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COVID-19 NOTICE:

The March 24, 2021 Village Council Meeting will be conducted physically in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle, with an opportunity to participate virtually. The meeting will be broadcasted live via the Village of Estero website link: <https://estero-fl.gov/council/watch-meetings-online/>. Access in Council Chambers will be limited in order to comply with the safety instructions relating to COVID-19. Please see page 3 of this agenda for further information and instructions for public participation.

AGENDA

VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle, Estero, Florida

March 24, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Village Council: District 1 – Joanne Ribble; District 2 – Larry Fiesel; District 3 – Jon McLain, Vice Mayor; District 4 – Katy Errington, Mayor; District 5 – James Boesch; District 6 – Jim Ward; District 7 – Jim Wilson

1. CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION – Pastor Nolen Rollins Legacy Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

(a) March 17, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

5. Key to City:

- William Ribble – District 1
- Howard Levitan – District 2
- Nicholas Batos – District 6

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS DEFERRED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- (a) Resolution 2021-05 a Resolution of the Village Council of Estero, Florida, Honoring William Ribble and Providing an Effective date.

Recommended Action: none

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Financial Impact: none

- (b) Resolution 2021-06 A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida; Honoring Howard Levitan, Estero's First Vice-Mayor, and Providing an Effective Date.

Recommended Action: none

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Financial Impact: none

- (c) Resolution 2021-07 a Resolution of the Village Council of Estero, Florida, Honoring Nicholas Batos Estero's First Mayor, and Providing an Effective date.

Recommended Action: none

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Financial Impact: none

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

9. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

11. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Adjourn Regular Session and Convene Workshop Items

12. WORKSHOP ITEMS:

Council Assignments

13. ADJOURNMENT

Light Reception

To view and/or participate in the Council Meeting on March 24, 2021, which begins at 9:30 a.m., the following options are available:

1) View the meeting online, but not participate:

You may watch the meeting via the Village of Estero website link:

<https://estero-fl.gov/council/watch-meetings-online/>

2) View the meeting online as indicated above and provide public comment during the meeting by utilizing the eComment Card feature on the Village website:
<https://estero-fl.gov/ecomment-cards/> Please fill out all required information. Comments received during the agenda item being discussed will be placed into the record.

3) The Council Chambers will be available for public comment, in accordance with social distancing orders. Participants are recommended to wear their own-supplied mask. For additional information or for special assistance prior to the meeting, please contact Carol Sacco, Village Clerk/Executive Assistant, sacco@estero-fl.gov or 239-221-5035.

If you desire to address the Council, please complete a Public Comment Card and return it to the Village Clerk. Citizens desiring to speak must step up to the podium, state their full name and address, and whom he or she represents.

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Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes: “If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a recording of the proceeding, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim recording of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.”

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FINAL ACTION AGENDA/MINUTES

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

**Village of Estero Council Chambers
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle
Estero, FL 33928
March 17, 2021 9:30 a.m.**

- 1. OATH OF OFFICE:** Honorable Elisabeth Adams, 20th Judicial Circuit Judge
 - Joanne Ribble – District 1
 - Larry Fiesel – District 2
 - Jim Ward – District 6

- 2. CALL TO ORDER**

INVOCATION: Pastor Frank Brand/First Baptist Church Estero

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice Mayor Errington.

ROLL CALL: Present: Vice Mayor Katy Errington - District 4, Joanne Ribble - District 1, Councilmember Larry Fiesel - District 2, Councilmember Jon McLain - District 3, Councilmember Jim Boesch - District 5, Councilmember Jim Ward - District 6, and Councilmember Jim Wilson - District 7.

Also present: Village Manager Steve Sarkozy, Village Attorney Burt Saunders, Deputy Village Manager Kyle Coleman, Community Development Director Mary Gibbs, Deputy Village Clerk Tammy Duran, and Village Clerk Carol Sacco.

- 3. ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Motion: Motion to elect Vice Mayor Errington to be Mayor.

Motion by: Councilmember Ribble

Seconded by: Councilmember McLain

Action: Elected Vice Mayor Errington to be Mayor.

