

VILLAGE OF ESTERO SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021, 9:30 A.M.

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09:33:05 >>Mayor Errington: GOOD MORNING.
09:33:07 WELCOME.
09:33:07 I CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER THIS MORNING.
09:33:11 TODAY IS MARCH 24th, 2021.
09:33:14 [MICROPHONE NOT ON]
09:33:16 VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.
09:33:18 AS A REMINDER, PLEASE REMEMBER TO -- [MICROPHONE NOT ON] --
09:33:27 SILENT.
09:33:28 ALSO, I'VE BEEN TOLD TO ASK COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SPEAK CLOSELY
09:33:34 TO THE MIKE.
09:33:35 WE WILL TRY TO DO THAT AND SPEAK A LITTLE LOUDER.
09:33:40 THIS MORNING, PASTOR EMERITUS NOLEN ROLLINS, LEGACY CHURCH,
09:33:53 WILL PROVIDE THE INVOCATION.
09:33:55 >> FATHER, WE COME TO THIS TIME OF ACTUALLY CELEBRATION
09:33:57 TODAY TO CELEBRATE AND TO THANK YOU FOR THE EXCELLENT
09:34:04 SERVICE AND COMMITMENT OF OUR FIRST MAYOR, NICK BATOS, OUR
09:34:10 FIRST VICE-MAYOR, HOWARD LEVITAN, OUR MOST RECENT MAYOR BILL
09:34:14 RIBBLE.

09:34:15 WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THEIR DEDICATED COMMITMENT AND
09:34:19 SERVICE TO THIS COMMUNITY.
09:34:23 WE COME ALSO ASKING YOUR BLESSINGS UPON OUR NEW COUNCIL
09:34:26 MEMBERS, JOANNE RIBBLE, JIM WARD, LARRY FIESEL.
09:34:31 GOD, I PRAY YOU WOULD GIVE THEM WISDOM, PROTECT THEM AS THEY
09:34:35 SERVE US IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
09:34:37 AS WE APPROACH HOLY WEEK, WE ALSO CELEBRATE OUR RISEN LORD
09:34:43 AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST IN WHOSE NAME WE PRAY.
09:34:48 AMEN.
09:34:49 >>Mayor Errington: PLEASE JOIN ME FOR THE PLEDGE OF
09:34:50 ALLEGIANCE.
09:34:52 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]
09:35:08 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
09:35:15 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER RIBBLE IS ABSENT.
09:35:18 COUNCIL MEMBER FIESEL.
09:35:20 >>Larry Fiesel: HERE.
09:35:22 >>Jim Boesch: HERE.
09:35:23 >>Jim Ward: HERE.

09:35:24 >>Jim Wilson: HERE.
09:35:27 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: HERE.
09:35:28 >>Mayor Errington: HERE.
09:35:31 >>Burt Saunders: IF THE COUNCIL WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT
09:35:37 MS. RIBBLE IS ON AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.
09:35:49 >>Mayor Errington: [MICROPHONE NOT ON]
09:35:53 I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR GUEST HERE TODAY.

09:35:57 [INAUDIBLE]
09:36:11 [APPLAUSE]
09:36:11 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR DON SCOTT.
09:36:25 [APPLAUSE]
09:36:26 COMMISSIONER SANDELLI.
09:36:34 [APPLAUSE]
09:36:34 [INAUDIBLE]
09:36:39 [MICROPHONE NOT ON]
09:36:50 JIM GILMARTIN, PRESIDENT OF ECCL.
09:37:16 >>Mayor Errington: DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY ADDITIONS, DELETIONS
09:37:18 OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA?
09:37:20 AS CHAIR, I AM REQUESTING ITEM 5 -- [INAUDIBLE]
09:37:37 ITEM 12 UNDER WORKSHOP ITEMS TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL
09:37:40 MEETING WHICH WILL COUNCIL THE WORKSHOP TODAY.
09:37:43 [MICROPHONE NOT ON]
09:37:50 MADE BY JON McLAIN.
09:37:53 SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JIM WARD.
09:38:01 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER RIBBLE EXCUSED ABSENCE.
09:38:03 COUNCIL MEMBER FIESEL.
09:38:07 >>Larry Fiesel: YES.
09:38:10 AYE.
09:38:13 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
09:38:14 >>Jim Ward: AYE.
09:38:16 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
09:38:18 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: AYE.

09:38:21 >>Mayor Errington: AYE.
09:38:21 ITEM 3 ON THE AGENDA IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.
09:38:32 ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK?
09:38:36 >>Carol Sacco: NO MAYOR.
09:38:38 >>Mayor Errington: NUMBER 4, CONSENT AGENDA.
09:38:40 ANY OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS
09:38:44 REGARDING THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES?
09:38:50 >>Jim Boesch: I MAKE A MOTION WE ACCEPT THE CONSENT.
09:38:53 >>Mayor Errington: MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER JIM BOESCH.
09:38:55 SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LARRY FIESEL.
09:38:58 >>Carol Sacco: YES, MAYOR.
09:39:02 CAN YOU TURN ON YOUR MIKE, PLEASE?
09:39:04 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.
09:39:06 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.

09:39:07 >>Jim Ward: AYE.
09:39:09 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
09:39:11 >>Larry Fiesel: AYE.
09:39:15 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER RIBBLE, EXCUSED ABSENCE.
09:39:18 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: AYE.
09:39:18 >>Mayor Errington: AYE.
09:39:19 ITEM NUMBER 5 HAS BEEN MOVED TO ITEM 7D.
09:39:29 ITEM NUMBER 6, CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS DEFERRED FROM CONSENT
09:39:34 AGENDA.
09:39:35 NO ITEMS WERE DEFERRED, SO WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 7.
09:39:41 THESE ARE ACTION ITEMS.

09:39:49 BEFORE READING THE RESOLUTIONS TODAY, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE
09:39:53 RECORD TO RECOGNIZE THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S VILLAGE COUNCIL
09:39:57 SPECIAL MEETING, AND THAT IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND HONOR THREE
09:40:01 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WHO LEFT COUNCIL IN EARLY MARCH BECAUSE
09:40:05 OF TERM LIMITS AND MEMBERS WHO WERE ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN
09:40:10 CREATING THE VILLAGE'S GOVERNMENT LITE FOUNDATION.
09:40:13 THE ORDER OF PROTOCOL THIS MORNING WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: EACH
09:40:17 FORMER COUNCIL MEMBER WILL BE GIVEN A PLAQUE WITH A
09:40:21 RESOLUTION ENGRAVED ESPECIALLY FOR HIM AND WILL BE READ AND
09:40:26 PRESENTED BY THE VICE-MAYOR AND THE MAYOR.
09:40:29 AFTER THE PLAQUE IS PRESENTED, THE VICE-MAYOR AND I WILL
09:40:33 RETURN TO OUR SEATS HERE AT THE DAIS AND THEN THAT
09:40:37 INDIVIDUAL HONOREE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FROM
09:40:40 THE PODIUM.
09:40:42 AFTER HE HAS SPOKEN, HE WILL RETURN TO HIS SEAT HERE IN THE
09:40:46 CHAMBERS, AND THEN THE NEXT HONOREE WILL BE INTRODUCED AND
09:40:49 HONORED WITH HIS OWN PERSONAL RESOLUTION AND THE SAME
09:40:54 PROTOCOL WILL BE FOLLOWED.
09:40:56 AS THE GRAND FINALE, AFTER EACH HONOREE HAS BEEN PRESENTED A
09:41:00 PLAQUE AND HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, THEN THEY WILL BE
09:41:04 ASKED TO RETURN TO THE FRONT OF THE DAIS AND WILL BE
09:41:07 PRESENTED A KEY TO THE CITY BY THE MAYOR.
09:41:10 AFTER THE KEY TO THE CITY IS AWARDED INDIVIDUALLY, ALL
09:41:15 SITTING COUNCIL MEMBERS, THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY AND VILLAGE
09:41:18 MANAGER WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE COMMENTS, IF THEY

09:41:21 WISH, REGARDING THE HONOREES.
09:41:23 EACH PERSON UNDER COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS IF YOU WILL
09:41:29 REMEMBER TO TRY TO KEEP YOUR COMMENTS TO NO MORE THAN TWO
09:41:32 MINUTES.
09:41:33 AFTER ALL COMMUNICATIONS HAVE ENDED, A LIGHT RECEPTION WILL
09:41:38 FOLLOW HERE IN THE CHAMBERS.
09:41:39 THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN WITH BILL RIBBLE, DISTRICT ONE,
09:41:43 FOLLOWED BY HOWARD LEVITAN, DISTRICT TWO, AND NICK BATOS,
09:41:48 DISTRICT SIX.
09:41:49 I WILL NOW ASK MADAM CLERK TO PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION.

