

VILLAGE OF ESTERO COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021, 9:30 A.M.

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09:30:37 >>Mayor Errington: GOOD MORNING.
09:30:40 WELCOME.
09:30:46 PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.
09:30:49 [LAUGHTER]
09:30:50 ANY DEVICE THAT RINGS.
09:30:53 THANK YOU.
09:30:54 WE'LL CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER TODAY.
09:30:59 TODAY IS MAY THE 19th, 2021.
09:31:02 AS A REMINDER, IF YOU HAVE ANY DEVICE THAT MAKES A SOUND,
09:31:05 ANY TYPE THING, UNLESS YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT IS OF AN
09:31:09 EMERGENCY, MAYBE IT NOTIFIES YOU OF YOUR HEALTH SITUATION,
09:31:13 PLEASE SILENCE IT.
09:31:15 WE'VE HAD A REQUEST AGAIN TO -- ALL OF US TO MOVE CLOSER TO
09:31:20 THE MICROPHONE.
09:31:21 AS YOU NOTICED TODAY, THIS IS WHAT -- SOMEBODY HELP ME OUT -- 14
09:31:27 MONTHS, WE HAVE NOT HAD ON OUR MASKS.
09:31:32 IT'S UP TO YOU.
09:31:33 IT'S YOUR CHOICE.

09:31:35 IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO WEAR A MASK, PLEASE DO
09:31:39 SO.
09:31:40 WE WILL NOT CRITICIZE YOU OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
09:31:43 FEEL FREE TO DO WHATEVER YOU FEEL IS BETTER FOR YOU.
09:31:49 WITH THAT IN MIND, WE WILL ASK FOR THE INVOCATION.
09:31:55 WE HAVE PASTOR PHIL McMILLAN.
09:31:57 HE'S WITH THE OCEAN CHURCH, WHICH USED TO BE THE LIVING
09:32:01 WATERS CHURCH AND IT IS NOW CALLED THE OCEAN CHURCH.
09:32:03 WELCOME, PASTOR PHIL.
09:32:05 WOULD YOU GIVE THE INVOCATION, PLEASE?
09:32:10 >> BOW OUR HEADS.
09:32:11 HEAVENLY FATHER, WE THANK YOU.
09:32:13 THANK YOU FOR THIS WONDERFUL VILLAGE THAT YOU'VE GIVEN US,
09:32:16 THIS COMMUNITY.
09:32:17 LORD, I JUST PRAY YOUR BLESSING OVER THIS MEETING.
09:32:20 GOD, WOULD YOU GIVE DIVINE INSTRUCTION TO THESE GREAT
09:32:23 COUNCIL LEADERS, THESE GREAT COUNCIL MEMBERS.
09:32:25 GOD, WOULD YOU GIVE THEM HOLY WIT.

09:32:28 GIVE THEM DIVINE STRATEGIES FOR COMPLEX ISSUES THAT MAY BE
09:32:31 BROUGHT UP TODAY.
09:32:32 LORD, WE JUST THANK YOU THAT YOU'RE ESTABLISHING ESTERO,
09:32:37 THAT THERE IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS REGION,
09:32:39 SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS PLACE AND WE BELIEVE, LORD,
09:32:42 IT'S YOUR PRESENCE HERE.
09:32:44 LET YOUR PRESENCE BE HERE TODAY IN THIS MEETING EVEN AS THEY

09:32:46 GO FROM HERE.
09:32:47 WE JUST THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU ARE DOING.
09:32:50 BLESSING OVER THESE COUNCIL MEMBERS, IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.
09:32:53 >>Mayor Errington: AMEN.
09:32:54 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
09:32:54 NOW WILL YOU PLEASE STAND AND JOIN VICE-MAYOR JON McLAIN
09:33:04 IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
09:33:06 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]
09:33:17 >>Mayor Errington: MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
09:33:20 >>Carol Sacco: COUNCIL MEMBER RIBBLE?
09:33:22 >>Joanne Ribble: HERE.
09:33:22 >>Larry Fiesel: HERE.
09:33:24 >>Jim Boesch: HERE.
09:33:25 >>Jim Ward: HERE.
09:33:27 >>Jim Wilson: HERE.
09:33:29 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: HERE.
09:33:30 >>Mayor Errington: HERE.
09:33:31 THANK YOU.
09:33:35 ITEM NUMBER 2, APPROVAL OF AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS.
09:33:40 DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY CHANGES YOU WOULD LIKE?
09:33:44 DO ANY OF YOU HAVE ANY?
09:33:46 ARE WE OKAY WITH THAT?
09:33:47 I NEED A MOTION.
09:33:51 MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FIESEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL
09:33:54 MEMBER RIBBLE.

09:33:55 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
09:33:59 >>Joanne Ribble: AYE.
09:34:00 >>Larry Fiesel: AYE.
09:34:02 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
09:34:03 >>Jim Ward: AYE.
09:34:05 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
09:34:05 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: AYE.
09:34:06 >>Mayor Errington: AYE.
09:34:08 NEXT IS THE -- WE HAVE A PROCLAMATION TO GIVE TODAY IT'S IN
09:34:18 HONOR OF NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK, WHICH IS COMING UP MAY
09:34:21 THE 22nd THROUGH THE 28th.
09:34:23 AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP FRONT THE FLOTILLA
09:34:31 COMMANDER ELLEN DeLEO AND VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER BOB
09:34:38 BARBER.

09:34:39 YOU CAN COME ON UP HERE AND THEN YOU CAN GO BACK.
09:34:42 I'M GOING TO READ IT TO YOU.
09:35:10 IT IS A LITTLE HEAVY.
09:35:14 IT'S WEIGHTED.
09:35:17 THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO PROCLAMATION: WHEREAS, NATIONAL SAFE
09:35:20 BOATING WEEK IS OBSERVED TO BRING ATTENTION TO IMPORTANT
09:35:24 LIFESAVING TIPS FOR RECREATIONAL BOATERS SO THAT THEY MAY
09:35:28 HAVE A SAFER, MORE FUN EXPERIENCE OUT ON THE WATER
09:35:30 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR; AND WHEREAS, ON AVERAGE, 600 PEOPLE DIE
09:35:34 EACH YEAR IN BOATING-RELATED ACCIDENTS IN THE U.S.; 79
09:35:40 PERCENT OF THESE ARE FATALITIES CAUSED BY DROWNING; AND

09:35:43 WHEREAS, THE VAST MAJORITY OF THESE ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED BY
09:35:46 HUMAN ERROR OR POOR JUDGMENT AND NOT BY THE BOAT, EQUIPMENT,
09:35:51 OR ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS; AND WHEREAS, A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER
09:35:55 OF BOATERS WHO LOSE THEIR LIVES BY DROWNING EACH YEAR WOULD
09:36:00 BE ALIVE TODAY HAD THEY WORN THEIR LIFE JACKETS.
09:36:04 WHEREAS, FLOTILLA 96 OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
09:36:09 AUXILIARY IS TASKED WITH SUPPORTING THE ACTIVE DUTY COAST
09:36:12 GUARD BY PROMOTING RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY IN THE ESTERO
09:36:16 AREA; AND WHEREAS, FLOTILLA 96 HAS BEEN NAMED "FLOTILLA OF
09:36:22 THE YEAR" IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND PLANS TO OFFER AN
09:36:26 AMBITIOUS BOATING SAFETY PROGRAM DURING THE WEEK OF MAY
09:36:31 22-28; AND NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATY ERRINGTON, MAYOR OF THE
09:36:38 VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DO HEREBY SUPPORT
09:36:41 THE GOALS OF THE SAFE BOATING CAMPAIGN AND PROCLAIM MAY
09:36:46 22-28, 2021, AS NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK AND THE START OF
09:36:51 THE YEAR-ROUND EFFORT TO PROMOTE SAFE BOATING.
09:36:54 IN WITNESS THEREOF, I URGE ALL THOSE WHO BOAT TO PRACTICE
09:36:58 SAFE BOATING HABITS, WEAR A LIFE JACKET AT ALL TIMES WHILE
09:37:02 BOATING AND HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF
09:37:07 THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO TO BE AFFIXED THIS 19th DAY OF MAY,
09:37:11 2021.
09:37:12 THANK YOU.
09:37:13 [APPLAUSE]
09:37:14 THEY DID REQUEST A PICTURE, JUST THE TWO OF US.
09:38:18 >> MAYOR ERRINGTON, IT IS OUR HONOR TO BE HERE.

09:38:26 ESTERO IS SUCH A LARGE PART OF OUR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.
09:38:29 WIGGINS PASS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AREA FROM WIGGINS PASS
09:38:32 ALL THE WAY UP TO MATANZAS PASS, INCLUDING THE GULF WATERS
09:38:37 AND ESTERO BAY.
09:38:38 FOR ANYBODY WHO HAS BOATED IN ESTERO BAY, YOU KNOW IT'S AN
09:38:43 EXTREMELY CHALLENGING BODY OF WATER.
09:38:45 THE CHANNELS ARE VERY NARROW.
09:38:47 IT'S SHALLOW.
09:38:49 WE HAVE SO MANY MORE BOATERS THAT HAVE STARTED BOATING
09:38:52 DURING COVID.

09:38:53 WE JUST THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR AND RECOGNITION.
09:39:22 >>Mayor Errington: ITEM NUMBER 4, PUBLIC COMMENT ON
09:39:25 NON-AGENDA ITEMS.
09:39:27 >>Carol Sacco: YES, MAYOR.
09:39:29 I HAVE MR. JIM GILMARTIN FROM LIGHTHOUSE BAY REPRESENTING
09:39:33 ECCL.
09:39:34 >>Mayor Errington: WELCOME.
09:39:36 GOOD MORNING, JIM.
09:39:37 >> GOOD MORNING.
09:39:38 GOOD MORNING TO ALL OF YOU.
09:39:39 NICE TO SEE YOU NICE AND HEALTHY TODAY.
09:39:41 NICE TO SEE YOUR FACES.
09:39:43 >>Mayor Errington: I'M SUPPOSED TO REPORT, WHEN YOU USE THE
09:39:46 PODIUM, IF THERE ARE HAND WIPES UP THERE, IF YOU WOULD
09:39:51 KINDLY CLEAN IT AFTER YOU FINISH FOR THE NEXT PERSON.

09:40:30 >> THANK YOU.
09:40:31 AGAIN, THANKS VERY MUCH.
09:40:33 ECCL APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME IN AND TALK TO YOU
09:40:36 FOLKS.
09:40:37 THE REASON WE'RE DOING IT TODAY, BASICALLY, WE HAVE THREE
09:40:40 NEW COUNCIL PERSONS, SO WE WANTED TO GIVE THEM SOME INSIGHTS
09:40:44 INTO WHAT THE ECCL WAS ALL ABOUT.
09:40:47 WE'LL TRY TO MAKE THIS AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE.
09:40:49 I KNOW THERE'S SOME TIME CONSTRAINTS.
09:40:51 LET ME REMIND YOU WHAT THE ECCL IS ALL ABOUT.
09:40:54 WE ARE A NONPROFIT, NONPARTISAN, NONPOLITICAL CIVIC ADVOCACY
09:40:59 ORGANIZATION.
09:40:59 OUR MISSION IS TO ADVOCATE FOR MEANINGFUL CHANGE THAT
09:41:03 MAINTAINS AND IMPROVES HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE GREATER
09:41:07 ESTERO AREA USING CONSENSUS-BASED ADVOCACY, FACT-BASED
09:41:12 RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CITY OFFICIALS,
09:41:16 LOCAL OFFICIALS, LEE COUNTY, AND CIVIC DECISION MAKERS.
09:41:22 WHY WE EXIST IS BASICALLY TO MAKE THE GREATER ESTERO AREA
09:41:27 THE BEST PLACE TO VISIT, LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY.
09:41:30 THAT'S REALLY WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT.
09:41:32 YOU CAN'T SEE THIS VERY CLEARLY, THE PICTURES OF THE
09:41:37 INDIVIDUALS.
09:41:37 THEY ARE ALL VERY PRETTY AND THEY DON'T WEAR A MASK, BUT YOU
09:41:41 CAN SEE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WE HAVE NOW.
09:41:44 MANY OF THOSE ARE CIVIC LEADERS FROM MELVA BORLEY, JANE

09:41:54 KUCKEL, FRANK MOSER, JOE PAVICH SR., RACHEL PIERCE, JIM
09:42:04 SHIELDS, AND CHRIS SIMONEAU OF LEE HEALTH.
09:42:04 AND OF COURSE THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM IS MYSELF, MARK
09:42:05 NOVITSKI, BARRY FREEDMAN, JOHN QUIN AND ALLAN BOWDITCH, OUR
09:42:15 COMMUNICATIONS PERSON.
09:42:17 WE ALSO HAVE OUR COUNCILS, THE ADVOCACY COUNCILS.

09:42:17 THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IS IN EXISTENCE, BUT
09:42:22 UNFORTUNATELY GARY, WHO WAS THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL, HAD TO
09:42:30 TAKE A LEAVE.
09:42:31 GOING ON, THOUGH, FOR THE CULTURE AND RECREATION, ROSLYN
09:42:38 GULA.
09:42:39 AMY KUCHENBECKER AND MICHAEL WASSON ARE INVOLVED IN
09:42:39 EDUCATION.
09:42:40 NANCY O'MALLEY IS NOW RUNNING ENVIRONMENT.
09:42:43 MARY JO MACLAUGHLIN IS HEALTH.
09:42:48 LOU FRATTARELLI AND MARK RUSSET ARE THE CO-CHAIRS FOR THAT.
09:42:57 THIS GIVES YOU A PICTURE OF WHAT THE ORGANIZATION IS ALL
09:43:00 ABOUT.
09:43:01 I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO MEMORIZE THAT, BUT IT GIVES YOU AN
09:43:06 IDEA.
09:43:06 THE ORGANIZATION HAS DEVELOPED SOME REAL MUSCLE IN TERMS OF
09:43:10 HAVING GOOD PEOPLE, ALL VOLUNTEERS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING
09:43:14 AND MAINTAINING THE HIGH QUALITY LIFE IN ESTERO.
09:43:19 YOU CAN SEE THE TOP LAYER IS THE BOARD, THE PRESIDENT, AND
09:43:23 THEN WE HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM WE JUST TALKED

09:43:27 ABOUT AND THE COUNCILS.
09:43:29 HERE ARE SOME OF OUR LEADERSHIP STRATEGIES.
09:43:33 THIS WAS FORMED AFTER MONTHS AND MONTHS OF STRATEGIC
09:43:36 PLANNING BY ALL VOLUNTEERS IN THE ECCL.
09:43:39 THE RESULT OF ALL THAT PLANNING WAS ABOUT A 68-PAGE
09:43:43 DOCUMENT.
09:43:43 >>Mayor Errington: TIME LIMIT.
09:43:44 >> IT'S OVER?
09:43:45 >>Mayor Errington: THREE MINUTES.
09:43:46 >> WOW, THAT'S THREE MINUTES?
09:43:46 >> CAN I GIVE HIM MY THREE MINUTES?
09:43:46 I'M SCHEDULED NEXT.
09:43:46 >> IS THAT GOOD?
09:43:59 >>Mayor Errington: WE NORMALLY DON'T DO IT, BUT YOU WERE
09:43:59 SUPPOSED TO SPEAK?
09:43:59 >> YES.
09:44:00 >>Mayor Errington: IS IT OKAY WITH COUNCIL?
09:44:02 OKAY.
09:44:02 ADD THREE MINUTES.
09:44:07 >> THESE ARE OUR KEY STRATEGIC FOCUSES: IMPROVING WATER
09:44:10 QUALITY, IMPROVING COMMUNITY HEALTH, INCREASING SAFETY,
09:44:12 PROMOTION IN RECREATION, IMPROVING GREATER AREA ESTERO
09:44:13 SCHOOLS, AND SUPPORTING ECONOMIC GROWTH.
09:44:22 WHAT WE'RE LOOKING TO DO, WE'RE CHANGING OUR DESIGNATION
09:44:23 FROM A 501 TO A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION.

09:44:28 WE'RE JOINING WITH THE CALUSA WATERKEEPERS TO DO WHAT WE CAN
09:44:29 TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY.

09:44:39 WE'RE FOCUSING ON HELPING IMPROVING SAFETY, IMPROVING THE
09:44:39 DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS FACILITIES IN ESTERO, AND TRYING TO
09:44:40 PUT IN PLACE A VETERANS RECOGNITION POCKET PARK, EXPLORE
09:44:43 VIRTUAL VISITOR CENTER AND MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION.
09:44:46 WE WANT TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY,
09:44:50 SUPPORT ESTERO SEPTIC TO SEWER CONVERSION.
09:44:53 EXPLORE COALITION WITH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS APPROACH AND
09:44:56 MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION AND CONTINUE TO SPONSOR A THREE \$1,000
09:45:01 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.
09:45:02 HOW IS THAT?
09:45:06 ANY QUESTIONS?
09:45:06 >>Mayor Errington: THAT'S MARVELOUS.
09:45:07 THANK YOU.
09:45:10 >> ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
09:45:11 GOOD ENOUGH?
09:45:13 ANYBODY.
09:45:14 >>Mayor Errington: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON.
09:45:15 >>Jim Wilson: I WANT TO ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL, JIM, THANK
09:45:24 THE ECCL FOR AUGMENTING AND SUPPORTING A LOT OF THINGS THAT
09:45:29 ALLOW US TO CONTINUE TO BE GOVERNMENT LIGHT.
09:45:33 ALL OF THESE VARIOUS COMMITTEES ARE OUTREACH THINGS THAT CAN
09:45:36 BRING IDEAS AND THOUGHTS TO THE COUNCIL AND ALLOW US TO MOVE
09:45:40 FORWARD, SO WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR EFFORTS.

09:45:43 >> THANK YOU, JIM.
09:45:44 THAT'S APPRECIATED.
09:45:45 THANK YOU FOR THE COMMENT.
09:45:48 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ALSO.
09:45:50 IT'S GOOD TO GET THIS.
09:45:51 I ALSO, MAYBE WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT ONCE A QUARTER OR SOME
09:45:54 APPROPRIATE TIME PERIOD, WE MAY HAVE YOU COME BACK AND GIVE
09:45:57 US AN UPDATE ON EVERYTHING THAT YOU'RE WORKING ON, AND MAYBE
09:46:01 WE CAN EITHER PUT IT ON THE AGENDA SO YOU'RE NOT LIMITED TO
09:46:04 THREE MINUTES.
09:46:05 BUT I THINK IT'S GREAT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND ON A REGULAR
09:46:08 BASIS, OKAY, HOW WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THAT'S
09:46:12 WORKING THAT WAY.
09:46:13 >> I APPRECIATE THAT, JON, AND WILL BE VERY, VERY HAPPY TO
09:46:16 DO THAT.
09:46:17 ABSOLUTELY.
09:46:18 >>Mayor Errington: I WOULD LIKE TO SAY -- ANYONE ELSE HAVE
09:46:20 ANYTHING TO SAY?
09:46:21 THE CLEANUP, THE VOLUNTEERS WHO TAKE THE TIME TO CLEAN UP
09:46:26 THE LITTER, IT'S FANTASTIC, ESPECIALLY WHEN I SAW ON THE
09:46:31 NEWS LAST NIGHT, THE WAY WE IN AMERICA ARE JUST DESTROYING
09:46:35 EVERYTHING BY THROWING EVERYTHING DOWN IS TERRIBLE.
09:46:39 THEN TO GO THROUGH ESTERO AND SEE SUCH CLEANLINESS ON U.S.
09:46:43 41, I UNDERSTAND THERE IS A GROUP NOW ON ESTERO PARKWAY

09:46:45 THAT'S TAKING OVER, I MEAN, WHAT A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.

09:46:48 SO THANK YOU.

09:46:50 >> THANK YOU.

09:46:51 I MUST SAY I TOOK SOME OF MARK'S THUNDER HERE, BUT HE WAS

09:46:56 GOING TO TALK TO YOU IN DETAIL ABOUT IT.

09:46:58 I APPRECIATE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND AND

09:47:01 ARE APPRECIATIVE OF WHAT THEY DO.

09:47:03 IT'S AMAZING -- IT'S AMAZING, OVER TWO TONS OF GARBAGE WERE

09:47:07 PICKED UP OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

09:47:10 I APPRECIATE THE COMMENT.

09:47:11 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.

09:47:14 >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

09:47:14 APPRECIATE IT.

09:47:15 >>Mayor Errington: TAKE THE VICE-MAYOR'S ADVICE, GET ON SO

09:47:17 YOU CAN SPEAK LONGER NEXT TIME.

09:47:19 >> I WILL ABSOLUTELY DO THAT.

09:47:20 >>Mayor Errington: OKAY.

09:47:21 THANK YOU.

09:47:27 >>Carol Sacco: NEXT, DR. JOE MICELI FROM ROOKERY POINT.

09:47:48 >> GOOD MORNING, MADAM MAYOR.

09:47:52 >>Mayor Errington: YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, PLEASE.

09:47:54 >> JOE MICELI.

09:47:56 20271 ROOKERY DRIVE IN ROOKERY POINT.

09:48:01 BEAUTIFUL ESTERO.

09:48:02 GOING TO GIVE A LITTLE HISTORY.

09:48:05 I'M GOING TO BE DISCUSSING REAL QUICKLY THE FGCU FECAL

09:48:16 STUDY, AS I'M CALLING IT.

09:48:16 BACK IN 2019 WHEN COUNCILMAN BOESCH WAS MAYOR, I HAD COME UP

09:48:19 WITH AN IDEA ABOUT TREATING THE BLUE-GREEN ALGAE.

09:48:24 ACTUALLY, IF I MAY USE YOUR NAME, JIM, BECAUSE WE'RE

09:48:27 FRIENDS, HE WAS VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THIS.

09:48:31 SO YOU CAN IMAGINE MY SURPRISE LATER ON WHEN DR. GREG TULLY

09:48:38 CAME HERE AND MADE A PRESENTATION ABOUT LOOKING AT FECAL

09:48:42 MATTER IN THE ESTERO RIVER.

09:48:44 I HAD QUESTIONS THEN, WHICH WERE NOT ANSWERED.

09:48:48 THEN LET'S FAST-FORWARD TO APRIL THE 7th WHEN DR. DONALD

09:48:53 DUKE CAME HERE AND HE MADE THAT PRESENTATION, WHICH PROBABLY

09:48:57 NOBODY UNDERSTOOD.

09:48:59 PERHAPS I DID.

09:49:00 I AGREED TO MEET WITH HIM.

09:49:02 AND WE FINALLY GOT TOGETHER ON APRIL THE 24th.

09:49:07 THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT IS THIS.

09:49:09 DR. DUKE IS A VERY FINE GENTLEMAN.

09:49:13 I THINK HE'S A KNOWLEDGEABLE RESEARCHER.

09:49:16 HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT ANSWER ONE QUESTION, QUESTIONS THAT I

09:49:19 HAD BEFORE THE STUDY WAS EVEN INITIATED.

09:49:24 AND YOU HAVE READ THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.
09:49:27 THEY DID THINGS THAT WERE NOT EVEN IN THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL.
09:49:33 ALL OF THAT DNA ANALYSIS WAS NOT THERE.
09:49:37 WHERE AM I GOING WITH THIS?
09:49:41 YOU HAVE A TOXICOLOGIST RIGHT HERE THAT I HAVE VOLUNTEERED

09:49:46 MY TIME.
09:49:47 I HAVE NOT ASKED FOR ONE CENT OF MONEY, AND WHAT I AM GOING
09:49:52 TO SUGGEST IS IF THE VILLAGE FEELS LIKE DOING ADDITIONAL
09:49:57 RESEARCH WITH FGCU, THERE IS A PROJECT OUT THERE THAT REALLY
09:50:03 COULD REVOLVE THE BLUE-GREEN ALGAE SITUATION, AND THAT ALGAE
09:50:10 WILL NOT GO AWAY.
09:50:12 IT'S COMING BACK RIGHT NOW AS WE SPEAK.
09:50:16 WHERE DO WE GO?
09:50:18 IF YOU WANT TO HIRE AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO EXAMINE ANY OF
09:50:23 YOUR PROPOSED INTERACTIONS WITH FGCU IN THE FUTURE, I
09:50:29 RECOMMEND YOU HIRE SUCH A PERSON, AND I WILL DO IT FOR HALF
09:50:33 THE PRICE, WHATEVER HE OR SHE MAY CHARGE YOU.
09:50:37 SO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ME.
09:50:39 WE LIVE IN THIS COMMUNITY WHICH IS GOING TO BE INUNDATED
09:50:44 VERY SHORTLY WITH THAT ALGAE.
09:50:47 YOU CANNOT LOSE TRACK OF WHAT'S COMING DOWN.
09:50:50 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
09:50:57 >>Jim Boesch: GET TO ALL THE COUNCIL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE
09:50:59 NEW PEOPLE, YOUR BACKGROUND THAT YOU HAVE.
09:51:01 YOU'RE UP HERE TALKING.
09:51:03 HAVE NO IDEA THAT YOU WERE INVOLVED WITH MICHIGAN, YOUR
09:51:09 Ph.D., AND YOU TEACH STUFF.
09:51:14 SO I THINK IF YOU MAKE UP YOUR -- WHATEVER YOU CALL IT NOW
09:51:21 -- GET IT BACK TO CAROL AND SHE WILL GET IT TO ALL THE
09:51:26 COUNCIL PEOPLE.

09:51:26 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
09:51:27 AND WE WILL CONSIDER EVERYTHING YOU HAVE SAID.
09:51:30 I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED.
09:51:31 FIRST YOU VOLUNTEERED AND THEN YOU SAID YOU WOULD DO IT AT
09:51:34 HALF PRICE.
09:51:35 I'M NOT SURE OF ABOUT THAT.
09:51:37 >> HALF OF ZERO IS ZERO.
09:51:39 >>Mayor Errington: I DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER THE OTHER WAS FGCU.
09:51:42 WE WILL CONSIDER THAT AND TAKE IT -- WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT
09:51:46 YOUR RESUMÉ, I THINK WE HAVE IT ON FILE.
09:51:49 I'M NOT SURE, BUT IF NOT, GET IT TO US, AND WE'LL SEE THAT
09:51:53 WE CAN LOOK AT THAT SOMEHOW SOME WAY.
09:51:58 YOU NEVER LOOK A GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH.
09:52:03 THANK YOU.
09:52:05 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.
09:52:07 >> AND THANK YOU, EVERYBODY.

09:52:09 YOU KNOW I REALLY LIKE EVERYBODY HERE.
09:52:12 THIS ALGAE THING HAS A CHANCE.
09:52:18 JIM, YOU CAN TELL THEM.
09:52:20 YOU'VE SEEN THIS LABORATORY THAT FGCU REALLY COULD MAKE A
09:52:24 MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO GETTING RID OF IT ONCE AND FOR ALL.
09:52:27 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
09:52:28 >> THANK YOU AGAIN.
09:52:29 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
09:52:30 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.

09:52:31 ITEM NUMBER 5, CONSENT AGENDA.
09:52:37 ANY COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THE
09:52:45 MINUTES OR RESOLUTIONS?
09:52:48 >>Jim Boesch: MAKE A MOTION TO MOVE IT FORWARD.
09:52:50 >>Mayor Errington: MOTION HAS BEEN MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER
09:52:52 BOESCH AND SECONDED BY WHO?
09:52:55 COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON.
09:52:59 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
09:53:02 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
09:53:03 >>Jim Ward: AYE.
09:53:05 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
09:53:06 >>Larry Fiesel: AYE.
09:53:07 >>Joanne Ribble: AYE.
09:53:10 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: AYE.
09:53:10 >>Mayor Errington: AYE.
09:53:11 ITEM NUMBER 5, WE DEFERRED NO CONSENT ITEMS.
09:53:20 WE ARE NOW ON TO 7.
09:53:23 THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE COCONUT LANDING FINAL PLAT,
09:53:30 AND I WILL TURN THIS OVER TO STEVE TO INTRODUCE.
09:53:36 >>Steven Sarkozy: [MICROPHONE NOT ON] -- THIS ITEM IS THE
09:53:39 COCONUT LANDING FINAL PLAT, AND IT INVOLVES A TEN ACRE
09:53:44 PARCEL ON COCONUT ROAD AND EL DORADO ACRES.
09:53:48 THIS IS A PARCEL THAT WAS ANNEXED INTO THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO
09:53:55 BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE VILLAGE.
09:53:58 THE PROJECT IS 25 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS THAT IS CURRENTLY BEING

09:54:03 DEVELOPED.
09:54:04 THE PROJECT HAS BEEN FULLY INSPECTED AND OFFERED UP TO THE
09:54:12 VILLAGE COUNCIL HERE BY THE VILLAGE STAFF.
09:54:15 THE FINAL PLAT HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY, AND
09:54:20 IT COMES TO YOU WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL.
09:54:23 THE FINAL PLAT PROCESS IS REQUIRED AS PART OF STATE
09:54:27 STATUTES, AND ALSO AS PART OF THE PROCESS WHERE WE REVIEW
09:54:33 THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE PLAT AND FIND THEM TO BE
09:54:37 CONFORMING TO OUR LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.
09:54:40 SO WITH ALL OF THAT STATED, THIS IS FORWARDED TO THE COUNCIL
09:54:45 FOR YOUR APPROVAL.
09:54:47 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.

09:54:47 ANYONE ON COUNCIL HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?
09:54:51 JON?
09:54:53 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: NOT A QUESTION, JUST A COMMENT.
09:54:55 WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH THIS FOR QUITE SOME TIME.
09:54:58 PROBABLY A YEAR OR SO.
09:54:59 AND THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL HAD A LOT OF COMMENTS ON THERE.
09:55:04 MOST OF THOSE HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN THIS.
09:55:07 I DID LOOK AT WHAT'S INCLUDED IN OUR PACKET, AND I TALKED TO
09:55:10 MARY GIBBS YESTERDAY ABOUT THAT.
09:55:13 IT'S DIFFICULT TO SEE, BUT ONE THING THAT WE WANTED TO HAVE
09:55:16 INCLUDED WERE SIDEWALKS WITHIN THIS DEVELOPMENT.
09:55:20 THAT'S KIND OF A STANDARD THAT WE WANT TO HAVE.
09:55:23 MARY HAS CONFIRMED WITH ME THIS MORNING, YESTERDAY,

09:55:26 ACTUALLY, TOO, THAT, IN FACT, THERE ARE SIDEWALKS WITHIN
09:55:30 HERE.
09:55:30 SO IT LOOKS TO ME IN MY REVIEW -- AND I'M NOT AN EXPERT --
09:55:34 THAT THEY HAVE COMPLIED WITH PREVIOUS COUNCIL
09:55:38 RECOMMENDATIONS.
09:55:39 SO THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD PROJECT FOR ESTERO.
09:55:42 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.
09:55:43 ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS?
09:55:44 ANY COMMENTS NOW FROM THE PUBLIC?
09:55:49 >>Carol Sacco: NO, MAYOR.
09:55:50 >>Mayor Errington: NO COMMENTS.
09:55:51 OKAY.
09:55:52 THE CHAIR WILL NOW ENTERTAIN A MOTION.
09:55:55 MOTION MADE BY VICE-MAYOR McLAIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL
09:56:02 MEMBER BOESCH.
09:56:03 MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
09:56:07 >>Joanne Ribble: AYE.
09:56:10 >>Larry Fiesel: AYE.
09:56:11 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
09:56:13 >>Jim Ward: AYE.
09:56:15 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
09:56:15 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: AYE.
09:56:17 >>Mayor Errington: AYE.
09:56:19 NUMBER 8, PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.
09:56:24 THIS IS THE SECOND CHANCE TO SPEAK ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

09:56:29 >>Carol Sacco: WE HAVE NONE, MAYOR.
09:56:32 >>Mayor Errington: MARK, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK NOW?
09:56:37 >> SURE.
09:56:38 >>Mayor Errington: ARE YOU PREPARED?
09:56:40 >> MARK IS ALWAYS PREPARED.
09:56:41 >>Mayor Errington: WE DON'T WANT TO DENY YOU --
09:56:45 >> EAGLE SCOUT.
09:56:47 1973.

09:56:47 GOOD MORNING, MARK NOVITSKI, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE ECCL.
09:56:51 AS JIM TALKED AND YOU ALL TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE
09:56:54 ADOPT A HIGHWAY ON U.S. 41, YEAH, IT'S OVER TWO TONS OF
09:56:58 STUFF WE PICKED UP.
09:56:59 I PERSONALLY DRAGGED A MATTRESS OUT SO THEY COULD PICK IT
09:57:02 UP.
09:57:04 AND IT'S AN INTERESTING COMMUNITY.
09:57:09 WE HAVE A CHALLENGE IN ECCL AS YOU ALL HAVE A CHALLENGE, HOW
09:57:11 DO WE GET THE CITIZENS OUT OF THEIR GATED COMMUNITIES?
09:57:14 WELL, ON THIS PARTICULAR SEASON, WHICH RUNS PRETTY MUCH FROM
09:57:17 OCTOBER TO MAY, WE HAD PEOPLE FROM RAPALLO, COPPERLEAF,
09:57:22 PELICAN SOUND, STONEYBROOK, MEADOWS OF ESTERO, FGCU, BELLA
09:57:26 TERRA, RIVERWOODS PLANTATION TO COME OUT AND HELP WITH THAT.
09:57:30 IT'S A GREAT IDEA.
09:57:32 WE'RE GETTING -- ACTUALLY, WE HAD TO TURN DOWN PEOPLE THAT
09:57:35 WANTED TO HELP BECAUSE YOU CAN ONLY HAVE SO MANY.
09:57:38 WE ONLY HAVE SO MANY VESTS AND OTHER THINGS.

09:57:41 MARATHON FUEL DONATE WATER AND ICE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON FOR
09:57:45 US, AND THAT WAS REALLY NICE.
09:57:46 IN THE FUTURE, THOUGH, WE'D LIKE TO KIND OF EXPAND THIS AND
09:57:50 MAYBE, YOU TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ESTERO PARKWAY.
09:57:53 WELL, WE WORK THROUGH LDOT EVEN THOUGH 41 IS U.S. BUT LDOT
09:58:00 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR, MAYBE WE COULD DO AN INTERLOCAL
09:58:03 AGREEMENT WITH LDOT BECAUSE SIGNS, VESTS, STAKES AND OTHER
09:58:07 THINGS WE HAVE TO DO AND RANGE OF PICKUP AND ALL THAT STUFF,
09:58:10 MAYBE WE COULD DO THAT.
09:58:11 WE COULD PROBABLY GET THE VOLUNTEERS IF THE VILLAGE COULD DO
09:58:14 THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, WE WOULD DO IT AN OPPOSITE WEEKEND
09:58:18 FROM WHEN WE DO THE OTHER ONES.
09:58:20 EVENTUALLY, THEN, WE'D LIKE TO DO CORKSCREW ROAD.
09:58:23 ONCE WE MAKE CORKSCREW PRETTY -- MY WORDS, PRETTY, SORRY --
09:58:26 WE NEED TO CLEAN IT UP.
09:58:28 THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING TODAY.
09:58:29 THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.
09:58:30 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.
09:58:31 THAT BRINGS TO MIND, WHEN I WAS CHAIRING THE MPO A FEW WEEKS
09:58:41 AGO, THE INTERSTATE WAS FILTHY IN ESTERO.
09:58:44 I BROUGHT THAT UP.
09:58:47 SOMETIME YOU LOOK AT THAT -- I MENTIONED IT AT THE MEETING.
09:58:50 LITTER EVERYWHERE.
09:58:54 USUALLY I DON'T TAKE THE SAME EXIT ALL THE TIME.
09:58:57 IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE CORKSCREW EXIT, IT'S AMAZING, AND YOU

09:59:01 KEEP DRIVING, THE LITTER.
09:59:03 WE NEED TO PUT SOME PRESSURE THERE, TOO, POSSIBLY.
09:59:06 LET'S CLEAN IT UP.
09:59:08 NOT OUR CITIZENS TO DO THAT.

09:59:13 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: JUST A COMMENT ON ESTERO PARKWAY, WHICH
09:59:15 IS WHERE I RIDE MY BIKE EVERY OTHER DAY, PROBABLY.
09:59:18 IT'S AMAZING TO ME THE AMOUNT OF LITTER THAT HAS BEEN
09:59:21 ACQUIRED SINCE WE COMPLETED THAT PROJECT, BASICALLY THE END
09:59:25 OF DECEMBER, JANUARY.
09:59:27 THERE ARE TILE PIECES OVER THERE, EMPTY BEER CANS.
09:59:30 IT'S JUST AMAZING TO ME HOW MUCH LITTER, OUR LANDSCAPERS
09:59:36 SOMETIMES WORK AROUND IT.
09:59:38 SO I DON'T THINK THAT'S THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PICK UP
09:59:40 LITTER.
09:59:41 I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA.
09:59:43 >> THERE'S ONE OTHER ASPECT OF THIS ALSO, WORKING WITH LDOT
09:59:46 AND WORKING WITH THE ECCL, WE HAVE CHECKED WITH OUR
09:59:49 ATTORNEYS AND WE HAVE SOME LIABILITY COVERAGE.
09:59:51 I THINK THE SAME IS TRUE WITH LDOT.
09:59:53 IF A BUNCH OF VOLUNTEERS ARE OUT THERE, THERE COULD BE A
09:59:56 LAWSUIT COME BACK TO THE VILLAGE.
09:59:58 IF WE DO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT OR SOMETHING ELSE, SOME
10:00:01 KIND OF AGREEMENT, WE HAVE COVERAGE FROM BOTH LDOT, THE
10:00:05 VILLAGE AND THE ECCL.
10:00:07 IF YOU WANT, I'LL HAVE THE CONVERSATION WITH STEVE AND DAVID

10:00:11 ON THAT.
10:00:11 I KNOW THEY ARE BOTH BUSY GUYS, BUT I'LL FIND SOME TIME.
10:00:15 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU, MARK.
10:00:16 THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.
10:00:17 APPRECIATE IT.
10:00:18 WE ARE NOW DOWN TO ITEM NUMBER 9, COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND
10:00:22 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.
10:00:23 WE WILL START THIS MORNING WITH COUNCIL MEMBER JIM WILSON,
10:00:28 DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO REPORT, JIM?
10:00:30 >>Jim Wilson: ACTUALLY, I DO.
10:00:31 WITH ALL OF THE MATERIAL THAT WE GOT HERE, I DON'T KNOW
10:00:36 EXACTLY HOW MANY PAGES IT IS, FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
10:00:40 WORKSHOP, IT OCCURRED TO ME HOW BLESSED WE ARE BECAUSE HERE
10:00:46 WE ARE IN THE VILLAGE THAT HAS MONEY TO DO THINGS.
10:00:50 AS SOME OF YOU KNOW, I SERVED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS UP NORTH
10:00:56 IN THE VILLAGE OF PALATINE, ILLINOIS, AND WE WERE CONSTANTLY
10:01:01 SCRAMBLING TRYING TO FIND MONEY TO DO THINGS.
10:01:03 BUT THE DECISION THAT WAS MADE TO INCORPORATE THIS VILLAGE,
10:01:08 I JUST MARVEL AT IT.
10:01:10 I REMEMBER BACK READING THE STUDY THAT WAS DONE TRYING TO
10:01:16 JUSTIFY IT AND THEN THE OUTSTANDING VOTE THAT WAS TAKEN TO
10:01:19 INCORPORATE.
10:01:20 BUT WE HAVE HERE A SERIES OF PROJECTS THAT WILL OCCUR OVER
10:01:25 THE NEXT FIVE TO TEN YEARS, WHICH I BELIEVE WILL MAKE US THE
10:01:30 WESTIN OF WEST FLORIDA.

10:01:32 WE'RE GOING TO BE THE STANDARD OF SOMETHING THAT'S REALLY
10:01:37 BEAUTIFUL AND REALLY POSITIVE.
10:01:38 SO I JUST WANTED TO SHARE THAT WITH YOU.
10:01:40 >>Mayor Errington: GREAT.
10:01:40 THAT'S ENCOURAGING.
10:01:41 THANK YOU.
10:01:44 >> NO COMMENTS AT THIS TIME.
10:01:46 >>Jim Boesch: TWO THINGS, FIRST OF ALL, I THINK MOST OF US
10:01:50 WENT TO -- OF CORKSCREW ROAD.
10:01:53 THAT WAS PROBABLY A HUNDRED PEOPLE THERE AT THE CELEBRATION.
10:02:01 IT'S NOW IN THE WORKS.
10:02:02 WHEN IS IT GOING TO GET GOING?
10:02:09 IT'S IN THE WORKS.
10:02:10 ACTUALLY, THEY HAVE WORKERS OVER THERE WORKING ON CORKSCREW
10:02:14 ROAD.
10:02:14 I KNOW JOANNE WAS THERE WITH BILL AND IT WAS A REAL
10:02:20 IMPORTANT SECOND STAGE.
10:02:23 I THINK ESTERO PARKWAY WAS OUR FIRST AND CORKSCREW IS GOING
10:02:26 TO BE -- AND IS OUR SECOND.
10:02:29 AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE, AS JIM WILSON
10:02:34 SAYS, AFTER WE GET THROUGH WITH ESTERO PARKWAY NOW, WE START
10:02:39 WITH CORKSCREW, WE ARE GOING TO BE A MUNICIPALITY THAT'S
10:02:43 GOING TO BE HEADS AND SHOULDERS OF MOST OF THE
10:02:48 MUNICIPALITIES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND I'M SURE THAT'S
10:02:52 GOING TO HAPPEN BECAUSE I THINK ALL THE COUNCIL PEOPLE THAT

10:02:55 I'VE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH, OLD AND NEW, I THINK HAVE THAT
10:03:00 SAME DEDICATION THAT WE FEEL OUR PEOPLE, OUR MUNICIPALITY
10:03:05 WILL BE HEAD AND SHOULDERS.
10:03:07 THE MONUMENTS ARE JUST AN EXAMPLE, THE NEW MONUMENTS THAT
10:03:10 ARE GOING TO BE PUT UP.
10:03:12 THE SECOND THING, I HAPPEN TO BE AN ELK, WHICH WE HAVE A
10:03:16 FACILITY OVER ON COCONUT ROAD, AND EVERY YEAR WE CELEBRATE
10:03:21 AT 11:00 WITH A MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION.
10:03:27 OUR MAYOR IS GOING TO BE THE SPEAKER THIS YEAR THERE.
10:03:30 WE INVITE ALL THE PEOPLE AND ESPECIALLY THE COUNCIL PEOPLE
10:03:34 TO COME.
10:03:37 THE WONDERFUL PART ABOUT THIS IS THAT IT'S OUTSIDE OF THE
10:03:42 SPEAKING TIME IS A LOT SHORTER THAN NORMAL.
10:03:46 IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A VERY NICE MEMORIAL DAY PRESENTATION,
10:03:50 YOU'LL GET IT FROM KATY.
10:03:52 SHE'S DON IT BEFORE.
10:03:53 WE INVITE ALL THE PEOPLE TO COME TO THE MEMORIAL DAY,
10:03:57 ESPECIALLY THE COUNCIL PEOPLE.
10:04:00 >>Mayor Errington: LET ME MAKE ONE CORRECTION, I BELIEVE.
10:04:02 I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE HELD INSIDE THIS YEAR.
10:04:04 THEY WANTED RESERVATIONS FOR TABLES.
10:04:07 YES.

10:04:08 CORRECT, CAROL?
10:04:09 YES.
10:04:09 SO IF YOU'RE COMING AND YOU'RE BRINGING SOMEONE, THEY NEED

10:04:12 TO KNOW PRETTY SOON AND YOU CAN LET CAROL KNOW.
10:04:17 OTHERWISE, I THINK WE WOULD BE OUTSIDE.
10:04:19 BUT THIS YEAR, WE WILL BE INSIDE.
10:04:21 THANK YOU, JIM.
10:04:25 COUNCIL MEMBER RIBBLE.
10:04:26 >>Joanne Ribble: YES, I JUST WANT TO EXPAND ON WHAT JIM SAID
10:04:30 ABOUT THE GROUNDBREAKING THAT SOME OF US WERE ABLE TO ATTEND
10:04:33 FOR THE EXPANSION OF CORKSCREW ROAD.
10:04:36 COMMISSIONER SANDELLI SPOKE VERY FAVORABLY ABOUT THE
10:04:41 COOPERATION WITH THE VILLAGE AND THE STAFF.
10:04:43 AND I WANTED TO JUST PASS THAT ON TO THE STAFF TO LET THEM
10:04:47 KNOW THAT HE WAS GRATEFUL TO THEM FOR ALL THE HELP THAT THEY
10:04:50 GAVE IN THIS HUGE ENDEAVOR.
10:04:53 SO IT WAS A GREAT DAY FOR A MUCH-ANTICIPATED IMPROVEMENT
10:04:59 THAT OUR RESIDENTS ARE GOING TO REAP THE BENEFIT OF.
10:05:03 IT WAS A VERY NICE AFFAIR.
10:05:07 >>Mayor Errington: COUNCIL MEMBER FIESEL.
10:05:09 >>Larry Fiesel: YEAH, AS WE ALL KNOW, OUR VILLAGE HAS
10:05:12 RECEIVED SOME NATIONAL RECOGNITION RECENTLY WITH TWO
10:05:16 PERFORMERS THAT HAVE GONE QUITE HIGH IN THE TWO DIFFERENT
10:05:20 CONTESTS THEY WERE INVOLVED WITH.
10:05:22 I'M NOT GOING TO STEAL JON'S THUNDER HERE, BUT I WOULD LIKE
10:05:26 TO THANK THE STAFF, STEVE, CAROL, AND MARILYN, AND JON
10:05:34 ESPECIALLY, FOR THE TIME THEY HAD TO PUT IN RECENTLY TO
10:05:37 ADHERE TO ALL OF THE COMMANDS OR DEMANDS, I'M NOT SURE WHICH

10:05:44 WAY YOU WOULD SAY THAT WITH ABC.
10:05:46 IT SEEMS LIKE THEY MADE COMMANDS AND THEN JERKED THE RUG OUT
10:05:49 AND WENT ANOTHER DIRECTION.
10:05:50 SO JON WAS CONSTANTLY LIKE A BALLERINA CHANGING HIS
10:05:54 DIRECTION IN FLIGHT.
10:05:56 SO I JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT WAS
10:05:59 PUT FORTH.
10:06:00 UNFORTUNATELY, SHE DIDN'T MAKE THE TOP THREE, BUT THE EFFORT
10:06:03 WAS STILL EXPENDED IN HER BEHALF TO PUT ON A GREAT EVENT
10:06:08 THAT WAS GOING TO BE PLANNED FOR, IT SEEMED LIKE IT TURNED
10:06:12 OUT TO BE FORT MYERS MORE SO THAN ESTERO.
10:06:15 HOPEFULLY SOMETHING WILL MATERIALIZE LATER ON DOWN THE ROAD
10:06:19 BUT JUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE AMOUNT OF WORK PUT IN IN A VERY
10:06:22 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.
10:06:22 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.
10:06:23 VICE-MAYOR McLAIN.
10:06:26 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: YEAH, I THINK I LEARNED IN LIFE THAT
10:06:30 LIFE'S CHALLENGES CAN BE VERY REWARDING FOR YOU AND A

10:06:33 LEARNING EXPERIENCE.
10:06:34 THE CASEY BISHOP SITUATION OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS HAS
10:06:38 BEEN A REAL EXPERIENCE FOR ME BUT FOR OUR STAFF HERE AND
10:06:43 CAROL AND THE LIKE HAVE REALLY WORKED TOGETHER.
10:06:47 BUT I THINK IT'S ALSO VERY REWARDING TO SEE OUR WHOLE
10:06:52 COMMUNITY WITHIN ESTERO AND WITHIN LEE COUNTY TO COME
10:06:55 TOGETHER IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME TO POTENTIALLY HAVE

10:07:01 A REALLY SPECIAL EVENT FOR CASEY AND I THINK THAT'S REALLY
10:07:07 IMPORTANT.
10:07:07 I WANTED TO ACTUALLY SPEAK TO A FEW FOLKS.
10:07:12 I APPRECIATE ONE OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT GOT THEIR
10:07:14 COMMUNITIES INVOLVED TO PREPARE FOR A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT
10:07:18 KINDS OF EVENTS, BUT SPECIFICALLY BELLA TERRA HAD WORKED
10:07:22 VERY HARD TO GET SOME PARADES GOING ON.
10:07:24 THE BROOKS HAD WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH US TO HAVE SOME
10:07:28 EVENTS THERE.
10:07:29 PELICAN SOUND WAS WORKING WITH US ON A PONTOON BOAT DOWN THE
10:07:35 RIVER.
10:07:36 A LOT OF THESE THINGS CHANGED AT THE LAST MINUTE.
10:07:39 I GUESS WHEN ABC IS IN CHARGE, YOU KIND OF SAY "YES, SIR"
10:07:42 AND YOU MARCH FORWARD.
10:07:43 BUT ALSO, BECAUSE THIS HAD EVOLVED TO BE LARGER THAN JUST
10:07:48 ESTERO, BUT ALL OF LEE COUNTY, AND I THINK ALL OF SOUTHWEST
10:07:52 FLORIDA I THINK WERE INVOLVED WITH AMERICAN IDOL AND VOTING
10:07:54 AND THE LIKE, WE ENDED UP, WE WERE GOING TO HAVE A CONCERT
10:07:58 AT CRESCENT BEACH -- I GUESS THE LEE COUNTY PARK.
10:08:05 AND THAT CREATED QUITE A NUMBER OF EVENTS THAT HAD TO TAKE
10:08:11 CARE OF WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WITH THE PARKS
10:08:14 DEPARTMENT, WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE LIKE.
10:08:16 AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT I WANT TO REACH OUT TO ALL OF THE
10:08:20 FOLKS IN LEE COUNTY AND THE NUMEROUS DEPARTMENTS THAT THEY
10:08:23 ALL RALLIED TOGETHER AND WERE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF MAKING

10:08:27 THIS.
10:08:28 OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THIS, I THINK IT'S
10:08:31 REALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE THIS LARGER VIEW BECAUSE OUR
10:08:35 ECONOMY HERE IN BOTH ESTERO AND THROUGHOUT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
10:08:39 IS VERY DEPENDENT UPON OUR BEACHES.
10:08:42 SO I THINK THAT RECOGNITION OF OUR BEACHES I THINK IS GOOD
10:08:47 FOR OUR ECONOMY.
10:08:48 MAYBE WE'LL GET ANOTHER CANDIDATE HERE IN THE FUTURE.
10:08:51 BUT I CAN SAY AND TALK TO THE MAYOR THAT WE HAD A KEY FOR
10:08:55 CASEY THAT WE'RE GOING TO PRESENT.
10:08:56 WE'LL HAVE TO REDO THAT KEY, BUT WE'LL HAVE WHEN THE FAMILY
10:09:02 IS READY AND CASEY IS READY, WE'LL HAVE HER COME TO THE
10:09:05 COUNCIL HERE AND WE'LL PRESENT HER A KEY.
10:09:08 THE SCHOOL, SHE GOES TO HIGH SCHOOL AT CYPRESS LAKE, AND HER

10:09:14 TEACHER WHO HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING HER AND OTHER
10:09:21 PEOPLE WITHIN AMERICAN IDOL HAS REACHED OUT AND SAID, MAYBE
10:09:25 WE COULD DO SOMETHING TOGETHER.
10:09:26 SO I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THAT AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE, SHARE IT
10:09:29 WITH COUNCIL AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.
10:09:31 IT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGING THAT OUR COUNCIL IS GREAT.
10:09:36 THE VILLAGE IS DOING WELL, THAT WE CAN HAVE, WHEN WE NEED
10:09:39 IT, WE CAN GET THE SUPPORT FROM OUTSIDE OF OUR BOUNDARIES.
10:09:42 SO I THANK EVERYBODY INVOLVED.
10:09:45 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.
10:09:47 I RECEIVED A CALL THE NEXT DAY FROM SHERIFF BLAKE LEE OR

10:09:52 CAPTAIN BLAKE LEE.
10:09:53 AND HE SAID TO BE SURE TO INCLUDE HIM IF WE DO ANYTHING IN
10:09:56 THE FUTURE.
10:09:57 SO HE WANTS TO BE A PART OF IT WITH HIS STAFF.
10:10:02 IT WAS VERY EXCITING, AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT A NUMBER OF
10:10:07 PEOPLE THAT I OBSERVED WORKING ON THIS, I KNOW THAT JON, OUR
10:10:14 VICE-MAYOR, PUT IN A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TIME IN THIS.
10:10:17 AND YOU HAD A VERY NICE INTERVIEW ON ABC.
10:10:20 IT WAS VERY NICE, AND YOU REPRESENTED US VERY WELL.
10:10:23 BUT THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT HE SPENT ON THAT AND THEN FOR IT
10:10:27 TO FIZZLE OUT AND THEN CAROL SACCO PUT A LOT OF TIME AND
10:10:31 STEVE SARKOZY PUT A LOT OF TIME.
10:10:34 SO THAT IS TIME THAT COULD HAVE BEEN SPENT SOMEPLACE ELSE,
10:10:36 BUT THEY DID IT.
10:10:38 MARILYN EDWARDS DID A LOT OF TIME.
10:10:40 I DON'T MEAN TO LEAVE OUT ANYONE, BUT ALL OF YOU, THANK YOU
10:10:44 SO MUCH.
10:10:44 I KNOW THAT I WAS READY FOR THOSE OF US WHO WERE GOING TO BE
10:10:49 AT CRESCENT BEACH HAD TO GET A NASAL SWAB TO TEST AGAINST
10:10:54 COVID, EVEN THOUGH -- SO WE HAD ALL OF THE RIGAMAROLE THAT
10:10:59 YOU WENT THROUGH, CAROL, TO GET US PERMISSION TO GET TESTED.
10:11:05 AND I WAS READY TO DO THAT.
10:11:07 THE REASON I WASN'T AT THE GROUND BREAKING, MY SON AND
10:11:11 DAUGHTER-IN-LAW WERE IN, I HAVE NOT SEEN THEM IN PERSON FOR
10:11:14 ALMOST TWO YEARS BECAUSE OF COVID, WITH ZOOM AND ALL THAT,

10:11:19 BUT THAT WAS PRECIOUS TIME TO ME.
10:11:20 BUT THEY WERE STILL THERE MONDAY AND THEY WERE LEAVING THAT
10:11:23 EVENING.
10:11:23 SO I ASKED MY SON, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO WITH ME AT 8:00 IN
10:11:27 THE MORNING WHILE I GET A NASAL SWAB?
10:11:30 HE SAID WE'VE ALL BEEN TESTED.
10:11:32 I SAID, I KNOW, BUT THE NEXT MORNING WHEN I GOT UP, I DIDN'T
10:11:35 REALIZE THAT IT WAS OVER.
10:11:37 I WENT AHEAD AND WENT TO BED AND SAID I COULD NOT BELIEVE
10:11:41 THAT.

10:11:42 WE WERE ALL PLANNING ON IT.
10:11:45 I KNOW MARILYN WAS PART OF IT.
10:11:47 CAROL, JON, MYSELF AND RAY SANDELLI, COMMISSIONER.
10:11:51 SO THAT WAS VERY, VERY INTERESTING.
10:11:53 WE DID THE BEST WE COULD DO AND TO BE PREPARED.
10:11:59 I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING AT THE GROUND BREAKING.
10:12:02 I WAS AT THE AIRPORT PICKING THEM UP AT THAT TIME.
10:12:05 AND I WANT TO TELL YOU, I SENT AN E-MAIL AND I COPIED ALL OF
10:12:10 YOU ON IT, I SENT IT TO ALL THE COMMISSIONERS.
10:12:12 I WANTED TO TELL YOU, I HAD REALLY NICE RESPONSES FROM
10:12:16 COMMISSIONER SANDELLI, COMMISSIONER MANN, COMMISSIONER
10:12:19 PENDERGRASS, AND COMMISSIONER RUANE.
10:12:21 SO THEY ARE THE ONES WHO RESPONDED BACK, NO PROBLEM.
10:12:25 TAKE CARE.
10:12:26 IT WAS JUST REALLY VERY SUPPORTIVE.

10:12:28 SO I DO APPRECIATE THAT.
10:12:31 ONE LAST THING, I TALKED WITH OUR ATTORNEY THIS MORNING, AND
10:12:36 THE LEE COUNTY HAS DONE AN ORDINANCE ON PANHANDLING.
10:12:43 THE STATE HAS A REQUIREMENT -- THIS WAS EXPLAINED TO ME BY
10:12:48 CAPTAIN LEE WEEKS AGO, WHEN I COMPLAINED ABOUT PANHANDLERS
10:12:53 COMING UP TO THE CAR.
10:12:54 THEY APPROACHED ME THREE DIFFERENT TIMES ON ONE OCCASION AT
10:12:57 DIFFERENT INTERSECTIONS.
10:12:59 HE SAID THE SUPREME COURT RULED THAT THEY CAN DO THAT.
10:13:05 SO LEE COUNTY HAS CHALLENGED THAT WITH THEIR ORDINANCE, AND
10:13:09 THEY ARE USING IT AS A SAFETY ISSUE.
10:13:13 SO IT PASSED.
10:13:14 NOW BONITA SPRINGS I UNDERSTAND HAS PASSED.
10:13:19 SO IT'S UP FOR THE SECOND READING.
10:13:21 ACCORDING TO WHAT I WAS TOLD, WE JUST NEED CONSENSUS IF WE
10:13:24 WANT ONE HERE IN ESTERO.
10:13:28 >>Burt Saunders: THAT'S CORRECT, IF THE COUNCIL JUST WITH A
10:13:32 NOD INDICATES SUPPORT TO DRAFT THAT, I'LL PREPARE THAT AND
10:13:35 BRING IT BACK, ADVERTISE IT AND BRING IT BACK FOR PUBLIC
10:13:38 HEARINGS.
10:13:38 >>Mayor Errington: AS EXPLAINED TO ME BY THE CAPTAIN IS THAT
10:13:42 RIGHT NOW, WE DON'T HAVE ANYBODY.
10:13:45 YOU DON'T SEE THEM BECAUSE THEY KNOW THIS HAS BEEN APPROVED.
10:13:49 IT'S AN ORDINANCE.
10:13:50 IT'S HAPPENING WITH LEE COUNTY AND WITH BONITA.

10:13:54 BUT ONCE THEY FIND OUT THAT WE DON'T HAVE IT, IT WILL BE
10:13:57 HERE.
10:13:58 BY THE TIME WE GET OUR ORDINANCE DONE, APPROVED, SECOND
10:14:01 READING AND ALL OF THAT, THEY'LL BE GONE AND THEY'LL BE IN
10:14:04 MIAMI.
10:14:05 CAN I GET I HOPE A CONSENSUS TO JUST GET ALL OF THE REST --

10:14:12 IS IT A CONSENSUS THAT WE GO AHEAD AND HAVE THIS SET UP?
10:14:16 OKAY.
10:14:16 ANYBODY OPPOSE IT?
10:14:18 OKAY.
10:14:20 WE HAVE A CONSENSUS THEN.
10:14:21 VILLAGE ATTORNEY REPORT.
10:14:32 >>Burt Saunders: THANK YOU.
10:14:33 I WANT TO SPEND A COUPLE OF MINUTES TALKING ABOUT GOING
10:14:35 FORWARD WITH THE VILLAGE'S LOBBYING EFFORT.
10:14:39 WHEN THE VILLAGE WAS FIRST FORMED, THERE WERE SEVERAL
10:14:42 LOBBYING FIRMS THAT WERE MAKING PROPOSALS TO THE VILLAGE TO
10:14:46 LOBBY ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE CHARGING SOMEWHERE AROUND
10:14:49 FIVE OR SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS A MONTH.
10:14:51 I ADVISED THE COUNCIL AT THAT TIME THAT THE VILLAGE WAS
10:14:56 BRAND NEW, YOU HAD NO STAFF.
10:14:58 YOU HAD NO PROJECTS.
10:14:59 YOU REALLY DIDN'T HAVE A NEED FOR A MAJOR LOBBYING EFFORT IN
10:15:04 TALLAHASSEE BECAUSE THERE WAS NOTHING REALLY FOR YOU TO
10:15:06 LOBBY.

10:15:07 THINGS HAVE CHANGED NOW.
10:15:09 I THINK THE VILLAGE NEEDS TO RATCHET UP ITS GAME IN
10:15:15 TALLAHASSEE.
10:15:15 THE WAY TO DO THAT WOULD BE TO DO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
10:15:20 FROM LOBBYING FIRMS.
10:15:22 GET A FEW PROPOSALS IN FRONT OF YOU.
10:15:24 AND TO MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHICH LOBBYING FIRMS YOU WOULD
10:15:27 WANT OR WHICH FIRM YOU WOULD WANT TO USE.
10:15:30 GRAY ROBINSON, WE HAVE 27 PROFESSIONALS THAT LOBBY FOR GRAY
10:15:35 ROBINSON.
10:15:36 AND MOST OF THEM ARE IN TALLAHASSEE FULL-TIME.
10:15:39 MOST OF THEM LIVE THERE, BUT SEVERAL IN THE ORLANDO AREA AND
10:15:42 TAMPA AREA THAT SPEND THE ENTIRE SESSION IN TALLAHASSEE.
10:15:46 THEY ARE UP THERE FOR ALL THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND THEY
10:15:49 ALL WORK TOGETHER.
10:15:50 IF THERE'S AN ISSUE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN A HOUSE COMMITTEE
10:15:55 MEETING INVOLVING THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO AND ONE OF OUR TEAM
10:15:59 MEMBERS CAN'T BE THERE, THEY'LL GET SOMEBODY ELSE TO BE
10:16:02 THERE.
10:16:02 THEY WORK TOGETHER ON ALL OF THEIR CLIENTS.
10:16:05 ROBERT STUART IS THE LEAD LOBBYIST, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR THE
10:16:09 CITY OF FORT MYERS.
10:16:11 WHENEVER THEY HAVE A PROJECT OR AN ISSUE, HE'S ALWAYS GOT
10:16:15 SOMEBODY THAT CAN HELP HIM COVER THAT.
10:16:18 THAT'S THE KIND OF EFFORT THAT I THINK YOU NEED GOING

10:16:21 FORWARD.
10:16:21 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE SEPTIC TO SEWER PROJECTS.

10:16:28 YOU'VE GOT THOSE TYPES OF THINGS ON THE WORKS AND THERE'S
10:16:31 MONEY AVAILABLE FOR THOSE TYPES OF PROJECTS.
10:16:33 I WANTED TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION.
10:16:34 I WANTED TO USE MY TIME IN TERMS OF THE LOBBYING ISSUE TO
10:16:39 RECOMMEND ONE OF TWO THINGS.
10:16:40 ONE, OBVIOUSLY, WOULD BE TO GO AHEAD AND DO A REQUEST FOR
10:16:44 PROPOSALS AND GET SOMETHING OUT THERE VERY QUICKLY.
10:16:47 YOU'LL GET A BUNCH OF STUFF.
10:16:48 YOU CAN EVALUATE THAT.
10:16:50 ANOTHER APPROACH WOULD BE SIMPLY TO RATCHET UP WHAT GRAY
10:16:53 ROBINSON DOES FOR YOU.
10:16:55 SO I CAN BRING IN TEAM MEMBERS FROM ORLANDO AND TALLAHASSEE
10:17:02 TO REALLY HAVE A REAL PRESENCE FOR YOU ON YOUR BEHALF.
10:17:06 IT'S GOING TO COST THE VILLAGE PROBABLY ABOUT \$6,000 A
10:17:10 MONTH.
10:17:10 SOMEWHERE BETWEEN FIVE AND SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS A MONTH IS
10:17:14 PRETTY TYPICAL FOR WHAT LOBBYING FIRMS CHARGE SMALL
10:17:19 MUNICIPALITIES.
10:17:20 GRAY ROBINSON LOBBIES, AS I SAID, FOR THE CITY OF FORT
10:17:23 MYERS, AND THE CHARGE THERE I THINK IS \$5500 A MONTH.
10:17:27 SO THAT'S KIND OF THE BALLPARK THAT YOU'LL BE IN.
10:17:30 EITHER WAY THAT YOU GO.
10:17:31 I WANTED TO SUGGEST THAT.

10:17:34 LITERALLY GET SOME DIRECTION FROM YOU TODAY AS TO WHAT
10:17:38 APPROACH YOU'D LIKE TO USE BECAUSE 2022 IS AN ELECTION YEAR.
10:17:43 AS YOU KNOW, THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION STARTS IN JANUARY
10:17:47 DURING ELECTION YEAR.
10:17:48 SO THINGS WILL START GETTING MOVING IN TALLAHASSEE PROBABLY
10:17:54 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER TIME FRAME.
10:17:56 AND SO YOU NEED TO START WORKING ON, IF YOU DO HAVE PROJECTS
10:18:01 THAT YOU CAN GET STATE FUNDING FOR, YOU NEED TO START
10:18:05 PUTTING THOSE TOGETHER.
10:18:06 SO THAT'S KIND OF MY RECOMMENDATION, YOU CAN CONTINUE WITH
10:18:09 THE WAY YOU ARE NOW, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S REALLY IN THE
10:18:11 BEST INTEREST OF THE VILLAGE.
10:18:16 >>Jim Boesch: I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THAT,
10:18:21 BURT.
10:18:22 MOST OF THE FORMER COUNCIL MEMBERS KNOW, THAT IN THE
10:18:30 LONG-TERM EXISTENCE OF ESTERO BEFORE, EVEN INCORPORATING,
10:18:40 THE SOUTH FLORIDA MANAGEMENT DISTRICT HAS HAD A HIGH
10:18:47 PRIORITY ON THE RIVER AND SOME OF THE PROJECTS IN LARGER
10:18:52 ENTITIES, AND WE HAVE NEVER RECEIVED ANY SUBSTANTIAL MONEY
10:18:57 FOR ESTERO ITSELF, BE IT PRE-INCORPORATED OR INCORPORATED
10:19:02 ITSELF.
10:19:02 ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, THE FORMER MAYOR IN BONITA SPRINGS AND
10:19:11 MYSELF WENT THROUGH PROPER WORKING WITH THE ORGANIZATION IN
10:19:25 COLLIER COUNTY THAT HAS A SMALLER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THAT WE

10:19:32 JOIN IN WITH THEM.

10:19:33 IF WE JOIN IN WITH THEM BETWEEN THE AREA WOULD COVER BONITA
10:19:42 SPRINGS, ESTERO, AND PARTS OF LEE COUNTY.
10:19:46 THE MONEY THAT'S -- I DON'T SAY DONATED, THE MONEY THAT WE
10:19:51 SEND TO SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT IS ABOUT FOUR AND A
10:19:54 HALF MILLION DOLLARS.
10:19:56 IF THAT PROPOSAL WOULD GO THROUGH, WE SEND ONE MILLION
10:20:08 DOLLARS, BONITA SPRINGS SENDS A MILLION AND A HALF --
10:20:12 SIMILAR.
10:20:12 I'M GIVING YOU BALLPARK NUMBERS, BUT AT LEAST A MILLION
10:20:14 DOLLARS HERE, THAT MONEY WOULD GO TO THIS ORGANIZATION, AND
10:20:20 THEY COULD ONLY ALLOCATE THAT MONEY TO THE PEOPLE THAT
10:20:24 DONATED THE MONEY.
10:20:25 IN ESSENCE, IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ESTERO, WE WOULD GET AN
10:20:30 ADDITIONAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FOR WATER PROJECTS,
10:20:35 AND THAT COULDN'T BE TAKEN AWAY.
10:20:38 THE ORGANIZATION BIG CYPRESS BASIN IF YOU EVER COME ACROSS
10:20:44 IT.
10:20:44 WE WORKED, AND WE HAD THIS THING MOVING FORWARD SO IT WOULD
10:20:51 GO FORWARD.
10:20:51 LAST YEAR, THEY CHANGED IT THAT IT HAD TO BE A STATE
10:20:55 APPROVED PROJECT VERSUS A SOUTH FLORIDA, FLORIDA MANAGEMENT
10:21:00 APPROVED PROJECT.
10:21:00 AND WE HAD THIS MOVING ALONG VERY WELL.
10:21:04 BURT CAN TELL YOU, THE SENATOR FROM OUR DISTRICT IS GOING TO
10:21:13 BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE NEXT YEAR, AND OUR NEW

10:21:19 SENATOR THAT COVERS ACROSS THE STREET, RAY RODRIGUES, AS YOU
10:21:24 KNOW, A GREAT REPRESENTATIVE FOR US AND IS NOW SENATOR,
10:21:31 PICKED UP THE BALL AND BROUGHT IT TO THE LEGISLATURE TO GET
10:21:36 IT PASSED.
10:21:37 AT THE LAST MINUTE, IT'S BEEN MOVING FORWARD, AT THE LAST
10:21:42 MINUTE, IT WAS DROPPED.
10:21:43 QUITE FRANKLY, THERE'S PROBABLY TWO DOZEN REASONS WHY PEOPLE
10:21:50 KNOW IT DROPPED.
10:21:51 BUT WE HAD NO LOBBYIST UP THERE, AND WE DIDN'T HAVE -- WE
10:22:02 NEED SOMEBODY FULL-TIME UP THERE.
10:22:04 WE HAD NOBODY IN THE HOUSE LOBBYING FOR US.
10:22:06 IN A SENSE, BECAUSE RAY WAS A REP, SOME TYPE OF INFLUENCE.
10:22:14 BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO BRING A BILL LIKE THIS UP TO THE
10:22:17 SENATE, YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE FULL-TIME PEOPLE THAT ARE WORKING
10:22:21 FOR YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT -- IF THERE ARE ANY HITCHES THAT
10:22:26 COME UP, THEY CAN SAY, WELL, MAYBE WE CAN DO AN AMENDMENT TO
10:22:29 THE BILL THAT WOULD SATISFY THIS THING AND YOU CAN GET THE
10:22:32 BILL TO HAPPEN.
10:22:33 SO AT THIS POINT, THE BILL HAS BEEN DEAD.
10:22:41 SO THE QUESTION IS WHETHER WE WANT TO GO BACK FORWARD, BUT

10:22:47 IF WE GO BACK FORWARD AND PRESENT BILLS OF ANYTHING, NOW,
10:22:50 FOR INSTANCE, I HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF WORKING BOTH STATE
10:22:56 LEGISLATIVE AND MUNICIPAL LEGISLATIVE.
10:22:59 IF YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR MONEY FOR -- AND WE ARE FOR THE
10:23:04 WELLS, PUTTING IN SEWERS AND WELLS, IT'S GOING TO BE

10:23:08 OUTLANDISH WHEN THIS WHOLE THING COMES FORWARD, THAT YOU
10:23:12 HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND THAT EVERY MUNICIPALITY IS GOING TO BE
10:23:16 DIVING IN FOR THIS MONEY.
10:23:17 IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYBODY SPEAKING FOR YOU UP THERE AT THE
10:23:23 LEGISLATURE, THEN WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS YOU'RE GOING TO
10:23:26 GET THE LOWEST AMOUNT OF MONEY OR NONE AT ALL.
10:23:30 AND THAT IS -- SO IT'S TIME FOR US TO START THINKING ABOUT
10:23:33 HAVING PEOPLE, PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE FULL-TIME.
10:23:38 THEIR OBLIGATION TO US FOR THE BILLS THAT WE WANT TO LOOK
10:23:44 FOR, AND I WOULD AGREE WITH YOU, BURT, THAT IT'S TIME THAT
10:23:49 WE NOT ONLY GET A LOBBYIST FOR THE HOUSE, WE HAVE TO MAKE
10:23:54 SURE WE'VE GOT SOMEONE THERE FOR SENATE SO THERE'S SOMEONE
10:23:57 WATCHING THE BILLS FOR US AND WE DON'T GET SHORTCHANGED AS
10:24:00 WE GO ALONG BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW, YOU BEING A FORMER STATE
10:24:05 LEGISLATOR, EVERYBODY IS DIVING IN FOR THAT MONEY.
10:24:08 >>Burt Saunders: IT'S THE PERFECT ZERO-SUM GAIN WHEN IT
10:24:11 COMES TO STATE APPROPRIATIONS.
10:24:13 IF SOMEBODY GETS A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY, THAT MEANS SOMEBODY
10:24:16 ELSE IS GOING TO GET LESS.
10:24:17 IT'S JUST THE WAY IT WORKS.
10:24:20 JUST AS AN EXAMPLE, GRAY ROBINSON, I WAS JUST CHECKING THE
10:24:23 CURRENT NUMBERS THAT WE HAVE.
10:24:24 WE HAVE 27 FULL-TIME LOBBYISTS WITH GRAY ROBINSON.
10:24:29 SO GRAY ROBINSON HAS A MAJOR EFFORT FOR ITS CLIENTS.
10:24:34 AND LIKE I SAID, THE CITY OF FORT MYERS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE

10:24:37 WITH ROBERT STUART AND THE TEAM HE HAS.
10:24:40 THAT'S THE KIND OF EFFORT THAT WE NEED GOING FORWARD.
10:24:42 SO REALLY THE ISSUE BECOMES WHAT PROCESS YOU WOULD LIKE TO
10:24:47 USE TO GET TO THAT.
10:24:49 TYPICALLY, A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WILL GENERATE A FLURRY OF
10:24:54 PROPOSALS FOR YOU TO LOOK AT, AND THEN YOU CAN MAKE A
10:24:57 DECISION.
10:24:57 YOU COULD TAKE A LOOK AT -- YOU COULD GET SOME MORE
10:25:01 INFORMATION ABOUT OUR EFFORT, GRAY ROBINSON'S EFFORT AND
10:25:04 MAKE A DECISION THAT WAY AS WELL.
10:25:05 BUT I JUST WANTED TO GET YOU THINKING IN TERMS OF HOW BEST
10:25:09 TO PROCEED GOING FORWARD BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO NEED MORE
10:25:12 OF AN EFFORT THAN WHAT WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST.
10:25:16 >>Jim Boesch: I DIDN'T WANT TO JUMP INTO YOUR COMMENTS, I
10:25:18 JUST WANT TO MENTION, THIS IS THE APPROPRIATE TIME BECAUSE
10:25:21 WE'RE NOW IN WORKSHOP, SO HOW WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT OUR

10:25:24 FINAL BUDGET AS WE GO FORWARD.
10:25:25 >>Mayor Errington: WE'RE NOT IN WORKSHOP YET.
10:25:27 ALMOST.
10:25:28 >>Jim Boesch: WHEN WE GO INTO IT.
10:25:30 SO APPROPRIATE TOPIC TO BRING UP DURING THE WORKSHOP.
10:25:33 BUT I JUST WANT YOU TO REMEMBER, WE LOST A MILLION DOLLARS.
10:25:36 IF WE HAD SOMEBODY UP THERE REPRESENTING US, I'M NOT SAYING
10:25:39 FOR SURE WE WOULD HAVE GOT IT, BUT FIGHTING HARD FOR US AS A
10:25:46 SENATOR AND AT THE LAST MINUTE, THE BILL GOT DROPPED AND

10:25:49 NOBODY KNOWS WHY THE BILL WAS DROPPED.
10:25:51 >>Burt Saunders: YOU WERE INTO THE LAST WEEK OF SESSION.
10:25:53 THAT REALLY BECOMES ALMOST LIKE INSIDE BASEBALL.
10:25:56 RAY RODRIGUES COULD PROBABLY TELL US WHY THE BILL WAS KILLED
10:26:00 AT THE LAST MINUTE, BUT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN SOME DIRECTION
10:26:03 POTENTIALLY FROM THE SPEAKER OR FROM THE SENATE PRESIDENT OR
10:26:08 WHO KNOWS WHERE THAT DIRECTION CAME FROM.
10:26:11 I'M NOT SURE WHETHER HAVING AN INDIVIDUAL BANGING ON DOORS
10:26:16 AT THE TIME WOULD HAVE MADE A WHOLE LOT OF DIFFERENCE ON
10:26:18 THAT.
10:26:19 BECAUSE EVERYTHING LOOKED LIKE IT WAS VERY POSITIVE ALL THE
10:26:22 WAY UP UNTIL THAT LAST COUPLE OF DAYS, AND IT DISAPPEARED.
10:26:25 >>Mayor Errington: WHY DON'T WE DO THIS.
10:26:28 WE'VE HEARD BOTH SIDES HERE.
10:26:30 STEVE, CAN WE DO THIS TO MAYBE GET -- WORK WITH COUNCIL TO
10:26:37 SEE WHICH DIRECTION WE WANT TO GO WITH THIS.
10:26:40 IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S A WIN-WIN.
10:26:43 >>Steven Sarkozy: RIGHT.
10:26:44 IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
10:26:46 WE HAVEN'T DONE THIS IN OUR BRIEF HISTORY HERE OF LOOKING AT
10:26:49 AN OUTSIDE FIRM TO HELP US WITH LOBBYING.
10:26:53 IF YOU'D LIKE TO DIRECT US TO LOOK AT THAT AND COME BACK TO
10:26:57 YOU WITH A PROPOSAL ON HOW WE CAN MAKE IT WORK, DO THE RFP
10:27:03 PROCESS, WE'LL ADJUST THE BUDGET AS WELL TO INCLUDE A LARGER
10:27:07 AMOUNT SO THAT WHATEVER OUTCOME WE HAVE OF THE RFP PROCESS,

10:27:11 YOU'D BE ABLE TO FUND IT WITH AN APPROPRIATE BUDGET
10:27:14 APPROPRIATION.
10:27:14 >>Mayor Errington: DOES THAT SOUND IN AGREEMENT WITH --
10:27:17 OKAY.
10:27:17 LET'S DO THAT.
10:27:18 >>Jim Boesch: MAKE ONE COMMENT.
10:27:19 I'M NOT ADVOCATING FOR GRAY ROBINSON.
10:27:22 I'M ADVOCATING TO DO WHAT HE'S RECOMMENDING.
10:27:25 WE GO OUT WITH STEVE'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND PEOPLE'S
10:27:29 RECOMMENDATIONS, MAYBE EVEN HAVE A COMMITTEE, AND INTERVIEW
10:27:33 LOBBYISTS TO SEE WHICH ONE WOULD BE THE BEST ONES TO
10:27:36 REPRESENT US.

10:27:37 I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THEM.
10:27:39 I'M JUST ADVOCATING FOR US HAVING A LOBBYIST.
10:27:43 >>Mayor Errington: THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO START WORKING ON
10:27:46 THIS FOR US.
10:27:48 >>Burt Saunders: YOU DO WANT TO HAVE SOMEBODY ON BOARD
10:27:51 CERTAINLY AS YOU GET INTO SEPTEMBER.
10:27:52 THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE ABOUT A
10:27:56 MONTH WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE MEETINGS, BUT IF YOU CAN GET THIS
10:27:58 KIND OF RESOLVED SO BY SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER YOU'RE
10:28:03 REPRESENTED, THAT REALLY WOULD BE THE GOAL.
10:28:06 I'LL WORK WITH THE MANAGER IN TERMS OF A FORM OF A REQUEST.
10:28:11 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU, BURT.
10:28:12 ANYTHING ELSE?

10:28:14 >>Burt Saunders: NO.
10:28:14 THAT'S ALL.
10:28:15 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.
10:28:15 VILLAGE MANAGER.
10:28:17 >>Steven Sarkozy: NOTHING NEW.
10:28:18 WE'VE GOT A LONG WORKSHOP.
10:28:20 SO I'LL DEFER TO THAT.
10:28:22 >>Mayor Errington: OKAY.
10:28:23 AND IT IS A LONG WORKSHOP.
10:28:24 I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE ADJOURN THIS MEETING AND TAKE A
10:28:30 TEN-MINUTE BREAK.
10:28:32 HOW ABOUT THAT?
10:28:33 IS THE WORKSHOP THAT LONG?
10:28:35 IT'S LOOKS LONG.
10:28:35 >>Steven Sarkozy: IT LOOKS LONG.
10:28:38 >>Mayor Errington: DO I HAVE A MOTION TO ADJOURN?
10:28:40 SO MOVED.
10:28:43 BE BACK HERE AT 20 TILL, IF YOU WOULD.

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10:41:14 >>Mayor Errington: WELCOME BACK.
10:41:16 WE WILL NOW BEGIN THE WORKSHOP PART OF THE AGENDA.
10:41:21 TODAY, WE ONLY HAVE ONE ITEM ON THE AGENDA, AND IT IS THE
10:41:29 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.
10:41:30 I'M GOING TO ASK STEVE TO INTRODUCE THIS TOPIC.
10:41:34 AS HE EXPLAINED TO ME AT ONE TIME, WE CAN GO AS DEEP INTO

10:41:38 THIS AS WE WANT.
10:41:42 OR WE'RE GOING TO BE BRIEF ON IT, WE WILL HAVE NUMEROUS
10:41:46 TIMES TO GO OVER THIS.
10:41:46 IT DEPENDS ON HOW YOU WANT TO SPEND YOUR TIME TODAY.
10:41:50 THAT'S WHAT I'M GETTING AT.
10:41:53 STEVE, WOULD YOU INTRODUCE THIS?
10:41:55 >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
10:41:57 THIS IS A CONTINUING PART OF OUR BUDGET PRESENTATION

10:42:01 BUILDING UP TO THE FINAL APPROVAL FOR OUR BUDGET AT YOUR TWO
10:42:06 MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER.
10:42:07 THAT'S REQUIRED BY STATE STATUTE.
10:42:11 AND IT INVOLVES THEN SETTING OF OUR PROPERTY TAX RATE AT
10:42:14 THAT TIME.
10:42:14 JUST AS A GENERAL OVERVIEW, YOUR GENERAL FUND BUDGET IS VERY
10:42:21 HEALTHY.
10:42:23 WE'VE MADE SURE THAT WE'VE PUT MONEY ASIDE IN RESERVE FUNDS
10:42:29 TO PROTECT THE LONG-TERM FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY,
10:42:32 AND WE FRAMED OUT FOR THE GENERAL FUND, INCLUDING THE
10:42:37 C.I.P., CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, THE WAYS OF INSTITUTING
10:42:42 A STRUCTURE SO THAT LONG-TERM THIS IS A VERY SUSTAINABLE
10:42:53 BUDGET. THE PROJECT NEEDS FOR THE COMMUNITY IN PERPETUITY
10:42:58 WITHOUT US STRESSING US FINANCIALLY.
10:43:00 THIS BUDGET IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT IN TRYING TO ANTICIPATE
10:43:11 WHAT THE EFFECTS ARE OF THE COVID PANDEMIC.
10:43:16 THE COVID PANDEMIC HAS HIT THE STATE BUDGET, OF COURSE, BUT

10:43:20 TO A LESSER EXTENT, IT HIT US.
10:43:23 AND WE WERE VERY CONSERVATIVE WHEN WE DEVELOPED OUR BUDGET
10:43:29 LAST YEAR, AND THEN MIDYEAR, WE WENT -- MID FISCAL YEAR, WE
10:43:35 WENT THROUGH A BUDGET AMENDMENT THAT YOU FOLKS RECALL WHERE
10:43:38 WE JUST SCALED BACK SOME OF OUR ANTICIPATED REVENUES.
10:43:41 AND WE WERE VERY CONSERVATIVE.
10:43:45 IT SERVED US WELL.
10:43:46 BUT THE REDUCTIONS IN REVENUES HAVE NOT BEEN AS SEVERE AS WE
10:43:51 ORIGINALLY THOUGHT.
10:43:52 THAT'S GOOD NEWS.
10:43:53 SO WHAT WE'RE DOING IS PREPARING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR
10:44:01 YOUR REVIEW, AND THAT WILL COME TO YOU IN JUNE.
10:44:07 IT'S PRETTY MUCH STANDARD.
10:44:09 WE'RE BUILDING OFF OF THE PRIOR YEAR BUDGET.
10:44:11 THERE'S VERY LITTLE NEW THAT'S IN THERE.
10:44:13 WE'LL SPELL OUT FOR YOU AND THE PUBLIC THOSE NEW ELEMENTS,
10:44:19 BUT WHAT IS REALLY DIFFERENT FOR US IS THE PROJECT PLANNING
10:44:24 EFFORT WHICH IS THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND WE'LL
10:44:28 GET INTO THAT IN A MOMENT.
10:44:29 YOUR GENERAL FUND BUDGET WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE 12 MONTHS OF
10:44:34 ANNUAL OPERATING REVENUES HELD IN A STRICT RESERVE, THAT BY
10:44:41 COUNCIL POLICY IS ESTABLISHED THAT REQUIRES ANY USE OF THOSE
10:44:46 FUNDS REQUIRES AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.
10:44:51 SO 12 MONTHS IS OUT THERE THAT IS VERY HEALTHY.
10:44:56 THE INTENT OF THAT WAS TO PREPARE FOR FINANCIAL OR NATURAL

10:45:00 DISASTERS.
10:45:02 WE HAVE NOT HAD ANYTHING SINCE THAT FUND HAS BEEN LARGELY IN
10:45:06 PLACE.
10:45:07 WE'VE GONE THROUGH HURRICANE IRMA AND YOU WERE COMFORTED TO

10:45:12 KNOW THAT WHATEVER THE OUTCOMES OF IRMA YOU WERE FINANCIALLY
10:45:16 READY TO RESPOND.
10:45:18 THERE ARE NO CHANGES PROPOSED IN THAT RESERVE.
10:45:23 SIMILARLY, THERE'S A LITIGATION RESERVE.
10:45:26 ONE OF THE MAJOR RISK FACTORS THAT ALL CITIES HAVE IS THE
10:45:30 ISSUE OF POTENTIAL LITIGATION, WHICH COULD NOT ONLY COST YOU
10:45:35 A LOT OF MONEY IN THE DEFENSE PROCESS, BUT ALSO COST IN
10:45:40 TERMS OF ANY TYPE OF SETTLEMENT.
10:45:43 YOU HAVE A LITIGATION RESERVE OF \$670,000, WHICH ALLOWS YOU
10:45:48 TO FULLY DEFEND AND VIGOROUSLY DEFEND THE VILLAGE IN
10:45:54 RESPONSE TO ANY CHALLENGE.
10:45:58 WE HAVE NO ONGOING OBLIGATIONS FOR PENSIONS.
10:46:05 THAT'S IN OUR CHARTER, AND, OF COURSE, THIS BUDGET REFLECTS
10:46:12 THAT.
10:46:12 SO YOU PROVIDE A 457 AND 401(K) CONTRIBUTION TO ALL
10:46:21 EMPLOYEES, BUT THERE'S NO ONGOING PENSION.
10:46:23 SO FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT, THERE ARE NO CARRY-FORWARD
10:46:28 OBLIGATIONS THAT AFFECT THE COMMUNITY.
10:46:31 THAT HAS SOME ISSUES WHEN IT COMES TO HIRING STAFF BECAUSE
10:46:37 MANY STAFF WORKING IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REALLY DO LOOK FOR A
10:46:43 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PROGRAM.

10:46:46 WE DO NOT HAVE THAT HERE.
10:46:47 THE ONLY ONGOING DEBT THAT WE HAVE, OF COURSE, IS THE ESTERO
10:46:55 ON THE RIVER PROPERTY.
10:46:56 THAT'S THE 67 ACRES THAT WAS PURCHASED 2019 FOR
10:47:03 \$24.5 MILLION.
10:47:06 YOU'VE PAID DOWN A BIG CHUNK OF THAT.
10:47:10 WE OWE APPROXIMATELY 17 MILLION.
10:47:12 WE'RE PAYING OFF THAT OBLIGATION ON A 20-YEAR TERM, AND
10:47:19 THOSE ANNUAL MORTGAGE PAYMENTS, IF YOU WILL, ARE IN THE
10:47:22 BUDGET AND COME OFF THE TOP.
10:47:26 SO THEY ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE.
10:47:28 BUT IN ADDITION TO YOUR ANNUAL MORTGAGE PAYMENTS, YOU ALSO
10:47:32 HAVE A SEPARATE SET-ASIDE THAT'S CALLED THE DEBT REDUCTION
10:47:36 PROGRAM THAT HAS AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION ALSO SO THAT IT
10:47:44 BUILDS UP OVER TIME AND IT'S CURRENTLY AT ABOUT SIX AND A
10:47:47 HALF MILLION DOLLARS THAT YOU COULD USE TO PAY DOWN THE DEBT
10:47:52 EITHER NOW OR AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE.
10:47:55 IF YOU DO NOT USE IT TO PAY DOWN THE DEBT AND SIMPLY CHOOSE
10:47:59 TO CONTINUE ON THE 20-YEAR TERM PAYING OFF THAT REMAINING
10:48:05 \$17 MILLION FOR THE LAND, THAT MONEY COULD BE ALLOCATED TO
10:48:10 SOME OTHER PROJECT.
10:48:12 WE'RE GOING THROUGH, THEN -- SO THOSE ARE THE MAIN
10:48:16 STRUCTURAL PIECES.
10:48:19 WE DO NOT HAVE ANY SUB CATEGORIES OR SUB BUDGETS OR
10:48:27 CATEGORICAL BUDGETS.

10:48:30 WE DO NOT HAVE ANY UTILITIES OR PARKS PROGRAMS, THINGS LIKE
10:48:34 THAT.
10:48:35 EVERYTHING IS CONTAINED IN YOUR GENERAL FUND BUDGET, AND
10:48:37 THERE ARE DEPARTMENTAL ALLOCATIONS BUT NO SEPARATE ACCOUNTS
10:48:41 THAT YOU HAVE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT.
10:48:43 WE WILL BRING BACK TO YOU, AGAIN, AS I MENTIONED, ANY
10:48:49 CHANGES IN THAT GENERAL FUND BUDGET THAT DEVIATE FROM THE
10:48:53 PRINCIPLES OF THE PRIOR YEAR, BUT THERE PROBABLY WILL BE
10:48:57 VERY FEW, IN THE ORDER OF MAYBE A DOZEN AT MOST.
10:48:59 GETTING INTO, THEN, THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, ANY
10:49:08 MONIES THAT ARE LEFT OVER FROM OUR TOTAL REVENUES MINUS YOUR
10:49:14 OPERATING COSTS, ANYTHING THAT'S LEFT OVER GOES INTO YOUR
10:49:20 GENERAL FUND CARRYOVER FUND THAT HAS ACCUMULATED TO BE A
10:49:27 VERY LARGE NUMBER, SOMEWHERE IN THE RANGE OF \$24 MILLION,
10:49:31 THAT IS USED THEN FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS.
10:49:33 NOW, OVER TIME, THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY IS GOING TO DECREASE AS
10:49:40 WE COMPLETE PROJECTS, AND THAT'S FULLY ANTICIPATED.
10:49:44 AND AS WE DO PROJECTS, WE ALLOCATE THE MAINTENANCE COSTS FOR
10:49:50 THOSE PROJECTS INTO OUR OPERATING ACCOUNT.
10:49:54 SO THE AMOUNT THAT WILL BUILD UP AVAILABLE FOR CAPITAL
10:49:59 PROJECTS IS, UNDERSTANDABLY, GOING TO GO DOWN.
10:50:03 AND WE ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING AT THAT, BUT THE PRINCIPLE IS
10:50:09 THAT WE MAINTAIN AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL OF QUALITY THE
10:50:11 PROJECTS THAT WE BUILD.
10:50:13 SO THAT WE NEVER GET OUT OVER OUR SKIS AND BUILD SOMETHING

10:50:18 THAT WE THEN SAY, OOPS, WE CAN'T MOW THE LAWN OR WE CAN'T
10:50:22 WATER, WE CAN'T -- YOU KNOW, THOSE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS
10:50:26 THAT WE TEMPER OURSELVES.
10:50:27 SO MOVING FORWARD, THE WAY WE SPEND DOWN THAT FUND, THE
10:50:37 C.I.P. FUND IS VERY IMPORTANT.
10:50:39 AND THAT IS A PROCESS THAT WE'LL LOOK AT EVERY YEAR AS PART
10:50:44 OF THE BUDGET.
10:50:45 IT'S THE MAJOR EXPENDITURES, THE DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURES
10:50:50 THAT ARE IN YOUR BUDGET THAT ARE VERY HIGH PROFILE AND VERY
10:50:56 IMPACTFUL TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, AND WE'RE CHALLENGED TO DO
10:51:01 THESE IN THE MAJOR CATEGORIES OF FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
10:51:04 THAT INCLUDE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, LANDSCAPING
10:51:08 PROJECTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PROJECTS, AND STORMWATER.
10:51:13 NOW, THOSE ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE LIMITING.
10:51:17 I MEAN, THERE ARE OTHER CATEGORIES THAT WE COULD GET INTO
10:51:20 AND ULTIMATELY AS A COMMUNITY WE WILL GET INTO OTHER
10:51:24 CATEGORIES FOR EXPENDITURES, BUT FOR THE TIME BEING, THAT'S
10:51:29 KIND OF THE NARROW FOCUS THAT WE HAVE IN OUR CAPITAL
10:51:31 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.
10:51:32 AND THE ENTIRE FOCUS IS BUILDING PROJECTS THAT ARE USABLE BY
10:51:36 THE COMMUNITY AND DESIRED BY THE COMMUNITY.
10:51:38 SO OUR INTENT TODAY IS TO PRESENT THE BACKGROUND ON SOME OF

10:51:46 OUR PROJECTS.
10:51:48 AND AS THE MAYOR MENTIONED, WE CAN GO INTO A LOT OF DETAIL,
10:51:51 BUT THE PACKAGE BEFORE YOU IS REALLY INTENDED TO BE A

10:51:55 REFERENCE.
10:51:57 SO WE SUGGEST THAT YOU KEEP IT, CLIP IT, TAKE IT OUT OF THE
10:52:00 BINDER, AND KEEP IT SO THAT IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ON A
10:52:04 CERTAIN PROJECT, YOU CAN USE THIS AS A REFERENCE, GET SOME
10:52:08 ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND GO FROM THERE.
10:52:10 BUT WE'VE ALSO INCLUDED THE ENTIRE BUDGET IS PRESENTED TO
10:52:16 YOU BY STAFF.
10:52:19 THE ENTIRE BUDGET IS THE MOST IMPORTANT POLICY DOCUMENT THAT
10:52:23 THE COUNCIL WILL BE INVOLVED IN DURING THE COURSE OF THE
10:52:27 YEAR.
10:52:28 IF IT'S NOT IN THE BUDGET, IT MUST MEAN THAT IT'S NOT A HIGH
10:52:31 PRIORITY FOR THE COUNCIL, THEREFORE, YOU KNOW, WE'RE NOT
10:52:34 MOVING FORWARD WITH SOMETHING.
10:52:35 WE'VE GIVEN YOU AS PART OF THIS PACKAGE A RECOMMENDATION FOR
10:52:40 THE NEXT FIVE YEARS OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS, AND
10:52:45 OVER THE NEXT THREE AND A HALF MONTHS, WE'LL BE GETTING INTO
10:52:49 GREATER DETAIL ON EACH OF THESE.
10:52:51 THE PURPOSE OF THE PRESENTATION TODAY IS TO WALK YOU THROUGH
10:52:57 THIS REFERENCE GUIDE, TALK ABOUT THE MAJOR PROJECTS FOR EACH
10:53:02 OF THE COMING YEARS, PARTICULARLY THE NEXT YEAR, AND THEN
10:53:08 KIND OF DEFER TO BUILD THE REST OF THE BUDGET OVER THE NEXT
10:53:12 THREE AND A HALF MONTHS.
10:53:13 I ANTICIPATE THAT WE'LL HAVE SEVERAL BRIEFINGS ON THIS AT
10:53:16 WHICH TIME COUNCIL MEMBERS CAN ASK ANY QUESTIONS GETTING
10:53:19 INTO DETAILS.

10:53:22 WE'LL HAVE AT LEAST TWO -- WE WILL HAVE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS.
10:53:26 IT'S REQUIRED BY STATE STATUTE.
10:53:28 AND WE WILL HAVE AT LEAST TWO OTHER WORKSHOPS REGARDING THE
10:53:35 BUDGET THAT GET INTO SOME OF THE DETAILS A LITTLE BIT
10:53:40 FURTHER THAN WHAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO TODAY.
10:53:45 THIS DOES NOT HAVE TO BE AN EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW.
10:53:47 WE'RE TAKING BABY STEPS TOWARDS THE CREATION OF A BUDGET
10:53:51 THAT WILL END UP WITH YOUR POLICY DOCUMENT AND THE TAX RATE
10:53:56 APPROVED IN SEPTEMBER.
10:53:59 SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO DAVID WILLEMS, WHO
10:54:02 HAS DONE A GREAT JOB PUTTING TOGETHER THIS PACKAGE.
10:54:06 AND DAVID CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, AGAIN, THIS IS JUST THE
10:54:13 FIRST STEP.
10:54:19 >>Jim Ward: THE INTEREST RATE ON THE 20-YEAR TERM IS WHAT?
10:54:24 >>Steven Sarkozy: I CAN'T RECALL OFF HAND.
10:54:26 I BELIEVE IT'S JUST UNDER 3%.
10:54:27 >>Jim Ward: AND IT CAN BE PREPAID AT ANY POINT IN TIME?
10:54:31 >>Steven Sarkozy: YES.

10:54:32 NO PENALTIES FOR PREPAYMENT.
10:54:33 >>Jim Ward: THANK YOU.
10:54:35 >>Mayor Errington: WELCOME.
10:54:35 >>David Willems: GOOD MORNING.
10:54:36 SO I WANTED TO STEP BACK JUST FOR A SECOND AND TALK ABOUT
10:54:40 THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND TALK ABOUT THE PROJECTS ONGOING
10:54:47 RIGHT NOW JUST SO EVERY COUNCIL MEMBER UNDERSTANDS WHERE

10:54:49 WE'RE AT.
10:54:49 LATER ON I'LL GET INTO THE CURRENT ONE, THE NEXT ONE, WHICH
10:54:52 WILL BE THE 21-22 AND DISCUSS WHAT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION
10:55:00 IS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.
10:55:01 AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR COUNCIL DIRECTION.
10:55:06 IS THIS THE DIRECTION YOU ANTICIPATED?
10:55:07 ARE THERE PROJECTS YOU THINK ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE
10:55:09 ONES WE PUT IN THERE?
10:55:11 WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO MOVE THEM AROUND AND WE JUST
10:55:13 WANT TO GET THAT INPUT.
10:55:15 THE C.I.P. IS BROKEN INTO SEVERAL DIFFERENT AREAS.
10:55:19 THE FIRST ONE THAT'S LISTED IS THE ROADWAY PROJECTS.
10:55:22 RIGHT NOW, THESE ARE THE THREE THAT WE'RE WORKING ON.
10:55:25 SO ESTERO PARKWAY IS BASICALLY FINISHED UP.
10:55:28 WE'RE TYING SOME LOOSE ENDS AND THINGS, BUT BASICALLY
10:55:31 FINISHED.
10:55:32 CORKSCREW ROAD WIDENING, WHILE THE COUNTY IS OUT THERE RIGHT
10:55:35 NOW, THE VILLAGE HAS IN OUR BUDGET TO DO THE PATHWAYS AND
10:55:39 LANDSCAPING AND THE STREET LIGHTING.
10:55:41 WE'RE WORKING ON THAT.
10:55:42 WE'RE STARTING TO WORK ON THAT DESIGN.
10:55:44 COUNCIL SAW THAT DESIGN PREVIOUSLY AND NOW OUR CONSULTANT IS
10:55:47 WORKING ON IT.
10:55:48 RIVER RANCH ROAD, THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR THAT IS REALLY
10:55:51 DONE.

10:55:52 WE GOT COUNCIL'S COMMENTS, INCORPORATED THOSE INTO THE
10:55:55 PRELIMINARY DESIGN, AND NOW WE'RE TRYING TO WORK WITH THE
10:55:58 CONSULTANT TO COME UP WITH A DESIGN AND PERMITTING CONTRACT,
10:56:00 WHICH WE'LL BE BRINGING BACK TO COUNCIL HERE SHORTLY.
10:56:03 THESE PROJECTS, ESTERO PARKWAY WILL GENERALLY DROP OFF THE
10:56:06 C.I.P. AS IT'S GOING TO REALLY GO MORE INTO MAINTENANCE.
10:56:09 THE OTHER TWO ARE SEVERAL-YEAR PROJECTS.
10:56:12 SO WE'LL BE SEEING THESE IN THE C.I.P. FOR THE NEXT COUPLE
10:56:15 OF YEARS.
10:56:16 SOME INTERSECTION PROJECTS, WHILE THESE ARE PROJECTS WITHIN
10:56:20 ESTERO, THEY ARE GENERALLY NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE
10:56:23 VILLAGE.
10:56:25 THE LOWE'S TRAFFIC SIGNAL, WELL, THAT'S NOT OUR
10:56:28 RESPONSIBILITY, AS COUNCIL KNOWS, WE'VE AGREED TO PAY FOR

10:56:31 IT.
10:56:32 WE ACTUALLY ALREADY PAID THOSE FUNDS TO THE COUNTY, AND THEY
10:56:36 ARE ACTUALLY WORKING ON EXECUTING THE CONTRACT WITH THE
10:56:39 CONTRACTOR SO THAT SHOULD GET STARTED VERY SHORTLY.
10:56:42 WE MAY NOT SEE WORK RIGHT AWAY BECAUSE THERE IS A LONG LEAD
10:56:45 ITEM TO GET THE POLES THEMSELVES, BUT THAT IS MOVING
10:56:48 FORWARD.
10:56:49 THE WILLIAMS AND ATLANTIC GULF DRIVE INTERSECTION
10:56:52 IMPROVEMENTS, THAT'S ONE THAT COUNCIL RECENTLY APPROVED FOR
10:56:56 THE DESIGN AND PERMITTING, SO THAT'S MOVING FORWARD.
10:56:59 HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE THAT DESIGN THIS FISCAL YEAR AND THEN

10:57:02 SOMETIME NEXT YEAR OR THE YEAR AFTER WE'LL BE ABLE TO START
10:57:06 CONSTRUCTION.
10:57:07 THE CORKSCREW ROAD INTERSECTION STUDY, THAT'S THE ONE WHERE
10:57:10 WE'RE LOOKING TO SEE IF THE ROUNDABOUTS ARE GOING TO FIT.
10:57:13 WE HAD THAT PRELIMINARY STUDY THAT RECOMMENDED ROUNDABOUTS,
10:57:15 AND WE'RE GETTING A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL JUST TO MAKE SURE
10:57:18 WE KNOW THEY ARE GOING TO FIT.
10:57:19 THE CONSULTANT IS JUST ABOUT FINISHED WITH THAT REPORT.
10:57:22 SO WE'LL BE LOOKING TO BRING THAT TO COUNCIL PROBABLY HERE
10:57:25 IN THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO SO YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE EXACTLY
10:57:28 WHAT IS RECOMMENDED AND WHAT WILL BE ABLE TO FIT THERE.
10:57:32 >> YOU SAID CORKSCREW.
10:57:34 >>David Willems: I'M SORRY. COCONUT ROAD.
10:57:35 THANK YOU.
10:57:38 >>Joanne Ribble: THE INTERSECTION IS THAT COORDINATED AT ALL
10:57:40 WITH WHAT THE HOSPITAL MAY DO, THE INTERSECTION?
10:57:43 >>David Willems: IT WILL BE.
10:57:45 WE TALKED WITH THEM.
10:57:47 THEY PRESENTED.
10:57:48 WE ACTUALLY HAD OUR CONSULTANT THAT'S ON COCONUT ROAD IN THE
10:57:51 MEETING WHERE WE TALKED TO THE HOSPITAL TO UNDERSTAND.
10:57:55 GENERALLY, THE STUDY ARE THE INTERSECTIONS THAT ARE ACTUALLY
10:57:59 WEST OF THE HOSPITAL.
10:58:00 WE'RE LOOKING AT WHAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED AT 41 AS FAR AS THE
10:58:04 NUMBER OF LANES, BUT NOT GETTING INTO A DETAILED DESIGN

10:58:08 KNOWING THAT REALLY THE HOSPITAL IS GOING TO HAVE A BIG
10:58:09 IMPACT ON THAT.
10:58:10 IT'S REALLY FOCUSED ON THE THREE INTERSECTIONS WHERE WE
10:58:13 LOOKED AT POSSIBLY PUTTING IN ROUNDABOUTS.
10:58:16 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN, SO COCONUT ROAD CROSSWALKS, THIS IS
10:58:22 A PROJECT THAT WAS HELD UP.
10:58:24 WE'RE LOOKING TO GET MEADOWBROOK ACROSS COCONUT ROAD MORE
10:58:29 SAFELY.
10:58:29 RIGHT NOW, THEY JUST KIND OF HAVE TO DODGE TRAFFIC AND WE
10:58:33 WANT TO PUT IN A CROSSWALK FOR THEM.

10:58:35 WE RAN INTO A LITTLE BIT OF AN ISSUE IN THAT THERE WAS A
10:58:38 PORTION OF COCONUT ROAD THAT WAS NEVER DONATED TO THE
10:58:40 COUNTY.
10:58:41 IT'S ACTUALLY PRIVATELY HELD, SO WE REALLY DIDN'T HAVE THE
10:58:44 RIGHT TO DO THAT YET.
10:58:46 IT'S ACTUALLY OWNED BY LENNAR, AND NOW WE'LL BE WORKING TO
10:58:50 GET THAT TRANSFERRED TO THE VILLAGE SO THAT WE CAN GET THAT
10:58:52 INSTALLED.
10:58:53 AND THEN WILLIAMS ROAD BIKE/PED, COUNCIL JUST RECENTLY
10:59:00 APPROVED THAT, TOO.
10:59:01 THE MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDED DOING IMPROVEMENTS ON WILLIAMS
10:59:03 FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIANS, COULD BE TRAVEL LANES -- OR
10:59:07 BIKE LANES, MULTIUSE PATHS.
10:59:10 OUR ENGINEER WAS OUT THERE THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS
10:59:13 SURVEYING IT.

10:59:14 SHOULD HAVE THAT DATA AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO START THE DESIGN
10:59:17 SHORTLY SO THEY ARE WORKING ON THAT AS WELL.
10:59:19 THAT'S GOING TO BE A SEVERAL-YEAR PROJECT.
10:59:21 WE'RE JUST IN THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN NOW.
10:59:24 WE'LL HAVE TO DO THE DESIGN AND PERMITTING NEXT YEAR AND
10:59:26 THEN PROBABLY THE CONSTRUCTION THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
10:59:29 LANDSCAPING PROJECTS, MOST OF THESE ARE THE MONUMENT SIGNS.
10:59:34 WE'RE WORKING ON THE DESIGN FOR THE 41 AND THREE OAKS.
10:59:38 THOSE ARE IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, AND IF WE DON'T FINISH
10:59:41 THEM, THEY'LL BE MOVED TO NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AS WELL.
10:59:44 WE'LL KEEP WORKING ON THOSE.
10:59:47 BEN HILL GRIFFIN, WE HAVE A CONTRACT TO DO THE PRELIMINARY
10:59:50 DESIGN THERE TO IMPROVE THE LANDSCAPING.
10:59:53 VIA COCONUT POINT, THAT'S IN THE BUDGET.
10:59:56 WE HAVEN'T CONTRACTED WITH ANYBODY YET, BUT WE'RE LOOKING AT
10:59:59 MAYBE HIRING A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT TO COME UP WITH THE
11:00:02 CONCEPT DESIGN.
11:00:03 AND PART OF THE IDEA FOR THAT IS WHEN WE HAVE DEVELOPMENTS,
11:00:07 NORTH POINT OR DIFFERENT DEVELOPMENTS THAT COME IN ALONG VIA
11:00:09 COCONUT POINT, IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE A DESIGN THAT WE
11:00:12 COULD SHOW THEM AND MAYBE THEY CAN HELP US INSTALL SOME OF
11:00:16 THAT LANDSCAPING.
11:00:16 CORKSCREW INTERCHANGE, THAT WAS ONE THAT IN THE BUDGET, THE
11:00:23 CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET, F.D.O.T. HAD IT SCHEDULED TO BE
11:00:28 FOUR OR FIVE YEARS OUT.

11:00:32 VILLAGE STAFF WAS ABLE TO -- STEVE WAS ABLE TO WORK WITH
11:00:35 F.D.O.T. TO REALLY GET THAT MOVED FORWARD.
11:00:38 THEY ARE ACTUALLY WORKING ON THE DESIGN RIGHT NOW.
11:00:41 SO WE'RE COORDINATING WITH THEM TO TRY TO COME UP WITH A
11:00:44 DESIGN THAT WORKS FOR F.D.O.T. AND THE VILLAGE.
11:00:47 SO IT'S ACTUALLY NOT THIS FISCAL YEAR BUT NEXT FISCAL YEAR

11:00:51 THEY WOULD BE LOOKING TO CONSTRUCT THOSE IMPROVEMENTS.
11:00:53 WE'RE WORKING WITH THEM ON THAT DESIGN RIGHT NOW.
11:00:55 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT JUST CAME UP REALLY QUICKLY.
11:00:58 PARKS AND RECREATION, WE DON'T HAVE A PARKS AND REC
11:01:03 DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW, BUT THEY ARE TRYING TO KIND OF PLAN
11:01:07 WHAT IT MIGHT LOOK LIKE.
11:01:09 WE HAVE THE ESTERO ON THE RIVER PROPERTY AND THEN ALSO THE
11:01:14 COMMUNITY PARK.
11:01:14 WE HIRED A CONSULTANT TO LOOK AT THOSE AND KIND OF COME UP
11:01:17 WITH A MASTER PLAN OF WHAT BOTH OF THOSE COULD LOOK LIKE.
11:01:21 THAT'S ONGOING RIGHT NOW.
11:01:22 AND THEN STORMWATER PROJECTS, THESE ARE BOTH ONGOING.
11:01:26 THE NORTH BRANCH IMPROVEMENTS.
11:01:29 WE'RE WORKING TO GET THE BASE DATA FOR THAT, THE SURVEYING
11:01:32 THROUGH THE COUNTRY CREEK AND THE SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT,
11:01:35 THAT'S BEEN SUBMITTED TO DEP FOR PERMITTING.
11:01:38 AS WE'VE EXPLAINED BEFORE, IT'S GOING TO TAKE A WHILE TO GET
11:01:42 THAT PERMITTED BECAUSE IT'S A COMPLICATED PROJECT THAT
11:01:45 ACTUALLY GOES THROUGH AN AQUATIC PRESERVE.

11:01:47 BUT WE'RE WORKING ON BOTH OF THOSE AND TRYING TO GET THOSE
11:01:49 DONE AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN.
11:01:51 THAT WAS KIND OF A SUMMARY.
11:01:54 DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT KIND OF THE PROJECTS
11:01:57 THAT WE'RE WORKING ON RIGHT NOW?
11:02:02 >>Joanne Ribble: THE SIDEWALK THAT GOES FROM MEADOWBROOK
11:02:04 ACROSS COCONUT, ISN'T THAT WHERE ONE OF THE ROUNDABOUTS
11:02:07 WOULD GO?
11:02:08 >>David Willems: IT WILL BE EVENTUALLY.
11:02:09 THE WAY THE REPORT LISTS THE ROUNDABOUTS IS WITHIN THE NEXT
11:02:14 FEW YEARS, THE FIRST ROUNDABOUT, THE FURTHEST EAST WOULD BE
11:02:19 NEEDED.
11:02:20 THE MEADOWBROOK ONE PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE NEEDED IN MAYBE THE
11:02:24 FIVE- TO TEN-YEAR RANGE.
11:02:26 IT WILL BE IN THE SAME LOCATION, BUT IT WOULD BE THERE FOR
11:02:30 SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE THAT ROUNDABOUT WOULD GO IN.
11:02:32 IT WON'T BE WITHIN A YEAR OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, BUT IT WILL
11:02:37 EVENTUALLY, BUT THAT WILL BE SEVERAL YEARS DOWN THE ROAD.
11:02:42 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: I HAVE A QUESTION.
11:02:44 ESTERO PARKWAY IN MY MIND IS NOT TOTALLY COMPLETE YET.
11:02:47 WE HAVE A BUDGET FOR WHAT WE'VE DONE.
11:02:51 I THINK THAT WE NEED TO EXTEND THE BICYCLE PAINTING.
11:02:56 YOU AND I TALKED ABOUT THAT A LITTLE BIT.
11:02:58 OBVIOUSLY, COUNCIL HAS TO DO THAT, AT INTERSECTIONS AND
11:03:01 WHERE CARS AND BIKES MAY INTERACT, WE PAINTED THE ROADWAY

11:03:05 GREEN.
11:03:06 AN AREA THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE, I THINK WE HAVE TO WORK WITH

11:03:10 LEE COUNTY BECAUSE THE FLYOVER IS HEAVILY USED BY BICYCLES,
11:03:15 THAT COME DOWN FROM THE AIRPORT, ACROSS THERE AND THEN DOWN
11:03:20 THREE OAKS WHICH TURNS INTO IMPERIAL.
11:03:22 SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US IN SOME WAY FIGURE OUT HOW TO PUT
11:03:26 THIS IN OUR CAPITAL PROGRAM BECAUSE IT'S NOT INEXPENSIVE
11:03:29 DOING THAT.
11:03:29 THE OTHER ITEM ON ESTERO PARKWAY THAT MAY HELP WITH THE
11:03:36 TRAFFIC SITUATION WOULD BE SOLAR ELECTRIC SPEED SIGNS THAT
11:03:42 BLINK.
11:03:42 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PUTTING THOSE OUT ON A
11:03:46 PRETTY REGULAR BASIS TO SLOW PEOPLE DOWN THERE.
11:03:49 I THINK WE SHOULD AT LEAST EVALUATE THE COST OF THOSE AND IF
11:03:55 THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO SLOW TRAFFIC DOWN.
11:03:57 BUT THAT'S THE INTENT OF ESTERO PARKWAY WAS TO HELP THE
11:04:02 SAFETY OF THE ROAD AND THE SPEEDING IS AN ONGOING ISSUE.
11:04:06 SO THOSE TWO ITEMS I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO AT LEAST LOOK AT
11:04:10 THOSE FROM A CAPITAL STANDPOINT HERE IN THE FUTURE.
11:04:13 >>David Willems: OKAY.
11:04:14 I MEAN, IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T NECESSARILY SHOW UP ON THE
11:04:17 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BECAUSE THOSE ARE MUCH SMALLER
11:04:20 PROJECTS, BUT DEFINITELY LOOK FOR SOME DIRECTION.
11:04:23 >>Mayor Errington: JOANNE.
11:04:24 >>Joanne Ribble: DAVID, I NOTICED STREET LIGHTING, PROPOSALS

11:04:29 FOR ESTERO PARKWAY, CORKSCREW, RIVER RANCH, BROADWAY WEST,
11:04:33 WILLIAMS ROAD, BEN HILL GRIFFIN FOR THE ADDITION OF STREET
11:04:37 LIGHTING, BUT THERE'S NO STREET LIGHTING ANYWHERE FOR
11:04:39 COCONUT.
11:04:41 I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT PUT INTO A C.I.P. TOO.
11:04:43 >>David Willems: THAT'S PERFECT.
11:04:44 THOSE ARE THE COMMENTS THAT WE'RE LOOKING TO GET.
11:04:46 >>Joanne Ribble: ESPECIALLY WITH THE THREE ROUNDABOUTS IN
11:04:49 THE DARK.
11:04:49 >>David Willems: THE ROUNDABOUTS ALWAYS HAVE LIGHTING AT THE
11:04:52 ROUNDABOUT.
11:04:53 ABSOLUTELY.
11:05:03 >>Larry Fiesel: DAVID, WHAT IS THE CURRENT COMPLETION DATE
11:05:05 FOR THE I-75 CORKSCREW INTERCHANGE BY F.D.O.T.?
11:05:09 >>David Willems: THE LAST MEETING I ATTENDED, IT SAID AUGUST
11:05:12 1st WAS THE LAST DAY OF THE CONTRACT.
11:05:15 >>Larry Fiesel: OF THIS YEAR?
11:05:16 >>David Willems: YEAH.
11:05:18 >>Larry Fiesel: I DON'T UNDERSTAND ROAD CONSTRUCTION, BUT I
11:05:21 DRIVE BY AND USUALLY IF I FIND ONE PERSON WORKING, IT'S A
11:05:26 CROWD.
11:05:28 SEEMS LIKE IF IT DOESN'T GET DOWN BY AUGUST 1st, HAVE TO
11:05:31 BRING MORE PEOPLE IN.
11:05:32 >>David Willems: THEY DEFINITELY GO THROUGH TIMES THAT THEY

11:05:34 HAVE PEOPLE OUT THERE AND THEN THEY GO THROUGH TIMES THAT

11:05:37 THEY DON'T HAVE ANYBODY.

11:05:39 >>Larry Fiesel: IT MUST BE THE TIMES I GO THROUGH THERE.

11:05:41 >>David Willems: I'VE SEEN IT BOTH WAYS.

11:05:43 I KNOW IT HAS TAKEN A WHILE.

11:05:45 >>Joanne Ribble: THE RESURFACING ON BROADWAY, THAT'S NOT

11:05:48 GOING TO INTERFERE WITH ANY OF THE SEPTIC TO SEWER PORTIONS.

11:05:52 I KNOW IT IS THE CLOSEST TO 41.

11:05:54 THAT ALREADY HAS WATER AND SEWER, I ASSUME.

11:05:56 SO RESURFACING IT WILL NOT BE INTERFERED WITH, WITH THE

11:06:01 SEPTIC TO SEWER FURTHER DOWN?

11:06:03 >>David Willems: NO.

11:06:04 GENERALLY NOT.

11:06:05 THE MAJORITY OF THE AREAS IN THAT TRAIL SIDE, THE SEWER

11:06:10 WOULD BE IN THEIR ROADWAY, AND THEN I BELIEVE THE CONCEPT

11:06:14 PLAN WOULD BE A FORCE MAIN ALONG BROADWAY.

11:06:17 SO THAT WOULD NOT AFFECT IT.

11:06:19 >>Joanne Ribble: SAME WITH RIVER RANCH.

11:06:20 >>David Willems: RIVER RANCH CONTRACT IS GOING TO INCLUDE --

11:06:24 WE DON'T HAVE THE PROPOSAL YET, BUT THE PLAN IS TO HAVE A

11:06:27 DRY SEWER LINE THROUGH THE CENTER SO THAT WILL BE THERE, AND

11:06:32 THEN WHEN THOSE HOMES NEED TO CONNECT INTO IT, THEY JUST

11:06:35 CONNECT INTO THE SEWER SYSTEM THAT'S ALREADY IN THE ROADWAY.

11:06:45 >>Jim Ward: THERE WAS A REFERENCE EARLIER AS TO WHETHER

11:06:47 THERE WOULD BE LIGHTING ON COCONUT.

11:06:48 WHEN WE DO A ROAD PROJECT OR A SIDEWALK PROJECT, IS THERE A

11:06:52 STATE REQUIREMENT THAT THERE BE LIGHTING INSTALLED?

11:06:54 OR IS THAT UP TO THE VILLAGE?

11:06:56 >>David Willems: NO.

11:06:57 THAT'S UP TO THE VILLAGE.

11:06:58 BUT IF IT IS INSTALLED, IT NEEDS TO MEET A CERTAIN STANDARD.

11:07:03 >>Jim Ward: THANK YOU.

11:07:06 >>Mayor Errington: DAVE, THE EXTENSION ON BROADWAY, IT LOOKS

11:07:11 LIKE THE PROPOSAL THAT IT WILL END AT THE END OF THE

11:07:16 PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY AT KORESHAN STATE PARK.

11:07:22 >>David Willems: RIGHT.

11:07:24 >>Mayor Errington: THAT SEEMS LIKE IT IS A LITTLE SHORT.

11:07:26 IT SHOULD GO ON WEST A LITTLE LEFT-OUT DEVELOPMENT THERE.

11:07:32 YOU HAVE SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE COMING OUT OF THAT

11:07:43 DEVELOPMENT.

11:07:43 AND IT'S SHORT.

11:07:46 IT'S AT LEAST 500 FEET SHORT.

11:07:48 >>David Willems: YOU'RE SAYING GO TO TERRA VISTA.

11:07:53 >>Mayor Errington: IT STOPS AT TERRA VISTA, GOING TO THE

11:07:55 ENTRYWAY TO BRECKENRIDGE.

11:07:58 >>David Willems: OKAY.

11:08:02 >>Mayor Errington: THIS IS NOT PART OF THE C.I.P., BUT IT
11:08:05 DOES INVOLVE MONEY, AND THIS IS IN JON'S AREA.
11:08:13 ARE WE STILL WORKING ON THAT?
11:08:15 >>David Willems: YES.
11:08:16 JUST MET WITH THE CONTRACTOR YESTERDAY, AND THEY ARE LOOKING

11:08:18 AT HOW TO ADDRESS THAT.
11:08:20 WE'RE ALSO LOOKING TO SEE WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO ADDRESS THAT
11:08:24 AND WE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT THAT HERE IN THE NEXT WEEK OR
11:08:27 TWO.
11:08:27 >>Mayor Errington: ANY OF THESE ROADS THAT WE DO, AND WE
11:08:30 HAVE LANDSCAPING, AND WE HAVE WATER LIKE THAT, I GUESS THIS
11:08:34 IS KIND OF A LEARNING EXPERIENCE.
11:08:37 >>David Willems: ALL OF THE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTS WE'RE DOING
11:08:40 MOVING FORWARD, THE LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION WILL BE FULLY
11:08:45 DESIGNED BEFORE IT GOES TO CONSTRUCTION.
11:08:49 WE'LL KNOW WHAT THOSE SOURCES ARE.
11:08:50 THE WAY THIS WAS BID WAS IT WAS PUT ON THE CONTRACTOR TO
11:08:54 KIND OF DEVELOP THE SOURCE.
11:08:59 GOING FORWARD, OUR CONSULTANTS WILL BE DESIGNING THAT AND
11:09:02 KNOWING WHAT THAT SOURCE IS BEFORE IT GOES OUT TO BID.
11:09:05 IT JUST GETS A LOT OF THOSE QUESTIONS OUT OF THERE.
11:09:09 >>Mayor Errington: I KNOW I'VE BEEN ASKED THE QUESTION MANY
11:09:11 TIMES ABOUT CAN WE GET ALL OF THAT OFF?
11:09:16 >>David Willems: I THINK SO.
11:09:17 THEY TESTED SOME SPOTS AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL ALL COME
11:09:20 OFF.
11:09:23 >>Mayor Errington: YES, JIM.
11:09:26 >>Jim Wilson: IN THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT AREA UNDER THE
11:09:28 CORKSCREW ROAD AND WOODLAND BOULEVARD INTERSECTION
11:09:32 IMPROVEMENTS, THE DETAIL THAT I READ IN THE BACK INDICATED

11:09:36 THAT ONCE THE FRONTAGE ROAD WAS COMPLETED, THAT THAT
11:09:41 INTERSECTION WOULD BE COMPLETELY CLOSED, IS THAT CORRECT?
11:09:43 TWO YEARS FROM NOW, WILL I BE ABLE TO TURN RIGHT ONTO
11:09:51 CORKSCREW?
11:09:52 >>David Willems: YES.
11:09:53 YOU WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO TURN LEFT.
11:09:55 >>Jim Wilson: I WANT TO GO WEST, GET ON THE FRONTAGE ROAD,
11:09:59 TAKE IT TO THE TRAFFIC LIGHT, MAKE MY ENTRY, LEFT TURN TO
11:10:02 THE TRAFFIC LIGHT AND GO.
11:10:03 >>David Willems: YES, THAT'S CORRECT.
11:10:05 >>Jim Wilson: THERE'S SO MUCH TRAFFIC GOING IN AND OUT OF
11:10:07 THE CHEVY DEALER AND THE HOTEL, I JUST THOUGHT --
11:10:12 >>David Willems: THE DANGEROUS TURNING MOVEMENT IS THAT LEFT
11:10:14 OUT.
11:10:15 THAT'S THE ONE WHERE YOU REALLY CAN'T SEE ANYTHING.
11:10:17 SO THAT WOULD BE THE MOVEMENT THAT'S GOING.

11:10:19 >>Jim Wilson: THANK YOU.
11:10:20 >>Mayor Errington: IS THERE ANY WAY TO DO ANYTHING SOONER
11:10:23 FOR BROADWAY EAST AND BROADWAY WEST?
11:10:27 THOSE ARE TWO DANGEROUS ROADS WITH THE SIZE.
11:10:31 THEY ARE SO NARROW, AND THEN THE CULVERTS AND SWALES.
11:10:39 THERE'S NOTHING ELSE LIKE THAT IN ESTERO.
11:10:42 AND I DON'T KNOW HOW WE CAN MAYBE EVEN START TO DO
11:10:45 SOMETHING.
11:10:47 IT'S A THOUGHT.

11:10:48 >>David Willems: YEAH.
11:10:50 NO, WE'VE TRIED TO MOVE PROJECTS FORWARD AS MUCH AS WE
11:10:53 COULD.
11:10:53 IT'S JUST TRYING TO MEET THE BUDGET.
11:10:56 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS CHALLENGING RIGHT NOW IS
11:11:00 CONSTRUCTION COSTS.
11:11:01 SO WE'VE REALLY HAD TO BUMP UP THE COST OF EACH PROJECT
11:11:05 BECAUSE THE COSTS WE'RE SEEING ARE 30, 40% MORE THAN WHAT
11:11:09 THEY WERE EVEN A YEAR AGO.
11:11:11 IT'S ONE OF THOSE UNINTENDED THINGS THAT YOU'RE GOING INTO
11:11:14 COVID, AND WHO WOULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED THE IMPACT THAT WE
11:11:18 WOULD SEE ISN'T A LOSS IN REVENUE, BUT ACTUALLY AN INCREASE
11:11:21 IN A -- A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS.
11:11:23 THAT'S WHY A LOT OF THOSE DATES HAVE CHANGED IS BECAUSE
11:11:29 WE'RE ANTICIPATING WITH WHAT WE KNOW RIGHT NOW, CONSTRUCTION
11:11:32 COSTS ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN WHAT THEY WERE WHEN LAST YEAR'S
11:11:36 BUDGET WAS COMPLETED.
11:11:43 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: THAT DOES BEG THE QUESTION ON SOME OF
11:11:44 THESE PROJECTS.
11:11:45 I MEAN, I THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE A TEMPORARY CAUSE IN
11:11:47 INFLATION THAT WE HAVE.
11:11:47 INFLATION MAY BE 4%, BUT THESE COSTS ARE 30 AND 40 PERCENT.
11:11:53 A LOT OF THOSE ARE CAUSED BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF WORKERS
11:11:56 GOING BACK TO WORK.
11:11:58 I THINK AS WE COMMIT TO THESE PROJECTS, WE REALLY HAVE TO

11:12:04 SAY ARE WE OVERSPENDING FOR A SHORT WINDOW OF TIME?
11:12:09 IS IT WORTHWHILE DELAYING THOSE?
11:12:13 >>David Willems: THAT'S A VERY VALID QUESTION WITH THESE
11:12:16 HIGH COSTS, DO YOU BUILD THE PROJECTS RIGHT NOW OR DO YOU
11:12:19 WAIT FOR REASONABLE COSTS?
11:12:20 THE GOOD THING IS A LOT OF OUR PROJECTS, HOPEFULLY WHAT
11:12:25 YOU'RE SAYING IS RIGHT.
11:12:26 THIS IS JUST A PERIOD OF TIME AND IT WILL KIND OF SETTLE
11:12:29 DOWN GOING FORWARD.
11:12:30 RIGHT NOW, A LOT OF OUR WORK IS DESIGN.
11:12:32 SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO -- THIS YEAR, A LOT OF THOSE PROJECTS
11:12:36 AREN'T GOING TO BE BUILT SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO REALIZE THOSE

11:12:38 COSTS.
11:12:39 NEXT YEAR AT THIS TIME, WE'LL BE ABLE TO READJUST AND KNOW
11:12:42 WHAT THOSE COSTS ARE THEN.
11:12:45 THAT'S A GOOD POINT AND WORTH DISCUSSION.
11:12:47 >>Mayor Errington: I THINK JOANNE WAS NEXT.
11:12:49 >>Joanne Ribble: DAVID, I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD GIVE US
11:12:51 AN UPDATE ON TWO PROJECTS, IF YOU CAN.
11:12:53 THE LANDSCAPE GRANT FOR THOSE TWO LITTLE PLACES ON 41, I
11:13:01 DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK AND SEE IF THEY
11:13:04 WERE AMENABLE TO MOVING THAT ONE FROM ONE SIDE OF THE STREET
11:13:08 TO THE OTHER.
11:13:11 >>David Willems: YES, THEY WERE FINE WITH THAT.
11:13:13 BOTH THE CONTRACTOR AND D.O.T.

11:13:16 WE ACTUALLY HAVE A MEETING I THINK IT'S NEXT WEEK WHERE THE
11:13:21 CONTRACTOR IS GOING TO STAKE OUT WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO PUT
11:13:23 THE PLANTS, AND WE'RE GOING TO MEET WITH F.D.O.T. OUT THERE
11:13:26 AND JUST MAKE SURE EVERYBODY IS OKAY WITH IT.
11:13:29 THE CONTRACT IS EXECUTED, THEN THEY ARE ORDERING MATERIALS
11:13:32 AND MOVING FORWARD.
11:13:33 >>Joanne Ribble: THE OTHER UPDATE, DO YOU KNOW IN WHAT STAGE
11:13:38 THE LIGHT AT 41 AND PELICAN COLONY BOULEVARD IS IN?
11:13:44 >>David Willems: I HAVE NOT TALKED TO THEM RECENTLY.
11:13:47 THAT'S REALLY BEING HANDLED BY OAK BROOK.
11:13:51 AND I KNOW LAST I HAD HEARD, THEY HAD SIGNED THEIR AGREEMENT
11:13:54 WITH LONDON BAY, SO THAT SHOULD ALLOW THEM TO MOVE FORWARD,
11:13:58 BUT I CAN CALL THEM AND GET A MORE RECENT UPDATE.
11:14:01 >>Joanne Ribble: THANK YOU.
11:14:05 >>Jim Boesch: DAVID AND STEVE, I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING
11:14:09 IS, IN MY OPINION, WE SHOULD BE DOING THE REVENUE PART OF
11:14:15 THE BUDGET, COSTS AND WAIT UNTIL WE DO THAT BEFORE WE START
11:14:21 TALKING ABOUT ADDING DIFFERENT PROJECTS ONTO THIS THING
11:14:25 BECAUSE IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT 30% INCREASE IN COSTS, IT
11:14:29 OBVIOUSLY IS GOING TO DELAY THE PROJECTS THAT HE'S TALKING
11:14:33 TO RIGHT NOW UNLESS YOU WANT TO INCREASE THE BUDGET A
11:14:37 SUBSTANTIAL RATE IN ORDER TO COMPENSATE FOR THOSE COSTS.
11:14:40 I WANT YOU TO KEEP IN MIND IN PREPARING THIS BUDGET, THIS IS
11:14:43 A PROCESS THAT'S GOING TO GO PROBABLY UNTIL JULY UNTIL WE
11:14:48 FINALLY AGREE ON THE NUMBERS, NOT THE ACTUAL BUDGET ITSELF.

11:14:51 KEEP IN MIND, WITH 30% COSTS AND MAJOR PROJECTS THAT WE'RE
11:14:56 TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW, IT'S GOING TO GIVE US AN
11:15:00 ALTERNATIVE.
11:15:01 EITHER WE INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE DO FOR PROPERTY
11:15:05 TAXES IN ORDER TO PAY FOR THOSE PROJECTS THAT CAN BE DONE IN
11:15:10 THAT PERIOD OF TIME, OR WE LOOK AT IT AND SAY MAYBE WE CAN
11:15:13 CUT SOME THINGS DOWN, AND THAT MAY BE HELPFUL.
11:15:15 BUT THE BOTTOM LINE, THE REVENUE EXPENDITURE BUDGET

11:15:23 GENERATES HOW WE GO FORWARD WITH ALL THESE DIFFERENT
11:15:25 PROJECTS, IN MY OPINION.
11:15:27 I DON'T KNOW IF YOU AGREE WITH THE STATEMENT OR NOT.
11:15:32 >>Joanne Ribble: JIM, I THINK WHAT JON AND I WERE ASKING FOR
11:15:37 IS THAT PROJECTS BE ADDED TO THE C.I.P., NOT THAT THEY BE
11:15:40 DONE IMMEDIATELY OR IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, BUT ONLY THAT
11:15:43 THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE C.I.P. WITHOUT THE
11:15:47 EXPENDITURE RIGHT NOW.
11:15:48 THAT'S ALL.
11:15:49 BUT I THINK THEY ARE IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BE ADDED, NOT TO
11:15:54 ASK TO HAVE THEM PAID FOR IMMEDIATELY.
11:15:56 THAT'S WHAT WE WERE ASKING.
11:15:57 >>Mayor Errington: WE HAVEN'T ASKED FOR MONEY.
11:15:59 IT'S JUST LIKE WHAT ARE WE DOING.
11:16:02 >>David Willems: REALLY, THE INPUT, THE FEEDBACK I'M HOPING
11:16:05 TO GET IS EXACTLY THAT.
11:16:07 ARE THERE PROJECTS THAT WE MISSED THAT WE NEED TO PUT ON

11:16:10 THERE?
11:16:11 OR ARE THERE AREAS THAT ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN OTHER AREAS
11:16:14 THAT WE'RE NOT REFLECTING WHAT COUNCIL THINKS ARE THE MOST
11:16:18 IMPORTANT AREAS, AND WE CAN MOVE THAT AROUND.
11:16:21 ABSOLUTELY, THE REVENUE IS WHAT DRIVES WHAT OUR BUDGET IS.
11:16:25 >>Mayor Errington: WE HAVE A DREAM TOGETHER, THEN THE MONEY,
11:16:27 WE FIGURE OUT WHAT WE CAN AFFORD.
11:16:28 >>David Willems: RIGHT.
11:16:29 >>Mayor Errington: IS THAT WHAT I'M HEARING?
11:16:31 >>David Willems: YES.
11:16:31 >>Mayor Errington: JIM.
11:16:33 >>Jim Ward: I THINK IN SOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS I'VE HAD WITH
11:16:35 YOU AND STEVE, AS WELL AS SOME COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE AT
11:16:39 VARIOUS MEETINGS, I THINK YOU NEED TO LOOK AT THE COST
11:16:42 BENEFIT.
11:16:42 SEPTIC TO SEWER IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THAT.
11:16:46 THERE'S A TREMENDOUS BENEFIT FROM GOING FROM SEPTIC TO
11:16:48 SEWER, AND THOSE ARE THE TYPES OF PROJECTS THAT WE NEED TO
11:16:51 IDENTIFY AND DO QUICKLY AS OPPOSED TO OTHER AREAS THAT ARE
11:16:56 SIMPLY NICE TO HAVE, PARTICULARLY WITH THE COST ENVIRONMENT
11:16:59 THAT WE'RE IN.
11:17:00 BUT I THINK STEVE HAS SAID IT IN THE PAST, THE COST BENEFIT
11:17:04 ANALYSIS THAT REALLY NEEDS TO DRIVE US GOING FORWARD.
11:17:08 >>David Willems: YES.
11:17:08 AND THE SEPTIC TO SEWER IS ONE THAT WAS ADDED.

11:17:13 THAT'S BUDGETED IN HERE.
11:17:15 YOU DON'T SEE THE HUGE NUMBERS IN HERE BECAUSE SOME OF THAT
11:17:17 WOULD LIKELY BE HANDLED BY ASSESSMENTS.
11:17:20 BUT IT'S THE UP-FRONT COST TO MAKE SURE WE CAN GET THE

11:17:23 PROCESSES GOING.
11:17:24 >>Mayor Errington: WE ALWAYS HAVE TO HAVE A BALANCE OF
11:17:26 EVERYTHING THAT WE DO IN THE VILLAGE.
11:17:29 IT'S A BALANCE.
11:17:30 THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE TODAY, I THINK, WITH
11:17:32 DAVID.
11:17:34 >>Steven Sarkozy: MAYOR, IF I MAY, I'D LIKE TO EXCUSE
11:17:36 MYSELF.
11:17:36 I MENTIONED THIS TO THE MAYOR, BUT FOR ALL THE COUNCIL, WE
11:17:39 HAVE A GUEST HERE FOR THE VILLAGE THAT'S WORKING ON A MAJOR
11:17:43 PROJECT.
11:17:43 I WOULD LIKE TO GO CONNECT WITH THAT.
11:17:46 BUT WE'RE IN GOOD HANDS HERE WITH DAVID.
11:17:48 THANK YOU.
11:17:49 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU, STEVE.
11:17:52 >>David Willems: IF I COULD, SO THIS IS THE C.I.P., THE NEXT
11:17:55 FIVE YEARS OF WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT DOING.
11:17:58 THIS WAS REALLY WHAT I WAS HOPING TO REALLY KIND OF BE THE
11:18:02 FOCUS.
11:18:02 THE BIG PACKET THAT WAS PROVIDED IN YOUR PACKET, THAT WAS
11:18:05 REALLY INTENDED FOR REFERENCE BECAUSE WHAT I DIDN'T WANT TO

11:18:09 DO IS GIVE EVERYBODY THIS LIST OF PROJECTS AND THEN NOT
11:18:13 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PROJECTS ARE, SO YOU'RE ABLE TO LOOK
11:18:16 BACK AND THE PUBLIC AS WELL.
11:18:17 HERE, YOU KNOW, THESE ARE THE ROADWAY PROJECTS.
11:18:21 AS ROADWAY PROJECTS, SOME OF THEM ARE MORE EXPENSIVE
11:18:25 PROJECTS.
11:18:25 ONE ITEM THAT I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT IS NEW IS BRIDGE
11:18:30 MAINTENANCE.
11:18:32 SO WHAT'S HAPPENED IS F.D.O.T. INSPECTS THE BRIDGES
11:18:36 THROUGHOUT ESTERO.
11:18:37 WE HAVE THE ONE, SANDY LANE THAT GOES OVER THE RIVER.
11:18:41 WE HAVE ONE, SPRING CREEK THAT THE BRIDGE THAT GOES OVER
11:18:50 PELICAN LANDING, THE INTERNAL, THEY HAVE -- PELICAN LANDING
11:18:57 HAS THE BRIDGE THAT GOES UNDERNEATH.
11:18:58 TWO BOX CULVERTS ON VIA COCONUT.
11:19:00 SO THEY INSPECT THOSE.
11:19:03 THOSE REPORTS HAVE BEEN GOING TO THE COUNTY, SO WE'VE GOTTEN
11:19:06 THOSE REPORTS AND LOOKED AT THEM.
11:19:08 AND THERE WERE A COUPLE OF DEFICIENT -- THEY ARE NOT
11:19:11 DEFICIENCIES.
11:19:12 THEY WERE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE BRIDGES.
11:19:14 THERE'S NO STRUCTURAL CONCERNS IDENTIFIED.
11:19:18 SO TO FIX THOSE, THAT'S WHAT THIS BUDGET ITEM IS.
11:19:23 WE'VE HIRED A FIRM THAT HAS LOOKED AT THOSE REPORTS,
11:19:27 ACTUALLY INSPECTED BOTH OF THOSE STRUCTURES.

11:19:29 SO TWO STRUCTURES IN QUESTION ARE THE SANDY LANE BRIDGE OVER
11:19:34 THE RIVER.
11:19:35 THERE'S JUST BEEN SOME EROSION.
11:19:36 IT'S NOT CAUSING STRUCTURAL ISSUES, BUT THEY ARE
11:19:39 RECOMMENDING US TO PUT SOME MORE RIPRAP AND THINGS DOWN
11:19:43 ALONG THE RIVER TO MAKE SURE THAT IT DOESN'T GET TO THE
11:19:46 POINT THAT IT'S A PROBLEM.
11:19:47 AND THEN THE NORTHERN CULVERTS, THERE IS A BOX CULVERT FROM
11:19:52 THE WATER THAT GOES FROM THE BROOKS ACROSS VIA COCONUT,
11:19:56 THERE IS A BOX CULVERT THERE, AND THERE'S SOME HONEYCOMBING
11:19:59 ON THE TOP, WHICH MEANS SOME OF THE CONCRETE HAS ERODED OUT,
11:20:04 AND THEY ARE RECOMMENDING THAT WE JUST FIX THAT WITH LIKE AN
11:20:06 EPOXY OR SOMETHING SO THAT IT DOESN'T FURTHER DETERIORATE.
11:20:09 SO THAT'S WHAT THAT ITEM IS, IS FOR BOTH OF THOSE LOCATIONS.
11:20:13 THE CONSULTANT IS GOING TO HANDLE THE DESIGN AND PERMITTING
11:20:19 BECAUSE OF THE BRIDGE GOING OVER ESTERO RIVER, THAT ONE HAS
11:20:24 A LITTLE BIT MORE PERMITTING THAN THE BOX CULVERT DOES.
11:20:27 >>Mayor Errington: THOSE ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL BECAUSE OF
11:20:30 SAFETY, CORRECT?
11:20:30 >>David Willems: ABSOLUTELY.
11:20:31 THEY ARE NOT CAUSING SAFETY ISSUES RIGHT NOW.
11:20:35 WE'RE JUST MAKING SURE WE'RE BEING PREVENTIVE TO MAKE SURE
11:20:37 IT DOESN'T GET TO THAT POINT.
11:20:39 ONE OTHER ITEM I WANTED TO FOCUS ON WAS THAT HERE ON THE
11:20:44 CORKSCREW ROAD, WE'RE TRYING TO -- WE'RE NOT SURE IF WE'RE

11:20:48 GOING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THE TIMING OF IT, BUT WE WERE
11:20:51 THINKING OF TRYING TO GET THE PATHWAYS BUILT AHEAD OF THE
11:20:54 REST OF IT SO WE DIDN'T HAVE TO WAIT ON THE ROADWAY TO BE
11:20:58 FINISHED TO DO THE PATHWAYS.
11:20:59 WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO DESIGN IT.
11:21:01 NOT SURE IF WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET IT DESIGNED QUICK ENOUGH TO
11:21:04 FIT INTO THE TIME FRAME TO STILL GET IT IN AHEAD OF TIME,
11:21:07 BUT WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO DO THAT.
11:21:10 THEN THE REST OF THE PROJECTS ARE SIMILAR TO WHAT WAS LAST
11:21:14 YEAR.
11:21:14 IN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET, WE HAD A LOT OF STREETLIGHT PROJECTS,
11:21:22 AND WHAT WE DID WAS, IT WAS STARTING -- I THINK IT WAS
11:21:25 GETTING CONFUSING FOR SOME PEOPLE BECAUSE WE WERE DOING THEM
11:21:28 AT THE SAME TIME AS THE LANDSCAPING AND IT WAS BACK AND
11:21:31 FORTH.
11:21:31 YOU'LL NOTICE THAT THOSE STREETLIGHT PROJECTS AREN'T HERE,
11:21:35 BUT THEY ARE ACTUALLY EMBEDDED IN EACH OF THOSE PROJECTS.
11:21:38 SO IF YOU LOOK AT WILLIAMS ROAD OR YOU LOOK AT RIVER RANCH
11:21:43 ROAD, THOSE ROADWAY PROJECTS, YOU'LL SEE THAT THERE'S STREET
11:21:45 LIGHTING IN THERE.
11:21:46 SAME THING WITH CORKSCREW ROAD.
11:21:48 WE DIDN'T TAKE OUT STREET LIGHTING.

11:21:49 IT'S JUST INCLUDED AS LINE ITEMS IN THOSE PROJECTS BECAUSE
11:21:52 THE THOUGHT WAS IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO THE PATH, YOU PROBABLY
11:21:56 WANT STREET LIGHTING.

11:21:58 NOW, WHEN THOSE PROJECTS COME BEFORE COUNCIL AND WE'RE
11:22:01 STARTING TO WORK ON THOSE PROJECTS, IT'S NO PROBLEM TO NOT
11:22:05 DO THE STREET LIGHTING AT THAT POINT IF COUNCIL BELIEVES
11:22:08 THAT'S TOO EXPENSIVE AND WE WANT TO USE THAT MONEY FOR
11:22:10 SOMETHING ELSE.

11:22:11 BUT FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES, IT'S IN THAT PROJECT, BUT IT CAN
11:22:14 COME OUT WHEN WE START WORKING ON THAT DESIGN.

11:22:20 >>Joanne Ribble: DAVID, COULD YOU EXPLAIN TO ME THE VIA
11:22:22 COCONUT EXTENSION SOUTH?

11:22:25 THAT'S AN INTERESTING THING.

11:22:27 IT STILL DEAD ENDS?

11:22:30 >>David Willems: AT PELICAN COLONY, YOU HAVE THAT
11:22:32 ROUNDABOUT, AND THERE'S LAND TO THE SOUTH THAT IS
11:22:35 RIGHT-OF-WAY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.

11:22:37 AND THE INTENT IS THAT AT SOME POINT, VIA COCONUT WILL GO
11:22:41 INTO THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS.

11:22:44 SO THERE'S NO PLANS THAT I KNOW OF ON BONITA SIDE TO START
11:22:49 MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT, BECAUSE THEIR SIDE IS A LOT MORE
11:22:53 COMPLICATED THAN OUR SIDE.

11:22:54 WE ALREADY HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

11:22:55 IT WOULD BE RELATIVELY SIMPLE FOR US TO BUILD THE PART
11:22:58 THAT'S WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

11:23:00 ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS IS AN INDUSTRIAL PARK,
11:23:04 SO THE CITY OF BONITA IS GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO
11:23:06 GET THROUGH THAT INDUSTRIAL PARK IN ORDER TO CATCH UP TO VIA

11:23:10 COCONUT.

11:23:12 >>Joanne Ribble: THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE EXTENSION WOULD
11:23:13 BE IT WOULD OPEN UP THE LAND FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT?

11:23:19 >>David Willems: NO, THE PURPOSE IT WOULD PROVIDE A RELIEVER
11:23:21 TO U.S. 41.

11:23:22 INSTEAD OF EVERYBODY HAVING TO COME UP U.S. 41 --

11:23:26 >>Joanne Ribble: WHEN IT COMES THROUGH, BUT TO HAVE THE
11:23:29 EXTENSION AND STILL HAVE IT DEAD END INTO NOTHING RIGHT NOW,
11:23:32 UNTIL BONITA CAN DO THEIR PORTION --

11:23:34 >>David Willems: WE WOULD NOT BUILD IT UNTIL BONITA DID.
11:23:37 IT'S JUST A PLACEHOLDER.

11:23:39 THERE WERE A FEW PEOPLE A YEAR OR TWO AGO THAT ASKED ABOUT
11:23:44 THAT EXTENSION, AND SO JUST TO PUT IT AS A PLACEHOLDER SO
11:23:49 PEOPLE AREN'T WONDERING WHETHER IT'S THERE.

11:23:50 WE JUST PUT IT IN THERE.

11:23:52 BUT THERE'S NO MONEY INVOLVED IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS FOR
11:23:55 THAT.

11:23:56 IT WOULD HAVE TO BE BONITA COMING TO US AND SAYING THAT WE

11:24:00 HAVE A PLAN FOR THIS THAT WE WANT TO CONNECT IN AT SOME
11:24:03 POINT.
11:24:04 >>Joanne Ribble: BUT THERE'S NO INTEREST BY A DEVELOPER FOR
11:24:06 THAT VACANT LAND TO DO ANYTHING ON?
11:24:09 COULD THAT OPEN UP SOMETHING FOR A DEVELOPER?
11:24:11 >>David Willems: I THINK EVERYTHING IS DEVELOPED THROUGH
11:24:13 THERE.

11:24:13 THAT VACANT LAND THAT YOU SEE ON THE SOUTH SIDE IS ALL
11:24:16 VILLAGE-OWNED LAND.
11:24:19 >>Joanne Ribble: IT ALREADY EXISTS AND IT'S ALREADY
11:24:21 AVAILABLE IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO --
11:24:24 >>David Willems: I DON'T THINK -- I THINK IT'S ALL DEVELOPED
11:24:26 DOWN THERE.
11:24:29 THERE'S THE AMERICAN HOME OR SOMETHING --
11:24:31 >>Joanne Ribble: AND THEN THERE IS THE NEW CANCER THING NEXT
11:24:35 TO THE STORAGE THING.
11:24:37 >>David Willems: RIGHT.
11:24:39 >>Joanne Ribble: EXCUSE MY TERMINOLOGY HERE.
11:24:41 >>David Willems: I THINK ALL THOSE PROPERTIES ALREADY HAVE
11:24:43 ACCESS AT SOME POINT.
11:24:45 >>Joanne Ribble: YES.
11:24:46 I'M NOT SAYING THAT.
11:24:47 BUT THE LAND BEYOND IT AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE
11:24:50 ROUNDABOUT WHERE THAT ACCESS -- WHERE THE ROAD COULD EXTEND
11:24:52 ON EITHER SIDE OF THAT, IS THERE ANY AVAILABLE LAND?
11:24:55 >>David Willems: I DON'T BELIEVE SO.
11:24:57 THE ONLY AVAILABLE LAND IS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ITSELF.
11:25:01 >>Mayor Errington: HOW DOES THE OWN -- YOU SAID THE VILLAGE
11:25:03 OWNS LAND THERE?
11:25:05 >>David Willems: YEAH, THAT'S PART OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR
11:25:08 VIA COCONUT POINT WHEN THAT WAS GIVEN OVER TO THE VILLAGE.
11:25:11 >>Mayor Errington: OH, OKAY.

11:25:12 THAT GOES AROUND THE HOSPITAL?
11:25:17 >>David Willems: LET ME SEE IF --
11:25:22 >>Joanne Ribble: BEYOND THE ROUNDABOUT.
11:25:23 SOUTH OF THE ROUNDABOUT.
11:25:24 >>Mayor Errington: SOUTH OF THE ROUNDABOUT.
11:25:29 >>Joanne Ribble: WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO EXTEND IS WHAT WE'RE
11:25:31 DISCUSSING.
11:25:32 >>Mayor Errington: I THOUGHT IT WAS WETLANDS IN THERE OR A
11:25:34 POND OR SOMETHING.
11:25:36 OKAY.
11:25:39 >>David Willems: LET ME SEE IF I CAN PULL UP AN AERIAL.
11:25:42 HERE IS AN AERIAL OF THE AREA.
11:25:57 IT'S A LITTLE BIT OLDER.
11:25:59 BUT THIS ROUNDABOUT HERE, THIS LAND RIGHT HERE IS OWNED BY

11:26:04 THE VILLAGE, AND THE WHOLE INTENT OF THAT IS FOR
11:26:07 RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR VIA COCONUT POINT EVENTUALLY EXTENDING INTO
11:26:10 THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS.
11:26:12 >>Mayor Errington: OH, I DID NOT KNOW THAT.
11:26:15 >>David Willems: WE MAINTAIN IT.
11:26:16 WE HAVE TO MOW IT.
11:26:18 IT'S VILLAGE LAND.
11:26:20 >>Mayor Errington: JUST GRASS.
11:26:21 >>David Willems: YES, JUST GRASS RIGHT NOW.
11:26:23 SINCE THE LAST IS ALREADY THERE, IT'S RELATIVELY SIMPLE FOR
11:26:26 US TO BUILD A ROAD THERE.

11:26:28 YOU CAN SEE ONCE YOU GET SOUTH, IT GETS REALLY COMPLICATED.
11:26:31 THE THOUGHT WOULD BE MAYBE THAT IT CONNECTS INTO OLD 41
11:26:35 SOMEHOW AT SOME POINT.
11:26:36 BUT I THINK THAT'S A WAYS OFF JUST BECAUSE OF THE
11:26:40 COMPLEXITIES OF GETTING THROUGH THAT AREA.
11:26:41 >>Mayor Errington: IS THAT WHERE THE AMERICAN HOUSE NOW?
11:26:45 >>David Willems: YES.
11:26:46 THERE YOU GO.
11:27:04 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.
11:27:04 THAT CLARIFIED THAT.
11:27:05 >>David Willems: THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO BE HERE FOR IS TO
11:27:08 ANSWER ALL OF THOSE QUESTIONS.
11:27:11 IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, WE CAN GET THROUGH THEM.
11:27:26 >>Joanne Ribble: YEAR TO YEAR, WE CAN REASSESS THE TIMING OF
11:27:28 THESE DIFFERENT THINGS AS WE SEE FIT THEN?
11:27:32 >>David Willems: WELL, IT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT, REALLY THE
11:27:35 ONLY THING THAT WE ARE EVEN SORT OF TIED TO IS NEXT YEAR.
11:27:39 NEXT YEAR WE'LL BE REVIEWING THIS AGAIN FOR THE NEXT FIVE
11:27:43 YEARS.
11:27:43 HOLDERS TO SHOW WHAT OUR PRIORITIES ARE, BUT WE CAN CHANGE
11:27:50 IT AS OUR NEEDS CHANGE.
11:27:55 >>Jim Ward: ALMOST THE LAST LINE, THE ESTERO COMMUNITY PARK
11:27:58 EXTENSION, IS ANY OF THAT RELATIVE TO THE PROPERTY BACK HERE
11:28:02 OR ARE YOU JUST TALKING IN GENERAL ESTERO COMMUNITY PARKS?
11:28:07 >>David Willems: IT WOULD BE -- THAT LINE ITEM IS GENERALLY

11:28:13 FOCUSED TO BEHIND US.
11:28:15 GENERALLY FOCUSED TO THE AREA BEHIND US.
11:28:17 THE REC CENTER, THE SCHOOL PROPERTY AND THEN ALSO THE
11:28:21 PROPERTY THAT THE VILLAGE OWNS OVER THERE.
11:28:27 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: ALL THE WAY DOWN TO WILLIAMS, ALL THAT
11:28:29 LAND THAT'S IN THERE.
11:28:29 >>David Willems: YEAH, THE SCHOOL PROPERTY.
11:28:32 AFTER THE ROADWAY AND INTERSECTIONS, SO THE INTERSECTION
11:28:44 PROJECTS, THESE TWO THAT ARE HIGHLIGHTED HERE ARE THE
11:28:49 ROUNDABOUTS ON COCONUT ROAD AND REALLY THE INTENT FOR NOT

11:28:53 HAVING THOSE IN THE FIVE YEARS, IF YOU LOOK AT THE REPORT,
11:28:57 IT DOESN'T THINK THAT THOSE ARE GOING TO BE NEEDED WITHIN
11:28:59 THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, SO THAT'S WHY THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED.
11:29:04 AND THEN A LOT OF THESE ARE MOVED BACK A YEAR OR SO BASED ON
11:29:09 THE COST.
11:29:09 THINGS HAVE GONE UP.
11:29:11 SO THINGS HAVE HAD TO MOVE BACK A LITTLE BIT.
11:29:15 >>Joanne Ribble: I JUST WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT THAT, I
11:29:17 KNOW THEY ARE NOT EVEN IN THE NEXT FIVE-YEAR PLAN.
11:29:20 THAT IS A DENSELY TRAVELED ROAD, AND IT'S EVEN GOING TO BE
11:29:24 MORE DENSE.
11:29:28 THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL RESTAURANT GOING DOWN THERE THAT'S
11:29:30 GOING TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
11:29:31 THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL MARINA THAT WILL HAVE BOAT TRAFFIC
11:29:36 WITH TRAILER BOAT TRAFFIC WITH CARS GOING IN THERE.

11:29:41 THERE ARE TWO DEVELOPMENTS GOING DOWN THERE.
11:29:44 THERE'S PROPERTY THAT'S JUST BEEN SOLD IN THE COLONY FOR
11:29:47 DEVELOPMENT.
11:29:49 THAT'S GOING TO BE A VERY DENSELY TRAVELED ROAD.
11:29:58 WE MAY WANT TO LOOK AT INCLUDING THAT SOONER FOR THOSE
11:30:01 TRAFFIC PATTERNS FOR THE PEOPLE IN ESTERO WHO LIVE ON THE
11:30:04 NORTH SIDE OF THAT WHO CAN'T GET OUT OF THEIR DEVELOPMENTS
11:30:08 NOW.
11:30:08 >>David Willems: RIGHT.
11:30:09 THAT'S WHY IT'S THERE IS TO GET THEM OUT.
11:30:12 >>Joanne Ribble: I KNOW THAT.
11:30:13 BUT WE MAY NEED TO MOVE THAT UP.
11:30:17 THERE ARE TRACTOR-TRAILERS THAT GO DOWN THERE THAT SERVICE
11:30:20 THREE RESTAURANTS NOW.
11:30:21 A FOURTH ONE COMING.
11:30:26 THERE'S ANOTHER MARINA DOWN THERE THAT HAS ACCESS TO THE
11:30:29 BEACH THAT IS HEAVILY TRAVELED BY PELICAN LANDING.
11:30:34 IT'S PROBABLY ONE OF THE DENSER ROADS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
11:30:38 COMING UP OF THE ROADS WEST OF 41.
11:30:43 >>David Willems: SIMILAR TO ALL THE CHANGES.
11:30:45 ABSOLUTELY.
11:30:46 OKAY.
11:30:49 ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON INTERSECTIONS?
11:30:55 >>Mayor Errington: I DON'T THINK SO.
11:30:56 >>David Willems: BIKE-PED, WILLIAMS WE'RE WORKING ON.

11:30:59 SOME OF THE ROADWAY PROJECTS ALSO HAVE BIKE-PEDESTRIAN IN
11:31:02 THEM.
11:31:03 CORKSCREW ROAD AND RIVER RANCH ROAD, BUT THESE ARE THE ONES
11:31:08 THAT ARE JUST MAINLY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN.
11:31:11 SOME OF THEM HAVE HAD TO MOVE BACK A YEAR OR TWO BECAUSE OF
11:31:19 THE COST INCREASES.

11:31:23 SO NEXT YEAR, WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS CONTINUE WITH THE
11:31:27 WILLIAMS ROAD PROJECT.
11:31:30 WE HAD IN THE BUDGET TO DO INTERSECTION STUDY THIS YEAR,
11:31:33 WHICH WE HAVEN'T COMPLETED, SO WE'RE PROPOSING TO PUT THAT
11:31:36 IN FOR NEXT YEAR AS WELL.
11:31:37 WHAT THAT IS, PART OF THE BIKE-PED MASTER PLAN, THEY
11:31:41 RECOMMENDED WE LOOK AT SOME OF THE MORE UNSAFE INTERSECTIONS
11:31:45 AND FIGURE OUT WHAT'S CAUSING THEM TO BE UNSAFE AND THEN
11:31:48 PROVIDING SOME RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE IT, WHETHER
11:31:51 IT'S THE CHANGING THE WAY THE SIGNALS ARE OR GIVING MORE
11:31:55 TIME FOR PEOPLE TO CROSS OR DIFFERENT THINGS, JUST LOOKING
11:31:58 AT THOSE.
11:31:59 A LOT OF THOSE ARE ALONG 41 BECAUSE GENERALLY THOSE ARE THE
11:32:03 MORE DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS, SO WE KEEP THAT IN THERE, AND
11:32:06 THEN WE WOULD LOOK AT DOING THE BROADWAY EAST AND THE SANDY
11:32:11 LANE, SO THAT -- WHAT THAT WOULD DO IS IT WOULD PROVIDE AN
11:32:15 ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR THOSE ON BROADWAY WEST, BECAUSE RIGHT
11:32:19 NOW, IF YOU COME OUT BROADWAY WEST, YOUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO
11:32:22 GO ALONG U.S. 41 UP AND DOWN.

11:32:24 IF WE'RE ABLE TO BUILD SOMETHING ON BROADWAY EAST AND THEN
11:32:27 SANDY LANE, THEN ALL OF THOSE RESIDENTS WOULD BE ABLE TO GO
11:32:30 DOWN BROADWAY, DOWN SANDY AND USE VIA COCONUT POINT OR
11:32:34 CORKSCREW ROAD.
11:32:34 IT GIVES THEM A LOT MORE OPTIONS FOR BICYCLE AND
11:32:37 PEDESTRIANS.
11:32:37 SO THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT FOR NEXT YEAR.
11:32:40 AGAIN, THOSE TWO WERE ACTUALLY IN THIS FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AS
11:32:45 WELL, JUST WITH ALL THE OTHER PROJECTS WE'RE WORKING ON, WE
11:32:48 DID NOT GET INTO THOSE YET.
11:32:50 IT'S STILL IN THERE FOR NEXT YEAR.
11:32:52 ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
11:32:58 >>Mayor Errington: I DON'T THINK SO.
11:33:00 >>David Willems: LANDSCAPING, THIS IS REALLY MOSTLY THE
11:33:04 MONUMENT SIGNS, BUT WE DO HAVE IN THIS BUDGET CONSTRUCTION
11:33:11 OF LANDSCAPING ALONG BEN HILL GRIFFIN, AND THEN ALSO
11:33:18 DEPENDING ON WHAT THE DESIGN OF I-75 IS, THE POTENTIAL FOR
11:33:21 SUPPLEMENTING SOME OF THAT MONEY THEY HAVE, I BELIEVE THE
11:33:26 DEPARTMENT HAS JUST ABOUT A MILLION DOLLARS FOR THAT
11:33:28 LANDSCAPING, AND IF THAT DOESN'T COVER WHAT COUNCIL THINKS
11:33:34 IS APPROPRIATE, THEN WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY IN HERE
11:33:37 TO PAY THAT IF WE WANTED TO DO A LITTLE BIT MORE.
11:33:44 >>Jim Boesch: AT THE CORKSCREW AND BEN HILL GRIFFIN, YOU'RE
11:33:47 MAKING TWO LEFT-HAND TURNS.
11:33:51 CHANGES IN THAT --

11:33:53 >>David Willems: YES, THE COUNTY IS DOING THAT AS PART OF
11:33:55 THE CORKSCREW WIDENING, YES.

11:33:57 AND WE WILL BE INCORPORATING THAT INTO ANY LANDSCAPE DESIGN
11:34:00 THAT WE DO.
11:34:01 >>Mayor Errington: I HAVE A QUESTION.
11:34:03 WHAT'S THE RULING NOW FROM F.D.O.T. ABOUT PLANTING TREES IN
11:34:07 THE MEDIANS?
11:34:09 THEY ARE PLANTING THEM IN THE MEDIANS DOWN BONITA SPRINGS,
11:34:11 WHICH I'M SURE YOU'VE SEEN, PALM TREES.
11:34:13 WHAT'S GOING ON?
11:34:14 >>David Willems: WHAT THEY DID DOWN THERE IS THEY REPLACED
11:34:17 TREES.
11:34:18 THEY HAD FOXTAIL PALMS IN THAT MEDIAN, AND THEY PUT IN A
11:34:22 DIFFERENT TYPE OF PALM TREE, WHICH IS PROBABLY SOMETHING
11:34:26 WE'LL BE LOOKING AT DOING AT SOME POINT.
11:34:29 FOR SOME REASON, THE FOXTAIL PALMS ARE NOT DOING WELL IN ANY
11:34:33 OF THE MEDIANS ALONG U.S. 41.
11:34:37 >>Mayor Errington: WE HAVE SOME TREES.
11:34:39 THAT WAS SAD.
11:34:41 >>David Willems: YES, AGREED.
11:34:42 HOPEFULLY WE'RE ABLE TO CONVINCED THEM THAT WE CAN REPLACE
11:34:46 TREES BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME -- THE FOXTAILS ARE NOT DOING
11:34:50 WELL.
11:34:50 I THINK THAT'S WHY BONITA DID WHAT THEY DID IS THEY ARE
11:34:54 HAVING THE SAME PROBLEM.

11:34:55 THOSE FOXTAIL PALMS WERE NOT IN GOOD HEALTH, SIMILAR TO THE
11:35:00 ONES IN OUR ROADWAY.
11:35:01 THE PALMS THAT THEY PUT IN THERE TYPICALLY DO BETTER,
11:35:05 BECAUSE THE ROADWAY IS NOT A GOOD PLACE FOR A PLANT TO GROW.
11:35:08 IT'S JUST VERY, VERY DIFFICULT.
11:35:10 IT'S NOT THE BEST SOIL, AND THEN THE TRAFFIC AND THE HEAT
11:35:13 AND THE FOXTAILS --
11:35:15 >>Mayor Errington: I WAS JUST DISAPPOINTED THAT THEY DID
11:35:17 DENY US AND LET THEM DO IT.
11:35:20 WE REALLY TRIED TO GET TREES.
11:35:22 >>David Willems: YES.
11:35:23 WE'RE STILL GOING TO TRY.
11:35:24 WE'RE STILL GOING TO TRY, ESPECIALLY ON THE REPLACEMENT PART
11:35:26 OF IT.
11:35:26 >>Mayor Errington: GOOD.
11:35:27 >>David Willems: BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD SOME TREES -- WE HAVE
11:35:29 TWO OAK TREES THAT WERE HIT BY CARS THAT WERE TAKEN OUT,
11:35:33 KIND OF UP IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
11:35:36 HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO REPLACE THOSE WITH SOMETHING
11:35:39 ELSE.
11:35:40 D.O.T. INDICATED THAT THEY DON'T PREFER OAK TREES IN THE
11:35:43 MEDIANS.
11:35:43 I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY WHY.
11:35:45 IT MIGHT BE WITH SOMETHING ELSE, MAYBE A BLACK OLIVE.

11:35:49 HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

11:35:51 >>Mayor Errington: I THINK I SAID F.D.O.T.
11:35:54 I DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY THAT.
11:35:55 IT WAS LEE COUNTY.
11:35:57 >>David Willems: THEY ARE THE ONES THAT WEREN'T ALLOWING US.
11:36:00 >>Mayor Errington: THEY WERE THE ONES THAT DENIED US.
11:36:03 >>David Willems: F.D.O.T.
11:36:05 >>Mayor Errington: LEE COUNTY.
11:36:07 >>David Willems: ON THE PARKS AND REC, WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS,
11:36:11 WE HAVE MONEY TO DO THE MASTER PLANNING IF WE DON'T FINISH
11:36:14 IT IN THIS FISCAL YEAR.
11:36:15 IF WE FINISH IT IN THIS FISCAL YEAR, THEN WE DON'T NEED
11:36:18 THOSE FIRST TWO LINE ITEMS IN THE PARKS AND REC.
11:36:21 AND THEN WE ALSO HAVE SOME MONEY IF WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD
11:36:29 WITH DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN PARKS IF THAT'S THE
11:36:31 DIRECTION COUNCIL WANTS TO GO.
11:36:32 AND WITH ANYTHING ON THE ESTERO COMMUNITY PARK, THAT WOULD
11:36:35 REQUIRE AN AGREEMENT NOT ONLY WITH THE VILLAGE, BUT WE'D
11:36:39 HAVE TO WORK WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ALSO THE COUNTY.
11:36:45 >>Jim Ward: QUICK QUESTION ON THE MONUMENTS IS THAT
11:36:47 SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE AS A PRIORITY IN SOME RESPECTS?
11:36:49 IT JUST STRIKES ME, WE'VE BEEN PUT ON THE MAP WITH THE CASEY
11:36:52 BISHOP RESULTS AND THAT GOING ON, KIND OF NEAT TO HAVE THOSE
11:36:58 MONUMENTS IN PLACE SO WE COULD HAVE --
11:37:02 >>David Willems: WE HAVE A CONSULTANT WORKING ON IT.
11:37:04 >>Jim Boesch: THEY ARE IN THE WORKS NOW.

11:37:06 SHOULD BE DONE THIS YEAR.
11:37:07 >>Mayor Errington: WE'VE HAD MANY DISCUSSIONS ABOUT
11:37:09 MONUMENTS.
11:37:10 >>David Willems: YES, WE HAVE.
11:37:11 THERE ARE SOME FUNDS IN HERE FOR DOING ACTUAL PARK
11:37:17 IMPROVEMENTS TWO YEARS OUT.
11:37:18 BUT, AGAIN, THAT COULD CHANGE.
11:37:21 I HIGHLIGHTED HERE THE SECOND ONE IS UNDER STORMWATER, THE
11:37:26 SEPTIC TO SEWER, FOR US TO BE ABLE TO DO SOME ADMINISTRATIVE
11:37:32 WORK TO GET ASSESSMENTS OF THOSE PROJECTS MOVING FORWARD.
11:37:35 SO WE DID IT EVERY OTHER YEAR THINKING THAT THOSE ARE GOING
11:37:38 TO BE PRETTY LONG PROCESSES TO GO THROUGH, BUT WE DEFINITELY
11:37:41 THOUGHT THAT WAS AN IMPORTANT THING.
11:37:43 SO YOU'LL NOTICE THAT THE ESTERO RIVER NORTH BRANCH, THERE
11:37:48 AREN'T FUNDS SHOWN HERE, BUT THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE ALL OF THE
11:37:52 DESIGN FUNDS WERE BUDGETED THIS FISCAL YEAR.
11:37:55 SO WHATEVER IS NOT USED WILL ROLL OVER.
11:37:58 SO WE EXPECT TO BE DESIGNING THAT THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR SO
11:38:01 THAT THE FOLLOWING YEAR WE'LL BE ABLE TO BUILD THOSE
11:38:04 IMPROVEMENTS ON THE NORTH BRANCH.

11:38:07 >>Jim Boesch: DAVID, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT AND IT
11:38:10 RELATES TO WHAT JIM JUST MENTIONED BEFORE, ANYTHING WITH THE
11:38:16 STATE GIVING FUNDS FOR ANY PROJECTS, IT'S THE PROJECTS THAT
11:38:21 ARE READY, MADE TO GO, THAT GETS THE FIRST AND LARGEST BULKS
11:38:27 OF MONEY.

11:38:28 IF YOU'RE NOT READY TO GO, THEY SAY APPLY NEXT YEAR WHEN
11:38:35 YOU'RE READY TO GO.
11:38:37 MY FORMER TOWN, WE HAD PROJECTS LIKE THAT, AND WE WERE READY
11:38:41 TO GO, AND WE DID VERY WELL BECAUSE EVERYBODY SAID I WANT
11:38:46 IT, BUT DIDN'T HAVE A PLAN SOMETIMES.
11:38:48 AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO KEEP ON THAT BECAUSE
11:38:54 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LOBBYISTS AND SO FORTH, THE QUESTION IS
11:38:57 GOING TO BE, ARE YOU READY TO GO?
11:39:00 YOU WANT A GRANT, ARE YOU READY TO GO?
11:39:04 YES OR NO?
11:39:05 IF IT'S YES, OKAY, YOU'RE IN THE POOL.
11:39:07 IF IT'S NO, APPLY AGAIN NEXT YEAR.
11:39:09 THAT'S THE WAY IT GOES.
11:39:12 AND DEFINITELY -- THAT'S THE REALITY OF IT.
11:39:16 WE SHOULD BE PLANNING HOW WE CAN EVEN BE READY TO GET SOME
11:39:22 OF THE MONEY IN GRANT MONEY TO SAVE US BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO
11:39:26 BE A HUGE MONEY PROJECT.
11:39:29 >>Mayor Errington: I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE
11:39:30 TODAY.
11:39:31 WE'RE MAKING THE PLANS, AND WE WILL BE READY.
11:39:33 >>David Willems: VERY GOOD POINT.
11:39:35 THAT'S WHAT THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR IS REALLY LARGELY ABOUT
11:39:39 IS DESIGNING --
11:39:40 >>Jim Boesch: YOU'RE IN DESIGNS.
11:39:41 >>Mayor Errington: THAT'S WHAT DAVID IS TALKING ABOUT.

11:39:44 AND WE'LL BE READY.
11:39:46 IF WE DON'T EVEN USE THE DESIGN, WE'LL BE READY, CORRECT?
11:39:50 >>David Willems: YEAH, ABSOLUTELY.
11:39:51 >>Mayor Errington: SO WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, JIM.
11:39:54 >>David Willems: WE'RE GETTING THERE.
11:39:56 THE LAST, THERE'S BUILDING PROJECTS SHOWN ON HERE.
11:40:00 THOSE ARE JUST PLACE-HOLDERS.
11:40:01 THERE'S NO IMMINENT PLANS FOR ANY OF THOSE.
11:40:05 JUST PLACE-HOLDERS FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT
11:40:08 THOSE.
11:40:08 THE LAST ONE HERE IS THE LAND ACQUISITION.
11:40:11 THERE ARE THREE SHOWN ON HERE.
11:40:15 REALLY, THE ONLY ONE THAT I HAVE SHOWN IS BEING FUNDED
11:40:17 POTENTIALLY IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS IS THE RIVER OAKS.
11:40:21 THAT'S BEEN ON FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.
11:40:23 SO THAT WOULD BE TWO YEARS OUT IS THE WAY IT'S SHOWN HERE.

11:40:26 POTENTIALLY THAT WOULD USE BONUS DENSITY MONIES WHICH REALLY
11:40:29 ONLY CAN BE USED FOR CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION-TYPE OF
11:40:33 PROJECTS.
11:40:34 THAT'S MONEY WE GET FROM DEVELOPERS WHEN THEY GET CREDIT FOR
11:40:41 BONUS DENSITIES AND THINGS LIKE THAT.
11:40:43 THAT'S IT.
11:40:45 IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, EITHER ABOUT THIS OR ABOUT
11:40:48 THE LARGER PACKET, IF THERE WERE PROJECTS THAT MAYBE WEREN'T
11:40:52 CLEAR IN THERE, CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE.

11:40:54 >>Mayor Errington: ANY QUESTIONS?
11:40:58 >>Vice-Mayor McLain: AS I REVIEW THOSE, GO TO DAVID DIRECTLY
11:41:02 BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF DETAIL.
11:41:03 >>David Willems: YEAH, I CAN GO OVER ANY OF THAT AT ANY
11:41:06 TIME.
11:41:06 >>Mayor Errington: AND TAKE OUR VILLAGE MANAGER'S ADVICE.
11:41:09 SAVE THAT PART SO WE DON'T HAVE TO REPRODUCE IT.
11:41:13 YEAH, MORE TREES.
11:41:16 CAROL IS WAVING AT ME.
11:41:18 >>Carol Sacco: YOU DO HAVE A PUBLIC COMMENT.
11:41:21 >>Mayor Errington: DAVID, ARE YOU -- THANK YOU SO MUCH.
11:41:23 APPRECIATE IT.
11:41:27 >>Carol Sacco: MR. GORDON BROWN, 21841 PALMETTO DUNE DRIVE,
11:41:34 PELICAN SOUND.
11:41:36 >> HELLO, EVERYBODY.
11:41:37 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE MPO
11:41:44 PEDESTRIAN AND BIKING SUBCOMMITTEE.
11:41:47 I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT EXPERIENCE.
11:41:50 I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYBODY, TODAY IS THE NATIONAL RIDE
11:41:55 OF SILENCE.
11:41:58 THIS IS A COMMEMORATIVE RIDE FOR CYCLISTS WHO WERE KILLED ON
11:42:03 PUBLIC ROADS.
11:42:04 IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S INTERNATIONAL.
11:42:07 THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS ARE THE NATIONAL PROMOTERS
11:42:13 OF THIS PARTICULAR EVENT.

11:42:16 BIKING DEATHS ARE AROUND 800 TO ABOUT 850 PER YEAR IN THE
11:42:21 UNITED STATES.
11:42:23 FLORIDA, UNFORTUNATELY, LEADS IN DEATHS PER CAPITA.
11:42:29 WHEN YOU GET IT BROKEN DOWN INTO ACTUAL MILES BIKED, THEY GO
11:42:34 DOWN TO THIRD PLACE.
11:42:36 AND IN FLORIDA PRIMARILY IT'S OUR METROPOLITAN AREAS.
11:42:41 OBVIOUSLY, WE'RE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION OF CARS AND BIKERS
11:42:45 ARE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY.
11:42:47 60% OF THOSE DEATHS ARE ON THE OPEN ROAD.
11:42:50 40% ARE AT INTERSECTIONS.
11:42:52 SO IT OCCURS IN BOTH SITUATIONS.
11:42:56 THE KEY STRATEGY FOR REDUCING DEATHS IS VERY SIMPLE.

11:43:01 IT'S SEPARATING PEDESTRIANS AND BIKERS FROM MOVING VEHICLES.
11:43:07 AND THE MORE YOU SEPARATE, THE LOWER THE RISK.
11:43:10 THE CLOSER YOU PUT THEM TOGETHER, THE HIGHER THE RISK.
11:43:13 SO THINGS LIKE BIKE LANES THAT ARE BASICALLY THREE TO FOUR
11:43:19 FOOT RIGHT SHOULDERS ARE GOOD, BUT THEY ARE LESS SAFE THAN A
11:43:28 DIVIDED BIKE LANE, SIX TO EIGHT FEET LIKE WE HAVE ON ESTERO
11:43:32 BOULEVARD.
11:43:33 BIKE LANES ARE GOOD, BUT THEY ARE BETTER IF YOU PUT THEM IN
11:43:38 MULTIUSE PATHS.
11:43:39 SO THAT'S THE BASIC CONCEPT.
11:43:42 I THINK EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS THAT.
11:43:44 WE HAVE SOME GREAT INITIATIVES GOING ON THIS YEAR FOR BIKING
11:43:47 IMPROVEMENTS, BUT I WOULD ASK THAT YOU RECONSIDER SOME OF

11:43:53 THESE EXTENSIONS FOR A YEAR AND TWO YEARS FOR OTHER PROJECTS
11:43:59 THAT WERE ORIGINALLY IN THIS C.I.P.
11:44:02 I'M HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR BIKING.
11:44:05 THAT'S OBVIOUSLY WHERE I COME FROM.
11:44:08 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
11:44:08 >>Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.
11:44:09 IS THAT IT?
11:44:11 OKAY.
11:44:11 I WILL TAKE -- ANYBODY WANT TO ADJOURN?
11:44:15 OKAY.
11:44:16 SO MOVED.
11:44:16 SECOND?
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