Vote: (Roll Call)
Aye: Councilmembers Ribble, Wilson, McLain, Boesch, Fiesel, Ward,
and Vice Mayor Errington.
Nay:
Abstentions:

4. ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Motion: Motion to elect Councilmember McLain to be Vice Mayor.

Motion by: Councilmember Wilson

Seconded by: Councilmember Fiesel

Action: Elected Councilmember McLain to be Vice Mayor.

Vote: (Roll Call)
Aye: Councilmembers Ribble, Wilson, McLain, Boesch, Fiesel, Ward,
and Mayor Errington.
Nay:
Abstentions:

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS

Motion: Motion to approve agenda.

Motion by: Councilmember Boesch

Seconded by: Vice Mayor McLain

Action: Approved agenda.

Vote: (Roll Call)
Aye: Councilmembers Ribble, Wilson, Boesch, Fiesel, Ward, Vice
Mayor McLain, and Mayor Errington.
Nay:
Abstentions:

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

7. PROCLAMATIONS:

- Marcus T. “Tim” Allen, Ph.D.
- Barry Freedman

- Bill Glass
- John Yarbrough

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) February 24, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes
- (b) March 3, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion by: Vice Mayor McLain
Seconded by: Councilmember Boesch

Action: Approved the Consent Agenda.

Vote: (Roll Call)
Aye: Councilmembers Ribble, Wilson, McLain, Boesch, Fiesel, Ward, and Mayor Errington.

Nay:

Abstentions:

9. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS DEFERRED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

10. ACTION ITEMS:

- (a) Resolution 2021-04 a Resolution of the Village of Estero, Florida, Vacating a Portion of the Plat of The Plaza Del Sol Subdivision, According to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 80, Page 4, Public Records of Lee County, Florida, Lying and being in Section 35, Township 46 South, Range 25 East, Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida; and Providing for an Effective Date.

Staff Presentation/Comments:

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager
 Mary Gibbs, Community Development Director

Council Questions or Comments:

Councilmember Ward.

Public Comments: None.

Motion: Motion to approve Resolution 2021-04.

Motion by: Councilmember Wilson
Seconded by: Councilmember Fiesel

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-04.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Ribble, Wilson, Boesch, Fiesel, Ward, Vice Mayor McLain, and Mayor Errington.

Nay:

Abstentions:

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmembers Ribble, Wilson, Boesch, Fiesel, Ward, Vice Mayor McLain, and Mayor Errington.

13. VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Staff Presentation/Comments:

Burt Saunders, Village Attorney

Council Questions or Comments:

Councilmembers Boesch, Vice Mayor McLain, and Mayor Errington.

Motion: Motion to authorize the Mayor to provide letters to our legislative delegation on several issues of local government preemption that are being considered by the legislature, one being building design standards preemption, the other being the comprehensive plan language in Senate Bill 284, and the language in House Bill 403, which is the home-based business preemption.

Motion by: Councilmember Ribble

Seconded by: Councilmember Fiesel

Action: Authorized the Mayor to provide letters to our legislative delegation on several issues of local government preemption that are being considered by the legislature, one being building design standards preemption, the other being the comprehensive plan language in Senate Bill 284, and the language in House Bill 403, which is the home-based business preemption.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Ribble, Wilson, Boesch, Fiesel, Ward, Vice Mayor McLain, and Mayor Errington.

Nay:

Abstentions:

14. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT:

Staff Presentation/Comments:

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Council Questions or Comments: None.

Motion: Motion to appoint Councilmember Ribble to be our liaison to the Florida League of Cities.

Action: Appointed Councilmember Ribble to be our liaison to the Florida League of Cities.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Ribble, Wilson, Boesch, Fiesel, Ward, Vice Mayor McLain, and Mayor Errington.

Nay:

Abstentions:

Adjourn Regular Session and Convene Workshop Items

15. WORKSHOP ITEM:

(a) Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization Board Volunteer

Staff Presentation/Comments:

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Consensus of Council to have staff conduct interview via Zoom of the applicants, and bring back recommendations of two people, a designate and an alternate to serve Estero.