09:42:00 >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION 2021-05, A RESOLUTION OF THE
09:42:03 VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, HONORING
09:42:07 WILLIAM RIBBLE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

09:42:10 >>Mayor Errington: IS THERE A GENERAL CONSENSUS TO APPROVE
09:42:11 THIS RESOLUTION BY A SHOW OF HANDS?
09:42:14 THE MOTION CARRIES.

09:42:20 FORMER MAYOR BILL RIBBLE, WILL YOU JOIN THE VICE-MAYOR AND
09:42:28 ME AT THE FRONT OF THE DAIS?

09:43:08 >>Mayor Errington: RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE
09:43:10 VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, HONORING WILLIAM RIBBLE AND
09:43:13 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

09:43:14 WHEREAS, WILLIAM RIBBLE WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS
09:43:19 THAT RESULTED IN THE INCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO
09:43:21 ON DECEMBER 31, 2014; AND WHEREAS, WILLIAM RIBBLE SERVED AS
09:43:28 MAYOR, VICE-MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE VILLAGE OF

09:43:30 ESTERO COUNCIL FROM MARCH 17, 2015 TO MARCH 15, 2021,
09:43:35 REPRESENTING DISTRICT 1; AND WHEREAS, WILLIAM RIBBLE ALSO
09:43:39 SERVED AS LIAISON FOR THE SOUTHWEST CHAPTER OF THE FLORIDA
09:43:42 LEAGUE OF CITIES FOR WHICH HE SERVED AS SECRETARY,
09:43:45 TREASURER, VICE PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDENT AS WELL AS THE
09:43:48 FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES BOARD AND ALSO SERVED ON THE
09:43:51 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE AND THE "FLY IN" COMMITTEE;
09:43:56 AND WHEREAS, WILLIAM RIBBLE ALSO SERVED AS THE LIAISON FOR
09:44:00 THE LEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SERVING AS
09:44:04 VICE-CHAIR AND CHAIRPERSON; AND WHEREAS, WILLIAM RIBBLE HAS
09:44:08 BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS,
09:44:12 INCLUDING SERVING AS CO-CHAIR OF THE PELICAN LANDING UNIT
09:44:15 OWNERS COMMITTEE, CHAIRED THE COLONY DESIGN REVIEW
09:44:18 COMMITTEE, AND WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COLONY RESIDENTS
09:44:22 COUNCIL, CO-CHAIRING THE FIRST CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOLF
09:44:25 OUTING AT THE COLONY IN PELICAN LANDING; AND WHEREAS,
09:44:30 WILLIAM RIBBLE'S VAST CORPORATE EXPERIENCE WAS INSTRUMENTAL
09:44:33 IN ESTABLISHING THE OPERATIONS OF "GOVERNMENT LITE"; AND
09:44:38 WHEREAS, WILLIAM RIBBLE APPLIED HIS LIFELONG EXPERIENCE IN
09:44:42 THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO ESTABLISH CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
09:44:45 POLICIES RESULTING IN AN EFFICIENT AND WELL-RUN GOVERNMENT
09:44:49 STRUCTURE; AND WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO COUNCIL, STAFF
09:44:53 AND CITIZENRY WISH TO SHOW APPRECIATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
09:44:56 TO WILLIAM RIBBLE FOR HIS FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF
09:45:00 ESTERO.

09:45:01 NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATY ERRINGTON, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF
09:45:04 ESTERO, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF
09:45:07 THE VILLAGE COUNCIL, VILLAGE STAFF, AND THE CITIZENS OF
09:45:11 ESTERO, DO HEREBY EXPRESS HEARTFELT THANKS AND COMMENDATIONS
09:45:15 TO WILLIAM RIBBLE FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE
09:45:20 OF ESTERO AND HIS COMMITMENT TO MAKING ESTERO "A CROWN

09:45:24 JEWEL" FOR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.
09:45:27 ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO,
09:45:29 FLORIDA, THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH, 2021.
09:45:32 CONGRATULATIONS.
09:45:35 [APPLAUSE]
09:45:45 >>William Ribble: KATY HAD A SHOT.
09:45:46 SO I'LL TAKE THE MIKE FROM HER, AND SOMEBODY CAN DISINFECT
09:45:49 IT WHEN I'M DONE.
09:45:51 I PROMISED HOWARD I WAS ONLY GOING TO SPEAK TWO MINUTES, AND
09:45:51 I WILL KEEP IT TO THAT.
09:45:53 USUALLY WHEN WE HAVE THESE GOING AWAY OR RETIREMENT PARTIES,
09:45:57 IT'S BEEN CUSTOMARY IN MY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE TO PLAY FRANK
09:46:00 SINATRA'S "HE DID IT MY WAY" NONSENSE.
09:46:03 WE'RE GOING TO FOREGO THAT TODAY BECAUSE I THINK IN ESTERO
09:46:06 WE DID IT OUR WAY.
09:46:07 AND I REALLY MEAN THAT AS A TEAM.
09:46:09 I'M PLEASSED TO SEE ALL THESE FOLKS COME HERE THAT I WORKED
09:46:12 CLOSELY WITH HERE OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS.
09:46:15 MY RECRUITER OVER THERE, DON ESLICK.

09:46:23 HE IS THE GUY WHO GOT ME INVOLVED IN THIS.
09:46:23 HE'S THE WORST NEIGHBOR I EVER HAD IN THE BUILDING IN THE
09:46:24 SORRENTO AT THE COLONY BECAUSE HE'S THE ONE THAT HAD ME MEET
09:46:27 HIM AT THE GOLF CLUB AND ASKED ME TO RUN.
09:46:29 BURT, I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU DIDN'T STEAL OUR MANAGER.
09:46:32 I READ IN THE PAPER YESTERDAY YOU FOLKS HIRED A NEW MANAGER.
09:46:34 NOW WE JUST HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT FORT MYERS REPLACING THEIR
09:46:37 MANAGER WITH STEVE.
09:46:38 SO, STEVE, WE WANT TO KEEP YOU CLOSE TO THE VEST.
09:46:42 I DO WANT TO THANK STEVE FOR HIS SERVICE TO US.
09:46:44 I LEARNED AN AWFUL LOT FROM YOU.
09:46:46 YOU'RE ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST IN THE INDUSTRY.
09:46:50 WITH FURTHER ADO, I'LL TURN IT, KATY, BACK OVER TO YOU, I
09:46:52 GUESS.

09:46:52 IS THAT THE DEAL?
09:46:57 [APPLAUSE]
09:47:06 >>Mayor Errington: YOU CAN'T LEAVE WITHOUT YOUR PLAQUE.
09:47:11 SOMETHING ELSE IS COMING, TOO.

09:47:14 7B, NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS RESOLUTION 2021-06.
09:47:29 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION.

09:47:31 >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION 2021-06, A RESOLUTION OF THE
09:47:35 VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA HONORING
09:47:39 HOWARD LEVITAN, ESTERO'S FIRST VICE-MAYOR, AND PROVIDING AN
09:47:42 EFFECTIVE DATE.

09:47:44 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.

09:47:45 IS THERE A GENERAL CONSENSUS TO APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION BY A
09:47:48 SHOW OF HANDS?

09:47:49 SO APPROVED.
09:47:51 WILL ESTERO'S FIRST VICE-MAYOR, HOWARD LEVITAN, PLEASE MEET
09:47:58 US IN FRONT OF THE DAIS, PLEASE?
09:48:01 I'VE HAD MY SHOTS.
09:48:24 A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF
09:48:29 ESTERO, FLORIDA, HONORING HOWARD LEVITAN, ESTERO'S FIRST
09:48:33 VICE-MAYOR AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
09:48:35 WHEREAS, HOWARD LEVITAN WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS
09:48:39 THAT RESULTED IN THE INCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO
09:48:42 ON DECEMBER 31, 2014; AND WHEREAS, HOWARD LEVITAN SERVED AS
09:48:47 VICE-MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO
09:48:50 COUNCIL FROM MARCH 17, 2015 TO MARCH 15, 2021, REPRESENTING
09:48:56 DISTRICT 2; AND WHEREAS, HOWARD LEVITAN ALSO SERVED AS
09:48:59 VICE-CHAIR OF THE ESTERO COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY LEADERS AND AS
09:49:04 SECRETARY TO THE ESTERO COMMUNITY PLANNING PANEL PRIOR TO
09:49:07 INCORPORATION AND SERVING ON THE VILLAGE COUNCIL; WHEREAS,
09:49:12 HOWARD LEVITAN WAS LIAISON TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
09:49:15 DEPARTMENT, THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, AND THE DESIGN
09:49:17 REVIEW BOARD FROM 2015-2021; AND WHEREAS, HOWARD LEVITAN
09:49:23 ADVOCATED FOR A "VILLAGE CENTER" AREA WHICH RESULTED IN
09:49:29 COMMUNITY PLANNING TO ENABLE DIVERSE, SUSTAINABLE, AND
09:49:32 HIGH-QUALITY DEVELOPMENT; AND WHEREAS, HOWARD LEVITAN WAS
09:49:35 INSTRUMENTAL IN SETTING THE VISION FOR THE VILLAGE THROUGH

09:49:39 HIS ACTIVE ROLE IN THE PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF THE
09:49:42 VILLAGE'S FIRST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND FIRST LAND
09:49:45 DEVELOPMENT CODE, TWO MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS; AND WHEREAS, THESE
09:49:49 PLANNING EFFORTS FOCUSED ON CREATING HIGH-QUALITY
09:49:52 DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGE WHICH WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT AND
09:49:55 ENDURING IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY FOR DECADES; AND WHEREAS,
09:49:59 THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO COUNCIL, STAFF, AND CITIZENRY WISH TO
09:50:03 SHOW APPRECIATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO HOWARD LEVITAN FOR
09:50:06 HIS FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
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09:50:13 ESTERO, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
09:50:16 VILLAGE COUNCIL, VILLAGE STAFF, AND THE CITIZENS OF ESTERO,
09:50:19 DO HEREBY EXPRESS HEARTFELT THANKS AND COMMENDATIONS TO
09:50:24 HOWARD LEVITAN FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF
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09:50:39 CONGRATULATIONS.
09:50:40 [APPLAUSE]
09:51:07 >>Howard Levitan: THANK YOU.
09:51:08 I'M REALLY SMILING BEHIND THIS MASK.
09:51:11 SO YOU SHOULD ALL KNOW THAT.
09:51:15 AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR COMING.

09:51:19 I'VE SEEN SOME FACES I HAVEN'T SEEN FOR A LOT OF YEARS,
09:51:23 PETER, AND THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS, FOR BEING HERE AS WELL.
09:51:26 THAT'S REALLY NICE.
09:51:27 BUT THIS ISN'T ABOUT PUBLIC RECOGNITION.
09:51:32 THIS IS REALLY ABOUT PUBLIC SERVICE.
09:51:37 AND I THINK THAT MYSELF AND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU,
09:51:42 THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT IS BEING HERE FOR THE PUBLIC.
09:51:46 AND JUST BECAUSE THE TERM HAS ENDED DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE
09:51:51 THREE OF US ARE GOING TO GIVE THAT UP.
09:51:54 I TRULY BELIEVE THAT WE WILL ALL STAY INVOLVED EACH IN OUR
09:51:57 OWN WAY, AND THAT YOU'RE GOING TO SEE US A LITTLE BIT DOWN
09:52:01 THE ROAD.
09:52:03 I'M REALLY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO SAY WE LEAVE THE VILLAGE IN
09:52:08 REALLY GOOD HANDS.
09:52:09 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
09:52:09 APPRECIATE IT.
09:52:12 [APPLAUSE]
09:52:15 >>Mayor Errington: ITEM 7C, RESOLUTION 2021-07.
09:52:24 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION.
09:52:27 >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION 2021-07, A RESOLUTION OF THE
09:52:31 VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, HONORING
09:52:35 NICK BATOS, ESTERO'S FIRST MAYOR, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
09:52:39 DATE.
09:52:41 >>Mayor Errington: IS THERE A GENERAL CONSENSUS TO APPROVE
09:52:43 THIS RESOLUTION BY A SHOW OF HANDS?
09:52:46 SO MOVED.

09:52:49 FIRST MAYOR, NICHOLAS BATOS, WILL YOU JOIN THE VICE-MAYOR
09:52:58 AND I?
09:53:00 THIS IS RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-07.
09:53:29 WHEREAS, NICHOLAS BATOS WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS
09:53:33 THAT RESULTED IN THE INCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO
09:53:35 ON DECEMBER 31, 2014; AND WHEREAS, NICHOLAS BATOS SERVED AS
09:53:40 THE FIRST MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO
09:53:43 COUNCIL FROM MARCH 17, 2015 TO MARCH 15, 2021, REPRESENTING
09:53:48 DISTRICT 6; AND WHEREAS, NICHOLAS BATOS ALSO SERVED AS THE
09:53:52 CHAIRMAN OF THE ESTERO COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY LEADERS (ECCL)
09:53:57 FROM 2012 THROUGH 2014 AND LED THE SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO
09:54:03 PLACE THE INCORPORATION OF ESTERO ON THE NOVEMBER 2014
09:54:07 BALLOT, WHICH PASSED BY A RESOUNDING 86 PERCENT; WHEREAS,
09:54:12 NICHOLAS BATOS, AS ONE OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE
09:54:16 VILLAGE, ESTABLISHED A LEGACY OF UNPARALLELED
09:54:19 ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT WILL SERVE THE COMMUNITY FOR
09:54:20 GENERATIONS TO COME AND HELPED DEFINE THE PRINCIPLES OF
09:54:24 "GOVERNMENT LITE" TO MEAN OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE WITH
09:54:27 ONLY 10 FULL-TIME STAFF FOR A COMMUNITY OF OVER 35,000 IN
09:54:32 POPULATION; AND WHEREAS, NICHOLAS BATOS WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN

09:54:36 ESTABLISHING FINANCIAL RESERVES AT A LEVEL OF 12 MONTHS OF
09:54:40 OPERATING REVENUE, ONE OF THE HIGHEST RESERVES IN SOUTHWEST
09:54:44 FLORIDA AND LOWERED THE VILLAGE PROPERTY TAX RATE IN FOUR OF
09:54:48 THE SIX YEARS IN OFFICE RESULTING IN THE LOWEST TAX RATE IN
09:54:52 ALL OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA; AND WHEREAS, NICHOLAS BATOS

09:54:58 FURTHER WORKED TO DEFINE THE VILLAGE'S OPERATING PRINCIPLES
09:55:00 TO INCLUDE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF TRANSPARENCY, THE HIGHEST
09:55:04 STANDARDS FOR FINANCIAL AUDITS, AND THE HIGHEST STANDARDS
09:55:07 FOR PUBLIC DECORUM AND ETHICAL CONDUCT; AND WHEREAS,
09:55:13 NICHOLAS BATOS WAS A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
09:55:16 OF FORMAL MASTER PLANS IN EACH OF THE AREAS OF OPERATIONAL
09:55:21 RESPONSIBILITY TO BE USED TO INFORM AND GUIDE THE VILLAGE'S
09:55:26 SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

09:55:28 THESE INCLUDE THE STORMWATER MASTER PLAN, THE VILLAGE-WIDE
09:55:32 TRAFFIC STUDY, THE PARKS, RECOGNIZE AND OPEN SPACE MASTER
09:55:36 PLAN, AND THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN; AND
09:55:40 WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO COUNCIL, STAFF, AND CITIZENRY
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09:56:25 CONGRATULATIONS.

09:56:26 [APPLAUSE]

09:56:52 >>Nick Batos: MADAM MAYOR, THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.

09:56:56 I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE THIS GESTURE OF
09:56:59 COMING HERE TODAY AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR YEARS WITH THE
09:57:03 CITY.

09:57:03 IT'S AMAZING THAT EIGHT YEARS HAVE GONE BY SINCE WE STARTED
09:57:09 THE INCORPORATION EFFORT.

09:57:11 EVERYBODY HERE AND A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE WERE INSTRUMENTAL
09:57:15 IN GETTING THAT THROUGH.

09:57:17 THOSE EIGHT YEARS, ALTHOUGH I NEVER EXPECTED AFTER RETIRING,
09:57:21 NEVER EXPECTED TO GO INTO THIS.

09:57:23 VERY REWARDING AND SOMETHING THAT I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER AND
09:57:26 CHERISH.

09:57:27 I WANT TO THANK THE VILLAGE COUNCIL, THE SEVEN OF US WORKED
09:57:35 TOGETHER.

09:57:35 WE HAD OUR LITTLE DIFFERENCES FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT WE
09:57:37 ALWAYS WORKED TOGETHER AND WE ALWAYS HAD ONE THING IN

09:57:40 COMMON.
09:57:40 WE ALWAYS WANTED THE BEST FOR THE VILLAGE, AND WE ALWAYS HAD
09:57:44 A VERY SIMILAR GOALS AS TO WHAT THAT WAS.
09:57:52 IT'S BEEN TERRIBLY EXCITING WORKING WITH PROFESSIONAL STAFF.
09:57:56 I ESPECIALLY WANT TO MENTION STEVE SARKOZY, MARY GIBBS,
09:58:03 CAROL SACCO, MARILYN EDWARDS, ALL WERE REALLY HELPFUL AND
09:58:08 MADE OUR JOBS AND OUR EFFORTS A LOT EASIER.
09:58:12 BESIDES THE PEOPLE HERE THAT HELPED A LOT, I MUST MENTION
09:58:17 THE ONE PERSON WHO MADE THIS OPPORTUNITY POSSIBLE FOR ME AND

09:58:22 GIVING THE TIME I HAD TO GIVE, AND THAT'S MY WIFE LINDA.
09:58:25 I WANT TO THANK HER FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME AND GETTING ME
09:58:28 OUT OF THE HOUSE.
09:58:30 [APPLAUSE]
09:58:30 AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY.
09:58:35 I MUST MENTION -- I FORGOT TO MENTION SCOTT VANDERBROOK IN
09:58:41 THE BACK.
09:58:42 WHEN WE FIRST STARTED THE VILLAGE BACK IN 2015, WE DIDN'T
09:58:45 HAVE A PENCIL.
09:58:47 WE DIDN'T HAVE A PEN.
09:58:48 WE HAD NO PLACE TO GO.
09:58:49 SCOTT AND THE ESTERO FIRE RESCUE OPENED UP THEIR OFFICES AND
09:58:53 ALLOWED US TO START OUR CITY THERE.
09:58:57 WITH THE OFFICES AND WITH PETER, WE HAD A BEGINNING THAT WAS
09:59:03 SOMETHING THAT LED TO TODAY.
09:59:05 I THINK WE ALL ARE PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE.
09:59:07 AND I, LIKE HOWARD, AGREE THAT WE WILL ALL HAVE MORE TO SAY
09:59:13 IN THE FUTURE AND WILL KEEP INVOLVED.
09:59:15 THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.
09:59:17 [APPLAUSE]
09:59:22 >>Mayor Errington: WE'RE GOING TO GET A PICTURE.
09:59:38 >>Mayor Errington: ITEM NUMBER 7D, KEY TO THE CITY.
10:00:28 WILL THE THREE OUTGOING MEMBERS PLEASE COME UP?
10:00:39 THIS WILL BE A SIMPLE PRESENTATION OF THE KEY TO THE CITY.
10:01:24 [APPLAUSE]

10:01:30 ITEM NUMBER 8, PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.
10:02:04 >>Carol Sacco: YES, MAYOR.
10:02:05 WE HAVE TWO.
10:02:06 MR. JIM GILMARTIN REPRESENTING ECCL.
10:02:15 >> GOOD MORNING.
10:02:17 WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU.
10:02:21 ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE EXECUTIVE
10:02:26 MANAGEMENT TEAM, THE ADVOCACY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS, I WANT
10:02:28 TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK FORMER DISTRICT ONE COUNCIL MEMBER
10:02:32 AND MAYOR BILL RIBBLE, DISTRICT TWO COUNCIL MEMBER HOWARD
10:02:39 LEVITAN, AND DISTRICT SIX, COUNCIL MEMBER NICK BATOS.
10:02:45 A SINCERE THANKS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO SERVICE FOR THE

10:02:48 VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
10:02:49 THEY'VE SACRIFICED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME AND ENERGY,
10:02:55 AS DOCUMENTED BY SIMPLY LISTENING TO THOSE RESOLUTIONS.
10:03:00 AND IN ALL THAT TIME, THEIR WHOLE PURPOSE WAS TO MAKE THE
10:03:04 VILLAGE OF ESTERO THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY.
10:03:08 THANK YOU.
10:03:10 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.
10:03:11 [APPLAUSE]
10:03:14 >>Carol Sacco: NEXT IS MR. BOB LINICH FROM SHADOW WOOD,
10:03:21 REPRESENTING HIMSELF.
10:03:28 >> GOOD MORNING.
10:03:28 COUNCIL MEMBERS, HOW MANY OF YOU REMEMBER ST. PATRICK'S DAY
10:03:38 SIX YEARS AGO?

10:03:40 I SEE A LOT OF FAMILIAR FACES IN THIS ROOM.
10:03:43 REMEMBER THE FIRST VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBER SITTING UP ON THE
10:03:48 AUDITORIUM STAGE, AND I REMEMBER LOOKING THINKING, I WONDER
10:03:54 WHAT NICK IS THINKING NOW?
10:03:57 HE WAS PROBABLY THINKING, WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO?
10:04:02 AMONG THE THREE OF THEM, HOWARD, NICK, AND BILL, I THINK
10:04:05 THEY HAVE DONE JUST AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN TERMS OF LEADING
10:04:09 THE INITIAL, MAGNIFICENT SEVEN VILLAGE COUNCILORS THROUGH
10:04:14 THE LAST SIX YEARS.
10:04:17 IT HAS REALLY BEEN --
10:04:18 >> BOB, CAN YOU SPEAK A LITTLE CLOSER?
10:04:21 >> IT HAS REALLY BEEN TRULY AN HONOR TO KNOW AND WORK WITH
10:04:24 THESE PEOPLE.
10:04:27 I RECALL WHEN THE ECCL UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF NICK AND
10:04:32 HOWARD AND DIRECTOR EMERITUS DON ESLICK DECIDED THAT IT WAS
10:04:38 TIME TO CONSIDER INVITING THE MEMBERS AND THE VOTERS OF
10:04:44 ESTERO WHETHER OR NOT THEY WANTED TO INCORPORATE.
10:04:46 THAT LED AN ENORMOUS EFFORT FOR 18 MONTHS THAT I DON'T THINK
10:04:50 ANYBODY COULD TRULY APPRECIATE WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED, BUT IT
10:04:53 LED TO AN 86% APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF
10:04:58 ESTERO TO INCORPORATE.
10:05:00 AND I THINK THAT IS IN LARGE PART TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THESE
10:05:04 INDIVIDUALS.
10:05:05 I HAVE BEEN TRULY AMAZED AT ALL THE FINE WORK DONE BY THIS
10:05:10 GROUP IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

10:05:11 EVERYTHING I PLANNED TO SAY ABOUT THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAS
10:05:13 ALREADY BEEN SAID.
10:05:14 I WILL SIT DOWN AND JUST SAY TO NICK, TO BILL, WHEREVER YOU
10:05:21 ARE, AND HOWARD, THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND I THINK YOUR TERMS
10:05:27 MAY HAVE ENDED, BUT THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO'S HISTORY WILL
10:05:30 LONG RECORD THE EFFORTS AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT YOU
10:05:34 FELLOWS HAVE MADE.
10:05:35 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

10:05:37 [APPLAUSE]
10:05:46 >>Mayor Errington: THAT'S IT.
10:05:47 OKAY.
10:05:47 BEFORE WE GO TO ITEM NUMBER 9, I NEGLECTED TO INTRODUCE A
10:05:53 PERSON WHO MUST HAVE SLIPPED IN THE SIDE DOOR THERE, CAPTAIN
10:06:01 BLAKE LEE FROM THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
10:06:05 WELCOME.
10:06:05 WE ARE NOW ON ITEM NUMBER 9, WRAPPING UP EVERYTHING.
10:06:11 THIS IS THE TIME WHEN WE HAVE COMMUNICATIONS FROM EACH
10:06:14 INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER, THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY AND THE
10:06:19 VILLAGE MANAGER.
10:06:21 I AM ASKING YOU TO HAVE YOUR COMMENTS READY, IF YOU HAVE
10:06:26 ANYTHING TO SAY.
10:06:28 IF YOU DON'T, THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE.
10:06:31 WE'LL START WITH -- LET'S START WITH JIM WILSON.
10:06:39 HI, JIM.
10:06:39 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON, ARE YOU THERE?

10:06:43 >>Jim Wilson: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM MAYOR.
10:06:46 I DO HAVE A FEW COMMENTS.
10:06:49 WE'VE JUST COMPLETED A SIX-YEAR RUN FOR THE TEAM AND HAVE
10:06:55 SUCCESSFULLY HONORED WITH THE PLAQUES AND THE HONORS THE TWO
10:07:02 MAYORS AND HOWARD, HOWARD ESPECIALLY FOR ALL THE ENDLESS
10:07:06 HOURS THAT HE PUT IN TO MAKING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND
10:07:09 THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE GOOD.
10:07:11 IN 2014, I REMEMBER READING THE INITIAL INCORPORATION STUDY
10:07:18 TRYING TO DECIDE WHETHER I SHOULD VOTE FOR IT.
10:07:20 THAT WAS LONG BEFORE I GOT INVOLVED.
10:07:24 AND THE AMAZING THING IS THAT THAT INCORPORATION STUDY
10:07:29 UNDERSTATED HOW FINANCIALLY SUCCESSFUL WE WOULD BE IF WE
10:07:35 WENT THROUGH WITH THE INCORPORATION.
10:07:36 WE HAVE BUILT INCREDIBLE RESERVES, AND I'M VERY, VERY PROUD
10:07:41 ON BEHALF OF THE TEAM THAT I'VE SERVED WITH OF EVERYTHING
10:07:45 THAT WE'VE BUILT AND OF THE LAND THAT WE BOUGHT.
10:07:48 WE BOUGHT TWO PIECES OF LAND WHICH WILL SERVE US WELL GOING
10:07:52 FORWARD, AND I'M PLEASED TO STILL BE WORKING WITH THE NEW
10:08:00 BOARD THAT'S NOW SEATED.
10:08:02 SO THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE TO ALL THREE OF YOU
10:08:07 FOR ESTERO.
10:08:08 THANK YOU.
10:08:09 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON.
10:08:11 APPRECIATE IT.
10:08:11 COUNCIL MEMBER WARD.

10:08:16 >>Jim Ward: I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK
10:08:20 THE THREE HONOREES WHO I REGARD AS THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF
10:08:24 ESTERO.
10:08:24 THEY HAVE PROVIDED US, THE NEW COUNCIL, WITH AN OPPORTUNITY

10:08:28 FOR GREAT CHALLENGES AND GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ESTERO
10:08:33 VILLAGE.
10:08:34 WHEN I LOOK BACK OVER THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT THEY HAVE
10:08:38 DEDICATED, THE SIX YEARS OF THEIR LIFE TO THIS VILLAGE, I
10:08:41 JUST FIND IT INCREDIBLE WHAT THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED.
10:08:44 SO, HOWARD, BILL, NICK, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIRELESS
10:08:49 DEDICATION.
10:08:52 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.
10:08:52 COUNCIL MEMBER BOESCH.
10:08:54 >>Jim Boesch: YES.
10:08:56 I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT THAT
10:09:00 WE STARTED IN -- END OF 2014 BUT AT THE BEGINNING OF 2015,
10:09:11 THE CONCEPT OF A LIGHT GOVERNMENT WHICH PROBABLY WE ARE ONE
10:09:17 OF THE FEW MUNICIPALITIES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA THAT
10:09:21 EMANATES THAT CONCEPT.
10:09:23 AND IT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN YOU START A GOVERNMENT, THIS
10:09:29 IS A GOVERNMENT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE FOR THE TOTAL FUTURE,
10:09:33 YET IN THE SIX YEARS THAT WE'VE BEEN OPERATING, NONE OF US,
10:09:39 INCLUDING THE THREE OF THE OUTGOING, EVER CHANGED THE
10:09:43 CONCEPT THAT WE ARE GOING TO GET AWAY FROM LIGHT GOVERNMENT.
10:09:47 TODAY WE HAVE ONLY TEN EMPLOYEES, AND IT'S BECAUSE OF THE

10:09:55 THREE PEOPLE WHO SERVED AND ARE LEAVING AND THE OTHER FOUR
10:09:59 PEOPLE THAT SERVE ON THE COUNCIL HAS STUCK TO THAT CONCEPT
10:10:04 THAT MAKES US A UNIQUE CITY, AND A CITY THAT IS WELL
10:10:08 FINANCED AND A CITY THAT HAS ITS GOALS ACCOMPLISHED.
10:10:14 THE SECOND THING I'D LIKE TO MENTION IS THAT WHEN YOU
10:10:16 CONSIDER THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, IT IS A MASSIVE CONCEPT,
10:10:23 ESPECIALLY STARTING A NEW GOVERNMENT.
10:10:26 AND IN TERMS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, FIRST OF ALL, WE
10:10:31 HAVE TO THANK THE ECCL BECAUSE THEY INITIATED IT, THE
10:10:37 BEGINNINGS OF IT.
10:10:38 AND WE WERE IN A POSITION TO THEN PICK UP AND GO FORWARD AND
10:10:42 FINISH IT OFF.
10:10:44 AND THE COUNCIL DEDICATED THEMSELVES NOT TO GET IT DONE IN
10:10:48 TEN YEARS, BUT AS SOON AS WE CAN AND TO THE HELP OF THE
10:10:55 COUNCIL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY HOWARD, THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
10:10:58 GOT FINISHED IN SIX YEARS, WHICH I THINK PROBABLY MOST NEW
10:11:03 COMMUNITIES WILL NOT HAVE THAT ACCOMPLISHMENT.
10:11:08 WE FINISHED THE LAND ORDINANCE, ALL PUT TOGETHER AND
10:11:15 FINISHED AND APPROVED.
10:11:16 WE FINISHED OUR WATER PLAN, THE BIKE PLAN, SO MANY PLANS ALL
10:11:21 ACCOMPLISHED.
10:11:21 THIS WAS ALL DONE IN A COUNCIL WHERE THESE THREE PEOPLE SAT,
10:11:27 AND ESPECIALLY CONTRIBUTED HEAVILY TO MAKE SURE THIS GETS
10:11:30 DONE.
10:11:30 IT WAS A COUNCIL THAT WAS PLEASANTLY NONPARTISAN, POLITICS

10:11:39 NEVER ENTERED THE ISSUES THAT WE DISCUSSED.
10:11:43 JUST HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET IT DONE?
10:11:46 WE VOTED ON THINGS AND WHATEVER YOU VOTED FOR OR AGAINST IT,
10:11:50 ONCE THE VOTE WAS DONE, WE MOVED FORWARD, WHICH IS A VERY,
10:11:53 VERY HEALTHY MUNICIPALITY AND GOVERNMENT.
10:11:59 SO I WANT TO ESPECIALLY GIVE MY THANKS AND GIVE MY TOTAL
10:12:05 RESPECT TO THE THREE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT BECAUSE THEY WERE
10:12:10 CHAMPIONS TALKING ABOUT HOW CAN WE GET THIS GOVERNMENT TO BE
10:12:15 THE GOVERNMENT THAT WE WANT, GOVERNMENT THAT WILL STAY ON
10:12:21 THE LIGHT GOVERNMENT CONCEPT.
10:12:26 I'M HERE AS ONE OF THE INITIAL MEMBERS, BUT A PERSON, AND
10:12:33 ESPECIALLY THE COUNCIL MEMBER WHO PUT THE PLAN TOGETHER FOR
10:12:37 LIGHT GOVERNMENT AND COMPLIMENT THE THREE PEOPLE WHO LEFT
10:12:43 AND WISH THEM THE BEST.
10:12:45 I KNOW THEY WILL STILL BE INVOLVED AND HELPING US AS WE GO
10:12:48 ALONG TO MAKE SURE THAT THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO IS AND WILL BE
10:12:55 ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING MUNICIPALITIES IN THE STATE OF
10:12:57 FLORIDA.
10:12:58 THANK YOU.
10:13:00 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER BOESCH.
10:13:02 COUNCIL MEMBER FIESEL.
10:13:05 >>Larry Fiesel: THANK YOU, MADAM MAYOR.
10:13:07 LAST WEEK IN MY FIRST MEETING SITTING IN THIS CHAIR, I
10:13:12 EXPRESSED HOW PROUD I WAS, HOW HONORED I WAS TO BE A PART OF
10:13:18 THIS VILLAGE COUNCIL AND BE THE RECIPIENT OF ALL OF THE HARD

10:13:23 WORK THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY ALL OF THE COUNCIL
10:13:29 MEMBERS, THE THREE OF YOU LEAVING.
10:13:31 THE GROUNDWORK, THE FOUNDATION HAS BEEN SET IN PLACE FOR THE
10:13:34 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMUNITY GOING FORWARD.
10:13:37 I DID NOT ADDRESS EACH OF THE THREE OF YOU AT THAT TIME, BUT
10:13:40 AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO DO THAT AND EXPRESS THAT,
10:13:45 BILL, I HAVEN'T HAD A PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU PRIOR
10:13:51 TO COMING TO THIS COUNCIL, BUT I WANT TO EXPRESS MY
10:13:54 APPRECIATION FOR THE WAY YOU HAVE RECEIVED ME AND WELCOMED
10:13:56 ME INTO THIS COMMUNITY.
10:13:59 NICK, THE SAME TO YOU.
10:14:01 I HAVE NOT HAD A PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU.
10:14:04 I HAVE KNOWN OF BOTH OF YOU OVER THE YEARS BECAUSE OF THE
10:14:07 ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT YOU HAVE DONE HERE WITHIN OUR
10:14:11 COMMUNITY.
10:14:12 NICK, I MET YOU AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY OF OUR
10:14:16 CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION THAT TOOK PLACE TWO YEARS AGO, AND
10:14:19 APPRECIATE YOU COMING AND SAYING THE FINE WORDS THAT YOU DID
10:14:23 AT THAT.
10:14:25 HOWARD, I'VE KNOWN HOWARD AND REBECCA FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS
10:14:28 BECAUSE WE LIVE IN THE SAME COMMUNITY TOGETHER, SO WE
10:14:31 OBVIOUSLY SEE EACH OTHER FREQUENTLY.

10:14:34 I WANT TO THANK HOWARD FOR THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT AND
10:14:41 ALL THAT HE DID FOR ME BECAUSE I HAD NOT DONE THIS BEFORE.
10:14:46 I'VE NOT RUN FOR A PUBLIC OFFICE.

10:14:49 I HAD NOT PUT A CAMPAIGN TOGETHER.
10:14:51 I CERTAINLY NEEDED A LITTLE BIT OF A ROAD MAP AND HOWARD WAS
10:14:54 VERY GRACIOUS TO WORK WITH US AND GIVE THAT INPUT.
10:14:57 I REALIZE, AS I SEE THESE PROCLAMATIONS THAT WERE MADE HERE
10:15:02 THIS MORNING, THERE WAS AN AWFUL LOT OF "WHEREAS" ON THOSE
10:15:06 PLAQUES, MEANING THAT THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT OF BIG SHOES THAT
10:15:10 WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO NOT FILL, BECAUSE THAT'S NOT GOING TO
10:15:14 BE A POSSIBILITY, BUT A LOT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT HAVE
10:15:18 TAKEN PLACE, GIVES US A LOT OF CHALLENGES AS NEW MEMBERS OF
10:15:23 THE COUNCIL AND, OF COURSE, THE EXISTING MEMBERS, AS WE MOVE
10:15:26 FORWARD.
10:15:26 AND I HAVE MET AS A NEW MEMBER WITH STEVE ON A NUMBER OF
10:15:31 OCCASIONS TO GET AN OUTLINE ON WHAT THE VILLAGE HAS
10:15:37 ACCOMPLISHED AND WHERE THE VILLAGE IS GOING AND WHAT THEY
10:15:41 INTEND TO ACCOMPLISH.
10:15:42 I JUST HAVE TO SAY THAT I'M JUST EXCITED TO HAVE THIS
10:15:46 OPPORTUNITY AND TO THANK THE THREE OF YOU AND THE OTHER
10:15:49 THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS -- FOUR, ACTUALLY, WITH JIM OFF AT
10:15:54 HOME, TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER TO MOVE
10:15:57 FORWARD FROM THIS DAY AND BUILD UPON WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN
10:16:01 ACCOMPLISHED.
10:16:01 THANK YOU.
10:16:02 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER FIESEL.
10:16:04 VICE-MAYOR McLAIN.
10:16:07 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: THANK YOU, MAYOR.

10:16:08 IT'S PRETTY HUMBLING TO SIT UP HERE AND LISTEN TO THE
10:16:11 PROCLAMATIONS THAT WERE LAID OUT THIS MORNING.
10:16:15 SIT BACK AND I SAY, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE TO DO?
10:16:19 BUT I DO LOOK AT THE FUTURE AND I SAY THERE IS A LOT FOR US
10:16:23 TO TACKLE IN THE FUTURE ALSO, BUT I REALLY WANT TO THANK ALL
10:16:27 THREE OF THE FOLKS THAT WE HONORED TODAY.
10:16:31 I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE PERSONAL
10:16:35 BECAUSE I'VE HAD A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE THREE INDIVIDUALS.
10:16:38 IF YOU COULD ENTERTAIN THAT.
10:16:39 I'D LIKE TO GO THROUGH AND KIND OF TALK ON MY INTERACTION
10:16:43 WITH EACH OF THE INDIVIDUALS.
10:16:45 AND HOW THEY IMPACTED ME NOW AND HOPEFULLY INTO THE FUTURE.
10:16:50 SO LET ME START A LITTLE BIT AND I'LL BE QUICK ON THIS, WITH
10:16:54 BILL RIBBLE.
10:16:54 I'VE KNOWN BILL SINCE 2017.
10:16:58 I WAS INTRODUCED TO HIM WHEN I APPLIED FOR THE COUNCIL
10:17:02 POSITION THAT WAS VACATED BY DON BROWN, WHO HAD AN UNTIMELY
10:17:06 DEATH IN 2017.

10:17:09 SO I THOUGHT I'D APPLY FOR THAT.
10:17:11 I THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA MAYBE TO TALK TO EACH OF THE
10:17:14 INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS, WHICH I COULD DO PRIOR TO BEING
10:17:18 ELECTED INTO OFFICE, AND FIND OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON.
10:17:22 SO I CAN JUST TELL YOU THAT BILL RIBBLE WAS VERY HELPFUL IN
10:17:26 THAT PROCESS.
10:17:30 HE PROVIDED A LOT OF INSIGHT OF HOW THE COUNCIL WORKS, WHAT

10:17:33 THE VISION WAS FOR THE FUTURE.
10:17:35 AFTER TALKING WITH HIM AND THE OTHERS, I DECIDED I'D THROW
10:17:38 MY HAT IN THE RING AND NOW IT'S HISTORY.
10:17:41 YOU KNOW, ONE THING THAT ONE OF THE MAJOR STRENGTHS THAT
10:17:45 BILL BROUGHT TO THE COUNCIL WAS A LEADERSHIP THAT HE
10:17:50 DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS WORKING WITH UPS AND SOME EXECUTIVE
10:17:55 POSITIONS IN THERE.
10:17:56 THAT KNOWLEDGE AND THAT SKILL THAT HE HAD I THINK PLAYED
10:17:59 VERY IMPORTANT IN HOW WE MOVED OUR AGENDAS FORWARD.
10:18:03 SO PAST HISTORY IS ALWAYS GREAT TO HAVE ON THE COUNCIL.
10:18:07 I THINK DURING HIS TENURE, HE ALWAYS BROUGHT CONSTRUCTIVE
10:18:11 PERSPECTIVE TO THE COUNCIL, DISCUSSIONS.
10:18:13 I CAN SAY YOU COULD ALWAYS UNDERSTAND WHERE BILL WAS ON A
10:18:18 POSITION.
10:18:19 I CAN TELL YOU, HE USUALLY EXPRESSED THAT IN A VERY LOUD AND
10:18:24 ENHANCED POSITION.
10:18:26 AND THAT'S GOOD.
10:18:27 AS MAYOR, HE MAINTAINED A LIVELY AND TIGHT AGENDA MIXED IN
10:18:32 WITH MANY LANDMARK DECISIONS WHILE ENSURING MAINTAIN RESPECT
10:18:35 BETWEEN OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ALSO WITH THE PUBLIC AND
10:18:39 FROM THE PUBLIC.
10:18:40 SO I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT AS WE MOVE FORWARD ALSO.
10:18:43 I'M GOING TO MISS WORKING WITH YOU, BILL, GOING INTO THE
10:18:46 FUTURE, AND I WISH YOU THE BEST AS YOU CONTINUE INTO YOUR
10:18:50 FUTURE, WHATEVER THAT AWAITS FOR YOU.

10:18:53 HOWARD LEVITAN, I INTERVIEWED WITH HOWARD ALSO DURING MY
10:18:58 APPLICATION PROCESS, AND AS I THOUGHT BACK ON MY DISCUSSION
10:19:03 WITH HIM, I SAID, WOW, HOW LUCKY CAN THE VILLAGE BE TO HAVE
10:19:08 SOMEONE WITH THE EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND OF LAND USE
10:19:12 ATTORNEY.
10:19:14 AND I THINK THAT OBSERVATION WAS PRETTY ACCURATE IN THAT HE
10:19:18 WENT ON AND REALLY HELPED US -- NOT HELPED US, BUT LED THE
10:19:22 EFFORT IN THE LAND USE AND OTHER AREAS.
10:19:27 THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT HOWARD SPENT ON STAFF AND LAND USE
10:19:31 ISSUES THAT WE HAD HERE IS COUNTLESS.
10:19:35 I MEAN, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THESE DOCUMENTS AND A LOT OF YOU
10:19:40 PROBABLY NEVER LOOK AT THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE HUNDREDS OF
10:19:42 PAGES, BUT YOU REALLY NEEDED THE DISCIPLINE THAT SOMEONE HAD
10:19:45 TO GO THROUGH AND MAKE SURE THAT THOSE WERE WRITTEN IN A WAY

10:19:48 THAT WERE IMPORTANT FOR THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, NOT SOMEBODY
10:19:52 ELSE.
10:19:52 I THANK HOWARD FOR THE DEDICATION AND THE EFFORT AND THE
10:19:57 SKILL THAT HE BROUGHT WITH HIM TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN, AND NOW
10:20:00 WE HAVE A LIVING DOCUMENT WITH THIS NEW COUNCIL THAT WE WILL
10:20:05 BE ABLE TO MANAGE THE FUTURE GROWTH OF OUR COMMUNITY.
10:20:09 SO THAT'S REALLY AN IMPORTANT AREA.
10:20:13 I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HOWARD HERE IN THE
10:20:17 FUTURE, BECAUSE HOWARD HAS AGREED TO BE WORKING ON OUR NEW
10:20:22 PLANNING, ZONING, AND DESIGN BOARD.
10:20:24 SO HE'S NOT RETIRING, AS HE SAID IN THE LITTLE TALK HE HAD.

10:20:28 HE'S GOING TO BE PUT TO THE TASK AGAIN TO BE SURE WE READ
10:20:35 THOSE DOCUMENTS, UNDERSTAND THOSE DOCUMENTS, AND APPLY THEM
10:20:37 APPROPRIATELY FOR WHATEVER COMES UP BEFORE US.
10:20:40 AND LAST AND SURELY NOT LEAST, NICK BATOS WAS THE FIRST
10:20:46 MAYOR.
10:20:47 I INTERVIEWED WITH NICK ALSO, BUT, YOU KNOW, I THINK NICK
10:20:54 WAS OUR FIRST MAYOR, AND I LOOKED AT THAT AND SAID WHAT A
10:20:57 BRAVE AND FEARLESS LEADER HE WAS TO TAKE ON THIS
10:20:59 RESPONSIBILITY AND CHALLENGING ROLE.
10:21:01 IT TAKES A SPECIAL PERSON, AND NICK DID STEP UP TO THE
10:21:05 PLATE.
10:21:05 NOT ONLY DID HE STEP UP, BUT HE WAS ABLE TO HIT SEVERAL HOME
10:21:09 RUNS WITH FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS DURING HIS COUNCIL TENURE.
10:21:13 I MET NICK I THINK THE FIRST TIME, I MAY HAVE MET HIM IN A
10:21:16 COUPLE OF ECCL MEETINGS.
10:21:19 DIDN'T KNOW WHO HE WAS.
10:21:20 I LOOKED AT THOSE MEETINGS, WOW, THEY ARE DOING A LOT OF
10:21:22 THINGS HERE IN THAT GROUP.
10:21:24 BUT WHAT I REMEMBER ABOUT NICK WAS WHEN HE CAME TO MY
10:21:28 COMMUNITY BELLE LAGO WITH A SLIDE SHOW ABOUT INCORPORATION.
10:21:33 WE HAD A GOOD TURNOUT AT THAT POINT AT THE MEETING.
10:21:37 NICK AND I CAN'T REMEMBER WHO ELSE WAS WITH HIM, BUT THEY
10:21:39 DID A GREAT JOB OF PRESENTING WHY WE SHOULD CONSIDER
10:21:44 INCORPORATION.
10:21:44 OBVIOUSLY, BELLE LAGO WAS ONE, BUT WE HAVE 43, 44

10:21:49 COMMUNITIES.
10:21:50 THEY WERE BUSY GOING AROUND MAKING THESE PRESENTATIONS TO A
10:21:52 LOT OF PEOPLE.
10:21:53 AND I'D SAY THEY WERE PRETTY SUCCESSFUL.
10:21:55 THEY GOT 86% ACCEPTANCE OF INCORPORATING.
10:22:01 SO, NICK, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT INAUGURAL EFFORT
10:22:04 THAT'S IN THERE.
10:22:05 TALKING ABOUT BEING BRAVE, YOU THINK ABOUT BEING A MAYOR,
10:22:08 WHICH TAKES A LOT OF EFFORT AND CREATIVITY AND KNOWLEDGE TO
10:22:13 MAKE THIS HAPPEN, BUT WHEN YOU'RE IN A BRAND-NEW CITY,

10:22:17 BRAND-NEW VILLAGE, AND I UNDERSTAND -- I DON'T KNOW THIS FOR
10:22:20 A FACT -- THAT ON THE FIRST AGENDA ITEM WE HAD TODAY, WE HAD
10:22:24 10 OR 12 ITEMS, THEY STARTED OUT WITH 50 ITEMS.
10:22:28 IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO MANAGE THROUGH 50 AGENDA ITEMS OF ALL
10:22:33 I'M SURE VERY CONSEQUENTIAL INITIATIVES TAKES A GREAT AMOUNT
10:22:39 OF LEADERSHIP.
10:22:41 I THINK HE STARTED AND I THINK HE'S PASSED THE BATON A
10:22:45 COUPLE OF TIMES.
10:22:46 WE'VE BEEN LUCKY IN THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO HAVING SOUND
10:22:48 MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THROUGH OUR MAYORS, AND I WANT TO JUST
10:22:51 THANK NICK FOR HIS EFFORT.
10:22:53 I HOPE THAT AS YOU CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD, THAT YOU WILL
10:22:58 KEEP US IN MIND AND BE AVAILABLE FOR US AS NEEDED AND PLEASE
10:23:02 HELP US CONTINUE TO GOVERN THIS WONDERFUL VILLAGE OF ESTERO
10:23:07 GOING FORWARD.

10:23:08 THAT'S ALL I HAVE.
10:23:09 THANK YOU.
10:23:10 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU, VICE-MAYOR McLAIN.
10:23:12 I WILL ADD TO WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SPOKEN.
10:23:20 THANKS TO THE THREE HONOREES.
10:23:23 THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO IS HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF YOUR WISDOM,
10:23:28 KNOWLEDGE, AND DISCERNMENT IN DOING WHAT WAS RIGHT FOR THIS
10:23:33 MUNICIPALITY.
10:23:33 I MENTIONED THIS AT ONE OF THE MEETINGS PREVIOUSLY, IT
10:23:38 WASN'T ALWAYS EASY OR PRETTY GETTING TO AN AGREEMENT ON
10:23:40 ISSUES, BUT WITH INTEGRITY AND GRIT, WE DID IT AS A TEAM.
10:23:45 IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AS YOU LEAVE THE POSITION, ELECTED
10:23:50 VILLAGE OF ESTERO OFFICIAL, AS YOU'VE ALREADY LEFT, AND YOU
10:23:54 BEGIN YOUR NEW CHALLENGES, I OFFER A PRAYER FOR EACH OF YOU.
10:23:58 MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU.
10:24:01 MAY THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO
10:24:06 YOU.
10:24:07 AND MAY THE LORD TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU AND GIVE YOU
10:24:10 PEACE.
10:24:10 WE WILL FOLLOW WITH ITEM NUMBER 10.
10:24:17 VILLAGE ATTORNEY.
10:24:17 >>Burt Saunders: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
10:24:20 REAL QUICKLY, I REMEMBER VERY FONDLY WHEN NICK BATOS CAME TO
10:24:24 MY OFFICE IN NAPLES IN 2013.
10:24:26 IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE IT'S BEEN EIGHT YEARS SINCE THAT FIRST

10:24:31 EFFORT WAS STARTED.
10:24:32 AND I JUST WANT TO SAY ABOUT THE THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT
10:24:35 ARE LEAVING.
10:24:36 NICK, BILL, AND HOWARD, IN ALL THE YEARS THAT I WORKED WITH
10:24:40 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, IN ALL THE YEARS I'VE BEEN PART OF LOCAL
10:24:43 GOVERNMENTS, I'VE NEVER SEEN THREE HARDER WORKING, MORE

10:24:45 DEDICATED, MORE SUCCESSFUL ELECTED OFFICIALS ANYWHERE IN THE
10:24:51 STATE OF FLORIDA.
10:24:52 SO THIS CITY HAS BEEN BLESSED TO HAVE THOSE THREE LEADERS.
10:24:57 I JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON ALL THEY ACCOMPLISHED
10:25:00 FOR THIS COMMUNITY.
10:25:01 THANK YOU.
10:25:03 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU, BURT.
10:25:04 ITEM NUMBER 11, VILLAGE MANAGER.
10:25:09 STEVE SARKOZY.
10:25:10 >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MADAM MAYOR.
10:25:12 NORMALLY I TRY TO KEEP MY COMMENTS BRIEF, BUT I'M GOING TO
10:25:18 TAKE A FEW MINUTES HERE, IF I MAY, TO REALLY EXTEND MY
10:25:24 HEARTFELT THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO THE OUTGOING MEMBERS
10:25:29 FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE FOR THE COMMUNITY, FOR WHAT THEY'VE
10:25:32 DONE TO HELP LEAD THE TEAM, AND WHAT THEY'VE DONE FOR ME
10:25:35 PERSONALLY.
10:25:36 EACH OF THEM HAVE CREATED AND APPLIED THEIR PROFESSIONAL
10:25:43 BACKGROUNDS IN A WAY THAT IS TOTALLY PRODUCTIVE.
10:25:47 BILL RIBBLE HAS BEEN A FRIEND BEHIND THE SCENES.

10:25:52 HE'S APPLIED HIS CORPORATE EXPERIENCE AND HIS CANDID
10:25:57 COMMENTS TO HELP GUIDE THE COUNCIL, AND THOSE SMALL LITTLE
10:26:02 QUIPS ARE THE LITTLE DROPS, IF I MAY, THAT WILL HELP GUIDE
10:26:06 US INTO THE FUTURE.
10:26:07 HOWARD LEVITAN HAS CONTRIBUTED AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME
10:26:14 ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PLANNING DOCUMENTS, WHICH ARE A
10:26:20 TREMENDOUS ASSET FOR THIS COMMUNITY MOVING FORWARD.
10:26:24 THE PRICE OF WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN ASTRONOMICAL HAD WE DONE
10:26:28 THAT IN THE MARKET, AND PEOPLE REALLY SHOULD APPRECIATE THE
10:26:34 VOLUMES OF HOURS AND TIME THAT HE'S PUT TOWARD THIS PRODUCT
10:26:40 THAT WERE REALLY -- THAT WILL REALLY INFLUENCE THE VILLAGE
10:26:43 FOR DECADES TO COME.
10:26:44 AND NICK AND HIS GRACIOUS LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN A TRUE
10:26:50 STALWART IN CREATING A COMMUNITY THAT HAS THE DECORUM,
10:26:55 RESPECT, AND FOCUS ON SERVING THE PUBLIC ABOVE ALL ELSE.
10:27:00 THAT WILL REALLY BE THE LEGACY FOR THE COUNCIL LONG TERM.
10:27:05 I WOULD REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE AND EVEN THOSE
10:27:11 THAT ARE NOT INVOLVED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND JUST SUGGEST
10:27:16 THAT PEOPLE LOOK AROUND US AT UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND
10:27:19 THE TURMOIL AND UPHEAVAL THAT THEY'VE HAD ON THE TRANSITIONS
10:27:24 OF POWER AND LEADERSHIP THAT ARE REALLY COMMON AND AS A
10:27:31 RESULT OF TERM LIMITS AND ELECTIONS.
10:27:35 AND YOU'LL SEE THE CONTROVERSIES THAT COME UP AT EACH
10:27:40 TRANSITION LEVEL.
10:27:42 BUT HERE, AS WE'VE FOCUSED ON A HUGE NUMBER OF AGENDAS THAT

10:27:48 ARE ALL INDIVIDUALLY CONTROVERSIAL, WE'VE HANDLED THOSE WITH
10:27:53 THAT DECORUM AND RESPECT THAT I KEEP REPEATING, BUT IT'S SO

10:27:57 IMPORTANT TO THE COHESION OF NOT ONLY THE COUNCIL BUT THE
10:28:01 COMMUNITY.
10:28:01 AND THAT ALONE IS A LEGACY THAT SPEAKS ABOVE ALL ELSE.
10:28:09 SO AS WE WERE DOING THE PLAQUES, IT'S HARD TO DIFFERENTIATE
10:28:13 THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ONE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE OTHER,
10:28:17 BECAUSE THEY REALLY ACTED AS A TEAM, BUT THE LEGACY THAT
10:28:22 WILL BE ENDEARING, I HOPE, FOREVER, IS THAT SPIRIT OF
10:28:29 SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER AND
10:28:33 THE FOCUS ON THE COMMUNITY AND DOING BETTER FOR THE
10:28:38 COMMUNITY AS WE MOVE FORWARD.
10:28:41 AS THE ROTARY SAYING GOES, IT'S SERVICE ABOVE SELF.
10:28:48 I CAN'T THANK EACH OF YOU ENOUGH.
10:28:56 YOU'VE BEEN PERSONAL FRIENDS AND CONFIDANTS, IN PARTICULAR
10:29:03 MOVING INTO THIS REGION.
10:29:06 NICK AND LINDA HAVE BEEN SO GRACIOUS AND HAVE OFFERED THEIR
10:29:11 PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP AND I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THAT.
10:29:14 IT'S WITH GREAT RESPECT THAT I LOOK AT THESE MEMBERS --
10:29:20 OUTGOING MEMBERS AND KNOW PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY THE
10:29:23 CONTRIBUTIONS THEY'VE MADE AND WOULD ASK THE COMMUNITY TO
10:29:26 PROVIDE THEM THE RESPECT AND ACCOLADES THAT THEY TRULY
10:29:30 DESERVE.
10:29:31 SO THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE, ALL THREE OF YOU.
10:29:38 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU, STEVE.

10:29:39 ITEM 12, WORKSHOP ITEMS.
10:29:44 WE HAD A CONSENSUS EARLIER TO MOVE ITEM 12 TO THE NEXT
10:29:48 COUNCIL MEETING.
10:29:49 SO WE ARE AT THE END.
10:29:52 I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN, BUT BEFORE I DO,
10:29:58 PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION TO HONOR DISTRICT ONE FORMER
10:30:02 MAYOR BILL RIBBLE, DISTRICT TWO COUNCIL MEMBER AND
10:30:05 VICE-MAYOR, FORMER VICE-MAYOR HOWARD LEVITAN.
10:30:09 AND DISTRICT SIX, COUNCIL MEMBER FORMER MAYOR NICK BATOS AND
10:30:14 ALL WHO COMPLETED THEIR TERMS.
10:30:19 >> MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.
10:30:20 >>Mayor Errington: SO BE IT.
10:30:21 [SOUNDING GAVEL]
10:30:22 THANK YOU.
10:30:22 MEETING ADJOURNED.
10:30:23

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