR FUNDS WITHOUT YOU CONTRIBUTING  
10:21:58 A FAIR PORTION OF THAT.  
10:21:59 I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S REASONABLE OR NOT.  
10:22:01 >>Steven Sarkozy: THAT'S WHAT WAS PROPOSED IN THE E-MAIL  
10:22:04 LAST NIGHT.  
10:22:08 >>Mayor Ribble: JON, YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE YOUR HOMEWORK.

10:22:10 THAT WAS ALL EXPLAINED IN THE E-MAIL LAST NIGHT.  
10:22:13 ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL?  
10:22:15 NICK?  
10:22:16 >>Nick Batos: HOW LONG IS THIS STUDY SUPPOSED TO TAKE?  
10:22:21 >>Steven Sarkozy: ANY IDEA HOW LONG THAT MIGHT TAKE?  
10:22:23 MY GUESS IS NINE MONTHS, SIX MONTHS.  
10:22:27 >>David Willems: NINE TO 12 MONTHS.  
10:22:29 THEY'LL DO A RIGHT-OF-WAY SURVEY, WHICH TAKES SOME TIME WITH  
10:22:32 THE RECORDS AND THAT.  
10:22:34 WE'LL HAVE INFORMATION BEFORE.  
10:22:37 >>Nick Batos: A GOOD PORTION OF THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE IN  
10:22:39 THIS YEAR'S BUDGET ANYWAY.  
10:22:41 IT WILL BE IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET.  
10:22:42 >>David Willems: CORRECT.  
10:22:47 >>Nick Batos: I'M ALL FOR IT.  
10:22:48 I THINK WE SHOULD START AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT I THINK

10:22:51 WE SHOULD GET THIS DONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, TOO, SO WE  
10:22:54 KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.  
10:22:56 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM  
10:22:58 COUNCIL?  
10:22:59 ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS?  
10:23:02 >>Carol Sacco: YES, E-COMMENT FROM MR. LOUIS FRATTARELLI.  
10:23:07 BLACK TREE LANE, ESTERO.  
10:23:09 THE ECCL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF A  
10:23:13 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE COCONUT ROAD IMPROVEMENT STUDY  
  
10:23:16 USING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 FUNDING.  
10:23:19 THANK YOU.  
10:23:24 >>Mayor Ribble: CAN I HAVE A MOTION ON THIS ITEM?  
10:23:27 >>Jim Boesch: MAKE A MOTION.  
10:23:28 >>Mayor Ribble: SECOND BY KATY ERRINGTON.  
10:23:30 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.  
10:23:35 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.  
10:23:37 >>Jon McLain: AYE.  
10:23:38 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.  
10:23:40 >>Nick Batos: AYE.  
10:23:41 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
10:23:45 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.  
10:23:46 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.  
10:23:47 OKAY.  
10:23:52 THANK YOU.  
10:23:54 NOW ON THE AGENDA, FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2020-05,  
10:23:58 ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL VILLAGE SEAL.  
10:24:01 WILL THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE TITLE OF THIS ORDINANCE?  
10:24:04 >>Carol Sacco: ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-05, AN ORDINANCE OF THE  
10:24:08 VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO ADOPTING AN  
10:24:10 OFFICIAL VILLAGE SEAL, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, PROVIDING FOR  
10:24:14 SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, PROVIDING AN  
10:24:18 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
10:24:20 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.  
10:24:21 LONG OVERDUE FOR THIS ONE, STEVE.  
  
10:24:23 GO AHEAD.  
10:24:24 YOU'RE UP.  
10:24:24 >>Steven Sarkozy: WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING OVER ABOUT THE  
10:24:28 LAST YEAR AND A HALF THE VILLAGE SEAL, AND THIS WILL BE USED  
10:24:34 IN MANY DIFFERENT APPLICATIONS.  
10:24:37 BUT WE'RE PRESENTING THIS AS THE CULMINATION FOR ALL OF  
10:24:41 THOSE DISCUSSIONS.  
10:24:43 THIS IS HIGHLY SUBJECTIVE AND WE'VE GONE THROUGH AN  
10:24:49 EXTENSIVE PUBLIC PROCESS, BROUGHT THIS AT NUMEROUS PUBLIC  
10:24:54 MEETINGS, ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO COMMENT, AND THERE'S BEEN A  
10:24:57 LOT OF DEBATE AND DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS.  
10:24:59 BUT WE THINK WE LANDED ON REALLY A BEAUTIFUL DESIGN, AND, OF

10:25:06 COURSE, YOU CAN ALWAYS CHANGE THIS AT SOME OTHER DATE, BUT  
10:25:11 WE WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BEGIN TO  
10:25:16 IDENTIFY AREAS THAT ARE ESTERO AND PROJECTS THAT ARE ESTERO.  
10:25:20 ONE IDEA THAT CAME UP RECENTLY WAS IDENTIFYING THE ESTERO ON  
10:25:24 THE RIVER PROPERTY WITH A SIGN OUT IN FRONT WITH THIS  
10:25:29 EMBLEM.  
10:25:30 WE'RE TAKING A LOOK AT THIS RIGHT NOW.  
10:25:32 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.  
10:25:33 MOVING RIGHT ALONG.  
10:25:35 WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENTS TODAY, BUT WE'LL  
10:25:38 TAKE COMMENTS FOR THE FIRST READING.  
10:25:40 COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL.  
10:25:41 JON, I WANT TO NOTE THAT YOUR ORANGE COLOR IS ON THERE.

10:25:44 >>Jon McLain: MAY I MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT THAT?  
10:25:46 >>Mayor Ribble: YOU SURE CAN.  
10:25:49 >>Jon McLain: EVERYBODY IS FAMILIAR WITH COKE AND THEIR RED  
10:25:51 COLOR.  
10:25:51 WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT, I'M LOOKING AT THESE ILLUSTRATIONS  
10:25:54 THAT THEY ARE BEING PRINTED ON A PRINTER THAT HAS  
10:25:57 LIMITATIONS TO IT.  
10:25:58 HAVE WE GOT THESE COLORS THAT WE WANT ON OUR LOGO AT A PMS  
10:26:05 LEVEL SO WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT COLOR IT IS WHEN YOU ADAPT THE  
10:26:08 DIFFERENT MEDIANS OF PRINT?  
10:26:11 WITHOUT UTILIZING THAT STANDARD, WE'RE GOING TO BE ASKING  
10:26:13 PEOPLE TO LOOK AT A PRINTED THING AND MISREPRESENT IT.  
10:26:17 LIKE COKE COLA, YOU DON'T GET THEIR RED RIGHT, YOU'RE NOT  
10:26:21 GOING TO USE IT FOR ANY LITERATURE.  
10:26:23 I'D LIKE TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THAT DISCIPLINE ALSO THAT WE  
10:26:26 HAVE SPECIFIC PMS COLORS FOR EVERY COLOR THAT'S IN HERE.  
10:26:31 I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO HELP OUT IN THAT DISCIPLINE BECAUSE  
10:26:35 THAT'S KIND OF MY BACKGROUND.  
10:26:37 I'VE HAD A PRINTING BUSINESS.  
10:26:39 I'M GOOD FOR MOVING FORWARD.  
10:26:41 IT LOOKS GREAT.  
10:26:42 I LIKE THE ORANGE.  
10:26:46 LET'S BE REAL SPECIFIC AS TO WHAT IT IS SO WHEN WE PRINT IT  
10:26:49 ON A MASK VERSUS PAPER OR METAL, IT ALL LOOKS THE SAME.  
10:26:53 >>Mayor Ribble: THAT IS A TOTAL GOOD COMMENT.

10:26:55 I AGREE WITH IT TOTALLY.  
10:26:56 ANYONE ELSE HAVE A COMMENT ON THE LOGO?  
10:27:02 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: SUPER LOOKING.  
10:27:03 ARE WE THERE?  
10:27:06 >>Mayor Ribble: I THINK WE'RE HERE, KATY.  
10:27:08 DAVID, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE?  
10:27:19 QUIT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD.  
10:27:21 IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

10:27:22 SMART MAN.  
10:27:23 SMART MAN.  
10:27:23 COULD I HAVE A MOTION ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE?  
10:27:26 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: SO MOVED.  
10:27:27 >>Mayor Ribble: SECONDED BY JON, SINCE YOU'RE THE COLOR MAN.  
10:27:30 WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?  
10:27:32 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON?  
10:27:34 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
10:27:35 >>Nick Batos: PIPE.  
10:27:36 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.  
10:27:38 >>Jon McLain: AYE.  
10:27:40 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.  
10:27:42 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.  
10:27:43 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.  
10:27:44 OKAY.  
10:27:46 THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING  
10:27:50 THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

10:27:54 WE HAVE TO INTRODUCE THAT, IS THAT RIGHT?  
10:28:01 >>Steven Sarkozy: JUST BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION, STAFF IS  
10:28:04 AVAILABLE TO SPEAK TO ANY ELEMENT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
10:28:08 PROGRAM, BUT WHAT IS PROPOSED HERE IS THE FIRST OF OUR TWO  
10:28:12 REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE C.I.P.  
10:28:15 THE FIRST ON JULY 8th WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A SECOND PUBLIC  
10:28:21 HEARING ON JULY 22.  
10:28:23 THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IS THE ALL-INCLUSIVE  
10:28:29 SPENDING PLAN FOR MAJOR PROJECTS THAT WE MIGHT HAVE.  
10:28:32 AND IT EXTENDS OUT OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS.  
10:28:38 IMPORTANTLY, IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS A DYNAMIC PLAN.  
10:28:42 IT WOULD BE MODIFIED PERIODICALLY BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL AS  
10:28:47 YOU SEE FIT TO ADD OR DELETE PROJECTS THAT YOU THINK ARE  
10:28:53 APPROPRIATE.  
10:28:54 SO WE'RE PROPOSING THAT YOU CONSIDER THIS ITEM AND ADOPT IT  
10:29:00 IN FIRST READING AND MOVE IT ON TO SECOND READING ON THE  
10:29:04 22nd.  
10:29:07 >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.  
10:29:07 QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL?  
10:29:08 HOWARD?  
10:29:10 >>Howard Levitan: THE SAME COMMENT I MADE AT THE LAST  
10:29:17 WORKSHOP WE HAD ON THIS.  
10:29:19 I'M ALMOST THERE ON THE C.I.P.  
10:29:24 I THINK EVERYTHING IS LOOKING GOOD WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE  
10:29:29 ITEM THAT I THOUGHT WE HAD ALREADY AGREED WE WEREN'T GOING

10:29:33 TO PROCEED WITH, AND NOW I FIND THAT WE ARE SCHEDULING THE  
10:29:39 ACQUISITION OF THE RIVER OAKS PRESERVE FOR THE NEXT BUDGET  
10:29:43 YEAR, 2021.  
10:29:45 IT'S NOW ON THE LIST AND FUNDED.



10:29:49 I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE'VE EVER APPROVED THAT AS A COUNCIL.  
10:29:56 AS A MATTER OF FACT, I THOUGHT WE HAD AGREED THAT WE WEREN'T  
10:30:01 GOING TO FUND THIS.  
10:30:02 SO I GUESS I WOULD -- WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO MAKING MOTIONS,  
10:30:11 I WILL MOVE TO REMOVE THAT FROM THE LIST.  
10:30:13 THEN WE'LL DO AN UP OR DOWN VOTE AS WE ALWAYS DO.  
10:30:20 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.  
10:30:20 ANY OTHER COMMENTS ON THE C.I.P.?  
10:30:23 >>Jim Boesch: ARE YOU MAKING AN AMENDMENT, COUNCILMAN?  
10:30:26 >>Mayor Ribble: WE'RE NOT READY FOR A MOTION YET.  
10:30:28 WE'RE JUST HAVING DISCUSSION.  
10:30:29 ANY OTHER COMMENTS FOR THE C.I.P.?  
10:30:33 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I HAVE A COMMENT ABOUT THAT.  
10:30:35 I DON'T RECALL US GETTING -- I KNOW WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT,  
10:30:41 BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IS THAT WE TAKE IT OFF  
10:30:46 AND THEN MOVE IT TO A FUTURE DATE.  
10:30:49 IT COULD BE IN ANOTHER YEAR.  
10:30:52 I DON'T WANT IT GONE FOREVER.  
10:30:55 >>Mayor Ribble: YOU'RE SAYING TAKE IT OFF FOR THIS CAPITAL  
10:30:59 IMPROVEMENT AND THEN THE FOLLOWING ENTERTAIN IT.  
10:31:01 YEAH, I THINK THAT'S A FAIR --

10:31:04 I WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT TO KATY'S COMMENTS AND HOWARD'S AS  
10:31:07 WELL.  
10:31:07 I DID MY HOMEWORK ON THIS ONE.  
10:31:10 THIS ITEM HAS COME BEFORE THIS COUNCIL MORE THAN ANY OTHER  
10:31:12 ITEM SINCE I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN 2015.  
10:31:15 I ONLY WENT BACK TWO YEARS.  
10:31:17 BUT THIS CAME BEFORE US A YEAR AGO.  
10:31:19 WE DENIED IT.  
10:31:21 THEN, SOMEHOW, SOME WAY AND I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS HAPPENED.  
10:31:25 MARY CAN'T EXPLAIN IT.  
10:31:26 ASKED HER ABOUT IT.  
10:31:28 IT GETS ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING FOR AUGUST THE  
10:31:31 20th, WHICH TOOK 40 MINUTES OF THEIR TIME, AND AT THAT  
10:31:35 TIME, THE PLANNING AND ZONING, I HAVE THE WHOLE PRINTED  
10:31:38 DIALOGUE HERE, THEY TOLD THE FOLKS THAT WERE PRESENTING THAT  
10:31:44 THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD PROGRAM TO BE PAID FOR BY PUBLIC  
10:31:50 DONATIONS, PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITY.  
10:31:53 AND THEY SAID THEY WEREN'T GOING TO MAKE A DECISION FOR THE  
10:31:57 COUNCIL.  
10:31:58 THAT WAS OUR DECISION.  
10:31:59 THEN AGAIN WE HAD PEOPLE SHOW UP AGAIN ON THE 4th OF  
10:32:04 SEPTEMBER WITH THIS ITEM.  
10:32:05 THIS THING GOES ON AND ON AND ON.  
10:32:07 MY FEELING IS, IT'S NOT JUST THIS PROJECT.  
10:32:11 IT'S SEVERAL PROJECTS THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT, AND I'M

10:32:14 SURPRISED THAT NO ONE IS RESPONDING TO THIS BECAUSE IT'S  
10:32:17 BEEN IN ALL THE NEWSPAPERS ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE  
10:32:20 COUNTY AND THE STATE.  
10:32:21 I'M SURPRISED THAT THE SENATOR DIDN'T GIVE US THE BREAKDOWN  
10:32:25 TODAY OF THE ACTUAL CUTS IN THE BUDGET, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT  
10:32:28 DOING A \$93 BILLION BUDGET.  
10:32:31 THEY DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING TO DO THAT.  
10:32:32 THEY REALLY LOST A LOT OF FUNDING THROUGH THIS COVID-19.  
10:32:38 BUT WE WERE GIVEN A SHEET HERE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO ABOUT SOME  
10:32:41 OF THE IMPACTED REVENUE SOURCES FOR US, THAT WE HAVE TO  
10:32:44 CONSIDER REALITY.  
10:32:45 WE HAVE RESERVES RIGHT NOW, BUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT YEAR?  
10:32:48 WE HAVE A NEW KING OR QUEEN UP HERE AND THEY ARE GOING TO GO  
10:32:51 BACK, OH THAT FORMER COUNCIL, SPEND MONEY THAT WE SHOULDN'T  
10:32:55 HAVE BEEN SPENDING BECAUSE WE HAD AD VALOREM TAX REDUCTION.  
10:32:58 WE GOT GAS TAX REDUCTION, WE GOT FRANCHISE FEES REDUCTION,  
10:33:04 BUILDING PERMITS.  
10:33:04 WE'RE NOT DOING THE BUILDING PERMITS WE WERE.  
10:33:07 THE SALES TAX IS DOWN.  
10:33:10 BUSINESS TAX IS DOWN.  
10:33:11 IMPACT FEES ARE DOWN, AND STATE REVENUE SHARING LOOKS LIKE  
10:33:15 THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE IN FULL CAPACITY THIS YEAR.  
10:33:18 SO THESE ARE AREAS THAT ARE GOING TO AFFECT OUR BOTTOM LINE,  
10:33:22 WHICH MEANS WE'LL HAVE TO TAP INTO OUR RESERVES.  
10:33:24 WE CERTAINLY WANT TO MOVE ALONG WITH THIS C.I.P. PROCESS,  
  