16. ADJOURNMENT at 10:26 am.

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: _____

By: _____

Carol Sacco, Village Clerk

Katy Errington, Mayor

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
March 24, 2021

Agenda Item:

Resolution 2021-05

Description:

Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Honoring William Ribble and Providing an Effective Date.

Action Requested:

None

Financial Impact:

None

Attachments:

1. Resolution 2021-05

1 **VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 05**

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5 **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE**
6 **VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, HONORING**
7 **WILLIAM RIBBLE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE**
8 **DATE.**
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10 **WHEREAS**, William Ribble was actively involved in the process that resulted in
11 the incorporation of the Village of Estero on December 31, 2014; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, William Ribble served as Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmember
14 of the Village of Estero Council from March 17, 2015 to March 15, 2021, representing
15 District 1; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, William Ribble also served as liaison for the Southwest Chapter of
18 the Florida League of Cities for which he served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President
19 and President as well as the Florida League of Cities Board, and also served on the
20 Transportation Policy Committee and the “Fly In” Committee; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, William Ribble also served as the liaison for the Lee County
23 Metropolitan Planning Organization serving as Vice Chair and Chairperson; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, William Ribble has been involved in many local community
26 organizations, including serving as co-chair of the Pelican Landing Unit Owners
27 Committee, chaired The Colony Design Review Committee and was the Chairman of
28 The Colony Residents Council, co-chaired the first Children’s Hospital Golf Outing at
29 the Colony in Pelican Landing; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, William Ribble’s vast corporate experience was instrumental in
32 establishing the operations of “government lite”; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, William Ribble’s applied his lifelong experience in the private
35 sector to establish corporate governance policies resulting in an efficient and well run
36 government structure; and
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38 **WHEREAS**, the Village of Estero Council, Staff, and Citizenry wish to show
39 appreciation and acknowledgement to William Ribble for his faithful service to the
40 Village of Estero.
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42 **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Katy Errington, Mayor of the Village of Estero, Lee
43 County, Florida, on behalf of the members of the Village Council, Village Staff, and the
44 Citizens of Estero, do hereby express heartfelt thanks and commendations to William


45 Ribble for his dedicated service to the Village of Estero and his commitment to making
46 Estero “a crown jewel” for Southwest Florida.


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48 **ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL** of the Village of Estero, Florida
49 this 24th day of March, 2021.

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51 Attest:

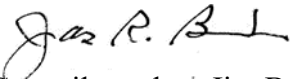
VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

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53 By: 
54 Mayor, Katy Errington

By: 
Vice Mayor, Jon McLain

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Councilmember, Larry Fiesel

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63 Councilmember, Jim Wilson

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68 By: 
69 Burt Saunders, Esq., Village Attorney

By: 
Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
March 24, 2021

Agenda Item:

Resolution No. 2021 – 06

Description:

A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida; Honoring Howard Levitan, Estero’s First Vice-Mayor, and Providing an Effective Date.

Action Requested:

None

Financial Impact:

None

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2021 - 06

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VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA; HONORING HOWARD
LEVITAN, ESTERO'S FIRST VICE-MAYOR, AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Howard Levitan was actively involved in the process that resulted in the incorporation of the Village of Estero on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Howard Levitan served as Vice Mayor and Councilmember of the Village of Estero Council from March 17, 2015 to March 15, 2021, representing District 2; and

WHEREAS, Howard Levitan also served as Vice Chair of the Estero Council of Community Leaders and as Secretary to the Estero Community Planning Panel prior to incorporation and serving on the Village Council; and

WHEREAS, Howard Levitan was liaison to the Community Development Department, the Planning and Zoning Board, and the Design Review Board from 2015-2021; and

WHEREAS, Howard Levitan advocated for a "Village Center" area which resulted in community planning to enable diverse, sustainable, and high quality development; and

WHEREAS, Howard Levitan was instrumental in setting the vision for the Village, through his active role in the preparation and adoption of the Village's first Comprehensive Plan and first Land Development Code, two major achievements; and

WHEREAS, these planning efforts focused on creating high quality development in the Village which will have a significant and enduring impact on the community for decades; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero Council, Staff, and Citizenry wish to show appreciation and acknowledgement to Howard Levitan for his faithful service to the Village of Estero.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katy Errington, Mayor of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, on behalf of the members of the Village Council, Village Staff, and the Citizens of Estero, do hereby express heartfelt thanks and commendations to Howard Levitan for his dedicated service to the Village of Estero and his commitment to making Estero "a crown jewel" for Southwest Florida.

ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL of the Village of Estero, Florida this 24th day of March, 2021.

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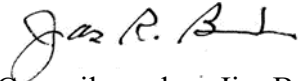
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51 By: 

52 Mayor, Katy Errington

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54 Councilmember, Joanne Ribble

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57 Councilmember, Jim Boesch

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60 Councilmember, Jim Wilson

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64 Reviewed for legal sufficiency:

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66 By: 

67 Burt Saunders, Esq., Village Attorney

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VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: 

Vice Mayor, Jon McLain



Councilmember, Larry Fiesel



Councilmember, Jim Ward

By: 

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
March 24, 2021

Agenda Item:

Resolution No. 2021 – 07

Description:

A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida; Honoring Nicholas Batos, Estero's First Mayor, and Providing an Effective Date.

Action Requested:

None

Financial Impact:

None

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2021 - 07

1 **VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07**

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5 **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE**
6 **VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA; HONORING**
7 **NICHOLAS BATOS, ESTERO'S FIRST MAYOR, AND**
8 **PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
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10 **WHEREAS**, Nicholas Batos was actively involved in the process that resulted in
11 the incorporation of the Village of Estero on December 31, 2014; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, Nicholas Batos served as the first Mayor and Councilmember of the
14 Village of Estero Council from March 17, 2015 to March 15, 2021, representing District
15 6; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, Nicholas Batos also served as the Chairman of the Estero Council
18 of Community Leaders (ECCL) from 2012 through 2014 and led the successful effort to
19 place the incorporation of Estero on the November 2014 ballot, which passed by a
20 resounding 86 percent; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, Nicholas Batos, as one of the founding fathers of the Village,
23 established a legacy of unparalleled accomplishments that will serve the community for
24 generations to come and helped define the principles of "government lite" to mean
25 operations of the Village with only 10 full-time staff for a community of over 35,000 in
26 population; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, Nicholas Batos was instrumental in establishing financial reserves
29 at a level of 12 months of operating revenue, one of the highest reserves in Southwest
30 Florida and lowered the Village Property Tax rate in 4 of the 6 years in office resulting in
31 the lowest tax rate in all of Southwest Florida; and
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33 **WHEREAS**, Nicholas Batos, further worked to define the Village's operating
34 principles to include the highest level of transparency, the highest standards for financial
35 audits and the highest standards for public decorum and ethical conduct; and
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37 **WHEREAS**, Nicholas Batos was a strong advocate for the establishment of
38 formal Master Plans in each of the areas of operational responsibility to be used to inform
39 and guide the Village's service to the community. These include the Storm Water Master
40 Plan, the Village-wide traffic study, the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan,
41 and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan; and
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43 **WHEREAS**, the Village of Estero Council, Staff, and Citizenry wish to show
44 appreciation and acknowledgement to Nicholas Batos for his faithful service to the
45 Village of Estero; and

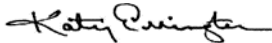
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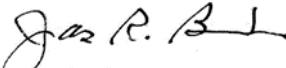
VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: 
Mayor, Katy Errington


By: 
Vice Mayor, Jon McLain


Councilmember, Joanne Ribble



Councilmember, Larry Fiesel


Councilmember, Jim Boesch


Councilmember, Jim Ward


Councilmember, Jim Wilson

Reviewed for legal sufficiency:

By: 
Burt Saunders, Esq., Village Attorney

By: 
Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager