

VILLAGE OF ESTERO COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021
9:30 A.M.

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09:29:51 [SOUNDING GAVEL]
09:29:52 >>Mayor Ribble: IT'S 9:30.
09:29:54 GOOD MORNING.
09:29:54 I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE JANUARY 6, 2021, VILLAGE COUNCIL
09:29:57 MEETING TO ORDER.
09:29:59 I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE TO SILENCE THEIR CELL PHONES
09:30:02 AND REMIND THE COUNCIL AND STAFF TO PLEASE SPEAK INTO THE
09:30:06 MICROPHONE SO WE CAN ALL HEAR YOU AND SO THOSE AT HOME CAN
09:30:10 HEAR US.
09:30:10 THIS MORNING, WE'RE BLESSED TO HAVE PASTOR NOLEN ROLLINS
09:30:13 FROM THE LEGACY CHURCH, WHO IS NO STRANGER TO THIS CHAMBER
09:30:17 AND THIS COMMUNITY.
09:30:19 NOLEN, WOULD YOU GIVE US THE INVOCATION, PLEASE?
09:30:25 >> I WILL.
09:30:25 I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A GREETING TO JIM WILSON, MY DEAR
09:30:29 FRIEND, WHOM I HAVE NOT SEEN IN FOREVER.
09:30:31 JIM, I WANT YOU TO KNOW WE'RE STILL PRAYING FOR YOU.

09:30:33 ALMIGHTY GOD, CREATOR AND SUSTAINER OF THE EARTH, THE ENTIRE
09:30:41 UNIVERSE, WE THANK YOU AND AT THE SAME TIME TODAY, WE PLEAD
09:30:45 WITH YOU FOR OUR COUNTRY.
09:30:47 FIRST, WE THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF LIVING IN THE
09:30:50 GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.
09:30:52 WE THANK YOU FOR THE HISTORIC, UNSELFISH LEADERS WHO CREATED
09:30:57 AND DESIGNED THE PROCESSES AND SYSTEMS THAT HAVE MADE OUR
09:31:00 COUNTRY GREAT.
09:31:02 WE THANK YOU FOR PAST SUCCESSES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH AND
09:31:06 EDUCATION.
09:31:08 THE SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS THAT HAS BEEN ENTWINED IN ALL OUR
09:31:14 LIVES AND THE COMMON BOND OF BROTHERHOOD THAT HAS ENABLED US
09:31:19 TO DISAGREE AND STILL BE PROGRESSIVE IN MOVING FORWARD IN
09:31:23 BUILDING A GREAT COUNTRY.
09:31:24 TODAY, WE ALSO PLEAD WITH YOU TO PROTECT AND SUSTAIN WHAT
09:31:32 HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE MIDST OF THE CURRENT
09:31:35 DIVISIVENESS AND HATRED AND SELF-CENTEREDNESS AND REALLY
09:31:39 BASIC EVIL THAT IS NOW BEING PROMOTED AS GOOD AND RIGHT.

09:31:43 HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, LEAD US TO STAND FOR WHAT IS RIGHT AS
09:31:52 INDIVIDUALS AND AS LEADERS.
09:31:53 WE PRAY THAT HERE IN THIS BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE OF ESTERO, WE
09:31:58 WILL LEAD THE WAY IN FOLLOWING THE PRINCIPLES OF OUR
09:32:03 JUDEO-CHRISTIAN HERITAGE THAT HAVE MADE US A GREAT COUNTRY.
09:32:08 AND PROTECTING OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND EXTENDING
09:32:17 FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE TO OTHERS RATHER THAN SELF-CENTEREDNESS

09:32:21 AND HATRED.
09:32:22 FATHER, WE LOVE THIS COUNTRY, AND WE'RE ASKING YOU TO
09:32:26 PROTECT IT, THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE A GREAT COUNTRY.
09:32:31 AND HERE IN OUR LOCALE, WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE
09:32:34 PRIVILEGE OF LIVING IN THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY, AND WE PRAY THAT
09:32:38 YOU WOULD HELP US, THAT WE WOULD DO ALL WE CAN AS LEADERS TO
09:32:43 CONTINUE TO MAKE THIS THE GREATEST PLACE TO LIVE IN ALL THE
09:32:47 WORLD.
09:32:47 WE ASK IT IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.
09:32:52 >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, PASTOR ROLLINS.
09:32:54 WE APPRECIATE IT.
09:32:55 PLEASE JOIN VICE-MAYOR KATY ERRINGTON AND MYSELF IN THE
09:32:58 PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.
09:32:59 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]
09:33:14 >>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
09:33:18 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITAN?
09:33:19 >>Howard Levitan: HERE.
09:33:21 >>Jon McLain: HERE.
09:33:22 >>Jim Boesch: HERE.
09:33:25 >>Nick Batos: HERE.
09:33:25 >>Jim Wilson: HERE.
09:33:26 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: HERE.
09:33:29 >>Mayor Ribble: HERE.
09:33:30 NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
09:33:33 DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE

09:33:36 AGENDA?
09:33:37 ANY CHANGES?
09:33:42 MARY, NOTHING?
09:33:43 YOU'LL ADDRESS THAT LATER.
09:33:46 OKAY.
09:33:46 DO I HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA?
09:33:49 MOVED BY KATY ERRINGTON.
09:33:51 SECONDED BY MR. BATOS.
09:33:53 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
09:33:55 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
09:33:58 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
09:33:58 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
09:34:01 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
09:34:03 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.

09:34:05 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
09:34:07 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
09:34:08 OKAY.
09:34:09 THE NEXT PART IS THE FUN PART OF THE MEETING.
09:34:11 WE WERE GOING TO HAVE A CONCERT THIS MORNING, BUT THE BAND,
09:34:15 UNFORTUNATELY, DIDN'T SHOW UP TO SUPPORT MR. BEN ALLEN.
09:34:20 MR. ALLEN, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME TO THE PODIUM?
09:34:25 FOR THOSE FOLKS WATCHING AT HOME, WE'VE ALREADY GIVEN OUR
09:34:27 FAVORITE ROCK STAR RESIDENT, BEN ALLEN, HIS KEY TO THE CITY.
09:34:33 AND I HAD TO TAKE IT BACK BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO GO TO HIS
09:34:36 CONCERT SATURDAY NIGHT, SEVERAL US.

09:34:39 AND WE'LL PRESENT THE KEY IN FRONT OF ALL OF THE ATTENDEES
09:34:42 AT THE HERTZ ARENA.
09:34:45 COUNCILMAN BATOS TELLS ME EVERYONE THERE WILL BE ISSUED AN
09:34:49 ESTERO MASK.
09:34:50 IF YOU HAVE A MASK TODAY, SHOW UP AT THE CONCERT, YOU GET A
09:34:52 SECOND MASK.
09:34:53 IT WILL PAY YOU TO SHOW UP.
09:34:55 THANK YOU, NICK, FOR PROVIDING THAT TO ALL THE FOLKS THAT
09:34:57 ARE GOING TO BE COMING TO THIS CONCERT.
09:34:59 I THOUGHT WE WOULD TAKE A FEW MINUTES THIS MORNING.
09:35:02 I THOUGHT -- GARY, WHERE ARE YOU?
09:35:04 WHERE IS GARY ISRAEL?
09:35:05 GARY, YOU DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB WITH THIS ISSUE.
09:35:08 IT REALLY PLAYS INTO OUR WHOLE MEETING TODAY.
09:35:12 THE CHAMBER ARTICLE IN HERE, WHICH WE'LL TALK ABOUT LATER,
09:35:15 BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, FOR OUR ROCK STAR FRIEND, HE HAS A
09:35:18 GREAT ARTICLE.
09:35:19 YOU HAVE SEVERAL PICTURES IN HERE AND QUOTES.
09:35:23 FOR YOU FOLKS THAT HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE TO READ IT, IT
09:35:25 REALLY TELLS THE WHOLE STORY OF BEN ALLEN'S LEGACY.
09:35:30 I THINK THE INTERESTING PIECE IN THERE, THE MOST IMPRESSIVE
09:35:34 PIECE IS THE FACT THAT 40,000 PEOPLE TRIED TO GET WHERE YOU
09:35:39 WERE AND ONLY 40 MADE THE CUT AND 9 WERE FINALISTS.
09:35:43 THAT IS JUST OUTSTANDING.
09:35:47 [APPLAUSE]

09:35:49 >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
09:35:50 IT'S MUCH APPRECIATED.
09:35:52 >>Mayor Ribble: CAN WE HAVE A LITTLE DIALOGUE?
09:35:56 BEFORE THE MEETING TODAY, EVERYBODY SAYS, WELL, WHAT'S THE
09:36:00 PIECE WITH ESTERO?
09:36:02 WE'RE MISSING THE PIECE WITH ESTERO.
09:36:04 HE'LL SHARE IN JUST A SECOND.
09:36:07 ONE OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE PROGRAM SHELTON MISPRONOUNCED
09:36:13 THE WORD AND CALLED IT --
09:36:16 >> HE DID.

09:36:17 HE SAID "STERILE."
09:36:20 WHERE IS "STERILE"?
09:36:22 NEVER HEARD OF "STERILE" BEFORE.
09:36:23 >>Mayor Ribble: MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE PUT THAT IN WITH OUR
09:36:26 LOGO, YOU KNOW, THAT WE'RE A LILY WHITE, CLEAN COMMUNITY.
09:36:31 >> WHERE NOTHING GROWS.
09:36:31 >>Mayor Ribble: NO BUGS, NO COVID, BUT WE CAN'T SAY THAT.
09:36:35 HOW ABOUT SHARING A SHORT STORY OF HOW THIS WHOLE THING CAME
09:36:38 INTO PLAY AND HOW IT EVOLVED.
09:36:40 >> THAT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR ME TO GET TO DO THAT.
09:36:46 I HAD BEEN THROUGH AN AUDITION PROCESS FOR THAT A COUPLE OF
09:36:49 DIFFERENT TIMES OVER A FEW YEARS, AND HAD BEEN CLOSE A TIME
09:36:53 OR TWO AND THEN HAD NOT REALLY THOUGHT MUCH ABOUT IT AGAIN,
09:36:56 AND I KIND OF RANDOMLY FOUND CONTACT IN MY PHONE ONE DAY.
09:37:01 I THOUGHT, I BETTER CALL THIS GUY.

09:37:06 THINGS CHANGE AND PEOPLE MOVE AROUND.
09:37:09 I THOUGHT, IF I WAIT, THIS GUY IS NOT GOING TO WORK FOR THAT
09:37:14 GROUP ANYMORE.
09:37:15 SO I JUST RANDOMLY DIALED HIS NUMBER SAID, HEY, I'VE BEEN
09:37:20 THINKING ABOUT TRYING THIS AGAIN.
09:37:21 IT HAD BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE I SPOKE TO THE GUY, BUT HE
09:37:24 REMEMBERED ME.
09:37:25 KNEW EXACTLY WHO I WAS.
09:37:26 AND HE WAS LIKE, YEAH, ABSOLUTELY, WE'RE IN THE PROCESS
09:37:30 RIGHT NOW.
09:37:31 I HAD NO IDEA THEY WERE EVEN DOING IT.
09:37:34 I THOUGHT MAYBE A FEW MONTHS OUT, NEXT SEASON.
09:37:36 FOUR DAYS LATER, I WAS ON A PLANE TO NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE
09:37:39 INITIAL AUDITION BECAUSE THAT'S THE CITY THEY JUST HAPPENED
09:37:43 TO BE IN THAT I HAD TIME TO GO TO.
09:37:45 SO I WENT THERE AND DID THAT.
09:37:47 AND I HAD PLAYED SHOWS ALL WEEKEND AROUND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
09:37:51 DOING WHAT I LOVE.
09:37:55 YOU'VE SEEN ALL WEEKEND AND YOUR VOICE GETS CHEWED UP AND
09:37:59 EVERYTHING.
09:37:59 SO I WENT TO THAT.
09:38:01 I TOLD EVERYBODY I WAS CROAKING LIKE A FROG THAT MORNING
09:38:03 WHEN I WENT IN THERE.
09:38:05 I THOUGHT, BOY, THEY'LL NEVER PUT ME THROUGH, BUT THEY PUT
09:38:08 ME RIGHT THROUGH.

09:38:10 LATER DOWN THE LINE, I WAS HEADED TO CALIFORNIA, AND THERE
09:38:15 WE WENT.
09:38:15 IT WAS A WHIRLWIND FROM THERE.
09:38:17 IN THE MIDST OF COVID AS WELL, WHICH WAS TOTALLY -- WHICH
09:38:21 TOTALLY AFFECTED THE EXPERIENCE.
09:38:23 IT WAS AN AWESOME THING TO BE A PART OF.

09:38:25 SURE WAS.
09:38:26 >>Mayor Ribble: YOU DID A WONDERFUL JOB.
09:38:27 WE ALL TUNED IN, AND EVERYBODY WAS TALKING ABOUT.
09:38:30 GARY FEATURING COMMENTS ON HIS Facebook PAGE EACH AND
09:38:35 EVERY DAY.
09:38:35 HE WAS ONE OF YOUR BIGGEST PERSONAL NEWS REPORTERS FOR YOU.
09:38:39 HE DID A WONDERFUL JOB, AS I MENTIONED, WITH THE ARTICLE.
09:38:44 DOES ANYONE FROM COUNCIL HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THAT THEY WOULD
09:38:46 LIKE TO ASK OUR CELEBRITY HERE?
09:38:49 IT'S NOT EVERY DAY WE GET A CELEBRITY TO COME INTO COUNCIL.
09:38:52 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I'LL MAKE A COMMENT.
09:38:53 I THOUGHT YOU WERE FABULOUS.
09:38:55 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH.
09:38:55 APPRECIATE THAT A LOT.
09:38:57 >>Mayor Ribble: IS THERE ANYONE -- YOU DON'T HAVE TO SIGN A
09:39:01 SPEAKER'S CARD.
09:39:02 ANYBODY IN THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT OR
09:39:04 ASK A QUESTION?
09:39:06 OKAY.

09:39:07 SO BE IT.
09:39:08 >>Jim Boesch: THE NEXT THING, WE WANT TO SEE YOU ON THE
09:39:12 GRAND OLE OPRY.
09:39:13 >> AMEN TO THAT.
09:39:14 I WANT TO STEP INTO THAT LITTLE SQUARE ONE DAY.
09:39:16 THAT IS MOST DEFINITELY ON MY -- IF I EVER GET TO DO THAT, I
09:39:21 WILL KNOW THAT I'VE MADE IT.
09:39:26 >>Mayor Ribble: WE'RE ALL SET -- GARY, ARE YOU GOING TO BE
09:39:30 AT THE CONCERT?
09:39:31 OKAY.
09:39:31 THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF US THERE.
09:39:33 MY WIFE ALREADY TOLD ME SHE KNOWS WHAT HER JOB IS, TAKE THE
09:39:36 PICTURES.
09:39:37 IT SHOULD BE A GREAT EVENT.
09:39:43 I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF FOLKS EXCITED THAT ARE ATTENDING
09:39:46 THAT HAVE CONTACTED ME.
09:39:47 AGAIN, THANK YOU.
09:39:49 IT'S KIND OF IRONIC THAT BOTH YOU AND HERTZ ARE GOING TO BE
09:39:53 IN THE SAME LOCATION.
09:39:54 SOME FOLKS HEARD OF ESTERO BECAUSE OF HERTZ.
09:39:56 NOW, EVERYBODY KNOWS OF ESTERO BECAUSE OF YOURSELF, AND WE
09:39:59 THANK YOU FOR THAT GREAT PUBLICITY.
09:40:03 >> GLAD THAT I COULD DO THAT.
09:40:04 IT WAS ALMOST INADVERTENT THE WAY IT CAME OUT.
09:40:08 VERY GLAD, IF IT BENEFITED OUR COMMUNITY, VERY PROUD TO BE A

09:40:14 PART.
09:40:14 >>Mayor Ribble: WE'LL SEE YOU AGAIN ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

09:40:16 SURE WE'LL HAVE A LOT OF FUN.
09:40:17 LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
09:40:19 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING ME.
09:40:23 [APPLAUSE]
09:40:24 >>Mayor Ribble: HAS ANYONE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT?
09:40:28 >>Carol Sacco: NO, MAYOR.
09:40:29 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
09:40:30 HOW ABOUT NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS THE CONSENT AGENDA.
09:40:33 ANY COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE
09:40:36 CONSENT AGENDA?
09:40:36 HEARING NONE.
09:40:42 DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA?
09:40:44 NICK.
09:40:45 SECONDED BY MR. BOESCH.
09:40:46 SO MOVED.
09:40:47 WE DON'T NEED A ROLL CALL ON THAT ONE.
09:40:50 THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS A CONTINUATION OF THE ESTERO
09:40:55 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FUTURE GROWTH.
09:41:02 >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR.
09:41:04 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
09:41:04 THIS ITEM IS THE ANNUAL CONSIDERATION OF A STIPEND TO THE
09:41:11 ESTERO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AND LEAD,
09:41:17 ACTUALLY, IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS FOR THE

09:41:19 VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
09:41:20 AS PEOPLE KNOW, THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO HAS A VERY LIMITED
09:41:24 STAFF, AND OUR SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES IS NECESSARILY SOMEWHAT
09:41:31 NARROW BECAUSE OF THE LIMITATIONS OF OUR STAFF.
09:41:36 THE CHAMBER AND OTHER OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS ACTUALLY PROVIDE
09:41:42 VERY USEFUL SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY AT-LARGE.
09:41:46 IN THE CASE OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THEIR PRINCIPAL
09:41:52 ACTIVITY IS SUPPORTING THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
09:41:54 DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS THAT HELP THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AS WELL.
09:42:01 IN THE PAST, WE'VE GIVEN MOST RECENTLY \$25,000 TO THE
09:42:08 CHAMBER FOR THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.
09:42:11 IT'S, AGAIN, RECOMMENDED THAT WE DO THE SAME THING FOR 2020
09:42:16 AND '21.
09:42:17 THEY HAVE PRESENTED ALREADY IN WORKSHOP, AND THE COUNCIL IS
09:42:24 WELL AWARE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE
09:42:27 VILLAGE AND PARTICULARLY A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE BUSINESS
09:42:30 COMMUNITY DURING THE COVID CRISIS.
09:42:31 SO THIS COMES TO YOU WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL.
09:42:34 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?
09:42:39 >>Jon McLain: I SPOKE WITH NOLEN THIS MORNING A LITTLE BIT
09:42:41 ABOUT THIS CONTRIBUTION -- POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION.
09:42:45 I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE CHAMBER WITH SELF-SUFFICIENT IN
09:42:54 THEIR ECONOMIC DRIVE TO KEEP THEMSELVES ORGANIZED IN THERE.
09:42:59 IF WE WERE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS \$25,000 CONTRIBUTION AS

09:43:06 AN IMPACT PARTNER, THAT'S GOING TO REPRESENT 38% OF THE

09:43:11 IMPACT PARTNERS CONTRIBUTIONS, WHICH I THINK IS HIGH.

09:43:16 I ENCOURAGE NOLEN THAT WE NEED TO FIND MORE IMPACT PARTNERS.

09:43:21 HE TELLS ME THAT THEY ARE IN THE EFFORT OF CONTINUING TO

09:43:24 REACH OUT, AND IF WE HAVE ANYBODY LISTENING THAT WOULD LOVE

09:43:29 TO BE AN IMPACT PARTNER, I THINK NOW IS A GOOD TIME FOR YOU

09:43:33 TO ALSO STEP UP.

09:43:34 I'D LIKE TO SEE OUR CONTRIBUTION BE SIGNIFICANT, LESS THAN

09:43:38 38%.

09:43:39 TOTAL INCOME, WE REPRESENT 12%, WHICH I THINK IS A FAIRLY

09:43:42 HIGH NUMBER FOR THE VILLAGE IN THERE.

09:43:45 BUT I'M ALL IN SUPPORT OF THE CHAMBER.

09:43:48 I WANT THEM TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

09:43:50 THIS IS AN UNUSUAL YEAR.

09:43:52 HOPEFULLY 2021 WILL BE BETTER FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

09:43:55 HERE.

09:43:57 SO I'M IN SUPPORT OF MOVING THIS FORWARD.

09:44:00 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?

09:44:02 OKAY.

09:44:05 HAS ANYONE SIGNED UP FROM THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK?

09:44:07 >>Carol Sacco: NO MAYOR.

09:44:08 >>Mayor Ribble: I JUST WANT TO MAKE A QUICK COMMENT.

09:44:11 I HOPE THE MOTION THAT WE AGREE ON MAKING THIS MORNING IS TO

09:44:15 HAVE THIS MONEY EARMARKED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

09:44:19 I THOUGHT GARY AND NOLEN DID A GREAT JOB PUTTING THAT

09:44:22 ARTICLE TOGETHER.

09:44:23 CERTAINLY UNDERSCORING ALL THE HARD WORK THAT GARY

09:44:27 BONVILLIAN HAS DONE UNDER THIS UMBRELLA OF ECONOMIC

09:44:30 DEVELOPMENT.

09:44:30 HE LOOKED AT ALL THE OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE AREA.

09:44:32 I TOLD YOU THE LAST TIME, THE PROBLEM WE HAVE WITH LIAISONS

09:44:36 WITH THIS COUNCIL IS, ALTHOUGH WE'VE BEEN VERY CIVIL AND

09:44:39 COLLABORATIVE, SOMETIMES WE DON'T LISTEN TO THE LIAISONS

09:44:41 THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO THE PROJECT.

09:44:43 LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN WE HAD JON McLAIN -- FOR THE

09:44:48 ESTERO PARKWAY.

09:44:48 I THINK WE ALL SUPPORTED YOU AND LISTENED TO WHAT YOU HAD TO

09:44:52 SAY.

09:44:52 I HAPPEN TO BE THE LIAISON FOR THE CHAMBER.

09:44:54 I KNOW A LOT ABOUT THE CHAMBER.

09:44:57 I HAVE A LONG, LONG HISTORY WITH THE CHAMBER.

09:44:59 LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THE LARGEST SHIPBUILDER IN THE WORLD

09:45:02 IS CALLED KVAERNER IN PHILADELPHIA IN THE OLD NAVY SHIPYARD.

09:45:08 IF IT WASN'T FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE CHAMBER OF

09:45:11 COMMERCE, THEY WOULD HAVE NEVER GOT KVAERNER IN THE CITY OF

09:45:15 PHILADELPHIA.

09:45:16 THEY LOST AN AWFUL LOT OF JOBS OVER THE YEARS WHEN THE STEEL
09:45:19 WENT SOUTH.
09:45:20 ANYWAY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN COMMUNITIES DOES WORK WHEN
09:45:22 THE MONEY IS EARMARKED FOR THAT.
09:45:24 IT'S NOT MEANT TO PAY PAYROLL.

09:45:26 IT'S NOT MEANT TO PAY FOR THE RENT.
09:45:28 IT'S MEANT TO HELP THEM BUILD THE ECONOMY OF ESTERO BY
09:45:31 ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESSES, INCREASING THE TAX REVENUE AND
09:45:36 ROLLS, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS MONEY SHOULD BE EARMARKED FOR,
09:45:39 AND THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.
09:45:41 OKAY.
09:45:42 AT THIS POINT, DO I HAVE A MOTION?
09:45:45 >>Jim Boesch: MAKE A MOTION THAT WE APPROVE \$25,000 FOR THE
09:45:50 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
09:45:50 >>Mayor Ribble: SECOND?
09:45:52 KATY ERRINGTON.
09:45:53 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
09:45:55 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON?
09:45:58 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
09:45:59 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
09:46:00 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
09:46:01 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
09:46:03 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
09:46:05 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
09:46:07 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
09:46:10 NOLEN, GOOD JOB.
09:46:12 CONGRATULATIONS.
09:46:13 HOPEFULLY YOU'RE GOING TO STAY FOR THE REST OF THE MEETING.
09:46:16 ALL RIGHT.
09:46:22 OKAY.

09:46:22 NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE
09:46:25 2020-11, ESTERO CROSSING RELATED TO THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT
09:46:29 CORKSCREW ROAD AND PUENTE LANE.
09:46:32 MADAM CLERK, HAS THE ORDINANCE BEEN PROPERLY ADVERTISED?
09:46:36 >>Carol Sacco: YES, MAYOR.
09:46:37 >>Mayor Ribble: WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE TITLE OF THE
09:46:39 ORDINANCE?
09:46:40 >>Carol Sacco: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE
09:46:42 VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-29 TO
09:46:45 REVISE CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONS FOR THE ESTERO
09:46:48 CROSSING MIXED-USE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED
09:46:52 1,000 FEET WEST OF INTERSTATE 75 AND SOUTH OF CORKSCREW ROAD
09:46:56 CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 43 ACRES; PROVIDING FOR
09:47:01 CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN
09:47:04 EFFECTIVE DATE.
09:47:06 >>Mayor Ribble: STEVE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS,

09:47:08 PLEASE?
09:47:09 >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
09:47:11 THIS IS A FIRST READING.
09:47:12 THE SECOND READING FOR THIS ORDINANCE IS SCHEDULED --
09:47:15 PROPOSED TO BE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 20th, SUBJECT TO
09:47:19 COUNCIL APPROVAL.
09:47:20 THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN INITIATING THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL
09:47:25 AND THE PAYMENT OF PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY OWNED SIGNAL AT
09:47:30 PUENTE LANE AND CORKSCREW ROAD AT THE LOWE'S ENTRANCE THERE,

09:47:36 AS WE COMMONLY KNOW IT.
09:47:39 THIS IS AN IMPORTANT INTERSECTION.
09:47:41 WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS IN THIS LOCATION, AND WE ARE
09:47:44 TRYING TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO EXPEDITE THIS SIGNAL AS MUCH AS
09:47:49 POSSIBLE, GIVEN THAT THE SIGNAL IS ACTUALLY ON A COUNTY ROAD
09:47:53 AND IT'S THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY.
09:47:58 WE ARE STEPPING UP AS THE PRIME PARTNER IN THIS, AND THE
09:48:02 ORDINANCE HERE WILL SECURE FUNDING AND A PROGRAM FOR FUNDING
09:48:07 FOR THIS TRAFFIC SIGNAL.
09:48:10 AS A FIRST READING, WE'RE RECOMMENDING THIS BE ADOPTED BY
09:48:14 COUNCIL, AGAIN, DESIGNATING JANUARY 20th AS THE SECOND
09:48:17 READING.
09:48:19 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
09:48:20 ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL ON THIS ITEM?
09:48:24 >>Howard Levitan: I HAVE A QUESTION, BILL.
09:48:26 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
09:48:26 HOWARD.
09:48:26 >>Howard Levitan: PERHAPS EITHER MARY OR DAVID COULD GIVE US
09:48:30 AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE LIGHT, WHERE WE ARE WITH LEE
09:48:34 COUNTY AND WHAT'S THE LIKELIHOOD THAT WE'LL NEED THIS
09:48:42 AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT TO THE ZONING FOR ESTERO
09:48:46 CROSSING?
09:48:47 >>Mary Gibbs: CAN YOU HEAR ME?
09:48:49 >>Howard Levitan: YES.
09:48:50 >>Mary Gibbs: OKAY.

09:48:51 WELL, DAVID WILLEMS IS ON VACATION, BUT THIS CAME UP AT THE
09:48:55 PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.
09:48:56 THEY ASKED ABOUT THE TIMING AS WELL.
09:48:58 MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE STOCK IS IN RIGHT NOW FOR THE
09:49:04 DEVELOPMENT ORDER FOR THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND THE
09:49:06 REVERSE FRONTAGE ROAD AND A LITTLE BIT OF THE PARK AREA.
09:49:11 THEY ARE EXPECTING THAT THEY WILL BE READY TO GET APPROVAL
09:49:15 BY THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD AROUND THE END OF JANUARY.
09:49:19 SO WE ASKED ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND HOW
09:49:23 THIS IS GOING TO WORK.
09:49:26 IN A PERFECT WORLD, YOU MIGHT NOT NEED THIS ORDINANCE
09:49:29 AMENDMENT, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE PROBABLY WILL BECAUSE THE

09:49:31 LATEST WE'VE HEARD FROM COUNTY D.O.T. IS I BELIEVE IT'S
09:49:34 PROBABLY GOING TO BE ABOUT A NINE-MONTH PROCESS TO GET THE
09:49:38 SIGNAL UP AND OPERATIONAL.
09:49:42 AND I KNOW THAT THE ENGINEER, I THINK, ADDRESSED IT AT
09:49:46 PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.
09:49:48 THE WAY THAT THE WORDING IS IN THE ZONING, THEY CAN
09:49:52 CONSTRUCT THEIR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS BUT THEY CANNOT OPEN
09:49:56 FOR BUSINESS UNTIL THAT SIGNAL IS OPERATIONAL.
09:50:00 AND IT LOOKS LIKE, AGAIN, WHAT I HEARD YESTERDAY I THINK
09:50:03 FROM THE APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY AND THE D.O.T. SENT AN E-MAIL
09:50:07 THAT SAID IT LOOKED LIKE IT WOULD BE ABOUT NINE MONTHS
09:50:09 BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT TO BID IT OUT AND IT TAKES APPARENTLY THE
09:50:14 LONGEST TIME TO ORDER THE MAST ARM, WHICH TAKES FOUR TO FIVE

09:50:19 MONTHS IN AND OF ITSELF.
09:50:21 STOCK WANTS TO PAY THEIR PROPORTIONATE SHARE.
09:50:25 THERE IS AN AGREEMENT, DAVID WILLEMS AND DEREK ROONEY HAVE
09:50:30 BEEN WORKING ON THE OTHER PART OF THE AGREEMENT FOR PAYING
09:50:32 THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION COST.
09:50:34 THAT WILL COME BACK TO THE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 20th AT THE
09:50:37 SAME TIME THAT THIS AMENDMENT COMES FORWARD.
09:50:39 I HOPE THAT HELPED EXPLAIN IT A LITTLE BIT.
09:50:43 >>Howard Levitan: THANK YOU, MARY.
09:50:45 >>Mayor Ribble: DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, HOWARD?
09:50:47 >>Howard Levitan: YES.
09:50:48 THANK YOU.
09:50:48 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?
09:50:50 KATY.
09:50:51 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: LOOKING BACK OVER THE RECORDS, THIS
09:50:55 TRAFFIC LIGHT WAS PART OF THE REASON THAT STOCK DEVELOPMENT
09:51:00 GOT APPROVAL.
09:51:03 THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE AREA BEHIND WHERE THE DEVELOPMENT
09:51:06 IS GOING TO BE CREATED -- THEY ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE COME TO
09:51:12 US FOR THE LAST FOUR AND A HALF TO FIVE YEARS WANTING ACCESS
09:51:15 TO A BETTER WAY TO GET IN AND OUT OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT.
09:51:23 I THINK IF WE GO IN THIS DIRECTION, THAT THE FOLKS WHO LIVE
09:51:26 IN THE AREA WILL BE REALLY UPSET, AND I DON'T KNOW IF
09:51:31 THEY'VE HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK OR NOT, BUT I WAS SURPRISED
09:51:35 WHEN I SAW THIS BECAUSE WE WENT THROUGH THIS.

09:51:39 THIS WAS A LONG PROCESS, AS I REMEMBER.
09:51:42 IT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN A BIG BOX STORE.
09:51:46 FINALLY, WITH YOUR HELP, MARY, AND EVERYBODY ELSE'S, IT GOT
09:51:50 DOWN TO A SIZE THAT WAS COMPATIBLE WITH THAT AREA THAT WE
09:51:53 THOUGHT WOULD BE SUITABLE THERE.
09:51:55 THE TRAFFIC LIGHT WAS THE NUMBER ONE OBJECT IN THAT.
09:52:00 IT WAS THE TRAFFIC LIGHT.
09:52:05 SO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN THAT AREA WANTED THE TRAFFIC

09:52:09 LIGHT.
09:52:09 I CAN FORESEE A REVERSAL ROAD, MONTHS AND MONTHS AND MONTHS
09:52:18 OF TRUCKS AND TRAFFIC GOING IN AND OUT OF THERE, THAT WILL
09:52:21 BE CHAOTIC AND NO TRAFFIC LIGHT.
09:52:24 I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S FEASIBLE WITHOUT THE TRAFFIC LIGHT.
09:52:28 I THINK WE'RE DOING AN INJUSTICE TO THE PEOPLE WHO FINALLY
09:52:33 CAME AROUND AND SUPPORTED WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO DO AS A
09:52:36 COUNCIL.
09:52:36 >>Mary Gibbs: IF I CAN COMMENT, I'LL MAKE A BRIEF COMMENT.
09:52:40 I THINK AT THE SECOND READING WILL BE THE PUBLIC HEARING
09:52:43 WHERE WE WANT TO HAVE ALL THE EXPLANATION.
09:52:44 BUT I DID NOTIFY THE RESIDENTS IN ISLAND CLUB AND CORKSCREW
09:52:51 CROSSING WHEN THIS CAME UP, JUST SO THEY WOULD BE AWARE OF
09:52:55 IT.
09:52:56 THEY DID COME -- A COUPLE OF THEM CAME TO THE PLANNING AND
09:52:59 ZONING BOARD MEETING.
09:53:00 THEY DIDN'T SPEAK, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, SO THEY'RE

09:53:04 AWARE THAT THIS IS GOING ON.
09:53:07 THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD, AND THEY ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE
09:53:11 COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING IF YOU WANT TO HAVE THAT ON THE
09:53:14 20th.
09:53:15 I THINK THE ISSUE THAT WE'LL BE EXPLAINING ON THE 20th --
09:53:18 AND I DON'T WANT TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY TODAY -- BUT I THINK
09:53:21 THE ISSUE IS STOCK WANTING TO PAY THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE.
09:53:26 THEY WILL STILL CONSTRUCT THE REVERSE FRONTAGE ROAD.
09:53:29 THE LANGUAGE THAT WOULD BE DELETED JUST RELATES TO THE
09:53:31 TRAFFIC LIGHT BEING OPERATIONAL.
09:53:33 THE REVERSE FRONTAGE ROAD WILL STILL NEED TO BE CONSTRUCTED
09:53:36 BEFORE THEY CAN OPEN THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.
09:53:39 BUT I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO TOO MUCH TESTIMONY, I THINK,
09:53:44 TODAY, BECAUSE TODAY IS NOT THE PUBLIC HEARING.
09:53:47 BUT THE APPLICANT IS HERE, AND THEY ARE LISTENING SO THAT
09:53:51 THEY WILL KNOW THEY CAN EXPLAIN ALL THIS WHEN WE COME BACK.
09:53:56 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: IT'S ESSENTIAL TO HAVE THIS PASSED
09:53:59 IN ORDER TO VOTE ON IT THE WAY WE WANT TO DO IT, IS THAT
09:54:02 WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
09:54:04 >>Mary Gibbs: I THINK BURT IS MORE OF AN EXPERT ON THE
09:54:07 QUASI -- THIS WOULD BE A QUASI-JUDICIAL, I THINK.
09:54:09 >>Burt Saunders: YOU'LL NEED TO VOTE TO MOVE THIS ON TO
09:54:12 SECOND READING.
09:54:13 IF YOU DON'T VOTE ON THAT TODAY, THEN YOU CANNOT HAVE YOUR
09:54:16 SECOND READING.

09:54:17 IF YOU DON'T PASS IT TODAY, THAT WILL BE THE END OF THE
09:54:22 ORDINANCE.
09:54:24 >>Mayor Ribble: WE NEED AN ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS
09:54:26 LIGHT HAPPEN, CORRECT?

09:54:27 >>Burt Saunders: THAT'S CORRECT.
09:54:30 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: ALREADY HAVE THE ORDINANCE FROM THE
09:54:32 PAST.
09:54:32 >>Mary Gibbs: BUT YOU WON'T HAVE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE
09:54:35 CONSTRUCTION PROPORTIONATE SHARE WHICH WILL ALSO BE COMING
09:54:37 ON THE 20th, THAT DEREK IS WORKING ON.
09:54:44 >>Derek Rooney: I'LL TRY TO DO AS MUCH AS I CAN TO HELP.
09:54:47 THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION WILL BE ON JANUARY 20th.
09:54:50 TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PUBLIC AT LEAST BEEN INVOLVED AT THE
09:54:53 PLANNING BOARD'S MEETING, HOPEFULLY THEY'LL HAVE THAT
09:54:57 OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE ANY OF THOSE CONCERNS THAT YOU'VE
09:54:59 EXPRESSED, MADAM VICE-MAYOR, AT THAT 20th MEETING.
09:55:03 JUST TO STEP BACK A LITTLE BIT AND LET THE COUNCIL REMEMBER,
09:55:06 THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS
09:55:10 INTERSECTION WERE WITH LEE COUNTY, AND THEY WERE A
09:55:12 THREE-PARTY AGREEMENT.
09:55:14 THE PROPERTIES TO THE NORTH, THE STOCK ON THE EAST ON THE
09:55:18 SOUTHERN SIDE AND KITE DEVELOPMENT ON THE SOUTHWEST.
09:55:20 WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS IN THE INTERVENING YEARS, THE NORTHERN
09:55:24 PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION HAS BASICALLY DISSOLVED TO THE
09:55:27 EXTENT THAT THEY ARE NOT COHESIVE ENOUGH TO PUT TOGETHER,

09:55:31 AND WE MOVED ON A POLICY IF WE'RE GOING TO ASSESS THOSE
09:55:34 PROPERTIES.
09:55:34 SIMILAR SITUATION HAPPENED WITH THE KITE DEVELOPMENT,
09:55:37 ALTHOUGH WE HAVE COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITAN'S DIRECTION, WE HAVE
09:55:41 BEEN GETTING PROPORTIONATE SHARE FROM EACH DEVELOPMENT AS IT
09:55:45 CAME THROUGH ON THOSE INDIVIDUAL PARCELS.
09:55:47 AND THEN STOCK HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF THE PARTIES WHO HAS
09:55:50 BEEN WILLING TO PAY THEIR PROPORTIONATE SHARE UP FRONT.
09:55:53 WHAT THE VILLAGE HAS DONE, THEY HAVE STEPPED INTO THE SHOES
09:55:55 OF ALL THREE DEVELOPERS AND SAID WE'RE GOING TO PAY THE
09:55:57 COUNTY SO THAT THE COUNTY WILL MOVE FORWARD AND GET THIS
09:56:01 CONSTRUCTED.
09:56:02 WHY THERE HAD BEEN SOME DELAY WITH THE COUNTY IS THAT THE
09:56:05 ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS PROVIDED FOR PROPORTIONATE SHARE, AND
09:56:08 THERE WAS AN INITIAL CALCULATION OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE.
09:56:11 AS WE ALL KNOW WITH CONSTRUCTION, COSTS GO UP.
09:56:14 AND THOSE AGREEMENTS DID NOT PROVIDE FOR WHAT HAPPENS IN THE
09:56:17 SITUATION THAT THERE'S A COST OVERRUN.
09:56:19 THE DEVELOPMENT -- THE AGREEMENT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE WITH
09:56:22 STOCK GOING FORWARD WILL PROVIDE FOR THAT.
09:56:25 IT SAYS THIS IS WHAT THEY'LL PAY NOW, BUT IF IN THE END THE
09:56:28 CONSTRUCTION IS MORE, WE HAVE A MECHANISM IN ORDER TO GET
09:56:30 THOSE ADDITIONAL MONIES SO THAT THEY ARE NOT COMING OUT OF
09:56:33 THE VILLAGE'S POCKET.
09:56:34 THE VILLAGE HAS REALLY STEPPED UP IN THIS SITUATION TO MAKE

09:56:38 SURE THIS LIGHT GETS BUILT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AND IT
09:56:41 MAKES ONE POINT OF CONTACT WITH THE COUNTY EASIER, AND NOW
09:56:44 WE'RE JUST WORKING OUT THE DIFFERENT DETAILS FOR EACH PARCEL
09:56:47 TO FIGURE OUT HOW THEY ARE GOING TO PAY BACK THE VILLAGE AND
09:56:50 THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE.
09:56:51 WE'LL HAVE THAT AGREEMENT ON THE 20th AND THAT WILL
09:56:54 PROVIDE FOR STOCK TO GET THE MONEY STARTED AND THAT WILL BE
09:56:57 A VERY GOOD SHOWING THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO REALLY STEP IN
09:57:00 AND GET THIS WORKING.
09:57:02 >>Mayor Ribble: JUST SO YOU KNOW, OUR MANAGER ASKED ME TO
09:57:04 CALL RAY SANDELLI.
09:57:07 I CALLED, AND HE TEXTED ME BACK AFTER OUR CONVERSATION.
09:57:11 HE DID A GREAT JOB FOLLOWING UP.
09:57:13 HE'S GOT HIS FOLKS WIRED UP THERE THAT WE NEED TO GET THIS
09:57:19 MOVED FORWARD.
09:57:20 IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO FOR THE PUBLIC.
09:57:21 WE HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS IN THAT SECTION OF CORKSCREW ROAD,
09:57:24 WE NEED TO MOVE THIS THING ALONG.
09:57:29 >>Howard Levitan: BILL, CAN I MAKE A COMMENT?
09:57:31 >>Mayor Ribble: YES, HOWARD.
09:57:32 >>Howard Levitan: I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT THE PROCESS, AS
09:57:34 MARY SAID.
09:57:35 THIS IS A FIRST READING.
09:57:37 OUR JOB IS TO RAISE ISSUES THAT WE'D LIKE TO HAVE COVERED AT
09:57:42 THE SECOND READING, BUT NOT TO TAKE TESTIMONY OR HEAR THE

09:57:47 RESPONSES ABOUT THEM.
09:57:49 I THINK WE OUGHT TO STOP THIS DISCUSSION AND DEFER IT UNTIL
09:57:55 THE SECOND READING.
09:57:56 AND IF THERE ARE -- UNLESS THERE ARE OTHER QUESTIONS THAT WE
09:58:00 WOULD LIKE THE DEVELOPER OR OUR STAFF TO RESPOND TO AT
09:58:05 SECOND READING.
09:58:07 >>Mayor Ribble: THAT'S FINE.
09:58:08 WE KEEP DISCUSSING THIS THING.
09:58:10 I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF NEW QUESTIONS WE'LL HAVE.
09:58:12 WE'VE ADDRESSED ALL THIS STUFF LIKE TEN TIMES.
09:58:15 I'VE BEEN DOING THIS NOW, WHAT, SIX YEARS, ALL OF US WHO
09:58:19 HAVE BEEN AROUND.
09:58:21 WE TALKED ABOUT THIS PROJECT TILL WE'RE BLUE IN THE FACE.
09:58:24 TIME TO MOVE THIS THING ALONG FOR THE SECOND READING.
09:58:26 ANY MORE COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL?
09:58:28 HAS ANYONE SIGNED UP FROM THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK?
09:58:31 >>Carol Sacco: NO MAYOR.
09:58:32 >>Mayor Ribble: DO I HAVE A MOTION TO PASS FOR THE SECOND
09:58:36 READING OF ORDINANCE 2020-11?
09:58:39 JON.
09:58:40 SECOND BY MR. BATOS.
09:58:41 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

09:58:43 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITAN?
09:58:45 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
09:58:47 >>Jon McLain: AYE.

09:58:48 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
09:58:50 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
09:58:51 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
09:58:54 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
09:58:57 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
09:58:58 NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2020-01
09:59:05 INCORPORATING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPROVED FOR
09:59:07 FISCAL 2020/2021 INTO THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO COMPREHENSIVE
09:59:11 PLAN.
09:59:12 WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE?
09:59:16 >>Carol Sacco: ORDINANCE 2021-01, AN ORDINANCE OF THE
09:59:20 VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, APPROVING
09:59:23 UPDATES TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT TO UPDATE THE
09:59:25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 AND
09:59:30 ADOPT THE MOST RECENT LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL
09:59:33 IMPROVEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR
09:59:37 SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
09:59:40 >>Mayor Ribble: MR. SARKOZY, DO YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE THIS,
09:59:43 PLEASE?
09:59:44 >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
09:59:46 THIS IS A REQUIREMENT OF STATE STATUTE WHEREBY OUR CAPITAL
09:59:50 IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND THAT OF OTHER AGENCIES -- PUBLIC
09:59:55 AGENCIES THAT ARE INVESTING IN THE VILLAGE NEEDS TO BE
09:59:58 INCLUDED IN OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
10:00:04 THIS DOES NOT IMPOSE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

10:00:08 BEYOND SIMPLY A REPORTING AND UPDATING OF THE MATTER.
10:00:13 THE COUNCIL, AS YOU KNOW, ADOPTS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, BUT
10:00:16 THEN ALSO HAS THE LATITUDE TO MODIFY THAT PLAN AS YOU SEE
10:00:21 FIT.
10:00:22 SO THIS IS MOVING FORWARD, SIMPLY A COMPILATION OF ALL
10:00:27 THAT'S IN OUR PLAN AND IS A REQUIREMENT OF STATE STATUTE.
10:00:34 WE'LL BE DOING THIS IN ALL LIKELIHOOD ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AS
10:00:39 THE COMP PLAN CHANGES -- OR, EXCUSE ME, AS THE C.I.P.
10:00:43 CHANGES.
10:00:43 SO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IS BASICALLY PROJECTS
10:00:48 THAT WE'VE DISCUSSED.
10:00:51 OF COURSE, THERE'S QUITE A BIT OF LATITUDE IN THE OUT YEARS
10:00:54 FOR CHANGES IN THAT PLAN, ACCORDING TO COUNCIL PRIORITY.
10:00:58 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:00:59 WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE?
10:01:00 JON?
10:01:00 >>Jon McLain: STEVE, ANY CHANGES -- YOU KNOW, WE'VE LOOKED
10:01:03 AT THIS NUMEROUS TIMES.

10:01:05 HAVE THERE BEEN ANY CHANGES IN THE PRIORITIES LISTED?
10:01:09 I DID NOT COMPARE THESE PROGRAMS TO PREVIOUS RENDITIONS OF
10:01:14 THIS.
10:01:15 >>Mary Gibbs: THIS IS THE SAME C.I.P. THAT YOU APPROVED IN
10:01:17 JULY.
10:01:17 >>Jon McLain: OKAY.
10:01:19 OKAY.

10:01:19 >>Mary Gibbs: WE HAVE TO INCLUDE OUR C.I.P. AND THE SCHOOL
10:01:22 DISTRICT'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN AS WELL.
10:01:24 IT'S JUST WHAT THE STATE LAW SAYS.
10:01:27 WE HAVE TO INCLUDE THEM BY REFERENCE.
10:01:29 BUT IT'S THE EXACT SAME THING.
10:01:31 IF I CAN ADD ONE POINT, THE SCHOOL C.I.P. DOES INCLUDE THE
10:01:36 ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL IN ESTERO.
10:01:39 >>Mayor Ribble: ANYONE ELSE FROM COUNCIL HAVE A QUESTION OR
10:01:42 A COMMENT?
10:01:43 IT'S A FIRST READING, SO WE'RE NOT DOING PUBLIC COMMENT.
10:01:48 DO I HAVE A MOTION TO MOVE THIS ALONG?
10:01:50 KATY.
10:01:52 >> SO MOVED.
10:01:53 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:01:53 THE THIRD WAS JIM WILSON.
10:01:58 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
10:02:00 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON?
10:02:02 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
10:02:04 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
10:02:05 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
10:02:07 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
10:02:09 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
10:02:11 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
10:02:13 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
10:02:14 OKAY.

10:02:15 NEXT ON THE AGENDA, WE HAVE THE FIRESTONE REZONING CASE.
10:02:20 WHO WANTS TO ADDRESS THIS?
10:02:22 STEVE?
10:02:22 >>Steven Sarkozy: I'LL JUST BRIEFLY MENTION THIS WAS ON THE
10:02:25 AGENDA AS A SECOND READING.
10:02:28 SOME INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN YET RECEIVED, SO WE'RE
10:02:32 RECOMMENDING THAT THIS BE CONTINUED.
10:02:34 I'LL TURN IT OVER TO MARY FOR A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
10:02:37 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT'S BEEN REQUESTED.
10:02:40 >>Mary Gibbs: RIGHT.
10:02:40 SO IF YOU RECALL, THIS WAS CONTINUED A COUPLE OF TIMES.
10:02:43 THE APPLICANT IS TRYING TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT
10:02:46 THE COUNCIL BROUGHT UP AT THE DECEMBER PUBLIC HEARING.
10:02:52 WITH THE HOLIDAYS, WE'VE BEEN A LITTLE BIT DELAYED, SO WE

10:02:56 NEED ADDITIONAL TIME TO GET THE INFORMATION.
10:02:58 WE ARE LOOKING AT THE DATE OF, IF YOU CONTINUE IT, WE SHOULD
10:03:01 LOOK AT FEBRUARY 3rd BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THE
10:03:05 APPLICANT HAS ENOUGH TIME TO PULL THIS INFORMATION TOGETHER.
10:03:09 >>Mayor Ribble: YOU'RE SAYING BE CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 3?
10:03:14 >>Mary Gibbs: CORRECT.
10:03:16 >>Mayor Ribble: DOES THE APPLICANT WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT OR
10:03:18 NO?
10:03:19 >> NOT UNLESS YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.
10:03:22 >>Howard Levitan: I HAVE A COMMENT, BILL.
10:03:23 >>Mayor Ribble: GO AHEAD.

10:03:25 >>Howard Levitan: I THINK -- I'M, AGAIN, CONCERNED A LITTLE
10:03:29 BIT ABOUT THE PROCESS.
10:03:31 I UNDERSTAND THE HOLIDAYS AND COVID PROBABLY HAVE
10:03:34 INTERRUPTED THIS PROCESS, BUT WE HAVE NOW CONTINUED THIS AT
10:03:38 LEAST TWO TIMES.
10:03:39 I DON'T THINK THAT'S FAIR TO EITHER THE PUBLIC OR US.
10:03:44 I THINK IF THE APPLICANT HAS THINGS THEY NEED TO DO, BASED
10:03:49 ON OUR PREVIOUS COMMENTS, THEY SHOULD DO THEM, AND I WOULD
10:03:53 HOPE THAT THIS WOULD BE THE LAST CONTINUANCE.
10:04:00 EITHER WE'RE GOING TO VOTE IT UP OR DOWN ON FEBRUARY 3rd
10:04:03 ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.
10:04:04 AND I WOULD MAKE THAT AS PART OF THE MOTION.
10:04:10 >>Mayor Ribble: KATY?
10:04:12 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: IT SAYS THE RECOMMENDED ACTION IS
10:04:13 FOR A FIRESTONE TIRE STORE.
10:04:16 IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, THIS IS A COMPLETE -- SHOULD HAVE THE
10:04:21 WORD COMPLETE IN THERE.
10:04:22 THEY WILL NOT JUST BE SELLING TIRES.
10:04:25 ARE WE APPROVING OR NOT APPROVING JUST A TIRE STORE?
10:04:30 THERE WILL BE BATTERIES IN THERE.
10:04:32 >>Mayor Ribble: WE'RE NOT HEARING THAT NOW.
10:04:34 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: NO.
10:04:35 BUT I WANT TO KNOW -- WELL, IF WE VOTE -- RECOMMENDED ACTION
10:04:38 IS A TIRE STORE --
10:04:40 >>Mayor Ribble: WE'RE GOING TO POSTPONE IT UNTIL FEBRUARY

10:04:42 3rd.
10:04:43 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: WE WANT TO GET THIS RIGHT WHEN WE DO
10:04:46 THAT.
10:04:46 >>Mary Gibbs: I THINK I JUST PUT THAT NAME ON SO IT WOULD BE
10:04:49 RECOGNIZED.
10:04:49 BECAUSE WHEN YOU JUST PUT THE ORDINANCE, NOBODY KNOWS WHAT
10:04:52 IT IS.
10:04:52 IT ISN'T AN AUTO CARE CENTER.
10:04:57 SO IT WOULD INCLUDE --
10:04:57 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: IT'S SHOWN AS A COMPLETE TIRE STORE.

10:05:00 MEANING, THEY WILL NOT JUST SELL TIRES BUT BATTERIES AND
10:05:05 BRAKES AND OIL CHANGES AND ALL THAT.
10:05:07 THAT'S CRITICAL.
10:05:07 >>Mary Gibbs: WE'LL EXPLAIN THAT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING,
10:05:10 YEAH.
10:05:11 >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.
10:05:12 ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?
10:05:15 >>Jim Wilson: MR. MAYOR?
10:05:16 >>Mayor Ribble: YES.
10:05:17 >>Jim Wilson: IN LOOKING AT THE LIST OF THE ITEMS THAT WE
10:05:24 REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON, I THINK THE THING
10:05:28 THAT'S MISSING -- I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S CALLED THE CENTER BUT
10:05:33 WHOEVER IS SELLING THE LAND -- SELLING THE LAND TO
10:05:37 FIRESTONE, THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE TRAFFIC LIGHT.
10:05:41 WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE TIMING AND THE CONDITIONS UNDER

10:05:45 WHICH THEY ARE GOING TO PAY BECAUSE THAT WAS A KIND OF AN
10:05:49 AGGRESSIVE DISCUSSION WE HAD BACK ON NOVEMBER 18.
10:05:55 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?
10:05:57 DO WE NEED A MOTION TO MOVE THIS ALONG TO THE 3rd?
10:06:05 >>Burt Saunders: YES, SIR.
10:06:06 YOU NEED A MOTION.
10:06:06 >>Howard Levitan: BILL, I'LL MAKE THAT MOTION.
10:06:08 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:06:09 HOWARD.
10:06:09 >>Howard Levitan: I WOULD MAKE THE MOTION TO CONTINUE THIS
10:06:12 FOR THE LAST TIME UNTIL FEBRUARY 3rd.
10:06:17 >>Burt Saunders: JUST IN TERMS OF THE MOTION -- AND THAT'S
10:06:20 UNDERSTOOD THAT THE DESIRE IS THAT THIS BE HEARD AT THAT
10:06:24 DATE AND UP-OR-DOWN VOTE OCCUR AT THAT DATE.
10:06:28 BUT AT THAT TIME, IF THE BOARD NEEDS MORE TIME OR THE
10:06:30 APPLICANT NEEDS MORE TIME, YOU CAN STILL CONSIDER A
10:06:33 CONTINUANCE.
10:06:34 THAT'S REALLY A GOAL TO HAVE AN UP-OR-DOWN VOTE ON THAT
10:06:38 DATE.
10:06:38 >>Howard Levitan: FINE.
10:06:39 WITH THE GOAL THAT WE MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THE 3rd.
10:06:45 >>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, DID YOU CAPTURE THAT MOTION?
10:06:48 SECONDED BY MR. BOESCH.
10:06:50 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
10:06:53 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITAN?

10:06:55 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
10:06:57 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
10:06:58 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
10:06:59 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
10:07:00 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
10:07:02 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.

10:07:05 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
10:07:06 NEXT WE HAVE ON THE AGENDA ORDINANCE 2020-07 TO ADOPT THE
10:07:14 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR ANNEXED PROPERTY LOCATED AT
10:07:17 4528 AND 4408-4410 COCONUT ROAD.
10:07:24 THIS IS ALSO A PUBLIC HEARING.
10:07:27 IN THIS MATTER, THE COUNCIL WILL SIT IN ITS QUASI-JUDICIAL
10:07:31 CAPACITY.
10:07:31 MADAM CLERK, HAS THE ORDINANCE BEEN PROPERLY ADVERTISED?
10:07:35 >>Carol Sacco: YES, MAYOR.
10:07:36 >>Mayor Ribble: WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE TITLE OF THE
10:07:38 ORDINANCE?
10:07:39 >>Carol Sacco: ORDINANCE 2020-07, AN ORDINANCE OF THE
10:07:42 VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, ADOPTING
10:07:45 AN AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO
10:07:49 ADD TWO ANNEXED PROPERTIES TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND
10:07:54 DESIGNATE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD 1 AS THE LAND USE CATEGORY
10:07:57 FOR THE PROPERTIES DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A AND MADE A PART
10:08:02 HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS;
10:08:06 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

10:08:09 >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
10:08:10 MARY, DO YOU WANT TO READ --
10:08:15 >>Mary Gibbs: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT, JUST A
10:08:18 CLARIFICATION.
10:08:19 THIS IS NOT QUASI-JUDICIAL BECAUSE THIS IS A COMPREHENSIVE
10:08:22 PLAN AMENDMENT.
10:08:23 SO ANYTHING TO DO WITH PLANNING IS CONSIDERED LEGISLATIVE.
10:08:27 SO THERE'S NO QUASI-JUDICIAL.
10:08:30 YOU DON'T HAVE TO SWEAR ANYBODY IN.
10:08:33 YOU DO HAVE TO TAKE PUBLIC INPUT.
10:08:36 IF I COULD GIVE YOU A QUICK UPDATE OF WHY THIS IS HERE.
10:08:40 THIS IS THE PROPERTY ON COCONUT ROAD NEXT TO EL DORADO ACRES
10:08:44 THAT THE VILLAGE ANNEXED LAST YEAR.
10:08:47 AND WHEN YOU ANNEX PROPERTY, ACCORDING TO STATE LAW, YOU'VE
10:08:50 GOT TO CHANGE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CATEGORY TO MATCH YOUR
10:08:55 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
10:08:55 SO WE PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT TO MAKE THE LAND USE CATEGORY
10:09:01 VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD 1.
10:09:03 YOU MAY NOT RECALL, BECAUSE THIS WAS BACK IN NOVEMBER, WE
10:09:06 HAD A PUBLIC HEARING WHICH IS CONSIDERED THE TRANSMITTAL
10:09:10 HEARING, THAT WE TAKE PUBLIC INPUT AND THEN WE HAVE TO SEND
10:09:13 THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT UP TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA
10:09:16 AND DIFFERENT AGENCIES COMMENT.
10:09:19 SO WE SENT THE PACKAGE UP TO THE STATE IN NOVEMBER, AND WE
10:09:23 RECEIVED COMMENTS BACK FROM THE VARIOUS AGENCIES IN THE

10:09:27 MONTH OF DECEMBER, AND ALL THE AGENCIES COMMENTED AND
10:09:31 BASICALLY EITHER SAID WE HAVE NO COMMENT OR WE DON'T FIND

10:09:35 ANY ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES FROM THE ANNEXATION.
10:09:38 SO BASICALLY, WE GOT THE GREEN LIGHT FROM ALL THE COMMENTING
10:09:42 AGENCIES, WHICH WAS THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY,
10:09:44 THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF
10:09:47 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE COUNTY ALSO SENT A COMMENT
10:09:53 LETTER THAT SAID THEY HAD NO COMMENTS.
10:09:56 TODAY IS THE FINAL ADOPTION HEARING, AND IT WILL BE OUR LAST
10:10:01 STEP SO WE CAN AMEND OUR PLAN.
10:10:03 >>Mayor Ribble: WE'LL TAKE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL.
10:10:08 >>Jim Boesch: BE READING THIS ORDINANCE TO THE PUBLIC FOR
10:10:12 THE PUBLIC --
10:10:14 >>Burt Saunders: YES, SIR.
10:10:15 THE TITLE SHOULD BE READ INTO THE RECORD.
10:10:18 >>Mary Gibbs: I THINK SHE JUST READ IT.
10:10:20 >>Mayor Ribble: SHE ALREADY READ IT.
10:10:21 MOVING RIGHT ALONG, MARY, TAKING QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?
10:10:27 >>Mary Gibbs: SURE.
10:10:28 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL ON THIS?
10:10:31 NONE.
10:10:31 HEARING NONE, ANYONE FROM THE PUBLIC SIGNED UP TO SPEAK?
10:10:34 >>Carol Sacco: NO, MAYOR.
10:10:35 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:10:35 AT THIS POINT, WE'LL TAKE A MOTION AT THIS POINT.

10:10:38 NICK.
10:10:41 SECONDED BY MR. McLAIN.
10:10:43 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
10:10:45 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON?
10:10:47 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
10:10:47 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
10:10:50 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
10:10:51 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
10:10:53 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
10:10:54 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
10:10:57 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
10:10:59 IS ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT?
10:11:04 >>Carol Sacco: NO, MAYOR.
10:11:05 >>Mayor Ribble: WOW, THE PUBLIC IS AWFULLY QUIET.
10:11:08 MAYBE BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT CONCERT WE PROMISED.
10:11:11 MOVING RIGHT ALONG, JON, WE'LL START WITH YOU THIS WEEK ON
10:11:15 AN UPDATE FROM YOUR COUNCIL SEAT.
10:11:18 >>Jon McLain: THE ONLY THING I CAN TELL YOU ON ESTERO
10:11:21 PARKWAY, THEY ARE OUT THERE AGAIN THIS MORNING WORKING DOING
10:11:24 THE MEDIANS.
10:11:25 THEY'VE GOT SOME WORK TO DO BETWEEN NOW -- THE EXPECTATION
10:11:29 IS WILL BE COMPLETE BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.
10:11:32 SO THEY'VE GOT ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPING TO DO.
10:11:36 THEY'VE GOT SOME LIGHTING DOWN BY WALMART THAT NEEDED TO BE

10:11:39 PUT IN.

10:11:40 THEY HAVE TO DO THE PERMANENT MARKINGS ON THE ROAD.
10:11:43 THEY ARE OUT THERE ACTUALLY DOING THAT RIGHT NOW.
10:11:46 THEY'LL PUT VINYL DOWN AS OPPOSED TO TEMPORARY PAINT.
10:11:48 THE PROJECT IS ACTUALLY MOVING ALONG WELL.
10:11:51 THERE'S BEEN SOME TREE RELOCATIONS FOR LINE-OF-SIGHT ISSUES
10:11:56 THAT WE'VE ADDRESSED.
10:11:57 SO YOU SEE SOME TREES BEING MOVED AROUND.
10:12:01 WE'RE ALSO GOING TO BE DOING SOME RE-GRADING OF SOME OF THE
10:12:06 DRAINAGE AREAS THERE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T DRAIN QUITE WELL IN
10:12:10 SOME OF THE RAINS WE HAD.
10:12:11 A LOT OF ACTIVITY GOING ON OUT THERE BETWEEN NOW AND THE END
10:12:14 OF THE MONTH.
10:12:15 I'M OPTIMISTIC WE'LL BE DONE VERY CLOSE TO THAT DATE.
10:12:18 >>Mayor Ribble: DO YOU THINK WE CAN HAVE A RIBBON CUTTING BY
10:12:21 VALENTINE'S DAY?
10:12:23 THE COUNTY NEEDS A LITTLE LOVE RIGHT NOW, SO WE INVITE THEM
10:12:26 DOWN.
10:12:26 WE'LL GIVE THEM A CARD.
10:12:28 TELL THEM WE LOVE THEM AND WE'LL GET OUR CHECK AND WE'LL
10:12:30 HAVE A NICE RIBBON-CUTTING WITH THE PUBLIC.
10:12:33 CAN WE PUT THAT ON THE RADAR?
10:12:36 THEY NEED SOMETHING POSITIVE, I CAN ASSURE YOU.
10:12:39 WITH ALL THIS COVID THAT WE HAVE GOING ON HERE.
10:12:41 OKAY, JON.
10:12:42 THANK YOU.

10:12:42 KATY?
10:12:43 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YES.
10:12:44 I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT WE HAVE GOTTEN A LOT OF GOOD FEEDBACK
10:12:49 ABOUT THE MASKS THAT WERE MAILED TO OUR RESIDENTS.
10:12:53 PEOPLE HAVE STOPPED ME WHEN I WALK AND TELL ME HOW MUCH THEY
10:12:57 APPRECIATE GETTING THOSE IN THE MAIL.
10:12:59 GOOD, YOU HELPED PAY FOR THEM.
10:13:01 THEY SAID, WE KNOW.
10:13:02 THANK YOU.
10:13:03 IT'S JUST THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS.
10:13:05 ALSO, THERE'S AN OLD SAYING, SOMEONE I KNEW YEARS AGO USED
10:13:10 TO TALK ABOUT EVERY DAY IS A GOOD DAY.
10:13:13 SOME DAYS ARE JUST BETTER THAN OTHERS.
10:13:15 WE'VE GONE THROUGH AN AWFUL LOT WITH THIS PANDEMIC.
10:13:18 AND EVERY DAY IS A GOOD DAY.
10:13:20 SOME DAYS ARE BETTER THAN OTHER DAYS.
10:13:22 THE VACCINATIONS THEY ARE WORKING ALONG.
10:13:27 I DID NOT GET ONE.
10:13:28 I DIDN'T GET IN LINE.
10:13:30 BUT MY TIME WILL COME.

10:13:33 I'M ASKING EVERYBODY TO FEEL THE SAME WAY WHO DID NOT.
10:13:37 JUST BE PATIENT.
10:13:38 IT WILL COME TO YOU IN TIME.
10:13:41 AND WE CAN BE EXAMPLES TO OTHERS AND TRY TO BE POSITIVE.
10:13:45 I KNOW WE HAVE SOME -- OUR COMMISSIONERS ARE TRYING -- IT'S

10:13:52 A VERY DIFFICULT TIME FOR THEM AND IT'S EASY FOR US TO BE
10:13:57 CRITICAL.
10:13:57 I JUST ASK TO BE PATIENT WITH THEM.
10:14:00 LET THEM HELP GET THIS FIGURED OUT AND WE, TOO, WILL HAVE
10:14:03 OUR TURN IN LINE TO DO WHATEVER IT IS WE ARE SUPPOSED TO DO.
10:14:08 HANG IN THERE.
10:14:09 AND LET'S KEEP MOVING FORWARD AND KEEP CHEERING EACH OTHER
10:14:13 UP.
10:14:14 VERY IMPORTANT.
10:14:15 >>Mayor Ribble: MR. BOESCH.
10:14:19 >>Jim Boesch: I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE FACT THAT AS I
10:14:27 FOLLOW THE COVID CASES IN ESTERO, ESPECIALLY IN ESTERO, THEY
10:14:34 HAVE GROWN EXPONENTIALLY OUT OF SIGHT, OVER 1500 AT THIS
10:14:41 PARTICULAR POINT.
10:14:41 IN OUR SIX YEARS OF OPERATION, I THINK I RECEIVED MORE
10:14:47 E-MAILS AND TELEPHONE CALLS ON THIS ISSUE THAN ANY OTHER
10:14:50 ISSUE.
10:14:53 I THINK SOONER RATHER THAN LATER WE HAVE TO SIT DOWN WITH
10:14:57 THE COUNTY AND DECIDE HOW THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE VACCINE IS
10:15:02 GOING.
10:15:04 SO FAR WE'VE HAD A THOUSAND -- 900 DISTRIBUTIONS.
10:15:11 IN ESTERO, WE HAVE PROBABLY MAYBE CLOSE TO 50,000 PEOPLE
10:15:14 NOW.
10:15:17 AT THE RATE WE'RE GOING, IT WILL BE FIVE YEARS BEFORE WE GET
10:15:20 ALL THE VACCINATIONS DONE.

10:15:24 I THINK SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER WE HAVE TO SIT DOWN AND ADDRESS
10:15:27 HOW WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE, AT LEAST OUR RESIDENTS, GET
10:15:31 THE VACCINE IN THE PROPER PERIOD OF TIME.
10:15:33 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:15:35 NICK.
10:15:37 >>Nick Batos: WELL, JUST TO CARRY OUT ON WHAT JIM BROUGHT
10:15:40 UP, THE SITUATION, AS ALL OF US KNOW, IS GETTING WORSE.
10:15:43 I RECEIVED YESTERDAY A NOTICE FROM THE LEE HEALTH THAT 96%
10:15:51 OF THEIR OPERATIONAL BED CAPACITY WAS BEING OBTAINED.
10:15:57 WE HAVE ONLY 4% LEFT.
10:15:59 93% OF THE ICU UNITS WERE USED ALSO.
10:16:03 BUT GOING ALONG WITH THAT, THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE -- I THINK
10:16:07 ALL OF US SHOULD BE VERY PROUD THAT WE APPROVED THE SPENDING
10:16:11 OF THE COVID MONEY ON THE MASK MAILING.
10:16:15 TO DATE, WE HAD ALMOST 24,000 RESIDENTS RECEIVE THE MASKS IN
10:16:22 THE MAIL, AND WE ARE WORKING ON RIGHT NOW GETTING IT OUT TO

10:16:26 ALL THE EMPLOYEES AND ALL THE BUSINESSES.
10:16:30 AT THIS POINT, WE HAVE OVER 15,000 EMPLOYEES THAT WE'VE
10:16:35 IDENTIFIED IN ESTERO.
10:16:36 ABOUT 70% OF THEM HAVE BEEN GIVEN ALREADY.
10:16:39 SO IT'S REALLY WORKING WELL.
10:16:42 AS KATY SAID, I'VE RECEIVED MANY, MANY COMMENTS ON PEOPLE
10:16:46 THAT ARE REALLY VERY PLEASED WITH IT, THE HIGH QUALITY OF
10:16:49 THE MASK, AND THE FACT THAT WE THOUGHT ENOUGH TO DO IT.
10:16:53 I REALLY THINK THAT WAS A GREAT THING THAT ALL OF US WERE

10:16:56 ABLE TO PITCH TOGETHER AND DO THAT.
10:16:59 THANK YOU.
10:16:59 >>Mayor Ribble: JIM WILSON?
10:17:01 >>Jim Wilson: YES, MR. MAYOR.
10:17:03 I'D LIKE TO SHARE KATY AND NICK'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE
10:17:08 MASKS AND THE MAILING OF THE MASKS TO EVERYBODY IN ESTERO.
10:17:11 I TAKE MY THERAPY OVER AT THE LEE HEALTH PHYSICAL THERAPY
10:17:17 SETTING, AND THERE ARE A BUNCH OF OTHER PEOPLE OVER THERE.
10:17:21 MY WIFE AND I WERE OVER THERE RECENTLY WEARING OUR MASKS.
10:17:24 AND WITHOUT KNOWING WHO I WAS OR THE FACT THAT I WAS A
10:17:27 COUNCIL MEMBER, PEOPLE SAID, WHAT A NICE IDEA FOR ESTERO TO
10:17:31 DO THIS.
10:17:32 IN FACT, ONE LADY SAID, MY OLD MASK WAS WEARING OUT, SO NOW
10:17:38 I GOT A NEW ONE.
10:17:39 I DEFINITELY AGREE THAT IT WAS ONE VERY POSITIVE STEP THAT
10:17:42 WE COULD AND DID TAKE ON BEHALF OF OUR RESIDENTS.
10:17:44 THANK YOU.
10:17:46 >>Mayor Ribble: HOWARD?
10:17:47 >>Howard Levitan: YES.
10:17:48 I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU, BILL.
10:17:54 I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT CAME FROM.
10:17:55 I JUST WANTED TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW THAT I HAVE A SORE ARM
10:18:01 THIS MORNING BECAUSE I WAS ONE OF THE LUCKY FEW THAT WAS
10:18:05 ABLE TO GET IN FOR AN APPOINTMENT YESTERDAY.
10:18:09 I WOULD JUST LIKE TO COMMENT THAT WHILE THE RESERVATION

10:18:14 SYSTEM IS OBVIOUSLY FLAWED, THE VACCINATION SYSTEM AND THE
10:18:19 SETUP OF THE VACCINATION CENTER AND THE PROCESS IS
10:18:24 INCREDIBLY WELL RUN.
10:18:28 WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF WHAT LEE COUNTY HAS DONE OUT AT THE
10:18:33 OLD AIRPORT FACILITY.
10:18:34 THEY HAVE CAPACITY THERE FOR MANY, MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE
10:18:39 AT A TIME.
10:18:40 WHEN I WENT YESTERDAY, THE PARKING LOT WAS VIRTUALLY EMPTY,
10:18:44 AND YET THEY WERE PUSHING THROUGH THE WHOLE THOUSAND PEOPLE
10:18:49 YESTERDAY AND 2,000 HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TODAY.
10:18:52 SO I WOULD URGE PATIENTS AND EVERYBODY THAT WANTS TO IS
10:18:56 GOING TO GET AN APPOINTMENT ULTIMATELY, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE

10:19:01 OLDER THAN 65 TO BEGIN WITH, AND THEY HAVE TO NOW FIGURE OUT
10:19:06 WHAT TO DO WITH THE SECOND SHOTS AS WELL.
10:19:09 IT'S GOING TO BE A PROCESS, AND WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF THE
10:19:14 FACT THAT THEY ARE MEETING AT LEAST THE TARGETS OF GETTING
10:19:20 VACCINATIONS OF EVERY SUPPLY THAT THEY GET.
10:19:24 I THINK THIS WILL EXPAND ONCE WE GET PUBLIX AND THE OTHER
10:19:28 PHARMACIES INVOLVED AS WELL.
10:19:34 THERE'S SOME REALLY POSITIVE NEWS OUT THERE AS WELL.
10:19:36 THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY, BILL.
10:19:39 >>Mayor Ribble: I JUST WANT TO CLOSE.
10:19:40 I DON'T WANT TO BEAT THIS HORSE TO DEATH, BUT IN ALL
10:19:43 FAIRNESS TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TALK ABOUT PILING ON.
10:19:47 I MEAN, IT'S GETTING TO THE POINT WHERE I'M GETTING TIRED OF

10:19:50 MY PHONE RINGING.
10:19:52 SOMEBODY HAS A GREAT IDEA HOW WE SHOULD DO THIS.
10:19:56 LET ME PUT THIS IN PERSPECTIVE.
10:19:57 IN 1996, WE HAD A WHOLE TEAM OF PEOPLE IN ATLANTA THAT
10:20:01 WORKED ON THE OLYMPICS, AND WE BROUGHT PEOPLE IN FROM ALL
10:20:05 AROUND THE WORLD.
10:20:06 THAT PLAN TOOK US THREE YEARS.
10:20:09 UPS MOVED ME FROM KANSAS CITY TO ATLANTA TO WORK ON THAT
10:20:12 PROJECT AND REPRESENT UPS WITH 15 OTHER LARGE
10:20:16 ORGANIZATIONS -- CIA, FBI, TBI, THE STATE POLICE OF GEORGIA
10:20:21 AND ON AND ON.
10:20:22 THREE YEARS WE WORKED ON THAT TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO TAKE
10:20:26 CARE OF A MILLION VISITORS VISITING ATLANTA OVER A 15-DAY
10:20:30 PERIOD.
10:20:31 YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT LOGISTICS, THAT'S LOGISTICS.
10:20:34 THESE FELLOWS HAD A 48-HOUR NOTICE TO PUT TOGETHER A PLAN TO
10:20:38 TAKE CARE OF 250,000 PEOPLE OVER 65, AND THEY STARTED OUT
10:20:43 WITH 2700 DOSES.
10:20:46 SO I THINK THE EQUATION, IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE
10:20:48 CHALLENGE, IF WE PUT THAT -- HOW WOULD YOU DO IT?
10:20:55 NO MATTER HOW YOU DO IT, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH
10:20:57 DOSES.
10:20:58 IT'S THE OLD SUPPLY AND DEMAND.
10:21:00 I TALKED TO A LOT OF FOLKS YESTERDAY.
10:21:01 THEY CALLED ME.

10:21:02 THEY ARE SYMPATHETIC.
10:21:03 THEY UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE TO BE PATIENT.
10:21:06 HEARD THAT WORD A LOT TODAY WHICH I THINK IS VERY PATIENT
10:21:09 FOR THE SITUATION.
10:21:10 NO MATTER HOW WE CUT IT, WHETHER YOU LIKE THE PHONE CENTER,
10:21:14 WANT TO SLEEP IN A SLEEPING BAG IN THE PARK OVERNIGHT,
10:21:17 HOWEVER YOU WANT TO GET YOUR SHOT, YOU CAN ONLY GET THE SHOT
10:21:19 IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH VACCINES AVAILABLE.

10:21:22 SO HOPEFULLY THIS THING WILL KICK UP.
10:21:27 I WAS TALKING TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UPS AIRLINE WHO IS A
10:21:30 PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE, LAST WEEK, AND THEY ARE PICKING UP
10:21:33 MORE AND MORE PRODUCT EVERY DAY.
10:21:34 BUT THEY CAN ONLY PICK UP AS MUCH PRODUCT AS BEING
10:21:38 MANUFACTURED.
10:21:39 IT'S MORE -- AS MORE OF THE DOSES BECOME AVAILABLE AND GET
10:21:43 ONLINE, THE MORE DOSES WILL BE AVAILABLE.
10:21:45 I WAS TALKING TO JIM WILSON YESTERDAY TO SEE HOW HE MADE OUT
10:21:48 WITH HIS PHONE CALL.
10:21:50 HE SAID HE'S HAPPY STAYING WHERE HE IS.
10:21:53 UNTIL IT'S SAFE TO COME OUT AND GET HIS SHOT.
10:21:56 I THINK THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD COMMENT.
10:21:58 THAT'S MY PHILOSOPHY.
10:21:59 I'M STAYING HOME, WEARING MY MASK.
10:22:02 HAND SANITIZERS, AND I'M TRYING TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY
10:22:05 COMMISSION IN WHATEVER I CAN.

10:22:08 I WAS PLEASED WHEN HOWARD CALLED ME YESTERDAY, WHEN HE LEFT
10:22:11 -- HE HAD A 12:45, HOWARD?
10:22:13 >>Howard Levitan: YES, I DID.
10:22:15 >>Mayor Ribble: YOU CALLED ME, I THINK IT WAS 12:15.
10:22:18 30 MINUTES EARLY BECAUSE THEY WERE THAT EFFICIENT.
10:22:20 HE GOES -- HE CALLED ME, I SAID, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
10:22:24 HE SAID, I'M ON MY WAY HOME ALREADY.
10:22:27 THEY HAVE THIS THING OVER HERE RUNNING LIKE A SWISS WATCH.
10:22:30 THEY ARE FULLY STAFFED.
10:22:32 THEY ARE REHEARSING.
10:22:34 THEY ARE NOT CUTTING ANY PEOPLE BACK.
10:22:36 THEY WANT TO KEEP IT STAFFED SO WHEN THEY HAVE THEIR 500
10:22:39 PEOPLE AN HOUR, WHICH IS WHAT THEY ARE SET UP TO SERVE, THEY
10:22:41 ARE READY TO GO.
10:22:43 I'LL GET OFF MY HORSE ON THIS.
10:22:45 SOMEBODY OUT THERE IS LISTENING AND THINKING ABOUT WRITING
10:22:48 AN E-MAIL OR SENDING A LETTER TO THE NEWSPAPER, AND I WOULD
10:22:51 LIKE IT TO SEE SOMEBODY COME UP AND SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE
10:22:53 BECAUSE WE HAVE TO TURN THIS THING AROUND.
10:22:56 MOVING RIGHT ALONG, COUNSEL, YOU'RE UP.
10:23:01 >>Burt Saunders: ONE THING QUICKLY, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
10:23:03 THE COUNCIL HAS WORKED ON AND COUNCILMAN BOESCH HAS WORKED
10:23:06 ON DILIGENTLY.
10:23:07 THERE HAS BEEN A BILL FILED FOR THE BIG CYPRESS BASIN
10:23:10 BOUNDARY MOVEMENT.

10:23:11 SENATE BILL 406.
10:23:13 SENATOR RODRIGUES FILED IT AS HE INDICATED HE WOULD.
10:23:16 I'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS TO HOW THIS PROGRESSES.
10:23:19 THE ONLY ISSUE THAT I THINK THAT MAY BE PROBLEMATIC IS THE

10:23:23 GOVERNANCE OF THAT.
10:23:25 THE WAY IT'S SET UP IN THIS BILL, THERE WILL BE FIVE MEMBERS
10:23:29 OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BIG CYPRESS BASIN APPOINTED
10:23:33 FROM COLLIER AND LEE COUNTIES.
10:23:35 THAT'S FIVE TOTAL.
10:23:37 THE MONEY IN EACH COUNTY WOULD BE SPENT IN THE RESPECTIVE
10:23:40 COUNTIES, BUT I THINK THERE WILL NEED TO BE WORK ON THAT
10:23:43 GOVERNANCE ISSUE.
10:23:44 IT'S GOING TO BE IMPORTANT THAT COLLIER COUNTY IS
10:23:46 SUPPORTIVE, BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, KATHLEEN PASSIDOMO IS A
10:23:51 VERY POWERFUL SENATOR, AND WILL BE SENATE PRESIDENT IN TWO
10:23:55 YEARS.
10:23:55 HER SUPPORT IS GOING TO BE VERY CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR
10:23:58 THIS.
10:23:58 SO THAT MAY BE AN ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE WORKED ON.
10:24:01 I'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THAT.
10:24:03 YES, SIR.
10:24:04 >>Nick Batos: BURT, DO YOU THINK IT'S ADVISABLE THAT THE
10:24:07 MAYOR OR OTHER PEOPLE ON COUNCIL CONTACT SENATOR PASSIDOMO
10:24:12 AND SPEAK TO THEM PERSONALLY?
10:24:14 >>Burt Saunders: NOT JUST YET.

10:24:15 I'LL SPEAK WITH HER, AND IF THERE NEEDS TO BE CHANGES.
10:24:20 IT WILL BE FAIRLY EASY, I THINK, TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.
10:24:22 THE OTHER THING, THERE'S A LOT OF DISCUSSION FROM THE
10:24:27 MEMBERS CONCERNING THE COVID ISSUE.
10:24:28 AS A FELLOW ELECTED PERSON MYSELF, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE
10:24:32 THIS COUNCIL BECAUSE YOU'VE SET A REAL EXAMPLE.
10:24:36 OVER IN COLLIER COUNTY, WE HAVE A MASK REQUIREMENT, BUT WE
10:24:39 HAVE TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT REFUSE -- OR TWO COMMISSIONERS
10:24:42 THAT REFUSE TO WEAR A MASK.
10:24:43 WE HAVE THREE OF US SITTING THERE WITH MASKS ON.
10:24:46 TWO OF US WITHOUT MASKS.
10:24:48 IT JUST SENDS A REALLY STRANGE MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC.
10:24:51 I JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR CONSISTENCY AND THE
10:24:54 EFFECTIVENESS YOU'VE HAD WITH GETTING THE WORD OUT THAT
10:24:57 MASKS ARE IMPORTANT AT THIS POINT.
10:25:01 >>Mayor Ribble: I WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT TO THAT.
10:25:03 I APPLAUD YOU FOR BRINGING THAT TO OUR ATTENTION.
10:25:06 I HAD A PERSON MAKE A COMMENT THE OTHER DAY -- AND HE IS A
10:25:09 PRETTY HIGH-LEVEL PERSON IN OUR COMMUNITY, RESIDENT OF
10:25:12 ESTERO -- YOU KNOW WHAT HE CALLED US?
10:25:14 HE CALLED US THE FRIENDLY GET IT DONE COUNCIL.
10:25:17 HE SAID YOU PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY.
10:25:18 YOU GET ALONG.
10:25:19 YOU'RE CIVIL.
10:25:20 YOU'RE COLLABORATIVE.

10:25:22 AND HE SAID YOU'RE NOT HOSTILE.
10:25:24 HE SAID I GET ON SOME OF THESE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND I ATTEND
10:25:27 THEM AND I HEAR SOME OF THESE COMMENTS.
10:25:29 I THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT TO OUR ATTENTION.
10:25:31 GAVE ME A PLATFORM TO SHARE THE COMMENT THAT WAS MADE LAST
10:25:35 WEEK.
10:25:36 STEVE, YOU'RE UP.
10:25:38 >>Steven Sarkozy: NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, MAYOR.
10:25:42 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:25:42 MOVING RIGHT ALONG, I THINK IT'S TIME FOR ADJOURNMENT.
10:25:46 MR. BOESCH, DID YOU WANT TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADJOURN?
10:25:50 >>Jim Boesch: I MAKE A MOTION WE ADJOURN.
10:25:51 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:25:52 56 MINUTES.
10:25:55 YOU NOTED THAT, JIM, RIGHT?
10:25:57 ONE OF OUR -- MEETING ADJOURNED.
10:26:01 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ATTENDING.
10:26:02 [SOUNDING GAVEL]

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