10:33:30 BUT I THINK WE NEED TO DO IT WITH CAUTION.  
10:33:33 THAT'S THE ONLY COMMENT I HAVE.  
10:33:36 JIM WILSON, DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT ON THIS OR NO?  
10:33:42 >>Jim Wilson: ACTUALLY, I HAVE A PROCEDURAL QUESTION.  
10:33:44 BECAUSE IN THE SUMMER SHEET, IT SAID THE ACTION REQUESTED IS  
10:33:48 TO REVIEW THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND MOVE IT TO A  
10:33:52 SECOND PUBLIC HEARING.  
10:33:55 WHY WOULD WE BE MAKING A MOTION TO APPROVE IT AND AMEND IT  
10:33:58 AND DO ALL THIS STUFF?  
10:34:00 >>Mayor Ribble: WE'RE GOING TO MOVE IT TO THE NEXT SEGMENT,  
10:34:03 TO THE NEXT PART OF THE PROCESS.  
10:34:04 PUBLIC HEARING.  
10:34:09 >>Jim Wilson: IF POSSIBLE, THAT'S THE MOTION I WOULD LIKE TO  
10:34:12 MAKE IS THAT WE DO MOVE IT TO THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON  
10:34:17 JULY 22.  
10:34:23 >>Howard Levitan: I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO THAT, JIM.  
10:34:25 I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE IT TO THE NEXT MEETING WITHOUT THE  
10:34:29 RIVER OAKS PROJECT BEING ON IT.  
10:34:31 I THINK THAT'S AN APPROPRIATE MOTION.  
10:34:35 I WOULD LIKE THAT LINE ITEM TO BE REMOVED.  
10:34:42 IF FUTURE COUNCILS WANT TO PUT IT BACK AND CAN GET FOUR  
10:34:45 VOTES TO DO THAT, THEN --

10:34:47 >>Mayor Ribble: THAT'S WHAT KATY'S SUGGESTION IS.  
10:34:53 >>Howard Levitan: I THOUGHT KATY SUGGESTED WE DEFUND THAT.  
10:34:56 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: NO, I DIDN'T THAT.

10:34:57 I WOULD LIKE IT WORDED WHERE IT'S FOR THE FUTURE.

10:35:02 >>Mayor Ribble: THAT'S FAIR.

10:35:04 RIGHT NOW, UNDER THE CONDITIONS, WE DON'T THINK IT'S  
10:35:08 APPROPRIATE OR PRUDENT TO HAVE SOME OF THESE THINGS IN  
10:35:10 THERE.

10:35:11 GO AHEAD, JON.

10:35:12 >>Jon McLain: I GUESS I LOOK AT THIS AS A BUDGET.

10:35:15 IT DOESN'T MEAN WE'LL SPEND EVERY DOLLAR ON HERE.

10:35:17 PROBABLY HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL.

10:35:19 I LIKE TO KEEP THE VISIBILITY OF THIS PROJECT IN OUR FOCUS.

10:35:23 I'M NOT SURE HOW WE CAN BEST DO THAT.

10:35:26 I DO THINK WE'VE ALL GOT TO BE AWARE OF THE SHORTAGES THAT  
10:35:30 COME IN HERE.

10:35:31 WE ALSO KNOW AT SOME FUTURE DATE THAT WE MAY COME INTO SOME  
10:35:35 EXTRA FUNDS THAT COULD -- WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE SPENT ON THESE  
10:35:38 TYPES OF PROJECTS.

10:35:39 THE PROJECTS GOT SOME VALUE, AND THAT COULD BE DEBATED UNTIL  
10:35:46 THE SUN GOES DOWN IF THE WATER ISSUES THERE, IF STORMWATER  
10:35:50 MANAGEMENT ARE OF VALUE OR NOT.

10:35:52 I'M NOT OPPOSED TO LEAVING IT A LINE ITEM BUT MAYBE MOVE IT  
10:36:00 OUT ONE YEAR.

10:36:01 THE CONCERN ON THIS PROPERTY AND WE GOT A LETTER, I THINK  
10:36:03 EVERYBODY GOT A LETTER FROM MR. MARKS IN OUR PACKET TODAY  
10:36:07 THAT'S PUBLIC INFORMATION, THAT HE IS NOW MANAGING THAT  
10:36:10 PROPERTY BECAUSE NO REALTOR INVOLVED.

10:36:14 THE REAL ESTATE VALUE, I THINK THERE'S SOME OPPORTUNITIES  
10:36:17 FOR OUR VILLAGE MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE ON THE PRICE.

10:36:21 BUT I'M VERY SENSITIVE TO SHORTFALLS IN OUR BUDGET, BUT  
10:36:25 REMOVING THIS FROM A LINE ITEM IN THIS CURRENT BUDGET, I  
10:36:32 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS NOT AN AX TO US EVER GOING FORWARD  
10:36:37 WITH THE PROJECT.

10:36:38 >>Mayor Ribble: THAT'S NOT WHAT KATY SAID.

10:36:48 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I'LL GO TO LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THIS.

10:36:50 WHAT I'M ATTEMPTING TO SAY IS THAT IT BE REMOVED FROM THE  
10:36:53 BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR AND THEN LET IT FALL WHERE IT MAY IN  
10:36:56 THE FUTURE.

10:37:00 >>Mayor Ribble: FOR THE NEXT C.I.P.

10:37:01 >>Burt Saunders: THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH REMOVING IT FROM  
10:37:03 THIS LIST WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU MAY PUT IT BACK ON  
10:37:06 AT SOME POINT IN TIME.

10:37:07 BUT YOU'RE NOT OBLIGATED TO DO ANY OF THESE PROJECTS BY  
10:37:12 APPROVING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT HERE.

10:37:15 THESE ARE JUST KIND OF YOUR WISH LIST.

10:37:18 AND AT SOME POINT IF YOU WANT TO ADD THIS BACK IN, YOU CAN  
10:37:21 CERTAINLY DO THAT.  
10:37:24 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: WHAT IS THE STIGMA IN KEEPING IT IN  
10:37:27 THEN?  
10:37:29 >>Howard Levitan: I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO THAT.  
10:37:30 I THINK THE STIGMA IS THAT IT CONFUSES THE PUBLIC BECAUSE WE  
10:37:34 HAVE PEOPLE THAT REALLY WANT US TO BUY IT NOW, AND WE HAVE  
  
10:37:38 AN OWNER THAT WANTS US TO BUY IT NOW, AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO  
10:37:43 BUY IT NOW.  
10:37:44 THERE SEEMS TO BE A CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL THAT WE NOT DO  
10:37:47 THIS.  
10:37:50 THE ONLY DIFFERENCE WE'RE HAVING IS WHEN WE MIGHT WANT TO  
10:37:53 CONSIDER IT AGAIN.  
10:37:55 I WON'T BE AROUND THE NEXT TIME YOU CONSIDER IT AGAIN, SO IT  
10:37:58 DOESN'T REALLY MATTER TO ME.  
10:37:59 I THINK THE FAIREST THING, IF THERE IS NOT A CONSENSUS ON  
10:38:05 GOING FORWARD ON THIS, TAKE IT OFF, COMPLETELY.  
10:38:08 TAKE IT OFF THE LIST.  
10:38:09 THAT'S WHAT MY MOTION WOULD BE.  
10:38:13 >>Jon McLain: WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE BUDGET WE'VE GOT BEFORE  
10:38:16 US HERE, WE HAVE BUDGET YEARS 20-21.  
10:38:20 21-22, 23, ALL THE WAY UP.  
10:38:23 I DON'T WANT TO REMOVE IT FROM THE LINE ITEM.  
10:38:25 I WANT TO LEAVE IT IN THERE.  
10:38:26 I HAVE NO ISSUES MOVING IT INTO THE YEARS 21-22, USE THAT AS  
10:38:31 PLANNING.  
10:38:31 IF WE FIND OUT THAT OUR FINANCIALS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE THIS  
10:38:35 YEAR, WE DON'T GET WHAT WE THINK WE NEED FROM THE STATE,  
10:38:38 BLAH, BLAH, WHATEVER ELSE, THEN WE MOVE IT ANOTHER YEAR WHEN  
10:38:42 WE CAN AFFORD TO BUY THIS, AND THERE'S SOME VALUE TO THIS.  
10:38:46 WHEN WE BOUGHT OUR 62 ACRES, I HEARD CLEARLY FROM EVERYBODY,  
10:38:52 WE WANT GREENSPACE.  
  
10:38:53 THIS GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET TEN ACRES, BUT I HAVE NO  
10:38:56 ISSUES MOVING IT FORWARD, BUT ELIMINATING IT AS A LINE ITEM  
10:38:59 AND FROM VISIBILITY I THINK IS BEING TOO AGGRESSIVE AND NOT  
10:39:03 TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ENTIRE VILLAGE.  
10:39:07 >>Mayor Ribble: HANG ON, BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO GET CLOSURE  
10:39:10 ON THIS.  
10:39:11 YOU'RE SAYING MOVE IT FROM THE COLUMN 20-21 TO THE COLUMN  
10:39:14 UNDER BUDGET 21-22.  
10:39:17 THAT'S WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO DO.  
10:39:18 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I'M IN AGREEMENT WITH THAT.  
10:39:22 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.  
10:39:23 ANY OTHER DISCUSSION?  
10:39:26 ANY OTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM?  
10:39:28 NOW WE'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

10:39:31 >>Howard Levitan: I MOVE THAT WE PASS THE C.I.P. TO THE NEXT  
10:39:39 MEETING THAT WE'RE GOING TO CONSIDER IT AND REMOVE THE LINE  
10:39:44 ITEM FOR RIVER OAKS PRESERVE, PERIOD.  
10:39:51 >>Mayor Ribble: DO WE HAVE A SECOND TO THAT MOTION?  
10:39:55 >>Jim Boesch: YOU'RE MOVING TO TAKE IT OFF.  
10:39:57 >>Howard Levitan: OTHER PEOPLE WANT TO PUT IT BACK IN NEXT  
10:40:00 YEAR, GOD --  
10:40:03 >>Mayor Ribble: NICK IS THE SECOND.  
10:40:07 >>Carol Sacco: I DO HAVE SOME E-COMMENT CARDS.  
10:40:09 THE FIRST ONE IS MR. BOB DION FROM 20850 GLENEAGLES LINK  
10:40:15 DRIVE, PELICAN SOUND.

10:40:16 AS WE KNOW, THE ESTERO RIVER IS AN ESSENTIAL AND VERY  
10:40:20 IMPORTANT ASSET FOR THE VILLAGE AND MUST BE PRESERVED AND  
10:40:23 MAINTAINED EFFECTIVELY.  
10:40:24 WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE RIVER IS CURRENTLY IMPAIRED FROM  
10:40:27 BACTERIA AND DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE FLOW DURING RAINSTORMS  
10:40:30 AND HURRICANES.  
10:40:31 REGARDING THE BACTERIA, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, MUCH, IF NOT  
10:40:36 ALL, OF THE BACTERIA IN THE RIVER IS FROM HUMAN WASTE AS  
10:40:39 PROVEN FROM THE CHEMICALS IN THE BACTERIA THUS MAINLY FROM  
10:40:43 SEPTIC SYSTEMS.  
10:40:44 THIS HAS CONTINUED TO GET WORSE AND THERE IS A CLEAR SMELL  
10:40:47 IN THE RIVER OVER THE PAST YEAR NOW.  
10:40:49 SO I THINK IT IS CLEAR THAT THE RIVER PROBLEMS NEED TO HAVE  
10:40:51 THE HIGHEST PRIORITY REGARDING THE PROPOSED CAPITAL  
10:40:54 IMPROVEMENTS.  
10:40:55 I'M SURE THERE WILL BE BENEFITS TO MOST OF THE OTHER ITEMS  
10:40:58 ON THE LIST, BUT THE RIVER NEEDS TO FUNCTION PROPERLY IN  
10:41:02 ORDER TO SUPPORT OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.  
10:41:04 THE RIVER WILL ONLY GET WORSE AS TIME GOES BY JUST AS IT HAS  
10:41:07 OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS PLUS.  
10:41:09 PLEASE ASSIGN NUMBER ONE AND NUMBER 1A PRIORITY TO THE  
10:41:13 SEPTIC CONVERSION TO SEWER PROJECTS AND THE STORMWATER  
10:41:15 PROJECTS.  
10:41:15 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THE ESTERO RIVER.  
10:41:18 THE SECOND ONE FROM MARK WILLIAMSON.

10:41:23 4639 GLENEAGLES LINK COURT, ESTERO, PELICAN SOUND.  
10:41:27 MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE WATER  
10:41:30 QUALITY OF THE ESTERO RIVER WHICH WE USE FOR RECREATION,  
10:41:33 FISHING, KAYAKING, PADDLE BOATING.  
10:41:36 PLEASE PROVIDE NECESSARY FUNDING TO FIND THE SOURCES OF THE  
10:41:39 POLLUTION AND MOVE FORWARD TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE AS SOON AS  
10:41:42 POSSIBLE.  
10:41:42 THANK YOU.  
10:41:43 THE THIRD ONE IS LOUIS FRATTARELLI OF 20240 BLACK TREE LANE  
10:41:51 AT THE PRESERVE AT CORKSCREW.

10:41:53 THE ECCL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED FISCAL  
10:41:56 YEAR 2020-2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND APPRECIATES  
10:42:02 THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
10:42:05 VILLAGE COUNCIL AND STAFF.  
10:42:07 THE LAST ONE IS FROM MR. MARK NOVITSKI, 21101 PALESE DRIVE,  
10:42:14 ESTERO, ECCL.  
10:42:15 I CAN APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK IN DEVELOPING THE CAPITAL  
10:42:18 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, HOWEVER IN THESE CHALLENGING FINANCIAL  
10:42:22 TIMES, IT WOULD MAYBE PRUDENT TO POSTPONE FUNDS EXPENDITURE  
10:42:27 ON VILLAGE OF ESTERO MONUMENT SIGNS.  
10:42:30 THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.  
10:42:32 THAT'S ALL, MAYOR.  
10:42:33 >>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON THE  
10:42:36 MOTION.  
10:42:38 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITAN.

10:42:39 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.  
10:42:41 >>Jon McLain: NAY.  
10:42:43 >>Jim Boesch: NO.  
10:42:46 >>Nick Batos: YES.  
10:42:49 >>Jim Wilson: NO.  
10:42:53 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: NO.  
10:42:55 >>Mayor Ribble: YES.  
10:42:57 THE MOTION FAILS.  
10:43:00 OKAY, CAN WE HAVE ANOTHER MOTION ON THE ITEM?  
10:43:05 >>Jon McLain: I'LL MAKE A MOTION THAT WE TAKE WHATEVER THE  
10:43:08 LINE ITEM IS AND MOVE IT INTO THE C.I.P. BUDGET 21-22.  
10:43:15 >>Mayor Ribble: SECOND?  
10:43:16 KATY?  
10:43:17 OKAY.  
10:43:18 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.  
10:43:20 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON?  
10:43:23 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
10:43:25 >>Nick Batos: NO.  
10:43:27 >>Jim Boesch: YES.  
10:43:32 >>Jon McLain: YES.  
10:43:34 >>Howard Levitan: NO.  
10:43:36 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YES.  
10:43:38 >>Mayor Ribble: NO.  
10:43:40 THE MOTION PASSES.  
10:43:43 MOVING RIGHT ALONG, WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON

10:43:52 NON-AGENDA ITEMS.  
10:43:53 ANYBODY SIGNED UP TO SPEAK IN.  
10:43:54 >>Carol Sacco: NO.  
10:43:55 >>Mayor Ribble: NO PUBLIC COMMENTS.  
10:43:57 DID YOU FILL OUT A CARD, JACK?  
10:44:02 OKAY.

10:44:04 YOU'RE ALL SET.  
10:44:10 >>Carol Sacco: MAYOR, IT'S JACK MEEKER, 23701 COPPERLEAF  
10:44:13 BOULEVARD, ESTERO, ON PELICAN COLONY ROAD.  
10:44:17 >> THANK YOU, COUNCILORS.  
10:44:18 I'LL BE BRIEF.  
10:44:20 THIS IS A PUBLIC SAFETY ITEM THAT I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT  
10:44:23 FOR QUITE A WHILE.  
10:44:26 WHEN I WAS A MEMBER OF THE ECCL, I KNOW WE TOSSED IT AROUND  
10:44:30 AND WE WERE REBUFFED BY THE STATE.  
10:44:34 THERE'S A REAL DANGER IN EXITING ONTO 41 BY THE HOSPITAL ON  
10:44:41 PELICAN COLONY BOULEVARD.  
10:44:45 THE ATTEMPT TO EXIT THIS AREA ON THIS ROAD, WHICH WAS  
10:44:53 ORIGINALLY PLANNED I GUESS TO GO DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET  
10:44:56 TO THE DEVELOPMENT WAS A GOOD IDEA BEFORE THEY WIDENED 41 TO  
10:45:03 SIX LANES.  
10:45:04 THERE IS A HISTORY OF -- I'M NOT SURE ALL THE NUMBER, BUT  
10:45:12 THIS AREA IS VERY ACCIDENT-PRONE FOR ANYBODY COMING OUT ONTO  
10:45:18 41 AND ATTEMPTING TO EITHER CROSS OR TURN RIGHT.  
10:45:22 I WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED UP ON RIPPE PARKWAY  
  
10:45:29 AND BRIARCLIFF ROAD WHERE IT CROSSES.  
10:45:34 THE STATE AND THE COUNTY ABSOLUTELY REFUSED TO PUT A LIGHT  
10:45:40 AT THAT VERY DANGEROUS INTERSECTION.  
10:45:42 IT TOOK A DEATH TO GET -- TO CONVINCED THEM TO DO IT.  
10:45:46 THE LIGHT IS THERE NOW.  
10:45:49 I BELIEVE A POLICE CAR, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WAS INVOLVED  
10:45:55 IN AN ALTERCATION OR AN ACCIDENT OF SOME SORT WHEN IT  
10:45:59 ATTEMPTED TO EXIT PELICAN COLONY ONTO 41.  
10:46:06 MY SUGGESTION -- AND I THINK YOU CAN DO IT -- I THINK YOU  
10:46:11 HAVE THE AUTHORITY -- IS JUST TO PUT UP A BARRICADE.  
10:46:17 HAVE YOUR PUBLIC WORKS PEOPLE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
10:46:20 SHERIFF BARRICADE THAT SO NOBODY CAN ENTER 41 FROM THAT  
10:46:26 ROAD.  
10:46:28 THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM TO GO OUT TO COCONUT AND MAKE A  
10:46:31 U-TURN ONTO COCONUT TO GET TO 41.  
10:46:36 IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S SIMPLE.  
10:46:38 IT'S NOT GOING TO COST A LOT OF MONEY.  
10:46:40 I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH ANY KIND OF STUDY.  
10:46:44 I THINK THE STATE HAS ALL KINDS OF STATISTICS IF THEY WANT  
10:46:46 TO USE THEM, BUT I THINK IT TAKES BOLD ACTION TO DO  
10:46:52 SOMETHING LIKE THAT.  
10:46:53 I THINK YOU MIGHT SAVE SOME LIVES.  
10:46:55 THANK YOU.  
10:46:57 >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, JACK.  
10:46:58 IS THAT IT?  
  
10:46:59 >>Carol Sacco: THAT'S IT.  
10:47:01 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.

10:47:01 NOW WE'LL TAKE COUNCIL COMMENTS, STARTING WITH NICK.  
10:47:06 >>Nick Batos: I JUST WANT TO AGAIN COMPLIMENT THE WORK THAT  
10:47:11 SEEMS TO BE GOING ON ON ESTERO PARKWAY.  
10:47:14 THE LANDSCAPING REALLY LOOKS LIKE IT WILL COME ALONG VERY,  
10:47:16 VERY ATTRACTIVELY.  
10:47:20 VERY NICE.  
10:47:21 ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT, IT'S BEEN ABOUT SIX WEEKS SINCE I  
10:47:24 FIRST BROUGHT UP, OR BROUGHT UP AGAIN, THE SITUATION ON 41,  
10:47:29 AND NOTHING IS HAPPENING ON THERE AT ALL.  
10:47:32 I'M DISAPPOINTED TO SEE THAT WE'RE NOT MOVING THERE AT ALL.  
10:47:35 I HAVE ONE LAST ONE.  
10:47:39 I GUESS WE'LL HEAR SHORTLY FROM LISA ABOUT THE UPDATED  
10:47:45 ESTIMATES ON REAL TAXES.  
10:47:47 I HEARD FROM THE COUNTY THAT THEY'VE GOT A SIGNIFICANT  
10:47:53 INCREASE FROM THE LAST ONE, AND I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO SEE  
10:47:56 HOW OURS IS.  
10:48:02 >>Mayor Ribble: JIM.  
10:48:05 >>Jim Boesch: YES, A COUPLE OF THINGS.  
10:48:06 THE 23rd WE'LL BE MEETING WITH BIG CYPRESS BASIN IN  
10:48:12 DISCUSSION HOPEFULLY MOVING FORWARD.  
10:48:16 THINGS ARE LOOKING POSITIVE, HOPEFULLY.  
10:48:20 AND WE'LL KEEP YOU ADVISED AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING FORWARD  
10:48:25 WITH IT.

10:48:26 IT'S GOING TO BE A ROAD WE'LL TRY TO PASS, BUT WE'LL KEEP ON  
10:48:37 GOING.  
10:48:38 THE SECOND THING IS, WOKE UP THIS MORNING AND I SAW ON  
10:48:43 TELEVISION SIX STATIONS OPENING UP WITH COVID-19, WHICH IS  
10:48:58 JUST -- IF YOU THINK ABOUT ALL THE MONEY BEING PUT IN.  
10:49:00 WHEN I LOOK AT ESTERO, WE DID SO WELL IN THE FIRST PERIOD OF  
10:49:06 THIS TIME WHERE WE HAD -- ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO -- 30, 34  
10:49:12 CASES.  
10:49:15 LAST WEEK, WE JUMPED FROM 130 TO 165.  
10:49:20 THERE HAS GOT TO BE A MESSAGE.  
10:49:26 I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR ENTIRE COUNCIL TO PLEAD TO PEOPLE  
10:49:31 TO BE AWARE THAT THIS IS GETTING TO BE A MAJOR, MAJOR  
10:49:38 CATASTROPHE, NOT ONLY IN THE STATE BUT HERE IN ESTERO.  
10:49:41 SO IF WE CAN'T ABIDE BY THE THREE SIMPLE STEPS.  
10:49:47 STAY IN PLACE, SOCIAL DISTANCING, WEAR A MASK, WHICH IS SO  
10:49:54 SIMPLE, I THINK -- WE'LL WAKE UP EACH MORNING, ESPECIALLY  
10:50:00 PEOPLE OUR AGE, WONDER, DID I GET COVID VIRUS.  
10:50:09 ARE THE YOUNGER PEOPLE GETTING THE MESSAGE THAT THIS IS  
10:50:11 VITAL FOR THE HEALTH OF ALL OUR AMERICAN PEOPLE?  
10:50:16 THAT IS THE SECOND THING.  
10:50:18 THIRD THING, AT THE END OF THIS WEEKEND, NICK ADVISES ME  
10:50:21 THAT MAIL-IN BALLOTS WILL GO OUT.  
10:50:25 I DON'T WANT TO BREAK THE RULE, WHATEVER THE RULE IS, SINCE  
10:50:30 MAIL-IN BALLOTS GO OUT, WE ALL KNOW NICK BATOS, I'LL LEAVE



10:50:35 IT AT THAT.

10:50:36 LET'S ALL PULL TOGETHER BECAUSE IT WOULD BE AN HONOR --

10:50:44 >>Mayor Ribble: PAID FOR POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

10:50:46 DID YOU PAY FOR THAT NICK OR NO?

10:50:50 >>Nick Batos: NO.

10:50:51 >>Mayor Ribble: ANYTHING ELSE, JIM?

10:50:55 >>Jim Boesch: THAT'S FROM THE HEART.

10:50:57 NO CHARGE.

10:50:57 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.

10:50:58 KATY.

10:50:59 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YES.

10:51:00 I WANT TO APPLAUD ALL THE BUSINESSES AND THE PEOPLE IN

10:51:05 ESTERO WHO ARE TRYING TO PRACTICE THE CDC GUIDELINES WITH

10:51:13 SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WASHING YOUR HANDS AND WEARING A FACE

10:51:17 MASK.

10:51:17 I WOULD LIKE FOR US TO LEND OUR SUPPORT TO DR. LARRY

10:51:22 ANTONUCCI, PRESIDENT OF LEE HEALTH.

10:51:25 HE'S BEGGING FOR PEOPLE TO HELP BY WEARING MASKS.

10:51:33 I HOPE WE CAN DO THAT.

10:51:35 I WISH PEOPLE WOULD BE BETTER AT IT BECAUSE IF YOU WERE IN

10:51:39 HIS SHOES AND YOU HAVE 10% OF YOUR BEDS LEFT IN ICU, IT

10:51:45 WOULD BE A MAJOR CONCERN TO HOSPITALIZE ANYONE WHO COMES IN.

10:51:51 I FEEL LIKE I KNOW WHERE HE'S COMING FROM.

10:51:56 GOING THROUGH ANNUAL PHYSICALS AND ALL THAT, I STILL DO

10:51:59 THAT.

10:51:59 I WAS IN THERE FOR AN ANNUAL PHYSICAL.

10:52:02 THEY ARE SUPERB.

10:52:04 I WENT TO ANOTHER HOSPITAL, NOT IN COLLIER, NOT NCH, BUT

10:52:07 ANOTHER HOSPITAL IN ANOTHER COUNTY, FOR AN EYE EXAM, AND THE

10:52:13 NEXT DAY, AND IT WAS A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE, TO CHECK-IN,

10:52:19 THEY HAD A LITTLE BOTTLE OF HAND SANITIZER.

10:52:22 I WAS REALLY APPALLED AT THAT.

10:52:27 I THOUGHT I WAS COMPARING THE TWO HOSPITALS, HOW GREAT --

10:52:32 THIS WAS FOR AN EYE EXAM, OPHTHALMOLOGIST.

10:52:37 WHEN I GET IN THERE, INTO THE ROOM FOR THE EXAM, I DIDN'T

10:52:43 SEE EVERYTHING BEING WIPED DOWN.

10:52:45 OF COURSE, I SAID, DID YOU WIPE THE INSTRUMENTS?

10:52:49 OF COURSE, I UNDERSTAND, NOT TO THE DOCTOR BUT THE YOUNG

10:52:51 LADY WORKING THERE.

10:52:52 THEN SHE SAID, YOU HAVE TO TAKE OFF YOUR MASK FOR YOUR EYE

10:52:57 EXAM.

10:52:58 SHE HAD HER MASK ON.

10:52:59 I SAID, I'M NOT TAKING OFF MY MASK.

10:53:02 I'M RIGHT IN YOUR FACE.

10:53:04 SHE SAID, YOU HAVE TO TAKE IT OFF.

10:53:06 I CAN'T DO YOUR EYES UNLESS YOU TAKE YOUR MASK OFF.

10:53:07 I SAID, YOU HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF AN ATTITUDE, DON'T YOU?  
10:53:10 SO SHE GOT UP.  
10:53:12 SO THE DOCTOR CAME IN, AND I TOLD HIM, I SAID I'VE BEEN IN  
10:53:16 TWO HOSPITALS IN TWO DAYS, AND I CANNOT BELIEVE HOW LAX THIS  
10:53:21 ONE IS.

10:53:22 I LEFT THERE THINKING WHAT A GREAT, GREAT HOSPITAL WE HAVE  
10:53:29 HERE IN ESTERO WITH THE LEE HEALTH, AND WE HAVE TO DO  
10:53:37 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO SUPPORT WHAT THEY ARE TRYING TO DO.  
10:53:40 WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO HELP GET THE WORD OUT, I HOPE PEOPLE  
10:53:45 WILL APPRECIATE WHAT THEY DO HAVE BECAUSE I EXPERIENCED  
10:53:47 THOSE TWO THINGS, AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS REALLY AN  
10:53:50 EYE-OPENER.  
10:53:51 NO PUN INTENDED, GOING TO AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST.  
10:53:55 ANYWAY, LONG STORY SHORT, HE SAID HE COULDN'T DO THE  
10:54:00 PRESSURE ON THE EYE BECAUSE COULDN'T TAKE THE MASK OFF.  
10:54:03 WHATEVER.  
10:54:04 ANYWAY, I PASSED IT AND WENT ON.  
10:54:07 WE HAVE TO APPRECIATE WHAT WE HAVE IN OUR BACKYARD, BACK  
10:54:12 DOOR.  
10:54:15 THE SECOND IS, THIS WILL GET ANTONIO'S ATTENTION BACK THERE.  
10:54:20 WHAT CAN WE DO TO DO THESE MEETINGS ON YouTube ALSO, TO DO  
10:54:25 STREAMING, BUT ALSO YouTube?  
10:54:27 IS THAT COSTLY?  
10:54:29 WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?  
10:54:32 BECAUSE A LOT OF THINGS NOW ARE ON YouTube, AND IT'S SO  
10:54:35 EASY TO GO AND CLICK ON YouTube AND SEE A MEETING GOING  
10:54:38 ON.  
10:54:39 SO I'D LIKE FOR US TO CHECK INTO THAT.  
10:54:41 I THINK WE PROBABLY NEED BOTH.  
10:54:45 WE NEED THE STREAMING AND WE ALSO NEED SOMETHING LIKE

10:54:48 YOUTUBE.  
10:54:49 OTHER THAN THAT, I'M GOOD.  
10:54:52 >>Mayor Ribble: JIM WILSON.  
10:54:54 >>Jim Wilson: YES.  
10:54:56 I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A PROMOTION FOR LEE HEALTH.  
10:55:01 AS MOST OF THE COUNCIL KNOWS, I'M REHABILITATION FROM THE  
10:55:05 STROKE THAT I HAD LAST FALL.  
10:55:10 I'M HERE TO PRAISE THEIR REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT.  
10:55:13 THEY HAVE A BRAND-NEW FACILITY WITH WONDERFUL EQUIPMENT.  
10:55:17 AND I THINK THEY ARE DOING A TREMENDOUS JOB IN TERMS OF THE  
10:55:21 COMMUNITY SERVICE AND THE EFFORTS OF THE STAFF THERE.  
10:55:26 AS A FOLLOW-UP TO WHAT KATY WAS SAYING, THEY GO THROUGH A  
10:55:30 FULL CHECK-IN PROCEDURE, CHECKING YOUR TEMPERATURE AND HAND  
10:55:36 SANITIZER BEFORE THEY LET YOU IN THE HOSPITAL, EITHER AS A  
10:55:40 VISITOR OR ANYTHING ELSE.  
10:55:41 SO ANYWAY, IT'S A GREAT NEW FACILITY, AND WE SHOULD BE PROUD

10:55:45 TO HAVE IT IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
10:55:48 THANK YOU.  
10:55:48 >>Mayor Ribble: JON?  
10:55:51 >>Jon McLain: ON THE SAME TOPIC HERE, I WANT TO APPLAUD THE  
10:55:54 MAYOR'S LETTER THAT YOU WROTE.  
10:55:57 I THOUGHT THAT WAS VERY EFFECTIVE.  
10:55:59 I'M PERPLEXED OVER PEOPLE NOT WEARING THEIR MASKS, BUT  
10:56:05 TRYING TO MANDATE THAT I DON'T THINK IS GOING TO WORK.  
10:56:08 IT WILL BE TOO MUCH TURMOIL.

10:56:10 I LOOKED AT WHAT WAS GOING ON IN CAPE CORAL AND YOU GET  
10:56:14 50-50 ON THAT.  
10:56:16 BUT I'M JUST WONDERING, WITH MY BACKGROUND IN MARKETING, IF  
10:56:21 THERE'S SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO MORE IN THE VILLAGE OF  
10:56:24 ESTERO, AND JUST ONE THING.  
10:56:26 I MEAN, I'M JUST THROWING THIS OUT.  
10:56:28 MAYBE WE GET A COUPLE OF PEOPLE TOGETHER, BUT MAYBE AT THE  
10:56:32 ENTRY POINTS COMING INTO ESTERO WE PUT UP SOME KIND OF A  
10:56:36 PLACARD THAT SAYS ESTERO PROMOTES THE CDC GUIDELINES.  
10:56:42 WEAR YOUR MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS.  
10:56:44 THE SAME THING THAT EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT, BUT THE MORE  
10:56:48 YOU DO IT, I THINK THE BETTER THE COMPLIANCE MIGHT BE.  
10:56:52 IF ANYBODY IN OUR STAFF OR WHATEVER THAT HAVE SOME IDEAS,  
10:56:56 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OUR LOGO AND MAYBE ENTRY POINTS COMING  
10:57:00 IN HERE.  
10:57:00 IT ALSO LETS PEOPLE KNOW THAT THE VILLAGE IS IN SUPPORT OF  
10:57:06 ALL THOSE REQUIREMENTS THAT WE'RE ALL VERY FAMILIAR WITH.  
10:57:09 I THINK THE MORE YOU REMIND PEOPLE, I HAVE SEEN A CHANGE IN  
10:57:13 THE SHOPPING CENTERS HERE RECENTLY, THE GROCERY STORE.  
10:57:19 I HAVE SEEN IN OUR AREA PEOPLE UTILIZING MASKS MORE THAN  
10:57:23 THEY WERE TWO OR THREE WEEKS AGO.  
10:57:25 SOME PEOPLE ARE GETTING THE MESSAGE, BUT THE MORE WE CAN  
10:57:27 FLAG THEM, THE BETTER.  
10:57:28 IF THERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN DO, I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO WORK  
10:57:31 WITH STAFF AND COME UP WITH SOME IDEAS.

10:57:33 OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S DOLLARS INVOLVED IN SPENDING THAT.  
10:57:36 JUST A THOUGHT.  
10:57:38 THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MAYOR.  
10:57:39 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY, JON.  
10:57:41 HOWARD.  
10:57:42 >>Howard Levitan: SAID ENOUGH.  
10:57:43 >>Mayor Ribble: I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF SECONDS IN CLOSING.  
10:57:46 NOLEN COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY BECAUSE HIS WIFE IS HAVING  
10:57:52 SURGERY.  
10:57:52 AS YOU KNOW, HE WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.  
10:57:55 THEY ARE GOING THROUGH A REVAMPING RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF  
10:57:59 FUNDING.

10:57:59 IMAGINE A LOT OF THE SMALL BUSINESSES DON'T HAVE THE CAPITAL  
10:58:02 TO PAY THEIR DUES.  
10:58:04 SO THE REVENUE STREAM IS SLIM TO NONE.  
10:58:07 SO THEY ARE TRYING TO GO INTO A SITUATION OF COST  
10:58:09 INITIATIVES.  
10:58:10 THEY ARE CLOSING THE OFFICES OVER THERE AS WE KNOW IT BY THE  
10:58:14 CAR DEALERSHIP, AND THEY ARE GOING TO MOVE INTO SOME SPACE  
10:58:17 OVER HERE AT THE LEGACY CHURCH.  
10:58:19 BUT HE WILL BE HERE AT OUR NEXT MEETING.  
10:58:20 I ASKED HIM TO COME ON FIRST UNDER PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HE'LL  
10:58:25 GIVE US AN UPDATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE CHAMBER.  
10:58:28 YOU FOLKS ARE INVOLVED WITH THE CHAMBER.  
10:58:30 STILL HAVE THE LUNCHEON IN AUGUST.

10:58:33 I WOULD ENCOURAGE ATTENDANCE SO WE'LL KEEP YOU UPDATED AND  
10:58:37 HE'LL DO THAT NEXT WEEK.  
10:58:38 I KNOW A LOT OF YOU FOLKS LIKE MY NEW FASHIONABLE PIN.  
10:58:42 SOME OF YOU PEOPLE ASKED ME WHAT IT WAS OPPOSITE MY AMERICAN  
10:58:46 FLAG.  
10:58:46 I'M A PIN COLLECTOR.  
10:58:48 BEEN A PIN COLLECTOR FOR 50 YEARS, AND I WAS ON eBAY, AND  
10:58:52 I FOUND THIS WONDERFUL PIN OF A TRAFFIC LIGHT.  
10:58:55 JACK LEFT -- JACK, YOU'RE STILL HERE.  
10:59:00 IN RESPONSE TO JACK'S PROBLEM, THIS IS MY FIRST PUBLIC  
10:59:03 CAMPAIGN ABOUT GETTING THE LIGHT AT PELICAN COLONY BOULEVARD  
10:59:07 THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR TEN YEARS.  
10:59:12 WE'RE SO CLOSE.  
10:59:12 WE HAVE ONE DEVELOPER COMMITTED TO DO HIS HALF OF THE  
10:59:15 PROJECT AND ANOTHER DEVELOPER IS WAFFLING.  
10:59:19 UNTIL THAT LIGHT IS UP, I WILL BE SPORTING MY PIN.  
10:59:22 I'VE HAD A LOT OF COMMENTS, AND I KNOW THE COUNCIL HAS AS  
10:59:28 WELL, ABOUT THE MASK ISSUE.  
10:59:29 I APPLAUD THE COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL.  
10:59:31 I KNOW EVERYONE IS PULLING IN THE SAME DIRECTION.  
10:59:35 WE ARE GOVERNMENT LIGHT.  
10:59:37 WE DO NOT HAVE A POLICE DEPARTMENT.  
10:59:39 WE CAN'T BE LIKE SOME OF THESE OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT ARE  
10:59:41 THINKING ABOUT COMING UP WITH A MANDATE BECAUSE WE HAVE NO  
10:59:44 WAY OF ENFORCING IT.

10:59:46 IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS TO YOU WHEN YOU'RE OUT IN  
10:59:49 A BUSINESS OR IN A LOCATION THAT HAS A LICENSE, GO THROUGH  
10:59:54 ALL THE LICENSE BUSINESSES THAT WE HAVE, BUT THERE ARE  
10:59:57 THOUSANDS OF THEM.  
10:59:59 THERE IS THE DEPARTMENT DBPR, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND  
11:00:03 PROFESSIONAL REGULATION.  
11:00:04 IF YOU SEE SOMETHING THERE THAT'S TOTALLY UNETHICAL AND  
11:00:07 DOESN'T FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES OF THE CDD, FEEL FREE TO GIVE

11:00:13 THEM A CALL.  
11:00:13 THEY HAVE AN 800 NUMBER, A WEBSITE YOU CAN GET ON.  
11:00:17 YOU CAN FILE THE COMPLAINT.  
11:00:18 I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE A COUPLE OF COMPLAINTS FILED.  
11:00:20 PEOPLE GOT BACK WITH ME.  
11:00:22 THE DBPR HAD NOTIFIED THEM, AND THEY QUICKLY CAME INTO  
11:00:26 COMPLIANCE BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO BE CITED ON THEIR  
11:00:29 LICENSE.  
11:00:30 THAT IS THE REVENUE OF ACCOUNTABILITY.  
11:00:34 THE THING THAT SHOCKS ME IS I STILL GO INTO LOCATIONS WHERE  
11:00:38 I SEE PEOPLE THAT I KNOW WITHOUT A MASK ON IN A PUBLIC  
11:00:42 SETTING, IN A GROCERY STORE, WHATEVER, AND THEY KNOW BETTER  
11:00:46 -- THEY KNOW THEY SHOULD BE WEARING A MASK.  
11:00:48 I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW YOU REACH THOSE PEOPLE.  
11:00:50 I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT.  
11:00:53 ANYWAY, WE'RE DOING OUR PART.  
11:00:54 I THINK WITHOUT TWO OR THREE POSTS A DAY WITH KYLE ON  
  
11:01:01 FACEBOOK, AND MOST OF THE COUNCIL ON HERE IS ON Facebook.  
11:01:05 JIM, YOU ARE THE NEWEST MEMBER OF Facebook HERE, WE ALL  
11:01:08 SEE THE POSTS.  
11:01:09 WE ALL SEE THE NUMBERS.  
11:01:11 IT'S ALL SCARY, AND THEN THEY HAVE ALL THE LATEST UPDATE  
11:01:14 FROM LEE HEALTH.  
11:01:16 THEY PUT A NEW BULLETIN OUT THIS WEEK.  
11:01:19 YESTERDAY IT SAYS AVOID THE THREE Cs.  
11:01:22 CLOSE SPACES, CROWDED PLACES, AND CLOSE CONTACT SETTINGS.  
11:01:26 WEAR YOUR MASK, CLEAN ITEMS, WASH YOUR HANDS, AND STAY HOME.  
11:01:31 IT'S ALL OUT THERE.  
11:01:34 STEVE, YOU'RE UP.  
11:01:37 >>Steven Sarkozy: YES, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, I HAVE ONE  
11:01:39 ITEM, AND THAT IS RELATED TO THE TOPIC WE PREVIOUSLY  
11:01:45 DISCUSSED ABOUT COCONUT.  
11:01:46 THE NOTICE JUST CAME TO US YESTERDAY AT NOON OF THE PUBLIC  
11:01:50 MEETING SCHEDULE IN THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS REGARDING THE  
11:01:55 RAPTOR BAY PROJECT.  
11:01:57 AND I'M RECOMMENDING THAT WE ASSIGN ONE MEMBER OF COUNCIL TO  
11:02:02 NEGOTIATE WITH STAFF WITH THE BONITA SPRINGS FOLKS.  
11:02:07 WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO TO UPGRADE COCONUT.  
11:02:11 I'M RECOMMENDING THAT IT BE OUR DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER.  
11:02:16 IN THIS CASE IT WOULD BE COUNCIL MEMBER MAYOR BILL RIBBLE.  
11:02:19 BONITA WILL BE TAKING SOME ACTION TODAY AT THEIR COUNCIL  
11:02:24 MEETING TO APPOINT SOMEBODY SIMILARLY.  
  
11:02:28 SO THAT'S THEIR DECISION AS TO WHO IT MIGHT BE, BUT I THINK  
11:02:31 IT'S MOST APPROPRIATE IN OUR CASE THAT IT BE THE DISTRICT  
11:02:35 COUNCIL MEMBER.  
11:02:35 I WOULD APPRECIATE A MOTION AND A VOICE VOTE.

11:02:40 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: SO MOVED.  
11:02:44 >> SECOND.  
11:02:44 >>Mayor Ribble: DISCUSSION?  
11:02:47 >> I JUST WANT SOME OF OUR MONEY BACK.  
11:02:50 >>Mayor Ribble: YOU MADE THAT POINT WELL KNOWN.  
11:02:52 [ LAUGHTER ]  
11:02:52 SO NOTED.  
11:02:53 IN FACT, WE -- THE 138,000 THAT WE ORIGINALLY STARTED THE  
11:03:01 ROAD WITH, WE SHOULD GET A PIECE OF THAT ON THE TRAFFIC  
11:03:04 STUDY.  
11:03:04 I'LL DROP YOUR NAME, KATY.  
11:03:08 WE NEED A VOTE.  
11:03:12 OR JUST CONSENSUS.  
11:03:16 >>Steven Sarkozy: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR?  
11:03:19 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
11:03:21 >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU.  
11:03:22 >>Mayor Ribble: WHAT ELSE YOU GOT?  
11:03:24 >>Steven Sarkozy: THAT'S IT.  
11:03:28 >>Jon McLain: VETERANS DAY IS APPROACHING AND IT DOES TAKE  
11:03:29 A LOT OF PLANNING TO MAKE THAT EVENT.  
11:03:32 NOVEMBER 11 OR WHATEVER THE DATE IS GOING TO BE.

11:03:35 I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BE AT THAT POINT, BUT  
11:03:41 COUNCIL WANT US TO CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT?  
11:03:46 OR MAKE A CALL AND NOT DO IT?  
11:03:48 IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME WHICH WAY TO GO ON.  
11:03:51 >>Mayor Ribble: CAN WE WAIT UNTIL AUGUST?  
11:03:55 >>Carol Sacco: YOU'RE ON VACATION UNTIL SEPTEMBER AFTER  
11:03:58 JULY 22.  
11:04:03 >> WE COULD PROBABLY PULL IT TOGETHER --  
11:04:06 >>Mayor Ribble: -- MAKE THIS HAPPEN.  
11:04:11 >>Jon McLain: WHAT WE POTENTIALLY COULD DO IS ELIMINATE THE  
11:04:15 FOOD, WHICH TAKES A LOT OF PLANNING.  
11:04:18 THAT MAY NOT BE THE RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT THE MUSIC IS  
11:04:20 ALREADY SET.  
11:04:21 WE'VE GOT THE RESERVATION IN THERE, SO WE CAN DO THE  
11:04:24 PROMOTIONS AND ALL THAT, BUT MAKE IT A LITTLE LOWER KEY.  
11:04:29 EVERYBODY BRINGS THEIR OWN SEATS ANYWAYS.  
11:04:33 WHAT I'M KIND OF HEARING FROM EVERYBODY IS LET'S DO IT, BUT  
11:04:35 WE'LL DO IT WITHOUT THE FOOD.  
11:04:37 THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT THE SECOND WAVE.  
11:04:39 WE'RE STILL IN THE FIRST WAVE.  
11:04:41 THE SECOND WAVE COMES AROUND, AND IF IT DOESN'T WORK, WE'LL  
11:04:44 MAKE A LAST-MINUTE CALL ON THAT.  
11:04:47 WE'LL CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD ON VETERANS DAY.  
11:04:52 >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT WITH THAT, CAROL?  
11:04:53 YOU'RE THE ONE RUNNING THE SHOW.

11:04:55 >>Carol Sacco: YEAH, WE'RE GOOD ON THAT.  
11:04:57 WE'RE GOOD.  
11:04:57 WE ALSO HAVE THE ATTORNEY TO SPEAK.  
11:05:01 >>Burt Saunders: I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD AT THIS POINT.  
11:05:04 >>Mayor Ribble: THAT'S IT.  
11:05:04 ALL THAT FOR THAT?  
11:05:06 >>Burt Saunders: UM-HUM.  
11:05:07 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.  
11:05:08 ARE WE DONE?  
11:05:08 FINISHED?  
11:05:09 ANYONE ELSE?  
11:05:10 FOREVER HOLD THEIR PEACE.  
11:05:13 MOTION TO ADJOURN?  
11:05:14 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: SO MOVED.  
11:05:14 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.  
11:05:15 THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED.