

THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019
9:30 A.M.

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9:29:19AM >>Mayor Ribble: CAME TO ORDER ONE MINUTE LATE.
9:29:21AM WE'RE GOING TO BLAME IT ON JOE.
9:29:24AM HE'S TALKING ABOUT POPPY FIELDS AGAIN, AND I HAD TO TALK HIM
9:29:27AM OUT OF IT.
9:29:28AM ANYWAY, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE NOVEMBER 20th, 2019,
9:29:31AM VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER.
9:29:33AM THE FIRST THING ON THE AGENDA IS OUR INVOCATION BY PASTOR
9:29:38AM JOHN ROTH FROM THE THRIVE COMMUNITY CHURCH.
9:29:40AM PASTOR ROTH.
9:29:44AM >> GOOD MORNING.
9:29:45AM BEFORE I PRAY, I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT A
9:29:49AM NUMBER OF CHURCHES HAVE UNITED TOGETHER IN LEE COUNTY AND
9:29:52AM ACROSS SOUTHWEST FLORIDA TO DO, INCLUDING I KNOW NOLEN'S
9:29:57AM CHURCH, LEGACY AND OURS.
9:29:58AM THAT IS THAT WE ARE GATHERING TOGETHER TO PAY OFF MEDICAL
9:30:02AM DEBT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY STRUGGLING IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
9:30:05AM I KNOW THE FIRST BATCH OF LETTERS IS GOING OUT TO LEE COUNTY

9:30:09AM EITHER THIS WEEK OR NEXT AND SHOULD BE RECEIVED FOR 2,600
9:30:15AM STRUGGLING FAMILIES.
9:30:16AM A DEBT OF \$2.9 MILLION HAS BEEN PAID OFF SO FAR.
9:30:21AM THE GOAL IS 20,000 FAMILIES IN THE NINE COUNTIES IN
9:30:26AM SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, \$28.7 MILLION OF DEBT.
9:30:29AM SO JUST TO LET YOU KNOW IF ANYBODY GETS ONE OF THOSE YELLOW
9:30:36AM ENVELOPES IN THE MAIL AND SEES IT, IT'S REAL.
9:30:40AM YOU CAN KIND OF POINT THEM OUR WAY SO WE CAN GET A FEW
9:30:42AM STORIES TO KIND OF BUILD THIS CAMPAIGN AND THIS MOVEMENT.
9:30:46AM LET'S PRAY.
9:30:47AM LORD GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS THIS DAY, ESPECIALLY AS WE
9:30:51AM APPROACH NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.
9:30:53AM WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE GIFT UPON GIFT THAT YOU GIVE AND
9:30:57AM GRACE UPON GRACE THAT YOU SHOW UPON US AND OUR COMMUNITY.
9:31:01AM WE THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THIS NATION AND FOR ALL THOSE WHO
9:31:04AM PROTECT IT AND FOR THIS COMMUNITY AND ALL THOSE WHO SERVE
9:31:08AM WITHIN IT.
9:31:09AM FROM THOSE WHO HEAL OUR ILLS TO THOSE WHO HEAL OUR

9:31:13AM RELATIONSHIPS, FROM THOSE WHO TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO THOSE
9:31:15AM WHO BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE.
9:31:16AM FROM THOSE WHO PRODUCE THE BOUNTY IN THE FIELDS TO THOSE WHO
9:31:22AM HARVEST IT, FROM THOSE WHO SERVE IN ANY CAPACITY, BE IT
9:31:26AM CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS TO BASIC PRODUCTS.
9:31:29AM LORD, WE KNOW ALL OF THESE VOCATIONS, ALL OF THESE
9:31:34AM INDIVIDUALS, ALL OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE GIFTS FROM YOU.

9:31:36AM BEYOND THAT, O LORD GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR GOOD
9:31:40AM GOVERNMENT AND A GOVERNMENT HERE IN ESTERO THAT IS OPEN TO
9:31:42AM IMPROVEMENT AND GROWTH.
9:31:43AM WE THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THE SPIRITUAL CARE THAT MANY RECEIVE
9:31:48AM IN OUR SOCIETY THROUGH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, BUT MOST OF
9:31:52AM ALL, O LORD GOD, THIS DAY WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE GREAT
9:31:56AM GIFTS OF BODY AND SOUL, OF LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP, OF
9:31:59AM FORGIVENESS AND GRACE, COMPASSION AND PATIENCE.
9:32:02AM WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND WE ASK O LORD THAT YOU WOULD GIVE US
9:32:06AM WISDOM AND HUMILITY TO RECEIVE THEM, JOY TO SHARE THOSE
9:32:10AM GIFTS WITH OTHERS AND GRATITUDE TO RESPOND TO YOU IN TRUST
9:32:15AM AND FAITH.
9:32:15AM THEREFORE, O GOD, WE LIFT UP TO YOU THIS DAY IN OUR NATION,
9:32:21AM THIS COUNCIL AND ALL THE DECISIONS BEFORE THEM.
9:32:24AM IN YOUR PRECIOUS NAME.
9:32:25AM AMEN.
9:32:26AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, PASTOR.
9:32:28AM PLEASE STAND AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.
9:32:30AM [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]
9:32:32AM THAT WAS A GREAT PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.
9:32:49AM I DID A LITTLE TALK ABOUT THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG UNDER THE
9:32:52AM RED SKELTON SKIT.
9:32:55AM HOW MANY FOLKS HAVE EVER HEARD THE RED SKELTON PLEDGE TO THE
9:32:57AM FLAG SKIT?
9:32:58AM THERE ARE A FEW OF YOU OUT THERE.

9:32:59AM THEY GOT MAD AT ME AT THE OAKS CLUB.
9:33:03AM I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU FOLKS ARE CONTINUING THE BEST
9:33:06AM EFFORTS OF THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG BECAUSE ACTUALLY WE CAN
9:33:08AM HEAR YOU GUYS WHEN YOU DO THAT.
9:33:10AM THAT'S GREAT.
9:33:10AM THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.
9:33:12AM MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
9:33:16AM >>Howard Levitan: HERE.
9:33:16AM >>Jon McLain: HERE.
9:33:19AM >>Jim Boesch: HERE.
9:33:20AM >>Nick Batos: HERE.
9:33:21AM >> COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON IS ABSENT.
9:33:26AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: HERE.
9:33:28AM >>Mayor Ribble: HERE.

9:33:28AM AND, BURT, YOU WANTED TO --
9:33:37AM >> [MICROPHONE NOT ON]
9:33:44AM >>Mayor Ribble: DO WE NEED A MOTION FOR THAT?
9:33:47AM >> [INAUDIBLE]
9:33:48AM >> SECOND IT.
9:33:51AM >>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, DO YOU WANT TO CALL THE ROLL ON
9:33:53AM THAT?
9:33:57AM >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
9:33:58AM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
9:33:59AM >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
9:34:00AM >>Nick Batos: AYE.

9:34:01AM >> COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON IS ABSENT.
9:34:04AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
9:34:06AM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
9:34:07AM I WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT.
9:34:08AM I THINK MOST OF YOU FOLKS HAVE HEARD NOW THAT JIM WILSON HAD
9:34:12AM A MINOR STROKE AND WAS OVER TO SEE HIM ON SUNDAY.
9:34:16AM HE WAS PRETTY ENERGETIC, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, EVEN THOUGH HE
9:34:19AM STILL HAS TO GO THROUGH REHAB AND GET THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS
9:34:23AM BODY TRAINED TO WALK AGAIN.
9:34:24AM BUT HIS MIND IS CLEAR.
9:34:26AM HE'S SPEAKING WELL, AND HE'S ON TOP OF WHAT'S HAPPENING.
9:34:32AM ANYWAY, I GUESS WE'RE GETTING A LITTLE OLDER.
9:34:35AM I TALKED ABOUT THIS SATURDAY NIGHT.
9:34:38AM SOME FOLKS ARE BREAKING DOWN.
9:34:39AM SOME NEED A TOW TRUCK.
9:34:41AM JIM, UNFORTUNATELY, HAS TO BE IN THE SHOP FOR PROBABLY ABOUT
9:34:44AM 18 MORE DAYS.
9:34:45AM SO WE'LL MOVE THAT ALONG.
9:34:48AM ANYWAY, IF YOU FOLKS GET A CHANCE TO GIVE HIM A CALL, I'M
9:34:51AM SURE HE'D ENJOY HEARING FROM YOU.
9:34:53AM HE'S HAD A LOT OF FOLKS CALLING UP THERE.
9:34:55AM HE'S GOT MORE BALLOONS, I THINK, THAN MOST OF THE BALLOON
9:34:58AM STORES HAVE, IN HIS ROOM.
9:35:01AM ANYWAY.
9:35:02AM NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

9:35:03AM DOES ANYONE HAVE ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND CHANGES ON THE
9:35:06AM AGENDA?
9:35:08AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YES, MR. MAYOR, I DO.
9:35:10AM I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THE ESTERO FOREVER FOUNDATION AS A
9:35:14AM WORKSHOP ITEM.
9:35:16AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
9:35:17AM SO NOTED.
9:35:18AM IS EVERYONE OKAY WITH THAT?
9:35:22AM >> HAVE TO WAIVE THE RULES TO DO THAT?
9:35:25AM >> [INAUDIBLE]

9:35:29AM >>Mayor Ribble: THE ESTERO FOREVER FOUNDATION, WANT TO PUT
9:35:31AM IT IN A WORKSHOP.
9:35:32AM >>Burt Saunders: LET'S GO AHEAD AND WAIVE THE RULES TO
9:35:34AM PERMIT THAT.
9:35:35AM A HEAD NOD IS SUFFICIENT ON THE WAIVER OF THE RULES, IF
9:35:38AM THERE'S ANY OBJECTION.
9:35:39AM IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, THEN THE RULES WILL BE WAIVED AND
9:35:42AM THAT CAN BE ADDED.
9:35:43AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
9:35:44AM ANY OTHER ADDITIONS?
9:35:48AM >>The Clerk: MR. MAYOR, I BELIEVE WE WERE GOING TO ALSO MOVE
9:35:51AM THE WORKSHOP TO AN ACTION ITEM AT THIS TIME AS WELL.
9:35:54AM >>Mayor Ribble: THAT IS THE CHAMBER.
9:35:56AM WE'LL MAKE THAT 6F, IS THAT CORRECT?
9:35:58AM >>The Clerk: YES, YES.

9:35:59AM >>Mayor Ribble: DOES ANYONE HAVE AN OBJECTION TO MOVING THE
9:36:02AM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FROM THE WORKSHOP TO THE REGULAR AGENDA,
9:36:05AM MAKING IT 6F?
9:36:07AM OKAY.
9:36:09AM I'D LIKE TO ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.
9:36:16AM HOWARD.
9:36:18AM SECOND BY KATY, BY VICE-MAYOR ERRINGTON.
9:36:22AM PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
9:36:24AM >> COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON IS ABSENT.
9:36:27AM >>Nick Batos: AYE.
9:36:28AM >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
9:36:29AM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
9:36:31AM >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
9:36:33AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
9:36:34AM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
9:36:35AM WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDAED ITEMS.
9:36:39AM DOES THE CLERK HAVE ANYONE SIGNED UP?
9:36:41AM >>The Clerk: YES, I HAVE A FEW FOLKS THAT WANT TO SPEAK THIS
9:36:43AM MORNING.
9:36:44AM THE FIRST ONE IS BARBARA DRABEK.
9:36:48AM >> HI.
9:36:49AM MY NAME IS BARB DRABEK.
9:36:51AM I LIVE IN RIVERWOODS PLANTATION.
9:36:53AM I'M HERE TO TALK IN SUPPORT OF THE AQUATIC CENTER.
9:36:57AM I'M A BRAIN TUMOR SURVIVOR.

9:36:59AM I WAS RVING LAST SUMMER WITH MY FIANCÉ IN CARSON CITY,
9:37:04AM NEVADA, AND THEY HAVE A WONDERFUL AQUATIC CENTER BY PARKS,
9:37:10AM RECREATION, OPEN SPACES.
9:37:13AM I FEEL IN ESTERO, FLORIDA, WE HAVE AQUATIC CENTER HERE IN
9:37:16AM FLORIDA, WHICH PAYS FOR THE WHOLE THING.
9:37:18AM THEY HAD COLLEGE STUDENTS THAT WERE THE LIFEGUARDS.

9:37:20AM WE HAVE A BIG UNIVERSITY HERE, AND WITH INDOOR -- TWO POOLS
9:37:26AM INSIDE, ONE POOL OUTSIDE WITH SLIDES, IT WAS AMAZING.
9:37:28AM AND PARKING AND IT WAS VERY REASONABLE.
9:37:32AM IT ATTRACTED PEOPLE.
9:37:34AM AND BIG THINGS FOR THE KIDS.
9:37:35AM AND KIDS WERE LINED UP FOR THE SWIM TEAMS, FOR DIVING.
9:37:39AM I REALLY THINK THAT WOULD BE GREAT FOR OUR COMMUNITY.
9:37:41AM I'D LIKE TO BE IN SUPPORT OF IT.
9:37:44AM AND THERE ARE A LOT OF BENEFITS.
9:37:45AM THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE IN OUR AREA, YOU KNOW, YOU JUST HAD
9:37:48AM A STROKE, IT'S GREAT FOR PREVENTING STROKES.
9:37:52AM I HAVE TO EXERCISE A LOT, AND WHEN I'M DONE WITH WEIGHTS,
9:37:57AM WHEN I USED TO WORK IN THE WARM-WATER POOL AFTERWARDS, I
9:38:01AM FELT LIKE A MILLION BUCKS.
9:38:02AM IF I DON'T STRETCH AFTER I EXERCISE, I HURT.
9:38:04AM AND THAT'S FOR EVERYBODY.
9:38:05AM WE ALL HAVE TO STRETCH EVERY DAY.
9:38:07AM AND THIS ALLOWS IT TO DO THIS, AND IT PAYS FOR ITSELF.
9:38:13AM WITH RED TIDE HAPPENING, PEOPLE AREN'T GOING TO BE GOING TO

9:38:15AM THE BEACHES.
9:38:16AM IF I HAVE TO GO INTO WATER WORKS, I HAVE TO PAY FOR IT, ADD
9:38:20AM TO THE TRAFFIC AND THE BIO STUFF THAT GOES WITH IT, MY
9:38:23AM CARBON FOOTPRINT, IT'S AWFUL AND EXPENSIVE.
9:38:26AM I'LL BE SPENDING MY MONEY IN NAPLES.
9:38:28AM WON'T BE SPENDING IT IN ESTERO, LEE COUNTY.
9:38:31AM YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THAT, TOO.
9:38:32AM WE HAVE THIS LAND AND THIS WOULD BE A GREAT DRAW FOR US.
9:38:34AM AND WE HAVE THE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE TO COME IN TO USE IT.
9:38:37AM IT WOULD JUST BE WONDERFUL FOR US.
9:38:40AM IT'S GOOD AS A COMMUNITY TO GET TOGETHER, BECAUSE I LEARN
9:38:42AM FROM PEOPLE WHEN I'M IN THE WARM WATER THERAPY POOL.
9:38:48AM I HAVE TO SAY WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.
9:38:52AM THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
9:38:52AM IT'S ALSO GREAT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING, AEROBICS.
9:38:56AM THEY HAVE CLASSES.
9:38:58AM WATER VOLLEYBALL.
9:38:59AM COMPETITIVE EVENTS WITH THE UNIVERSITIES, WE COULD DO THINGS
9:39:04AM WITH THE UNIVERSITIES.
9:39:06AM AND WE'RE AN AGING POPULATION IN THIS AREA, AND WE'RE HAVING
9:39:09AM MORE AND MORE PEOPLE, OVER 55 AND 60 THAT HAVE PROBLEMS THAT
9:39:14AM NEED THIS.
9:39:15AM PARKINSON'S, OSTEOPOROSIS.
9:39:21AM I HAVE OSTEOPENIA IN MY LEFT HIP.
9:39:25AM IT HELPS WITH DEPRESSION, ANXIETY.

9:39:27AM IT PUTS US ON THE MAP.
9:39:29AM THANK YOU.

9:39:31AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
9:39:32AM >>The Clerk: ED WEIL.
9:39:41AM >> HELLO, COUNCIL.
9:39:42AM MY NAME IS ED WEIL.
9:39:45AM 20350 ROOKERY DRIVE.
9:39:48AM I'M HERE TO -- WELL, I DID A STUDY ON THE AQUATIC CENTER.
9:39:53AM FOUND ONE IN STUART THAT PAID FOR SELF.
9:39:55AM THE THING I LEARNED FROM THAT STUDY IS 80% OF THE INJURIES
9:39:59AM HERE ARE ORTHOPEDIC.
9:40:00AM AND WHEN I WENT TO THE DOCTOR THE OTHER DAY, YOU KNOW, YOU
9:40:03AM ALL GO BACK WHEN YOU GET BACK HERE, YOU GO TO YOUR DOCTOR.
9:40:07AM IT'S ALSO VERY GOOD FOR STROKE.
9:40:10AM YOU KNOW, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT COULD USE IT, AND WE SENT 28
9:40:14AM KIDS FROM ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL TO THE NATIONAL MEET WITHOUT A
9:40:19AM POOL.
9:40:19AM SO IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR US.
9:40:21AM WHAT I REALLY WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS THE GIRLS SOCCER TEAM.
9:40:26AM WE HAVE PLAYED EIGHT GAMES, ALL OF THEM AWAY.
9:40:31AM WE DON'T HAVE A FIELD RIGHT NOW.
9:40:33AM WE SCORED OVER 50 GOALS.
9:40:37AM HAD FOUR AGAINST US.
9:40:38AM SEVEN WINS.
9:40:40AM ONE TIE.

9:40:40AM THE GAME AGAINST BONITA WAS RESCHEDULED.
9:40:47AM I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU CONSIDER SUPPORTING US IN THAT
9:40:51AM GAME.
9:40:51AM IT'S GOING TO BE JANUARY 24th HERE IN ESTERO AT JEFF
9:40:57AM SOMMER FIELD.
9:40:59AM PLEASE, LIKE YOU DID FOR THE FOOTBALL BOYS, MAYBE YOU COULD
9:41:03AM SUPPORT OUR GIRLS.
9:41:04AM THANK YOU.
9:41:06AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
9:41:07AM THANK YOU.
9:41:08AM >>The Clerk: JACK MEEKER.
9:41:17AM >> GOOD MORNING.
9:41:18AM I'M JACK MEEKER.
9:41:21AM 23701 COPPERLEAF BOULEVARD IN ESTERO.
9:41:23AM I'M HERE TO THANK THE VILLAGE FOR THE BLUE EMERGENCY SIGNS
9:41:30AM THAT YOU PUT UP ON COCONUT ROAD, WHICH KIND OF TELLS US
9:41:35AM WHERE TO GO TO FIND THE EMERGENCY AID.
9:41:37AM THANK YOU.
9:41:38AM AND ESPECIALLY I WANT TO THANK COUNCIL MEMBER BATOS, WHO
9:41:42AM WHEN I BROUGHT THIS UP THE LAST TIME PROMISED HE WOULD TAKE
9:41:45AM CARE OF IT.
9:41:46AM AND HE DID.
9:41:47AM SO THANK YOU, MR. BATOS.
9:41:50AM THE OTHER REASON I'M HERE, WILLIAMS ROAD.

9:41:57AM I READ IN THE PAPERS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT

9:42:00AM IT.

9:42:02AM MY SUGGESTION IS THIS.

9:42:07AM WIDEN THAT PATH AS YOU PROPOSE, AT LEAST WHAT I READ, AND

9:42:12AM REQUIRE BICYCLES -- REQUIRE BICYCLES TO USE THAT PATH.

9:42:20AM KEEP THEM OFF THE ROAD.

9:42:21AM THAT SPEED LIMIT IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO COOPERATION BETWEEN

9:42:26AM BICYCLISTS AND CARS AND TRUCKS.

9:42:29AM IT JUST DOESN'T WORK.

9:42:31AM IT'S GOING TO BE A QUESTION OF TIME BEFORE WE PUT OUR FIRST

9:42:36AM AID PEOPLE TO WORK OUT THERE.

9:42:39AM IT'S VERY DANGEROUS.

9:42:42AM NOT SO MUCH FOR THE KIDS, BUT IT'S FOR THE REJUVENATED

9:42:46AM ADULTS WHO DON'T SEEM TO REALLY CARE.

9:42:51AM THEY OWN THE ROAD, IF ANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN BEHIND THEM, YOU

9:42:55AM KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

9:42:56AM SO IN YOUR PLANNING, I HOPE YOU CAN MAKE THAT PATH WIDE

9:43:00AM ENOUGH SO REQUIRING THE BICYCLES TO USE IT.

9:43:05AM WHERE I COME FROM, BICYCLES WERE FORBIDDEN BY LAW TO USE

9:43:11AM WALKING PATHS.

9:43:13AM SO IT'S A LITTLE STRANGE FOR SOME PEOPLE WHEN THEY COME DOWN

9:43:15AM HERE TO SEE BICYCLES ON THE SIDEWALKS.

9:43:19AM I KNOW IT WORKS IN GERMANY.

9:43:20AM I WAS THERE THIS SUMMER, AND GOD HELP YOU IF YOU'RE WALKING

9:43:24AM ON THE SIDEWALK AND STEP IN THAT BIKE LANE.

9:43:26AM YOU'RE GOING TO GET RUN OVER.

9:43:28AM SO I JUST THOUGHT I WOULD OFFER THAT.

9:43:30AM AND MR. MAYOR, TO ADD ONE THING TO YOUR COMMENT ABOUT RED

9:43:33AM SKELTON, I BELIEVE HE WAS A CANADIAN.

9:43:36AM THANK YOU.

9:43:38AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.

9:43:39AM THANKS.

9:43:40AM THANKS, JACK.

9:43:41AM IS THAT IT?

9:43:42AM >>The Clerk: GARY ISRAEL IS NEXT AND THEN THAT'S IT.

9:43:46AM >> GOOD MORNING.

9:43:47AM GARY ISRAEL FROM STONEYBROOK.

9:43:49AM I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE ESTERO ROTARY CLUB.

9:43:53AM I WANT TO REMIND YOU AND INVITE YOU ALL TO PARTICIPATE AND

9:43:59AM ATTEND THE SIXTH ANNUAL LIGHT UP ESTERO, SATURDAY,

9:44:03AM DECEMBER 7, FROM 5:30 TO 7:00.

9:44:06AM OUR GRACIOUS MAYOR HAS AGREED TO SPEAK AND I KNOW OUR

9:44:11AM VICE-MAYOR WILL ATTEND BECAUSE SHE IS A MEMBER OF OUR ROTARY

9:44:15AM CLUB AS WELL.

9:44:15AM BUT THIS IS OUR ANNUAL VILLAGE OF ESTERO CHRISTMAS TREE

9:44:18AM LIGHTING CEREMONY.

9:44:19AM WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE NEW HORIZONS CHOIR.
9:44:21AM WE'VE GOT THE THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.
9:44:24AM WE'RE HAVING A CANNED FOOD DRIVE THAT SUPPORTS INTERFAITH
9:44:28AM CHARITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY, SO CRITICAL THIS TIME OF YEAR.
9:44:32AM SPONSORSHIPS AND PROCEEDS FROM THE WREATH RAFFLE GO TO OUR

9:44:37AM EFFORTS TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL
9:44:40AM STUDENTS.
9:44:41AM I THINK IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE \$12,500 WORTH LAST YEAR, AND
9:44:45AM SO MORE PARTICIPATION THE BETTER FOR THAT.
9:44:48AM OUR OWN FIRE RESCUE, ESTERO FIRE RESCUE WILL BE DELIVERING
9:44:53AM SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS TO THE CHILDREN.
9:45:00AM YOU'LL HEAR MORE THINGS LIKE THIS BY LOOKING AT THE AGENDA.
9:45:04AM MY THOUGHT IS, AS WONDERFUL AS THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO IS, WE
9:45:08AM STILL HAVE FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE WHO CLOSE THEMSELVES OFF
9:45:13AM BEHIND THE GATES OF OUR COMMUNITIES.
9:45:14AM AND ON MANY FRONTS, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF GROUPS THAT ARE
9:45:17AM WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES TO
9:45:21AM GENERATE ACTIVITIES THAT WE CAN ALL PARTICIPATE IN AS
9:45:24AM COMMUNITY.
9:45:25AM YOU KNOW, WE JUST NEED TO KEEP PUMPING ATTENDANCE INTO OUR
9:45:28AM VETERANS DAY PROGRAMS, OUR MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAMS, IF WE DO
9:45:32AM SOMETHING 4th OF JULY, THE HOLIDAYS AND SO FORTH LIKE
9:45:35AM THAT.
9:45:35AM SO I'M EXTENDING AN INVITATION NOT ONLY TO YOU, BUT
9:45:38AM ESPECIALLY THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE WATCHING TO COME OUT AND
9:45:41AM SUPPORT THESE EFFORTS AND BRING A FRIEND.
9:45:44AM THANK YOU.
9:45:46AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
9:45:47AM IS THAT IT, KATHY?
9:45:49AM >>The Clerk: THAT'S IT.

9:45:49AM >>Mayor Ribble: I WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT, FOLLOWING UP ON
9:45:52AM GARY'S COMMENT ABOUT THE GROWING ATTENDANCE AT THESE EVENTS.
9:45:55AM JOHN AND I HAD TALKED THE MORNING OF THE VETS DAY WHEN IT
9:45:58AM WAS POURING DOWN RAINING.
9:46:00AM WE WEREN'T TOO SURE IF WE WOULD HAVE AN EVENT OR NOT.
9:46:03AM WE LOOKED UP AND THERE WERE PROBABLY 50 VETERANS THERE WITH
9:46:07AM UMBRELLAS AND HATS.
9:46:08AM THEY WANTED TO HAVE THE EVENT.
9:46:10AM AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS GREAT.
9:46:12AM WE WENT ON AND HAD THE EVENT.
9:46:15AM BELIEVE IT OR NOT IT CLEARED UP A LITTLE BIT.
9:46:18AM WE HAD SOME DRIZZLE, BUT WE HAD A GREAT, GREAT TURNOUT.
9:46:22AM AND THAT'S A GOOD THING.
9:46:24AM I THINK WE'LL GET A LITTLE BETTER EVERY YEAR IN THESE
9:46:29AM EVENTS.
9:46:30AM AND MOVING ON WITH THE AGENDA.

9:46:31AM OKAY.
9:46:31AM NEXT IS THE CONSENT AGENDA.
9:46:33AM DOES ANYONE ON THE COUNCIL HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS
9:46:37AM REGARDING THE CONSENT AGENDA?
9:46:38AM HEARING NONE, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT
9:46:42AM AGENDA.
9:46:43AM KATY.
9:46:48AM JON McLAIN.
9:46:49AM OKAY.

9:46:49AM SO MOVED.
9:46:50AM WE DON'T NEED TO DO A ROLL CALL ON THAT.
9:46:52AM OKAY, THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE LEE COUNTY
9:46:55AM INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING VIA THE WEST COAST INLAND
9:47:00AM NAVIGATION DISTRICT.
9:47:01AM STEVE.
9:47:02AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
9:47:03AM THIS IS THE ANNUAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING FOR
9:47:09AM INLAND NAVIGATION ON OUR ESTERO RIVER.
9:47:13AM OUR COSTS EACH YEAR ARE APPROXIMATELY \$11,800, AND OUR COSTS
9:47:20AM ARE LARGELY REIMBURSED BY A \$10,600 GRANT.
9:47:30AM WE'RE RECOMMENDING THAT THIS BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL AS A
9:47:32AM ROUTINE ITEM, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES ON THE
9:47:35AM RIVER.
9:47:35AM THE SERVICES ARE ACTUALLY PROVIDED BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
9:47:38AM THAT HELPS MONITOR SPEED AND OTHER ISSUES ON THE RIVER FOR
9:47:42AM SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC.
9:47:46AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
9:47:46AM ANY COMMENT FROM COUNCIL?
9:47:48AM ON THIS ITEM?
9:47:49AM ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK?
9:47:52AM >>The Clerk: NOT ON THIS ITEM.
9:47:54AM >> MOTION TO APPROVE.
9:47:55AM >>Mayor Ribble: MOTION BY MR. BOESCH.
9:47:57AM SECONDED BY JON McLAIN.

9:47:59AM MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
9:48:02AM >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
9:48:02AM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
9:48:04AM >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
9:48:06AM >>Nick Batos: AYE.
9:48:07AM >> COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON IS ABSENT.
9:48:09AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
9:48:11AM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
9:48:12AM THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE 2019-2020 INTERLOCAL
9:48:16AM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO AND THE LEE COUNTY
9:48:19AM FOR STRAY ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES.
9:48:21AM STEVE?

9:48:22AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
9:48:24AM THIS IS THE ANNUAL AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES
9:48:27AM WITH LEE COUNTY.
9:48:29AM IT COMES TO YOU WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL AT AN
9:48:32AM ANNUAL COST OF \$37,932.
9:48:35AM ATTACHED WITH MATERIALS ARE THE PERFORMANCE DATA RELATED TO
9:48:46AM OUR CONTRACT.
9:48:47AM AND THIS GIVES YOU AN INSIGHT AS TO WHAT -- HOW MUCH
9:48:51AM ACTIVITY WE HAVE OUT THERE IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE TYPE OF
9:48:55AM MONITORING THAT'S GOING ON TO PICK UP STRAY DOGS AND CATS
9:49:00AM AND OTHER ANIMALS.
9:49:01AM SO THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH WITH LEE COUNTY.
9:49:06AM IT'S PROVIDED ALL OVER THE COUNTY, AND OUR ANNUAL COSTS ARE

9:49:11AM LISTED HERE.
9:49:12AM THESE COSTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET, HENCE COMING TO YOU
9:49:18AM WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL.
9:49:20AM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?
9:49:23AM NICK?
9:49:28AM >>Nick Batos: MY FAVORITE TOPIC.
9:49:29AM STEVE, TWO QUESTIONS, ATTACHMENT 2, AM I GATHERING THAT'S
9:49:35AM ALL THE CALLS THEY HAD IN ESTERO OVER THE COURSE OF THE
9:49:39AM YEAR?
9:49:40AM >>Steven Sarkozy: YES, THE ONES THAT ARE RECORDED, OTHER
9:49:45AM THAN THE ROUTINE MONITORING.
9:49:47AM THE ROUTINE PATROLS.
9:49:48AM >>Nick Batos: ATTACHMENT 3 ARE SPECIFICALLY THE DOGS THAT
9:49:56AM WERE PICKED UP AND BROUGHT INTO THE KENNEL.
9:49:59AM >>Steven Sarkozy: CORRECT.
9:50:00AM >>Nick Batos: WELL, JUST TWO REMARKS ON THAT.
9:50:02AM ON ATTACHMENT 3, THERE ARE 78 -- 79 ISSUES THERE.
9:50:11AM BUT 22 OF THEM ARE NOT ESTERO ADDRESSES.
9:50:18AM WHY WOULD WE BE CHARGED FOR SOMETHING THAT IS NOT ESTERO?
9:50:23AM >>Steven Sarkozy: WE'RE NOT BEING CHARGED FOR THIS SPECIFIC
9:50:29AM PICKUP.
9:50:29AM WE'RE BEING CHARGED BASED ON POPULATION AND ACTIVITY
9:50:35AM OVERALL.
9:50:38AM >>Nick Batos: EXCEPT IF YOU LOOK AT THE WAY THE BREAKDOWN IS
9:50:41AM MADE, FROM WHAT I COULD SEE, THEY TOOK THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF

9:50:45AM USAGE AND THEN DIVIDED IT BY THE EXPENSE AND ALLOCATED FOR
9:50:52AM EACH MUNICIPALITY WHATEVER THAT PERCENTAGE WAS.
9:50:56AM SO IF WE HAD 20% OF IT, WE WOULD GET 20% OF THE BILL.
9:51:01AM BUT THIS REPRESENTS, FROM THE WAY I'M LOOKING AT IT, ANYWAY,
9:51:05AM THEY HAVE 28 -- BY 28% WE'VE BEEN -- 28% OF THE ITEMS THEY
9:51:10AM SAID THEY PUT INTO THE KENNEL, FROM ESTERO, WERE NOT FROM
9:51:13AM ESTERO.
9:51:13AM AND THE OTHER PART WAS ON THE ATTACHMENT 2, FOR ALL OF THE

9:51:19AM ACTIVITY THEY HAD FOR ESTERO, I FIND IT AMAZING THAT IT TOOK
9:51:26AM AN AVERAGE OF SEVEN AND A HALF DAYS TO RESPOND.
9:51:32AM I DON'T KNOW THAT A DOG CAN BE FOUND AFTER SEVEN DAYS.
9:51:44AM >>Howard Levitan: STEVE, IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT WE
9:51:46AM CAN GET THIS DONE BY CONTRACT AT A CHEAPER RATE?
9:51:50AM WHEN YOU TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL THE FACILITIES THAT THE
9:51:53AM COUNTY HAS, THE VEHICLES, THE MEN, THE SHELTERS AND ALL
9:51:58AM THAT, I JUST DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY WAY WE CAN POSSIBLY GET
9:52:01AM THIS DONE WITH A PRIVATE PROVIDER.
9:52:03AM AND IF THAT'S THE CASE -- [MICROPHONE NOT ON]
9:52:12AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THAT'S THE WAY WE'D LOOK AT IT.
9:52:14AM IT WOULD TAKE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF EFFORT TO FIND AN
9:52:18AM ALTERNATIVE PROVIDER AND THEN MONITOR THAT.
9:52:24AM FOR THE AMOUNT OF SAVINGS WE MIGHT FIND, WE THINK IT'S THE
9:52:29AM ONLY GAME IN TOWN.
9:52:32AM >>Mayor Ribble: WE TALK ABOUT THIS EVERY TIME THE CONTRACT
9:52:34AM COMES UP.

9:52:35AM AND EVERYBODY WANTS TO CHANGE, BUT THERE'S NO ONE OUT THERE
9:52:38AM TO CHANGE TO.
9:52:40AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: BUT IT HAS GONE DOWN.
9:52:43AM REMEMBER WHEN BECAME THE VILLAGE LIKE 107,000.
9:52:47AM >> 250.
9:52:48AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: NOW IT'S DOWN HERE.
9:52:49AM >> REALLY ROBBING US THEN.
9:52:51AM >>Mayor Ribble: THEN IT WAS DOWN TO 42,000.
9:52:52AM NOW WE HAVE IT UNDER 40.
9:52:55AM >>Nick Batos: I'M NOT SUGGESTING WE GO TO SOMEBODY ELSE.
9:52:57AM ALL I BRING IT UP FOR IS THE 79 INCIDENTS THAT WERE IN
9:53:01AM THIS -- WHERE THEY COLLECTED THE DOGS, 28% OF THEM -- IT'S
9:53:08AM NOT A LOT OF MONEY.
9:53:09AM IT'S LIKE \$5,000.
9:53:11AM ANYWAY.
9:53:13AM >>Mayor Ribble: ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK TO THIS ITEM?
9:53:15AM OH, YOU HAVE COMMENTS.
9:53:16AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I HAVEN'T FINISHED.
9:53:18AM DO WE DO ANYTHING TO FIND THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CREATED SOME
9:53:26AM OF THESE -- IT'S A NUISANCE.
9:53:29AM WOULDN'T THAT BE A WAY OF GETTING OUR MONEY BACK?
9:53:31AM IF YOU HAVE A DOG THAT BARKS ALL THE TIME AND SOMEONE HAS TO
9:53:35AM GO OUT THERE AND SAY, STOP YOUR DOG FROM BARKING, THEN IT
9:53:38AM COMES BACK TO US, WHY COULDN'T WE DO -- WHERE'S STANLEY?
9:53:45AM CODE ENFORCEMENT.

9:53:46AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THIS WOULD BE EXTREMELY LABOR INTENSIVE TO
9:53:48AM TRY TO TRACK DOWN.
9:53:51AM WITH THE LIMITED STAFF WE HAVE --
9:53:53AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I'M SAYING AFTER IT'S ALREADY BEEN

9:53:56AM WRITTEN DOWN, AND THEN SEND THEM A LETTER OR SOMETHING.
9:53:59AM I MEAN, PEOPLE SHOULDN'T GET OFF SCOT-FREE WITH THIS, IF
9:54:05AM THEY HAVE A DOG THAT IS A NUISANCE.
9:54:07AM I KNOW DOGS THAT ARE A NUISANCE AND THEY GET BY WITH IT.
9:54:13AM >>Steven Sarkozy: WE COULD LOOK AT THAT.
9:54:15AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I MEAN, JUST TO LET THEM KNOW, HEY,
9:54:18AM STOP THIS.
9:54:19AM JUST STOP IT.
9:54:20AM BUT I THINK WHAT YOU'RE DOING -- IF YOU TRY TO FIND SOMEBODY
9:54:25AM ELSE TO DO THIS, THAT BECOMES WHERE WE HAVE TO MONITOR THE
9:54:30AM SHELTER WHERE IT GOES.
9:54:31AM WE DON'T WANT TO DO THAT.
9:54:34AM >>Steven Sarkozy: WELL, IN THIS CASE, IF WE WERE TO FOLLOW
9:54:35AM UP ON EACH VIOLATION, IF YOU WOULD, WE'D HAVE TO BE ON A --
9:54:42AM IN REGULAR COMMUNICATION WITH ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES,
9:54:46AM FINDING OUT WHERE THE PROBLEM IS, TRACKING THAT ON AN
9:54:50AM ONGOING BASIS, SENDING OUT LETTERS, FOLLOW-UPS AND SO FORTH
9:54:57AM FOR A CATEGORY OF SERVICE THAT IS LOWER PRIORITY.
9:55:03AM >>Mayor Ribble: JIM, YOU'RE UP.
9:55:05AM >>Jim Boesch: JUST LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS, IT'S BASIC.
9:55:09AM 79 PICKUPS ALONE.

9:55:11AM I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE OTHER PARTS.
9:55:12AM 79 PICKUPS ALONE.
9:55:14AM I CAN'T IMAGINE FINDING A CONTRACTOR WOULD DO IT LESS THAN A
9:55:18AM THOUSAND DOLLARS A PICKUP, ADMINISTRATION, AND EVERYTHING
9:55:21AM ELSE.
9:55:23AM IF IT WAS 500 A PICKUP, WHICH I THINK IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE
9:55:27AM TO COME UP WITH, STILL TALKING 35,000 JUST FOR THIS AREA
9:55:32AM ALONE.
9:55:32AM SO THE NUMBERS ARE, I THINK, FAIR IN TERMS FOR US, BECAUSE
9:55:40AM WE'RE LOOKING TO MAINTAIN AND OUTSOURCE -- MAINTAIN AN
9:55:47AM OUTSOURCING CONCEPT IN OUR VILLAGE HERE, AND THIS WORKS AS
9:55:52AM AN OUTSOURCING CONCEPT.
9:55:54AM >>Mayor Ribble: ANYONE ELSE?
9:55:57AM >>Howard Levitan: MOVE THE QUESTION.
9:55:58AM >>Mayor Ribble: ANYONE FROM THE PUBLIC?
9:55:59AM I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION REGARDING THIS AGENDA ITEM.
9:56:05AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: SO MOVED.
9:56:06AM >>Mayor Ribble: KATY.
9:56:06AM SECONDED BY MR. BOESCH.
9:56:11AM WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
9:56:14AM >> COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON IS ABSENT.
9:56:16AM >>Nick Batos: AYE.
9:56:17AM >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
9:56:18AM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
9:56:20AM >>Howard Levitan: AYE.

9:56:21AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
9:56:21AM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
9:56:22AM PERHAPS IT WOULD BE GOOD WHEN WE HAVE THIS THING COME UP
9:56:27AM AGAIN WE HAVE THE MINUTES IN OUR BOOK FROM EVERY TIME,
9:56:30AM BECAUSE WE KEEP SAYING THE SAME STUFF.
9:56:33AM WE COULD SAVE OURSELVES A LOT OF TIME HERE ON THIS ITEM.
9:56:35AM THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE ON-CALL STREETLIGHT
9:56:39AM INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE, RFB 2019-08.
9:56:44AM STEVE.
9:56:44AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
9:56:46AM THIS IS OUR ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR STREETLIGHT INSPECTION AND
9:56:52AM MAINTENANCE.
9:56:53AM OF COURSE, PURSUING THE NOTION OF GOVERNMENT LIGHT, WE DO
9:56:58AM NOT HAVE STAFF AVAILABLE TO DO THIS KIND OF WORK, AND WE
9:57:04AM CONTRACT OUT THIS AND A LOT OF OTHER WORK.
9:57:07AM IN ORDER TO DO, AND COMPLY WITH STATE STATUTES REGARDING
9:57:12AM PURCHASING, WE NEED TO BID THESE ITEMS PERIODICALLY.
9:57:15AM THIS IS THAT BID COMING BACK FOR COUNCIL REVIEW AND
9:57:19AM APPROVAL.
9:57:20AM THIS FIRM WILL BE ON CALL AND WILL BE COORDINATED BY OUR
9:57:26AM EXISTING STAFF, DAVID OR FRANK IN THE OFFICE, AND BE
9:57:31AM RESPONSIBLE THEN TO PROVIDE CLEANING INSPECTIONS,
9:57:36AM REPLACEMENT OF BULBS, AND THAT TYPE OF THING ON A REGULAR
9:57:39AM BASIS.
9:57:40AM >>Mayor Ribble: QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL?

9:57:44AM >>Jon McLain: NEW LIGHTS ON 41 AT THIS POINT OR WILL IT BE
9:57:47AM IN THE FUTURE?
9:57:49AM >>Steven Sarkozy: IT DOES NOW, YES.
9:57:52AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: HOW ARE THOSE LIGHTS HOLDING UP?
9:57:57AM >>David Willems: THERE ARE PERIODIC REPAIRS.
9:58:00AM WE HAVE SEVERAL GO OUT FROM TIME TO TIME.
9:58:03AM THIS IS THE SAME CONTRACTOR THAT WE'RE USING RIGHT NOW, AND
9:58:06AM THEY'VE BEEN VERY RESPONSIVE AT GETTING EVERYTHING FIXED.
9:58:11AM >>Jon McLain: ARE THEY STILL UNDER WARRANTY AT THIS POINT?
9:58:14AM >>David Willems: SOME PARTS ARE, YES.
9:58:17AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
9:58:17AM ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
9:58:18AM NICK.
9:58:22AM >>Nick Batos: IS THIS CONTRACT A \$20,000 IN ADDITION TO THE
9:58:27AM HOURLY RATES THAT YOU HAVE LISTED HERE?
9:58:30AM >>David Willems: NO.
9:58:31AM THERE'S NO SET DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT THEY ARE GOING TO GET.
9:58:36AM THEY ARE GOING TO GET PAID FOR THE WORK THAT THEY DO.
9:58:38AM >>Nick Batos: IT IS NOT A CONTINGENCY.
9:58:40AM >>David Willems: NOT A LUMP-SUM CONTRACT.
9:58:41AM IT IS PAY AS THEY GO.
9:58:43AM >>Nick Batos: THANK YOU.

9:58:44AM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?
9:58:46AM ANYONE SIGNED UP FROM THE PUBLIC?
9:58:48AM WE'LL NOW ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR THIS ITEM.

9:58:51AM JON McLAIN MAKES THE MOTION.
9:58:56AM SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BATOS.
9:58:59AM MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
9:59:01AM >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
9:59:02AM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
9:59:04AM >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
9:59:05AM >>Nick Batos: AYE.
9:59:07AM >> COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON IS ABSENT.
9:59:09AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
9:59:10AM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
9:59:11AM THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACTOR
9:59:15AM SERVICES CONTINUING CONTRACT RFQ 2019-03.
9:59:20AM STEVE.
9:59:21AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
9:59:24AM THIS IS ANOTHER OF THOSE AWARDS OF BID FOR CONTRACTORS THAT
9:59:30AM PROVIDE MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.
9:59:33AM IN THIS CASE, THE SERVICES ARE FOR LIKE POTHOLE REPAIR,
9:59:38AM DEBRIS PICKUP, SIGN REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT AND OTHER ON-CALL
9:59:42AM ASSIGNMENTS COMING OUT OF OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
9:59:44AM THE BID ENSURES THAT WE HAVE A QUALIFIED POOL OF VENDORS
9:59:51AM READY TO GO.
9:59:52AM THE LAST QUESTION ON THE LAST ITEM ABOUT THE WAY WE CHARGE
9:59:55AM IS APPROPRIATE.
9:59:57AM EVERYTHING IS ON AN HOURLY BASIS, AND WE ONLY CHARGE FOR
10:00:01AM WORK THAT IS PERFORMED AND INSPECTED.

10:00:03AM SO IN THIS CASE, WE'RE RECOMMENDING TO COUNCIL THAT YOU
10:00:07AM APPROVE ALL OF THE 14 CONTRACTORS THAT HAVE SUBMITTED BIDS,
10:00:13AM HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE QUALIFIED TO PERFORM THE WORK
10:00:17AM THAT THEY BID ON.
10:00:18AM AND THEY'LL STAY IN A POOL OF CONTRACTORS AVAILABLE TO DO
10:00:22AM WORK AS NEEDED.
10:00:26AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:00:26AM QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL?
10:00:27AM HOWARD.
10:00:28AM >>Howard Levitan: I JUST WANTED TO NOTE THAT THE VARIOUS
10:00:32AM OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE ATTACHMENTS DON'T HAVE A SPACE FOR THE
10:00:36AM NAME OF THE COMPANY.
10:00:39AM SO WHEN YOU'RE IN A MULTIPLE COMPANY SITUATION, IT'S
10:00:42AM IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL WHO THESE DISCLOSURES RELATE TO.
10:00:46AM SO I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU ADD THAT IN THE FUTURE SO THAT
10:00:49AM WE CAN ADEQUATELY LOOK AT THE OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURES TO
10:00:54AM PROTECT OURSELVES FROM AN ETHICS VIOLATION.
10:01:02AM >>Jim Boesch: STEVE, I PRESUME ALL OF THESE ARE IN

10:01:04AM CONJUNCTION WITH -- EVERYBODY HAS LIABILITY INSURANCE.
10:01:12AM FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THEIR CORPORATION AND POSITION,
10:01:15AM FINANCIAL POSITION?
10:01:16AM >>Steven Sarkozy: WE LOOK AT WHETHER THEY ARE VIABLE FIRMS
10:01:20AM AND ARE ABLE TO DO THE WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE
10:01:24AM STATUTE.
10:01:25AM >>Jim Boesch: THE REASON I BRING IT UP IS THAT I THINK WE

10:01:27AM WENT THROUGH THIS OR I WAS INVOLVED WITH ONE TIME WE WERE
10:01:32AM LOOKING AT LANDSCAPERS AND I VISITED THREE OR FOUR OF THE
10:01:38AM LANDSCAPING CREWS JUST TO SEE WHAT THEY LOOKED LIKE.
10:01:43AM ONE OF THEM WAS IN SUCH POOR OUTSIDE POSITIONING AND ANOTHER
10:01:49AM ONE DIDN'T EVEN -- THE ADDRESS THEY GAVE TO THE COUNTY WAS
10:01:54AM NOT THE CORRECT ADDRESS.
10:01:55AM THEY HAD MOVED SOMEWHERE.
10:01:57AM WHEN CALLED THE COUNTY, THEY WEREN'T AWARE THAT THEY HAD
10:02:00AM MOVED.
10:02:00AM I'M JUST SAYING THAT, PUT OUT A LIST LIKE THIS, LET'S MAKE
10:02:05AM SURE THESE ARE QUALIFIED PEOPLE.
10:02:07AM I WOULD THINK WE GET A FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THEIR COMPANY
10:02:12AM THAT WE'RE DOING BUSINESS WITH.
10:02:15AM MAYBE THEY ARE NOT FINANCIALLY SOUND, BUT HAVE A LIST OF THE
10:02:20AM PEOPLE.
10:02:20AM WE DON'T WANT TO GET BURNED.
10:02:22AM OUTSOURCING IS A GREAT CONCEPT THAT WE HAVE, BUT WE HAVE TO
10:02:26AM MAKE SURE THAT THE SOURCES THAT WE HAVE FOR CONTRACTORS ARE
10:02:30AM FINANCIALLY QUALIFIED, AT LEAST IN A POSITION THAT THEY ARE
10:02:38AM FINANCIALLY SOUND.
10:02:40AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:02:40AM ANY OTHER COMMENT FROM COUNCIL?
10:02:42AM KATY.
10:02:42AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YES.
10:02:44AM REGARDING WHAT HOWARD SAID ABOUT THE NAMES, IF WE APPROVE

10:02:50AM THIS, COULD WE DO THIS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT EACH ONE
10:02:54AM OF THESE PAGES WILL HAVE THE NAME OF WHOEVER?
10:02:57AM CAN YOU PROVIDE US WITH THAT?
10:03:00AM I KNOW YOU PUT A LOT OF TIME INTO SELECTING THESE
10:03:03AM CONTRACTORS.
10:03:04AM SO IF THAT WOULD HELP US OUT.
10:03:12AM IS THAT OKAY?
10:03:12AM >>Howard Levitan: OUR STANDARD FORM CONTRACT REQUIRES
10:03:14AM INSURANCE, THAT WE BE NAMED IN AN INSURANCE POLICY,
10:03:16AM COMMERCIAL INSURANCE POLICY, THAT GIVES US SOME INDICATION
10:03:20AM THESE ARE REAL COMPANIES.
10:03:22AM THEY ARE MOSTLY PRIVATE COMPANIES, SO THEY ARE NOT GOING TO
10:03:26AM GIVE US THEIR FINANCIALS.
10:03:27AM I THINK THE CONTRACT DOES SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THEM BEING

10:03:30AM FINANCIALLY SOUND.
10:03:34AM NOT DEALING WITH AT & T.
10:03:38AM >>Jim Boesch: MOST WILL SUPPLY -- IF THEY ARE SOUND, THEY'LL
10:03:42AM GIVE YOU A FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
10:03:43AM HAVE TO DO IT EVERY SINGLE YEAR WITH AN ACCOUNTANT AND THEY
10:03:47AM WANT THE BUSINESS.
10:03:48AM I'M SURE THEY WILL GIVE YOU REASONABLE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
10:03:52AM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
10:03:54AM JON.
10:03:54AM >>Jon McLain: I MAKE A MOTION THAT WE APPROVE THE CHANGES.
10:03:57AM >>Mayor Ribble: HANG ON.

10:03:59AM WE HAVE TO ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT NO ONE.
10:04:00AM >>Jon McLain: I MAKE A MOTION WE APPROVE WITH CHANGES AS
10:04:03AM INDICATED.
10:04:06AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: SECOND.
10:04:06AM >>Mayor Ribble: VICE-MAYOR ERRINGTON SECONDS.
10:04:11AM WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
10:04:13AM >> COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON IS ABSENT.
10:04:15AM >>Nick Batos: AYE.
10:04:17AM >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
10:04:19AM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
10:04:20AM >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
10:04:22AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
10:04:22AM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
10:04:23AM FINALLY, THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS ESTERO PARKWAY VALUE
10:04:30AM ENGINEERING AND STREETLIGHTS.
10:04:32AM STEVE.
10:04:32AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR.
10:04:33AM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, AT A PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING, COUNCIL
10:04:37AM DEFERRED ACTION ON THE FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE ESTERO PARKWAY
10:04:42AM PROJECT SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ON STREET LIGHTING
10:04:47AM AND SOME OF THE VALUE ENGINEERING ITEMS THAT WOULD REDUCE
10:04:52AM THE OVERALL COST.
10:04:55AM WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING TODAY IS A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE
10:04:58AM STREETLIGHTS AND THE VALUE ENGINEERING ITEMS AND THE HOPE
10:05:03AM FOR ULTIMATE OUTCOME IS TO GET THE PROJECT APPROVED SO THAT

10:05:07AM WE CAN PROCEED THE PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED IS BEING PRESENTED
10:05:13AM AT \$9,728,240.
10:05:17AM BEFORE GETTING INTO THIS, I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO DAVID
10:05:24AM WILLEMS, OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO TALK ABOUT THE
10:05:27AM VALUE ENGINEERING ELEMENTS AND THEN ALSO THE STREETLIGHT
10:05:30AM PRESENTATION.
10:05:31AM DAVID.
10:05:32AM >>David Willems: THANK YOU.
10:05:33AM SO AT THE DIRECTION OF COUNCIL, STAFF BEGAN WORKING WITH THE
10:05:37AM CONTRACTOR AND THE CONSULTANTS TO FIGURE OUT WHICH COSTS WE

10:05:42AM COULD REDUCE IN THE PROJECT WITHOUT REALLY CHANGING THE
10:05:45AM CHARACTER OF THE PROJECT.
10:05:46AM SO WE WORKED -- WE SAT DOWN WITH THE CONTRACTOR AND THE
10:05:50AM CONSULTANT, AND WE KIND OF ZONED IN -- ZEROED IN ON A FEW
10:05:55AM ITEMS THAT WE THOUGHT -- WHERE WE COULD REDUCE COST WITHOUT
10:05:59AM CHANGING WHAT THE ROADWAY IS REALLY GOING TO LOOK LIKE.
10:06:02AM A COUPLE OF THE AREAS WERE WITH THE LANDSCAPING, CHANGE THE
10:06:05AM SIZE OF SOME OF THE MATERIAL.
10:06:08AM SO IT WILL JUST BE A LITTLE BIT LONGER BEFORE THE PLANTS GET
10:06:11AM BIG.
10:06:11AM YOU STILL HAVE THE SAME PLANTS IN MOST OF THE LOCATIONS.
10:06:14AM THEY ARE JUST NOT AS LARGE WHEN THEY ARE INSTALLED.
10:06:16AM IT WILL TAKE A LITTLE BIT LONGER TO GROW IN.
10:06:18AM THERE WAS A REDESIGN OF THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM WHEN THE
10:06:21AM CONTRACTOR AND THE CONSULTANT SPOKE, AND THEY WORKED ON

10:06:25AM THAT, AND THEY SAVED I THINK \$20,000 IN THE VALUE
10:06:28AM ENGINEERING.
10:06:30AM THE ENGINEERING CONSULTANT WORKED WITH LEE COUNTY UTILITIES
10:06:34AM AND FIGURED OUT A WAY THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE TO RELOCATE A
10:06:38AM UTILITY MAIN.
10:06:40AM THEY DID SOME DIFFERENT DRAINAGE DESIGN, SO THAT SAVED SOME
10:06:44AM MONEY, AND THEN THE LAST THING WE DID WAS, WE LOOKED AT,
10:06:48AM THERE IS A SPEED LIMIT SIGN.
10:06:49AM THERE WAS A FLASHING SPEED LIMIT SIGN I THINK 30 OR 40
10:06:53AM THOUSAND DOLLARS.
10:06:54AM WE REMOVED THAT FROM THE PLAN.
10:06:57AM IF YOU LOOK IN YOUR PACKET, THE TOTAL SAVINGS WITH THOSE
10:07:02AM REDUCTIONS IS ABOUT \$310,000.
10:07:04AM AFTER COUNCIL'S DECISION AT THE LAST MEETING, WE TOOK THAT
10:07:10AM STANDARD STREETLIGHT AND TOOK IT TO THE CONTRACTOR TO JUST
10:07:14AM CONFIRM THE COST, AND THEY CONFIRMED TO US THAT THAT FIXTURE
10:07:19AM COST THE SAME AS THE ONE THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN US A COST
10:07:24AM PROPOSAL FOR.
10:07:25AM SO THE STREETLIGHT COST DOES NOT CHANGE.
10:07:28AM IT'S THE SAME AS WHAT IT WAS BEFORE.
10:07:30AM SO MOVING FORWARD, STAFF IS LOOKING FOR DIRECTION AS TO HOW
10:07:36AM COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT.
10:07:40AM IN THE SUMMARY, THERE ARE BASICALLY TWO OPTIONS.
10:07:42AM THE WAY WE HAVE IT WRITTEN HERE IS THE FIRST OPTION WOULD BE
10:07:46AM ACCEPT THE VALUE ENGINEERING OPTIONS, AND THEN INCLUDE THE

10:07:50AM STREETLIGHTS AS WELL.
10:07:52AM AS YOU SEE HERE, WHAT THAT WOULD REQUIRE IS THE BUDGET FOR
10:07:55AM THE PROJECT TO INCREASE BY ABOUT \$428,000.
10:07:59AM WITH THAT, WE WOULD ALSO NEED THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION
10:08:03AM TO CHANGE THAT BUDGET AMOUNT IN THE 2019-2020 BUDGET.
10:08:09AM THE SECOND OPTION WOULD BE TO ONLY ACCEPT THE VALUE

10:08:13AM ENGINEERING PORTION OF IT, AND THAT WOULD JUST REQUIRE
10:08:17AM APPROVAL OF THE NEW BID FROM THE CONTRACTOR AND THEN WE CAN
10:08:23AM CREATE, PROCESS A CHANGE ORDER FOR EITHER OF THOSE TO GET
10:08:26AM THE CONTRACTOR TO UPDATE THEIR PROPOSAL.
10:08:31AM >>Mayor Ribble: ARE WE READY TO ASK QUESTIONS?
10:08:33AM >>David Willems: YES.
10:08:34AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:08:35AM I'VE GOT A QUESTION HERE.
10:08:37AM WHICH ONE OF THESE OPTIONS GETS US STARTED ON THIS PROJECT
10:08:40AM ONCE AND FOR ALL, LIKE MONDAY?
10:08:43AM [LAUGHTER]
10:08:44AM BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN PLAYING AROUND WITH THIS THING -- I
10:08:47AM THOUGHT WHEN WE MET LAST TIME WE APPROVED THE LIGHTS AND NOW
10:08:50AM WE'RE BACK HERE AGAIN.
10:08:51AM IS THIS THE FINAL, FINAL VOTE ON THIS PROJECT OR WHAT?
10:08:55AM >>David Willems: YES.
10:08:56AM WHICHEVER OPTION THAT IS SELECTED THAT IS THE FINAL TO GET
10:08:58AM STARTED --
10:08:59AM >>Mayor Ribble: WHICH ONE DO YOU RECOMMEND?

10:09:04AM >>David Willems: PROBABLY OPTION ONE.
10:09:06AM THAT'S THE ONE WITH THE STREETLIGHTS THAT CREATES THE
10:09:09AM COMPLETE STREET THAT HAS MORE OF A FINISHED LOOK.
10:09:12AM IT'S GOT EVERYTHING ON IT.
10:09:18AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THE CONCERN EXPRESSED AT THE LAST COUNCIL
10:09:20AM MEETING IS THE COST OF STREETLIGHTS, NOT ONLY FOR THE
10:09:22AM INSTALLATION BUT THE ONGOING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
10:09:25AM THE STREETLIGHTS.
10:09:26AM AND THAT IS CERTAINLY A VERY VALID CONCERN.
10:09:31AM WE'VE BEEN OUT TO THE COMMUNITY TO TALK TO EACH OF THE
10:09:36AM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, AND, OF COURSE, THEY'RE
10:09:40AM INTERESTED IN GETTING THE STREETLIGHTS.
10:09:44AM WHAT WE'VE EXPLAINED IS THAT AT SOME POINT, AS WE GO THROUGH
10:09:50AM THE WHOLE COMMUNITY AND USE THE DESIGN PARAMETERS THAT WE'VE
10:09:56AM GOT FOR ESTERO PARKWAY, ON OTHER STREETS, OUR BUDGET IS
10:10:01AM GOING TO BECOME MORE AND MORE STRAINED.
10:10:02AM IT'S JUST INEVITABLE.
10:10:05AM WITH THAT, THE RESIDENTS UNDERSTAND, MAY COME BACK TO THEM
10:10:12AM AND COME UP WITH SOME OTHER WAY TO FINANCE SOME OF THE
10:10:16AM ONGOING MAINTENANCE COSTS THAT MIGHT INCLUDE AN INCREASE IN
10:10:21AM A PROPERTY TAX, AN APPLICATION OF SOME TYPE OF FEE FOR
10:10:26AM STREETLIGHT OPERATIONS, THAT TYPE OF THING.
10:10:30AM BUT NOT KNOWING HOW MANY STREETS WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO BE
10:10:35AM ABLE TO DO AND NOT KNOWING WHAT OTHER CONCERNS WE'LL HAVE
10:10:41AM WITH THE BUDGET LONG-TERM, IT'S HARD TO SPECULATE AS TO WHAT

10:10:47AM OUR EXACT BUDGET STRESS WILL BE AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE.
10:10:51AM SO THE FISCAL CONCERNS ARE WARRANTED.

10:10:56AM THEY ARE NOT HERE RIGHT NOW, BUT ON AN ONGOING BASIS, WE'RE
10:10:59AM GOING TO HAVE TO BE MINDFUL OF THE BUDGET IN ORDER TO KEEP
10:11:03AM OUR TAX RATE LOW AND OUR COSTS LOW.
10:11:07AM BUT NONETHELESS, SPENDING \$9 MILLION ON THE STREET AND OUR
10:11:12AM PRIMARY OBJECTIVE BEING SAFETY, YOU KNOW, THE APPEAL FROM
10:11:16AM THE COMMUNITY IS THAT WE SHOULD HAVE STREETLIGHTS TO
10:11:20AM MAINTAIN A SAFE CORRIDOR.
10:11:23AM >>Mayor Ribble: JIM?
10:11:25AM >>Jim Boesch: SO IN GOING OVER THIS WHOLE THING, WHICH
10:11:29AM BEFORE THE MEETING, IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE RECOMMENDATION IS
10:11:33AM TO GO AHEAD WITH THE STREETLIGHTS FOR ESTERO, NO
10:11:36AM PARTICIPATION BY AUTHORITIES AND SO FORTH.
10:11:41AM WHICH I'M OPPOSED TO.
10:11:43AM I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE MSTUs FOR EACH AREA THAT HAS LIGHTS
10:11:47AM AND THEY AGREE TO PAY FOR THE MONTHLY FEES AND AS WELL AS
10:11:51AM THE MAINTENANCE FEES.
10:11:53AM BUT LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION THEN.
10:11:56AM SO THIS STATES THAT ANY STREETLIGHTS THAT ARE IN EXISTENCE,
10:12:01AM PEOPLE PAYING, FOR INSTANCE, BROOKS, NOW PAY FOR THEIR
10:12:05AM MAINTENANCE FEES EVERY SINGLE MONTH NOW?
10:12:08AM IS THAT TRUE?
10:12:10AM >> NO.
10:12:10AM >>Jim Boesch: HOW CAN WE DO THIS?

10:12:12AM WE'LL TELL ONE PEOPLE YOU DON'T PAY, BUT THE BROOKS, THEY
10:12:16AM ARE ALREADY PAYING FOR THIS ALL THE TIME, NOW YOU HAVE TO
10:12:19AM PAY.
10:12:20AM HOW DO YOU DO THAT?
10:12:22AM >>Steven Sarkozy: RIGHT.
10:12:22AM THERE IS AN INHERENT INEQUALITY IN THIS.
10:12:25AM BROOKS CAME ALONG FIRST.
10:12:26AM THEY DEVELOPED THEIR PROJECT, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC
10:12:30AM RIGHTS-OF-WAY UNDER A CONTRACT, ZONING CONTRACT WITH THE
10:12:37AM COUNTY.
10:12:38AM AND THEY AGREED TO PAY FOR THE PUBLIC LANDSCAPING, THE
10:12:44AM STREETLIGHTS, AND ALL OF THE MAINTENANCE OF ALL OF THE
10:12:47AM PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AS PART OF THE APPROVAL OF THEIR
10:12:50AM PROJECT.
10:12:51AM NOW WE COME ALONG 15 YEARS LATER, AND WE'RE UPGRADING PUBLIC
10:12:57AM RIGHTS-OF-WAY THAT HAD NOT BEEN CONTRACTED FOR.
10:13:02AM YOU KNOW, THERE ARE PROJECTS THERE, LIKE BELLE LAGO,
10:13:06AM CASCADES AND RESERVE, THAT WERE DEVELOPED, BUT THEY DID NOT
10:13:10AM INCLUDE THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY.
10:13:12AM IN THINKING ABOUT THIS LONG TERM, AFTER THE VILLAGE GETS --
10:13:21AM OR BUILDS OUT AND IMPROVES THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY ON MOST
10:13:25AM OF OUR STREETS, THERE MAY BE A CASE ON EQUITY GROUNDS ALONE
10:13:34AM THAT WE GO BACK TO THE BROOKS AND SAY, MAYBE WE'LL PICK UP
10:13:38AM ALL OR A PORTION OF THAT.

10:13:39AM BUT AT THIS POINT, THERE'S NO AGREEMENT TO DO THAT.

10:13:45AM BUT AS WE LOOK AT WHAT WE'RE DOING AND TRYING TO FIGURE OUT
10:13:49AM WHAT'S THE EQUITABLE THING TO DO, YOU KNOW, THAT'S ONE AREA
10:13:56AM THAT ACTUALLY IS A POINT OF CONCERN.
10:13:59AM ACTUALLY GOING BACK TO WHEN COUNCIL MEMBER BATOS WAS IN THE
10:14:03AM POSITION OF MAYOR, WE TALKED ABOUT THIS AND IDENTIFIED THAT
10:14:09AM AS A FUTURE POTENTIAL ISSUE THAT WE MAY WANT TO COME BACK
10:14:12AM ON.
10:14:14AM >>Jim Boesch: BUT THE CONCEPT IS THAT THEY PAY UNDER
10:14:19AM CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY.
10:14:21AM MOST OF THE THINGS WE'VE HAD WITH THE COUNTY WE'VE REJECTED.
10:14:23AM MOST OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH CHANGES, THE
10:14:29AM PAST THREE YEARS, WE BROUGHT UP THINGS, WE'RE NOT DOING THAT
10:14:32AM ANYMORE, NOT DOING THAT ANYMORE.
10:14:34AM IF I WERE THE BROOKS, I WOULD SAY, WAIT A MINUTE.
10:14:38AM THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS DONE WITH THE COUNTY AND NOW YOU
10:14:42AM ARE SETTING A NEW POLICY AND PRECEDENT HERE THAT YOU'RE
10:14:45AM WILLING TO PUT IN LIGHTS FOR THE WHOLE CITY AND PAY FOR THE
10:14:50AM MAINTENANCE FEES AND EVERYTHING.
10:14:54AM IF I WERE THE COURT, I WOULD THINK I WOULD HAVE A VERY GOOD
10:14:57AM CASE GOING TO COURT SAYING, WAIT A MINUTE, THIS WAS A CHANGE
10:15:00AM IN THE ENTIRE OPERATIONS, AND I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY
10:15:05AM THAT EVERYBODY ELSE GETS LIGHTS AND MAINTENANCE AND DOESN'T
10:15:09AM HAVE TO PAY FOR IT, BUT YOU, THE BROOKS, YOU DO HAVE TO PAY
10:15:14AM FOR IT BECAUSE YOU WERE GENEROUS ENOUGH TO SAY YOU WOULD
10:15:17AM MAINTAIN IT IN THE BEGINNING OF THAT PERIOD OF TIME.

10:15:21AM I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR TO TELL ONE COMMUNITY YOU HAVE TO
10:15:23AM PAY FOR IT AND THE OTHER, ALL THE REST OF THE COMMUNITIES,
10:15:26AM YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR IT.
10:15:28AM I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING WE OUGHT TO THINK ABOUT AND
10:15:32AM ADDRESS.
10:15:33AM MY MOTION IN THIS WAS THAT THE BROOKS BE INCLUDED IN
10:15:40AM MAINTENANCE AND IN MONTHLY LIGHTING FEES AS WELL.
10:15:44AM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
10:15:46AM KATY?
10:15:50AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I THINK THE BROOKS WAS GRANDFATHERED
10:15:53AM IN WITH ALL THE AMENITIES YOU HAVE.
10:15:58AM THE VILLAGE WAS INCORPORATED.
10:15:59AM IT'S A BEAUTIFUL AREA.
10:16:03AM IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PARKWAY, AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO
10:16:08AM ESTABLISH WITH THE, I GUESS, ESTERO PARKWAY THAT WAS BROUGHT
10:16:12AM UP SEVERAL TIMES.
10:16:13AM BUT IN LISTENING TO THIS DISCUSSION, WHAT IF U.S. 41, ALL
10:16:21AM THE LIGHTS ALONG U.S. 41, ALL THE BUSINESSES WHO BENEFIT
10:16:26AM FROM THE LIGHTS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAXED?
10:16:29AM THIS SCENARIO GOES ALL DIFFERENT WAYS.

10:16:33AM ANYBODY WHO BENEFITS FROM LIGHT AT NIGHT IN ESTERO SHOULD
10:16:38AM PONY UP TO PAY WHATEVER.
10:16:40AM IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE.
10:16:42AM IT'S YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR YOUR FAIR SHARE OF THE LIGHTS.
10:16:46AM I THINK THAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS FROM ALMOST DAY

10:16:52AM ONE WITH ESTERO PARKWAY, AND IT'S ALMOST EMBARRASSING THAT
10:16:58AM WE HAVE GOING INTO, WHAT, THE FIFTH YEAR OF TRYING TO GET
10:17:03AM THIS SETTLED?
10:17:04AM I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY AT THE MPO MEETING LAST WEEK.
10:17:12AM OUR MAYOR HAD TO BE SOMEPLACE ELSE AND I WAS SUBSTITUTING.
10:17:15AM IT WAS BROUGHT UP ABOUT THE DANGER, AND WHEN YOU DRIVE AT
10:17:21AM NIGHT AND YOU GO FROM A PLACE THAT IS WELL LIT, AND LET'S
10:17:25AM USE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CORNER OF ESTERO PARKWAY AND THREE
10:17:29AM OAKS.
10:17:30AM YOU HAVE LIGHTS.
10:17:33AM AND THEN SUDDENLY YOU GO INTO DARKNESS.
10:17:36AM IT IS EXTREMELY, EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.
10:17:38AM AND THAT WAS MENTIONED BY THE PEOPLE REGARDING SAFETY ON OUR
10:17:44AM HIGHWAYS.
10:17:46AM I'M AN ADVOCATE, AND I THINK EVERYBODY ON THIS COUNCIL IS AN
10:17:48AM ADVOCATE FOR SAFETY.
10:17:51AM IF WE GET ANYTHING ACCOMPLISHED WITH THIS, WE WANT IT TO BE
10:17:55AM SAFETY.
10:17:56AM IF ALL THE RESIDENTS AND ALL THE DEVELOPMENTS ON EITHER SIDE
10:18:01AM OF ESTERO PARKWAY DECIDED TO MOVE, JUST SAY YOU MOVED, WHO
10:18:07AM IS GOING TO PAY FOR THE LIGHTS?
10:18:09AM THERE'S NOBODY LEFT TO PAY FOR THE LIGHTS.
10:18:11AM THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT THAT'S REALLY FAR-FETCHED,
10:18:14AM BUT YOU CAN'T -- YOU CAN'T PENALIZE PEOPLE WHERE THEY LIVE.
10:18:18AM IT'S NOT THAT THE RESIDENTS ALONG ESTERO PARKWAY THAT

10:18:21AM BENEFIT THE MOST.
10:18:23AM PEOPLE GO UP AND DOWN THAT ROAD.
10:18:25AM DO YOU HAVE ANY FIGURES, DAVID, ON WHAT THE TRAFFIC FLOW IS
10:18:28AM ON ESTERO PARKWAY?
10:18:30AM IT'S HUGE.
10:18:33AM >>David Willems: I DON'T HAVE IT WITH ME, BUT WE DID THE
10:18:36AM TRAFFIC STUDY WITH THE ROADWAY AND, YEAH, THERE ARE A LOT OF
10:18:38AM PEOPLE THAT USE --
10:18:40AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: PEOPLE BENEFIT FROM THIS.
10:18:41AM AND THEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE REEF.
10:18:46AM THE STUDENTS WALKING DOWN THAT STREET ONCE SPROUTS OPENS AND
10:18:51AM ALL THE OTHER AMENITIES THAT ARE THERE NOW, WE HAVE TO HAVE
10:18:55AM LIGHTS.
10:18:56AM WE HAVE TO PROTECT PEOPLE WHO ARE WALKING ALONG THE
10:18:59AM SIDEWALKS, NOT JUST DRIVING, BUT ALONG THE SIDEWALKS AND
10:19:02AM RIDING BICYCLES.

10:19:05AM SO I'M ALL FOR THIS.
10:19:07AM I'M ALL FOR OPTION ONE, AND THAT'S WHERE I AM COMING FROM.
10:19:12AM >>Mayor Ribble: HOWARD?
10:19:15AM >>Howard Levitan: I JUST WANT TO SUGGEST THAT WHATEVER WE DO
10:19:19AM TODAY IS NOT A PRECEDENT FOR WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IN THE
10:19:22AM FUTURE BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO LOOK AT THIS FROM A
10:19:31AM CAPITAL BUDGET STANDPOINT EVERY TIME WE DO ONE OF THESE
10:19:33AM PROJECTS, AND WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REPLICATE THE BEAUTY
10:19:38AM THAT I THINK WE CAN PUT ON ESTERO PARKWAY.

10:19:40AM IT'S A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.
10:19:41AM WE TALKED ABOUT THAT ALL THE WAY THROUGH, AND THERE ARE
10:19:45AM OTHER WAYS OF FINANCING THESE THINGS THAT DON'T INVOLVE A
10:19:48AM PROPERTY TAX INCREASE, AND THAT IS TO USE THE MSTU VEHICLE,
10:19:55AM AND WE CAN CONSIDER THOSE AS WE DO FUTURE PROJECTS AND WE
10:19:59AM LOOK AT OUR OVERALL CAPITAL BUDGET.
10:20:00AM ALL OF THE VARIOUS THINGS.
10:20:02AM PEOPLE WERE TALKING ABOUT AQUATIC CENTERS, AND ALL OF THESE
10:20:05AM THINGS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE STACKED UP AND EVALUATED ON A
10:20:09AM BASIS OF OUR CAPITAL BUDGET.
10:20:13AM THE OTHER POINT THAT I WANT TO RAISE IS THAT IF WE WERE -- I
10:20:19AM THINK SAFETY IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN.
10:20:22AM IT'S CLEAR FROM DRIVING ON ESTERO PARKWAY AT NIGHT THAT IT'S
10:20:26AM DANGEROUS.
10:20:27AM BUT IF WE REALLY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY, WE WOULD HAVE
10:20:31AM PUT BACK INTO THE MIX THE ROUNDABOUTS BECAUSE THAT IS PROVEN
10:20:35AM TO BE THE SAFEST WAY OF DEALING WITH THOSE INTERSECTIONS,
10:20:40AM NOT TO BRING UP A BAD POINT.
10:20:42AM [LAUGHTER]
10:20:43AM BUT I THINK ON FUTURE PROJECTS, I THINK WE HAVE TO CONSIDER
10:20:46AM ALL OF THE VARIOUS OPTIONS, AND I DON'T THINK THIS CREATES
10:20:50AM ANY SORT OF PRECEDENT, AND I AM GOING TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF
10:20:53AM THE STREETLIGHTS TODAY, BUT IT IS NOT, IN MY MIND, A
10:20:58AM PRECEDENT FOR WHAT WE DO IN THE FUTURE.
10:21:00AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.

10:21:00AM NICK.
10:21:06AM >>Nick Batos: I ALSO AGREE THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S
10:21:08AM BEEN DRAGGING ALONG MUCH TOO LONG, AND THAT WE SHOULD GO
10:21:12AM AHEAD WITH THIS.
10:21:13AM I JUST WANT TO GO ON THE RECORD AS SAYING THAT I HAVE SOME
10:21:16AM CONCERNS.
10:21:18AM NUMBER ONE, I'M STILL NOT CONVINCED THAT THE PLANTINGS THAT
10:21:23AM WE'RE PUTTING IN THE SWALES ARE GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT'S
10:21:25AM GOING TO BE ATTRACTIVE AS WE GO DOWN THE LINE.
10:21:29AM I THINK THAT WE'RE GOING TO END UP WITH SOMETHING THAT LOOKS
10:21:31AM LIKE WHAT WE HAVE ON 41 WHEN THE PLANTS START GROWING.
10:21:38AM I KNOW THAT THE EXPERTS HAVE SAID THAT THEY ARE NOT GOING TO

10:21:40AM BE, BUT I DON'T THINK PEOPLE ARE GOING TO REALLY -- I DON'T
10:21:42AM THINK PEOPLE REALLY REALIZE WHAT THAT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE.
10:21:49AM JUST MY COMMENT.
10:21:52AM THE NEXT THING, THE STREETLIGHTS, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING,
10:21:56AM STEVE AND OTHER PEOPLE HAVE SAID THAT WHAT WE DO HERE IS
10:22:02AM SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT IN THE FUTURE.
10:22:05AM I KNOW HOWARD HAS SAID WE'RE NOT GOING TO NECESSARILY USE
10:22:09AM THIS AS AN EXAMPLE, BUT IF WE ARE, I MEAN, UP TILL NOW,
10:22:14AM WE'VE BEEN SAYING THAT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING WOULD BE
10:22:16AM A PRECEDENT FOR WHAT WE WOULD TRY TO DO ON OTHER STREETS.
10:22:20AM I'M GOING TO TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT OUR MANAGER AND THE
10:22:24AM STAFF HAVE TAKEN THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AND THAT WE CAN
10:22:27AM AFFORD THIS.

10:22:28AM I PARTICULARLY DON'T KNOW THAT THAT'S TRUE, BUT IT'S A
10:22:33AM CONCERN.
10:22:33AM I AGREE WITH HOWARD ON THE SAFETY ISSUE.
10:22:38AM YEAH, LIGHTS ARE SAFER THAN NO LIGHTS, BUT YESTERDAY, I HAD
10:22:43AM A MEETING UP IN FORT MYERS AND I HAD TO DRIVE ON COLLEGE
10:22:48AM PARKWAY, AND THERE'S NOT A LIGHT ON IT, AND IT'S A LOT
10:22:52AM BUSIER THAN ESTERO PARKWAY WILL EVER, EVER BE.
10:22:55AM THE LAST COMMENT I HAVE, I JUST WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME MAYOR
10:23:04AM BOESCH.
10:23:06AM HE'S PRESIDENT OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF THE BROOKS,
10:23:09AM SO I THANK HIM FOR HIS JOB.
10:23:13AM [LAUGHTER]
10:23:14AM I HAVEN'T SAID THIS BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, AT THE BROOKS,
10:23:22AM THEY'VE TAKEN THE RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO HAVE
10:23:24AM THOSE ROADS, BUT I REALLY THINK THAT IT IS UNFAIR THAT
10:23:28AM YOU'RE GOING TO BE PAYING THE MAINTENANCE AND THE LIGHTING
10:23:30AM EXPENSE FOR ONE ROAD AND NOT ANOTHER ROAD.
10:23:34AM >>Mayor Ribble: ESPECIALLY AFTER COCONUT GETS DONE WITH
10:23:36AM THEIR LIGHTS.
10:23:36AM JUST REMEMBER, I'M GOING TO COME BACK KNOCKING ON THAT DOOR
10:23:42AM FOR COCONUT, HOWARD.
10:23:44AM JIM, GO AHEAD.
10:23:45AM YOU'RE UP.
10:23:50AM >>Jim Boesch: I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT I AM TOTALLY IN
10:23:53AM FAVOR OF THE LIGHTS ON ESTERO PARKWAY.

10:23:55AM THAT IS NOT MY MESSAGE THAT I'M GIVING YOU TODAY.
10:23:59AM I'M JUST STATING, FOR ALL THE RESIDENTS WE'RE TAKING ON
10:24:04AM PROBABLY EIGHT TO TEN, MAYBE EVEN MORE MILLION DOLLAR
10:24:08AM CAPITAL PROJECT, WE ARE NOW APPROVING THAT TODAY BECAUSE
10:24:14AM WHEN LIGHTS ARE ON ONE STREET, THEY HAVE TO BE ON ALL THE
10:24:17AM STREETS IN ESTERO, ALL THE MAIN STREETS, SO BY VIRTUE OF THE
10:24:22AM FACT THAT WE SUPPORT LIGHTS ON ESTERO PARKWAY, WE WILL NOW
10:24:29AM BLESS THE FACT THAT WE'RE UNDERTAKING LIGHTS FOR ALL THE

10:24:31AM MAIN STREETS IN ESTERO, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN PRICED OUT
10:24:36AM BETWEEN EIGHT TO TEN MILLION DOLLARS.
10:24:37AM SO WHEN THE TAXES HAVE TO GO UP, IF THEY DO, BECAUSE OF
10:24:41AM THIS, WE ALL AGREE, THAT'S SOMETHING WE NEED.
10:24:44AM WE HAVE TO PAY MORE TAXES.
10:24:46AM THE ONLY THING I'M MENTIONING IS THAT, IF YOU LOOK AT LEE
10:24:50AM COUNTY THE WAY THEY PUT LIGHTS IN, THEY HAVE A SPECIFIC AREA
10:24:57AM THEY COVER, AND THEY PUT TOGETHER A THING THAT IS CALLED THE
10:25:00AM MSTU AND THE PEOPLE PAY A SMALL TAX FOR THOSE LIGHTS.
10:25:07AM AND, FOR INSTANCE, IN ESTERO, WHAT WE ARE SQUABBLING ABOUT
10:25:14AM IS A \$25,000, MAYBE A LITTLE BIT MORE A YEAR FEE WHICH WOULD
10:25:18AM BE LESS THAN TWO DOLLARS FOR EVERY RESIDENT ON ESTERO
10:25:23AM PARKWAY, WHICH SEEMS SOMETHING THAT THEY SHOULDN'T EVEN BE
10:25:26AM MENTIONING AS PART OF THE OWNERS OF ESTERO WHEN SOLVING A
10:25:30AM SITUATION, THEY SHOULD ALL BE GETTING TOGETHER, SAYING,
10:25:34AM OKAY, WE'LL DO THE MSTU, PAY IT, AND THAT WOULD BE A
10:25:37AM SOLUTION.

10:25:38AM BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY IT'S BEING DONE ALREADY.
10:25:40AM IT'S BEING DONE AT THE BROOKS.
10:25:43AM THEY PAY FOR THEIR OWN THINGS, AND IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE,
10:25:46AM IT WOULD NOT START A NEW CONCEPT THAT WE'RE NOW GOING TO PAY
10:25:52AM FOR EVERYTHING AND THEN THE SECOND THING IS, HOW CAN YOU
10:25:55AM TELL THE BROOKS THEY DON'T PAY FOR IT BUT YOU GUYS DO PAY
10:26:00AM FOR IT?
10:26:01AM THAT IS A CONCEPT THAT I'M BRINGING UP HERE IN THIS WHOLE
10:26:04AM DISCUSSION.
10:26:05AM >>Mayor Ribble: WE GOT THE IDEA.
10:26:13AM >>Jim Boesch: IT'S THE RESIDENTS.
10:26:15AM I WANT THE RESIDENTS TO UNDERSTAND.
10:26:16AM I'M NOT OPPOSED TO LIGHTS.
10:26:19AM >>Mayor Ribble: HOW ABOUT THE SWALES?
10:26:20AM ARE YOU OKAY WITH THE SWALES?
10:26:21AM >>Jim Boesch, NO, I HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH THE EXPERT HERE.
10:26:27AM >>Mayor Ribble: JON, DO YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING OR NO?
10:26:29AM >>Jon McLain: I WOULD.
10:26:30AM I KNOW YOU'RE IN A RUSH.
10:26:31AM >>Mayor Ribble: I'M JUST TIRED OF TALKING ABOUT THIS.
10:26:34AM NOW WE'RE GETTING INTO SWALES, LANDSCAPING, ROUNDABOUTS.
10:26:38AM I WANT TO VOTE FOR THIS AND THEN GO ON TO THE NEXT
10:26:41AM NEIGHBORHOOD.
10:26:41AM I WANT TO GET THIS BEHIND US.
10:26:44AM >>Jon McLain: I DO THINK THAT THE GOOD NEWS IS AFTER -- I'VE

10:26:47AM BEEN INVOLVED FOR -- I THINK WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS AT
10:26:51AM LEAST 10 OR 15 COUNCIL MEMBER MEETINGS.
10:26:54AM I THINK TODAY WE'RE FINALLY AT THE POINT WHERE WE'RE GOING
10:26:57AM TO MAKE A DECISION, LIGHTS OR NO LIGHTS.

10:27:00AM HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE FOR LIGHTS.
10:27:01AM OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF CONFLICT IN HERE AMONGST
10:27:06AM THE COUNCIL.
10:27:07AM I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE LISTENING TO STAFF.
10:27:10AM I THINK STAFF -- AND WE'RE SHORT IN STAFF.
10:27:12AM WE POINT TO OUR STAFF AND SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
10:27:18AM GETTING US TO THIS POINT.
10:27:21AM I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE \$310,000 COST REDUCTION TO SOME
10:27:25AM EXTENT.
10:27:26AM I THINK IT'S GOING TO MAINTAIN THE CHARACTER OF THE STREET,
10:27:29AM EVEN WITH THOSE REDUCTIONS IN THERE.
10:27:32AM OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.
10:27:34AM I AGREE WITH THE COMMENTS THAT STEVE MADE ABOUT THE PROJECT,
10:27:39AM ALSO ABOUT -- I'M CONCERNED WITH, YOU KNOW, THE ONGOING COST
10:27:44AM OF LIGHTING.
10:27:45AM I THINK WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT IN THE FUTURE.
10:27:48AM TODAY WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT TRYING TO MAKE ESTERO PARKWAY
10:27:52AM NOT A MODEL, BUT A GREAT STREET, A SAFE STREET, AND LIGHTS
10:27:55AM ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THAT.
10:27:57AM WE CAN AFFORD IT TODAY.
10:27:58AM IF IN THE FUTURE, WE'VE GOT OTHER PRIORITIES, AS HOWARD

10:28:01AM MENTIONED, WE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THOSE.
10:28:04AM THAT'S WHY WE'RE ON THIS COUNCIL, WE DEAL WITH THOSE THINGS
10:28:08AM IN THE FUTURE.
10:28:08AM TODAY, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO ESTERO PARKWAY
10:28:11AM PROPERLY.
10:28:12AM AND WITH THAT, I MEAN, WITH LIGHTS AND APPROPRIATE
10:28:15AM LANDSCAPING THAT WE HAVE IN THERE.
10:28:17AM I DON'T REALLY CARE --
10:28:18AM >>Mayor Ribble: JON, DON'T TALK ME OUT OF MY POSITIVE VOTE
10:28:21AM HERE.
10:28:23AM >>Howard Levitan: QUIT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD.
10:28:25AM >>Mayor Ribble: GEEZ --
10:28:31AM >> ROUNDABOUTS.
10:28:32AM >>Jon McLain: WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THOSE ANYMORE.
10:28:34AM ESTERO IS UNIQUE, AND I THINK THIS MAKES ESTERO UNIQUE.
10:28:37AM THE OTHER BOULEVARDS UP IN LEE COUNTY, HOPEFULLY THEY GET
10:28:40AM THE MESSAGE AND THEY PUT LIGHTS ON THERE, TOO, BECAUSE I
10:28:43AM THINK THOSE ARE IMPORTANT.
10:28:44AM BUT LET'S DEAL WITH WHAT WE'VE GOT IN FRONT OF US TODAY.
10:28:47AM AND HOPEFULLY HAVE A FAVORABLE VOTE.
10:28:49AM >>Mayor Ribble: BURT, YOU HAD A COMMENT?
10:28:51AM >>Burt Saunders: TWO QUICK COMMENTS.
10:28:52AM NUMBER ONE, THIS WILL ONLY BE A PRECEDENT IN TERMS OF WHAT
10:28:55AM YOU DO IN THE FUTURE IF YOU WANT IT TO BE.
10:28:57AM IT'S REALLY NOT A LEGAL PRECEDENT ON HOW YOU DEAL WITH

10:29:00AM STREETLIGHTS GOING FORWARD.
10:29:01AM SECONDLY, THERE ARE BASICALLY TWO ITEMS HERE.
10:29:05AM ONE IS THE POLICY DECISION WITH OPTION ONE OR TWO.
10:29:08AM IF YOU GO WITH OPTION ONE, THEN YOU HAVE A RESOLUTION AND
10:29:10AM THE TITLE OF THE RESOLUTION WILL NEED TO BE READ INTO THE
10:29:13AM RECORD AND SEPARATE VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION.
10:29:17AM >>Mayor Ribble: WE CAN DO THE RESOLUTION TODAY?
10:29:20AM >> YES, SIR.
10:29:20AM THE RESOLUTION DEALS WITH THE BUDGET AMENDMENT.
10:29:24AM >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.
10:29:25AM ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK FROM THE PUBLIC?
10:29:27AM >>The Clerk: I HAVE FOLKS SIGNED UP.
10:29:28AM THE FIRST PERSON IS JIM COPP.
10:29:33AM >> GOOD MORNING, CITY COUNCIL, MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY
10:29:37AM MR. RIBBLE.
10:29:39AM I DON'T WANT TO BEAT THIS SUBJECT TO DEATH.
10:29:42AM I'VE BEEN UP HERE BEFORE TALKING ABOUT LIGHTING ON ESTERO
10:29:45AM PARKWAY.
10:29:46AM AND IN ORDER -- FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE HAVE TO KEEP OUR
10:29:50AM CITIZENRY SAFE.
10:29:51AM AND SAFETY, SAFETY, AND SAFETY SHOULD BE THE MANTRA OF
10:29:55AM ESTERO.
10:29:56AM ESTERO PARKWAY, SINCE THIS IS A REMODEL, IT'S THE FIRST HUGE
10:30:03AM PROJECT FOR THE CITY, AND THE SHOWCASED PROJECT DOESN'T HAVE
10:30:10AM LIGHTING, WE'RE BETTER THAN THAT.

10:30:12AM THIS COUNCIL IS BETTER THAN THAT.
10:30:15AM ESTERO IS BETTER THAN THAT.
10:30:17AM WE MOVED INTO ESTERO.
10:30:18AM WE DIDN'T MOVE INTO THE VILLAGE OF THE BROOKS.
10:30:22AM WE MOVED INTO THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
10:30:23AM I VOTED FOR THIS AREA TO BE AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY, AND THE
10:30:29AM VILLAGE OR CITY OF ITS OWN RATHER THAN BEING UNINCORPORATED
10:30:33AM OR A PART OF BONITA.
10:30:36AM AS AN OFFICER OF THE CASCADES AND TREASURER OF THE HOA, I
10:30:39AM HAVE ENCOURAGED OTHERS IN AND OUT OF MY IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY
10:30:43AM TO VOTE LIKEWISE FOR ESTERO TO BECOME INDEPENDENT.
10:30:47AM PLEASE DON'T BE A HUGE DISAPPOINTMENT TO THOSE WHO MADE THE
10:30:52AM CITY HAPPEN.
10:30:52AM LET LIGHT UP THIS PROJECT AND GET IT DONE NOW INSTEAD OF
10:30:58AM WAITING ANOTHER FOUR YEARS.
10:31:00AM AND I FEEL YOUR PAIN, MR. RIBBLE.
10:31:02AM THANK YOU.
10:31:03AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
10:31:04AM >>The Clerk: BOB GRADY.
10:31:13AM >> MY NAME IS BOB GRADY.
10:31:15AM AND I'VE SPOKEN TO YOU BEFORE.
10:31:18AM I LIVE ON MADDELENA IN BELLE LAGO.

10:31:23AM I'M HERE WITH GEORGE FUNDICH.
10:31:26AM WE ARE BOTH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OVER THERE.
10:31:28AM MY WIFE AND I MOVED HERE TO BELLE LAGO ABOUT EIGHT TO TEN

10:31:33AM YEARS AGO.
10:31:34AM IT WAS A NICE, QUIET LITTLE STREET.
10:31:38AM THERE WERE TREES WHERE WALMART IS.
10:31:41AM THERE WERE TREES AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 41 AND ESTERO
10:31:48AM PARKWAY.
10:31:48AM NOW, WHAT I HAVE TO SAY IS BASICALLY WHETHER A COUNCILWOMAN
10:31:51AM ERRINGTON SAID.
10:31:52AM EVERYTHING SHE SAID IS RIGHT ON TARGET.
10:31:54AM IN THE EVENING, NOW THAT WE HAVE TEXAS ROADHOUSE, NOW THAT
10:32:03AM SPROUTS IS GOING UP, THE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC IS
10:32:05AM UNBELIEVABLE.
10:32:06AM IN THE EVENING, YOU'RE GOING FROM THE LIGHTS ON 41 TO THE
10:32:10AM LIGHTS ON THE OLD EISLEY PARKWAY, OR WHATEVER THEY WANT TO
10:32:18AM CALL IT UP THERE.
10:32:19AM YOU RUN INTO A BLACK HOLE.
10:32:21AM IT'S ABSOLUTELY UNBELIEVABLE.
10:32:22AM ON A RAINY NIGHT, IT IS AS DANGEROUS AS IT POSSIBLY COULD
10:32:25AM BE.
10:32:26AM IT'S AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN.
10:32:28AM I SAID THIS THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE, AND I'M SAYING IT
10:32:30AM AGAIN.
10:32:31AM IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALMOST THERE.
10:32:34AM WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS FOREVER.
10:32:36AM LET'S JUST DO IT.
10:32:38AM COME ON.

10:32:38AM VOTE.
10:32:38AM THANK YOU.
10:32:41AM >>The Clerk: JOE MICELI.
10:32:51AM >> GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, COUNCIL.
10:32:53AM I'M JOE MICELI.
10:32:56AM 20271 ROOKERY DRIVE.
10:32:58AM COUNCILWOMAN ERRINGTON, YOU HIT IT RIGHT ON THE HEAD.
10:33:02AM MOST OF YOU KNOW I TEACH NIGHT CLASSES AND I DON'T GET HOME
10:33:07AM TILL USUALLY AROUND 11 AT NIGHT.
10:33:09AM AND COMING OVER THE ESTERO BRIDGE AND HITTING THAT BLACK
10:33:14AM SPOT ON ESTERO PARKWAY IS REALLY A DANGEROUS SITUATION.
10:33:19AM SO I HAVE COMPOSED SOMETHING HERE.
10:33:23AM MR. MAYOR AND ALL COUNCIL PEOPLE, I WOULD LIKE TO SHOUT THIS
10:33:29AM FROM THE HIGHEST STEEPLE.
10:33:31AM PLEASE HEAR OUR CRY.
10:33:33AM LIGHTS ON ESTERO PARKWAY MUST BE GIVEN A TRY.
10:33:37AM SAFETY FOR ALL, PEDESTRIANS, CYCLISTS, MOTORISTS, IS THE
10:33:45AM REQUIREMENT THAT IS NOT TOO TALL.

10:33:48AM ESTERO PARKWAY, A ROAD TO BE SEEN BY DAY AND BY NIGHT, WHICH
10:33:57AM REQUIRES THOSE NIGHTTIME LIGHTS.
10:34:00AM SO, MR. MAYOR AND COUNCIL, PLEASE DO IT RIGHT AND VOTE FOR
10:34:06AM THE LIGHTS.
10:34:08AM THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
10:34:09AM AND I SUPPORT EVERY PERSON WHO HAS COME BEFORE ME.
10:34:13AM I'M SORRY, MAYOR BOESCH, I CAN'T AGREE WITH YOU ON THIS

10:34:17AM ISSUE, BUT I ALSO SUPPORT THE COMMENTS OF EVERYBODY THAT
10:34:21AM COMES AFTER ME WHO'S IN FAVOR OF IT.
10:34:23AM DID YOU WANT QUESTIONS?
10:34:26AM >>Mayor Ribble: I WANT TO COMMENT THAT YOU'RE NOT GETTING
10:34:28AM CREDIT FOR THE MINUTE 24 SECONDS YOU LEFT ON THE CLOCK.
10:34:31AM >> OH, SURE, MAYBE I COULD TALK FOR A FEW MORE SECONDS.
10:34:34AM ANYHOW, THAT'S MY FEELING ON IT.
10:34:37AM >>Howard Levitan: SOMETHING THAT RHYMES WITH ROUNABOUT?
10:34:39AM >>The Clerk: MARK GAHEN.
10:34:45AM >> HI THERE.
10:34:46AM I'M GOING TO ECHO WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE ECHOED, BUT I WANT TO
10:34:51AM GO A LITTLE BIT IN FRONT OF THAT.
10:34:53AM YOU PEOPLE HAD THE VISION FOR ESTERO PARKWAY.
10:34:57AM YOU HAD THE VISION FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY.
10:35:01AM AND ESTERO PARKWAY IS GOING TO BE THE MODEL PARKWAY, IN MY
10:35:06AM OPINION.
10:35:06AM NOW, THAT HAS INSTILLED SOME CREATIVITY AND SOME FORWARD
10:35:11AM THINKING IN THE COMMUNITY OF THE CASCADES.
10:35:13AM THEY'VE TAKEN IT TO THEIR MANTLE SAYING IF THE VILLAGE IS
10:35:17AM GOING TO DO THIS FOR US, WE'RE GOING TO DO IT FOR OURSELVES.
10:35:20AM WE'RE GOING THROUGH A BIT OF A RENAISSANCE, IF YOU WILL.
10:35:23AM THEY WANT TO REDO OUR CUL-DE-SACS, BEAUTIFY THEM.
10:35:26AM THEY LOOKED AT THE PLANS ON ESTERO PARKWAY, AND WHEN IT'S IN
10:35:31AM PROGRESS, WE WANT TO DO THE FRONT SO THAT IT MATCHES THE
10:35:34AM PARKWAY, SO THAT IT GOES TOGETHER.

10:35:36AM THAT'S THE KIND OF CREATIVITY AND POSITIVITY YOUR DECISIONS
10:35:39AM IN THIS COUNCIL, IN YOUR CHAMBER HERE, YOU'VE INSTILLED IN
10:35:45AM THE RESIDENTS.
10:35:45AM NOW, IN TALKING TO MY RESIDENTS GOING AROUND, THEY ARE
10:35:48AM SAYING, WHEN ARE WE GOING TO GET THE LIGHTS ON ESTERO
10:35:50AM PARKWAY, BECAUSE I'VE HAD TO CHANGE MY BICYCLE ROUTINE
10:35:54AM BECAUSE THE TIME CHANGED.
10:35:55AM AND WE'RE IN THE WINTER NOW.
10:35:57AM I HAVE TO CHANGE MY WALKING ROUTINE.
10:35:59AM I CAN'T GO OUT ON THE PARKWAY AFTER DARK ANYMORE.
10:36:01AM IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.
10:36:02AM THESE ARE JUST COMMON COMMENTS.
10:36:04AM SO I ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON THE LIGHTING.
10:36:07AM I THINK IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

10:36:10AM BELIEVE ME, THE RESIDENTS IN THE CASCADES THINK THE WORLD OF
10:36:13AM THEIR VILLAGE COUNCIL.
10:36:16AM DON'T DISAPPOINT THEM.
10:36:17AM IF I HAVE TO GO OUT THERE WITH FLASHLIGHTS FOR THEM, I WILL.
10:36:21AM BUT PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME DO THAT.
10:36:23AM >> ED MEHMEL.
10:36:29AM >> GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY.
10:36:30AM I'M ED MEHMEL.
10:36:32AM HOA PRESIDENT OF ROOKERY.
10:36:33AM WELL, THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL THE TIME AND EFFORT THAT YOU PUT
10:36:36AM INTO THIS, BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, THIS HAS NOT BEEN THE FIRST

10:36:39AM GO-AROUND ON THIS ISSUE.
10:36:41AM JUST ONE THOUGHT.
10:36:42AM STREETLIGHTS JUST DON'T BENEFIT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE
10:36:45AM COMMUNITIES ON THOSE STREETS.
10:36:47AM THEY BENEFIT EVERYONE WHO DRIVES ON THOSE STREETS OR RIDES A
10:36:49AM BICYCLE OR WHATEVER.
10:36:51AM SO I DO THINK THAT SAFETY AND STREETLIGHTS AND WHATNOT ARE A
10:36:56AM COMMUNITY ISSUE.
10:36:57AM THEY ARE NOT SPECIFIC TO ONE COMMUNITY OR ANOTHER.
10:37:02AM I KNOW WHEN THIS STARTED, THE PRIORITY WAS SAFETY.
10:37:05AM THAT'S WHY WE HAVE SEVEN-FOOT BIKE LANES AND WE HAVE THE
10:37:10AM WIDE SIDEWALKS AND WE HAVE ALL THE OTHER STEPS THAT WERE
10:37:12AM TAKEN TO DO THIS PROJECT RIGHT.
10:37:14AM AND AGAIN, I JUST THINK THAT THE STREETLIGHTS ARE A NEXT
10:37:18AM STEP IN DOING THE PROJECT RIGHT.
10:37:20AM THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR TIME AND EFFORT.
10:37:22AM I PROMISE, NO POETRY.
10:37:24AM >>The Clerk: BILL CARR.
10:37:36AM >> GOOD MORNING, COUNCIL.
10:37:37AM BILL CARR.
10:37:38AM I LIVE AT RIVERWOODS PLANTATION OFF OF WEST BROADWAY.
10:37:42AM I FEEL FULLY CONFIDENT TODAY THAT YOU WILL MEET THE RESOLVE,
10:37:48AM AND THAT MR. RIBBLE WILL BE THOROUGHLY HAPPY.
10:37:51AM WE DEFINITELY NEED THE LIGHTS ON BROADWAY, AND I AGREE WITH
10:37:56AM A LOT OF THE COMMENTS THAT YOU HAVE MADE.

10:37:59AM AND I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT THE COMMENTS MADE ABOUT THE
10:38:02AM PRECEDENT THAT ALL LIGHTS SHOULD BE THE SAME.
10:38:06AM WELL, SOMEDAY I HOPE TO SEE STREETLIGHTS ON WEST BROADWAY.
10:38:10AM AND I WOULD NOT EXPECT THEM TO BE LED LIGHTS.
10:38:14AM THEY COULD BE THE SOFT LIGHTS, THE THINGS OF THAT NATURE.
10:38:17AM SO I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE, THE LIGHTS SHOULD BE
10:38:20AM APPROPRIATE TO THE TYPE OF ROAD THAT'S GOING TO BE RECEIVING
10:38:23AM LIGHTS IN THE FUTURE.
10:38:24AM SO I HOPE VERY MUCH YOU VOTE POSITIVE TODAY.
10:38:29AM THANK YOU.

10:38:29AM >>The Clerk: LOU FRATTARELLI.
10:38:34AM >> GOOD MORNING, COUNCIL.
10:38:35AM LOU FRATTARELLI.
10:38:38AM I AM THE CHAIR OF THE ECCL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL.
10:38:42AM OBVIOUSLY, WE ADVOCATE FOR STREETLIGHTS IN ESTERO, AND WE
10:38:50AM ADVOCATE FOR THE STANDARD LIGHTING THAT HAS BEEN SELECTED.
10:38:55AM WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK.
10:38:59AM WE NEED TO KEEP IT UP.
10:39:00AM WE HAVE TO MAKE ESTERO PROBABLY A SHOWCASE FOR SOUTHWEST
10:39:08AM FLORIDA IN OUR ROAD, LANDSCAPING, AND LIGHTING.
10:39:12AM YOU WILL BE FACING THIS ISSUE NEAR TERM WITH DEALING WITH
10:39:20AM THE COUNTY ON CORKSCREW ROAD, THE LIGHTING ON CORKSCREW ROAD
10:39:23AM AND THE VILLAGE.
10:39:24AM THAT WILL BE PROBABLY THE NEXT ADVENTURE AS FAR AS LIGHTING
10:39:29AM GOES.

10:39:30AM AGAIN, WE ADVOCATE AND REALLY TOTALLY SUPPORT WHAT YOU'RE
10:39:35AM GOING TO DO TODAY, HOPEFULLY IN IMPROVING THIS LIGHTING.
10:39:39AM THANK YOU.
10:39:40AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, LOU.
10:39:41AM >>The Clerk: THAT'S ALL.
10:39:42AM >>Mayor Ribble: THAT'S IT.
10:39:43AM COUNCIL, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.
10:39:46AM OH, JACK, GO AHEAD.
10:39:49AM >> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
10:39:50AM FOR THE RECORD AGAIN, JACK MEEKER FROM THE BROOKS.
10:39:54AM I WEAR A COUPLE OF HATS.
10:39:56AM AND ONE OF THEM IS BEING ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
10:40:01AM DISTRICT FOR THE BROOKS.
10:40:02AM I DON'T SPEAK FOR THEM, BUT AS A MEMBER, I CAN TELL YOU, I
10:40:06AM THINK YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK.
10:40:08AM MR. MAYOR, IF YOU'VE GOT THE VOTES, I'LL KEEP QUIET RIGHT
10:40:12AM NOW.
10:40:13AM I SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.
10:40:15AM JIM, I KNOW YOUR HEART'S IN THE RIGHT PLACE.
10:40:19AM NICK, I KNOW WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM, TOO.
10:40:22AM WE NEED THE LIGHTS.
10:40:26AM WE IN THE BROOKS, WE PAY FOR THEM.
10:40:30AM THAT'S ALL I'M GOING TO SAY.
10:40:32AM WE LIKE LIVING THERE, AND I THINK THE COMMUNITY LIKES
10:40:35AM DRIVING DOWN THREE OAKS PARKWAY AND COCONUT ROAD AT NIGHT.

10:40:40AM SO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
10:40:44AM THANK YOU.
10:40:44AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, JACK.
10:40:46AM >>Jon McLain: I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO VOTE ON OPTION 1.
10:40:54AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I'LL SECOND.
10:40:55AM >>Mayor Ribble: SECONDED BY VICE-MAYOR.

10:40:56AM MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
10:41:00AM >>The Clerk: I WOULD LIKE TO READ INTO THE RECORD THE TITLE
10:41:02AM OF THE RESOLUTION THAT WE'RE ALSO ADOPTING.
10:41:04AM RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-24, A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE
10:41:08AM COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE
10:41:11AM FIRST BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AND
10:41:14AM PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
10:41:20AM >>Burt Saunders: MR. MAYOR, IF YOU WANT TO ADD THIS
10:41:22AM MOTION -- THIS RESOLUTION TO THAT MOTION, SO YOU'RE
10:41:24AM APPROVING OPTION ONE AND YOU'RE APPROVING THE RESOLUTION
10:41:26AM WITH THE BUDGET AMENDMENT.
10:41:28AM YOU CAN DO THAT IN ONE VOTE.
10:41:29AM >>Howard Levitan: AND THE CHANGE ORDERS TO ACCOMPLISH IT.
10:41:37AM >>Mayor Ribble: BURT, WOULD YOU AGREE?
10:41:39AM >>Burt Saunders: THAT'S CORRECT.
10:41:40AM >>The Clerk: IN THE AGENDA, ALL OF THAT IS IN THAT
10:41:42AM RECOMMENDED ACTION AS WELL.
10:41:43AM IT'S BEEN DOCUMENTED.
10:41:46AM >>Mayor Ribble: WE'RE READY TO CALL THE ROLL?

10:41:47AM >>The Clerk: YES.
10:41:49AM >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
10:41:51AM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
10:41:53AM >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
10:41:55AM >>Nick Batos: AYE.
10:41:55AM >>The Clerk: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON IS ABSENT.
10:41:57AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
10:41:59AM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
10:42:01AM [APPLAUSE]
10:42:07AM >>Mayor Ribble: I ALWAYS KNEW HE HAD A HEART.
10:42:10AM GOD BLESS HIM.
10:42:11AM OKAY.
10:42:13AM NEXT UP, WE ADDED TO OUR AGENDA 6F, OUR CHAIRMAN -- OUR
10:42:21AM ESTERO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
10:42:22AM STEVE.
10:42:23AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
10:42:25AM LAST YEAR, THE CHAMBER WAS UNDERGOING SOME CHANGES IN THEIR
10:42:30AM LEADERSHIP, AND THERE WAS A GENERAL CONCERN THAT WE NEEDED A
10:42:36AM STRONGER, MORE ACTIVE CHAMBER.
10:42:41AM THEY CAME TO US, TO YOU, AND INDICATED THAT THEY HAD A VERY
10:42:45AM AGGRESSIVE WORK PLAN AND ASKED FOR SOME FINANCIAL SUPPORT AS
10:42:51AM THEY TRIED TO ENERGIZE THEIR AGENDA.
10:42:54AM YOU CONTRIBUTED \$25,000 FOR SUPPORT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING
10:43:01AM THAT THEY WOULD COME BACK AND REPORT THEIR PROGRESS, AND
10:43:06AM THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THE DISCUSSION TODAY.

10:43:09AM THEY ARE ALSO ASKING FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE \$25,000 IN
10:43:13AM ANNUAL SUPPORT.

10:43:15AM THAT AMOUNT IS IN THE BUDGET.
10:43:17AM IT DOES REQUIRE COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR THAT EXPENDITURE, BUT
10:43:21AM I'D LIKE TO CALL ON THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER THAT ARE
10:43:25AM PRESENT TO COME FORWARD TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO YOU AT
10:43:29AM THIS TIME.
10:43:32AM >> HONORABLE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND STAFF, THANK YOU FOR THE
10:43:37AM PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE CHAMBER.
10:43:39AM IT HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
10:43:43AM WE HAVE CATAPULTED FORWARD IN PROGRESS FOR THINGS THAT HAVE
10:43:46AM BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS.
10:43:50AM THANKS PRIMARILY TO YOUR ENABLING US TO INCREASE OUR SUPPORT
10:43:56AM WITH IMPACT PARTNERS, THE VILLAGE LEADING THE WAY WITH YOUR
10:44:02AM \$25,000 IMPACT PARTNERSHIP FOR LAST YEAR.
10:44:06AM AND OUR GOAL WAS -- AND I'M TRYING TO FIND -- WHERE IS THE
10:44:11AM CLICKER FOR THIS THING?
10:44:12AM IS THIS IT?
10:44:13AM >>The Clerk: NO, ACTUALLY, THE MOUSE.
10:44:15AM THE MOUSE OR THE KEYBOARD.
10:44:18AM >> THERE WE GO.
10:44:19AM THE GOAL WAS \$50,000 IN IMPACT PARTNERS.
10:44:24AM VILLAGE OF ESTERO CAME IN FOR 25,000.
10:44:28AM LEE HEALTH CAME ALONG WITH 10,000.
10:44:30AM YOU SEE THE OTHER IMPACT PARTNERS LISTED THERE.

10:44:33AM WE EXCEEDED THAT GOAL SLIGHTLY FOR THE YEAR.
10:44:36AM AND THE MAIN THING THAT IT ALLOWED US TO DO WAS BRING ON
10:44:40AM STAFF.
10:44:40AM OUR CHAMBER HAS ALWAYS BEEN RUN BY VOLUNTEERS.
10:44:42AM AND WE CAN'T BUILD THE KIND OF CHAMBER WE NEED WITHOUT
10:44:47AM FULL-TIME LEADERSHIP.
10:44:48AM AND WE HAVE BROUGHT ON THIS LOVELY YOUNG LADY AS OUR
10:44:53AM PRESIDENT AND CEO.
10:44:55AM I CANNOT SAY ENOUGH GOOD ABOUT SARAH NEWCOMB AND THE JOB SHE
10:45:01AM HAS DONE.
10:45:01AM I NEED TO BACK UP.
10:45:02AM I NEED TO START WITH, I AM NOLEN ROLLINS, ARE THE OF ROOKERY
10:45:08AM POINT.
10:45:08AM THANK YOU FOR THE LIGHTS ON ESTERO PARKWAY.
10:45:10AM 9641 RAVEN COURT.
10:45:12AM I WANT TO INTRODUCE TO YOU NOW SARAH NEWCOMB AND ALSO
10:45:17AM DR. GARY BONVILLIAN THAT WILL GIVE THE REPORT OF THE
10:45:25AM PROGRESS DONE THIS YEAR.
10:45:26AM >>Sarah Newcomb: GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU.
10:45:27AM I'M GOING TO SAVE THIS RECORDING SO I ALWAYS HAVE THAT HE
10:45:32AM SAID THAT.
10:45:33AM BECAUSE OF YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THIS PAST YEAR, WE'VE BEEN
10:45:36AM ABLE TO BRING ON 62 NEW MEMBERS, AND THAT'S OVER \$18,000 OF
10:45:40AM INCOME, WAY ABOVE THE AVERAGE NEW MEMBERS FOR CHAMBERS.

10:45:46AM WE BELIEVE THAT PARTNERSHIPS ARE A HUGE REASON THAT WE'VE
10:45:50AM BEEN SUCCESSFUL.
10:45:51AM SOME OF THE PARTNERS ARE SHOWN ON THIS SLIDE.
10:45:55AM ONE OF THE BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR IS THE
10:45:57AM SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ALLIANCE OF CHAMBERS.
10:46:00AM SO WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO PARTNER WITH THE REST OF THE
10:46:03AM CHAMBERS TO WORK ON COMMUNITY ISSUES SUCH AS WATER QUALITY,
10:46:07AM BUT IT'S A WAY FOR ALL THE CHAMBERS TO COME TOGETHER AND
10:46:09AM WORK ON BIG ISSUES.
10:46:11AM SO ON DECEMBER 4th, THEY WILL BE VOTING TO HAVE US ON,
10:46:16AM FINALLY, FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER.
10:46:18AM BUT SOME OF THE OTHER PARTNERSHIPS WE HAVE HERE, ECCL, WE'VE
10:46:22AM BEEN ABLE TO BUILD THAT BOND THIS YEAR, AND JUNIOR
10:46:24AM ACHIEVEMENT WITH THEIR 258 GRADUATE PROGRAM.
10:46:28AM WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED QUITE A FEW THINGS, SO I PUT THIS OVER A
10:46:33AM FEW DIFFERENT SLIDES.
10:46:35AM NEW BOARD MEMBERS, WE BROUGHT ON ALEX GREENWOOD, THE VP OF
10:46:39AM LEE HEALTH RIGHT HERE AT COCONUT POINT.
10:46:42AM SUSAN EVANS, CHIEF OF STAFF AT FGCU.
10:46:45AM AND THEN TOMORROW, AT OUR BOARD MEETING, WE WILL BE VOTING
10:46:48AM ON JIM MENDOLERA, COMMISSIONER OF ESTERO FIRE RESCUE AND
10:46:53AM BONNIE OLSON FROM INTERFAITH CHARITIES.
10:46:55AM WE REWROTE THE BYLAWS AFTER 20 YEARS, WHICH WAS A HUGE JOB,
10:46:59AM BUT A BIG ACCOMPLISHMENT.
10:47:01AM WE ESTABLISHED A NEW CRN TOOL, WHICH IS CHAMBER MASTER.
10:47:05AM IT IS THE SAME CRN TOOL THAT MOST CHAMBERS AROUND THE AREA
10:47:09AM USED.
10:47:09AM WE DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED A NEW WEBSITE WITH A LOG-IN, SO
10:47:12AM IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY CHECKED IT OUT, PLEASE DO SO.
10:47:15AM IT'S VERY USER FRIENDLY.
10:47:18AM WE ARE NOW AVERAGING ABOUT 27 ATTENDEES PER EVENT.
10:47:22AM WE HAVE FOUR EVENTS PER MONTH, SO WE ARE AVERAGING 27 PER
10:47:27AM EVENT.
10:47:28AM WE'VE INCREASED OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING 126% JUST ON OUR
10:47:32AM INSTAGRAM.
10:47:34AM WE HELD OUR FIRST NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND WILL CONTINUE
10:47:38AM TO HOLD TWO EVERY YEAR FROM NOW ON.
10:47:41AM ROLLED OUT OUR VERY FIRST BROCHURE, AND CREATED OUR FIRST
10:47:45AM ESTERO MAP FEATURING LOCAL BUSINESSES, PARKS, SCHOOLS, AND
10:47:50AM COMMUNITIES, WHICH WE PARTNERED WITH THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO
10:47:52AM ON.
10:47:52AM OUR GOALS FOR 2020 INCLUDE ADDING AT LEAST 75 NEW MEMBERS,
10:47:56AM RETAINING OUR CURRENT MEMBERS, WHICH RIGHT NOW WE'RE AT 81%
10:48:03AM RETENTION RATE AND ACCORDING TO THE U.S. CHAMBER, 85 IS THE
10:48:07AM AVERAGE.
10:48:07AM SO WE'RE RIGHT THERE ALONG WITH THE OTHER CHAMBERS.

10:48:10AM BUT MICHAEL IS TO GET OUT THERE THIS YEAR, NOW THAT WE'VE
10:48:13AM LAID THE FOUNDATIONAL WORK, GET OUT THERE IN 2020 AND REALLY
10:48:17AM MEET WITH THESE BUSINESSES AND FIND OUT WHAT THEIR NEEDS
10:48:20AM ARE.
10:48:21AM WE WANT TO INCREASE OUR IMPACT PARTNER COMMITMENTS BY ABOUT

10:48:24AM 15,000.
10:48:25AM I PROVIDED FINANCIALS FOR EACH OF YOU IN YOUR PACKETS.
10:48:28AM THE REASON I SHOWED 2018 IS BECAUSE WE WANTED TO SHOW WHERE
10:48:31AM WE STOOD IN 2018 PRIOR TO ME COMING ON AND PRIOR TO YOUR
10:48:36AM PARTNERSHIP, ALONG WITH THE OTHER PARTNERS THAT WE HAVE.
10:48:39AM SO IF YOU LOOK AT THE 2018 AND THEN COMPARE THAT TO THE
10:48:42AM 2019, YOU'LL SEE A LOT OF GROWTH THERE.
10:48:45AM AND A BETTER OVERALL END-OF-YEAR NUMBER.
10:48:52AM OUR 2020 PROJECTION IS GOING TO HAVE A HIGHER NEW MEMBER
10:48:55AM INCOME, HIGHER SPONSORSHIPS, SO THE TOTAL INCOME IS HIGHER.
10:49:00AM SO WE'RE LOOKING TO BE IN A MUCH BETTER PLACE NEXT YEAR WITH
10:49:03AM THE INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP AND THE INCREASE IN SPONSORSHIP
10:49:08AM AND RETENTION.
10:49:09AM THE OTHER HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT WE HAD THIS YEAR, WHICH A LOT
10:49:14AM OF YOU KNEW ABOUT LAST YEAR, WAS PUTTING TOGETHER ESTERO
10:49:18AM COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM.
10:49:21AM SO I WOULD LOVE TO INTRODUCE DR. GARY BONVILLIAN SO HE CAN
10:49:26AM TALK A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THAT.
10:49:28AM >>Gary Bonvillian: THANK YOU ALL.
10:49:29AM LET ME SAY ON A PERSONAL NOTE, TOO, I'VE BEEN IN THE AREA
10:49:32AM SINCE 1996 WHEN MANY OF THESE ROADS WERE DIRT AND THERE
10:49:37AM WEREN'T LIGHTS EITHER.
10:49:39AM I THINK YOU DO AN EXTRAORDINARY JOB.
10:49:41AM I LOVE BRAGGING ABOUT ESTERO NOW.
10:49:43AM I'M NOT JUST SAYING IT'S A PLACE I LIVE, BUT BRAGGING ABOUT

10:49:46AM IT AND BEING PART OF THE GROWTH AND MOVEMENT YOU HAVE GOING.
10:49:51AM SO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE CITIZENS WHO DON'T SAY
10:49:54AM THAT ENOUGH TO YOU.
10:49:55AM I WANT TO NOT GO INTO A LOT OF DETAIL ON THE ACTUAL
10:50:00AM PRIORITIES BECAUSE I KNOW YOU HAVE THEM IN ADVANCE.
10:50:03AM AND RATHER FOCUS ON, HOW DID WE ARRIVE AT THIS AND WHAT'S
10:50:07AM GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT?
10:50:07AM THE FIRST FEW MONTHS IS REALLY DEDICATED TO SORTING OUT
10:50:13AM WHERE SHOULD WE BE PLACING OUR ENERGIES IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC
10:50:17AM DEVELOPMENT?
10:50:18AM AND RECOGNIZING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAS MANY, MANY
10:50:25AM TENTACLES TO IT AND WHAT IS IT THAT A CITIZEN GROUP CAN
10:50:28AM ACTUALLY DO?
10:50:28AM SO WE ACTUALLY TALKED TO A LOT OF PEOPLE.
10:50:31AM IN FACT, A NUMBER OF YOU THAT ARE HERE TODAY.
10:50:34AM A KEY PLAYER, OF COURSE, IS MR. SARKOZY WHO ACTUALLY SITS ON

10:50:37AM OUR TASK TEAM AS WELL.
10:50:39AM WE DIDN'T SET OURSELVES UP AS A COMMITTEE.
10:50:41AM WE SET OURSELVES UP AS A TASK TEAM SO THAT WE ACTUALLY GET
10:50:44AM THINGS DONE.
10:50:45AM WE WILL HAVE MILESTONES.
10:50:46AM WE WILL HAVE TIME FRAMES ON WHAT WE WANT TO GET DONE.
10:50:49AM ONE OF THOSE MAJOR MILESTONES HAS JUST OCCURRED, AND THAT IS
10:50:53AM TO SETTLE ON, WE ARE GOING TO FOCUS ON QUALITY-OF-LIFE
10:50:57AM ISSUES.

10:50:58AM MANY SAID THAT WOULD BE A BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY,
10:51:01AM PARTICULARLY IN SARKOZY WELCOMED THAT FOCUS OF OUR AREA,
10:51:05AM NUMBER ONE.
10:51:06AM NUMBER TWO, HOW WILL WE EXECUTE?
10:51:09AM WHAT WE'VE DONE IS WE'VE FORMED TASK TEAMS, SO WE HAVE AN
10:51:14AM INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNED TO EACH OF THESE AREAS OF PRIORITIES,
10:51:17AM AND THEY WILL BE THE VOICE FOR THAT PRIORITY.
10:51:20AM THEY WILL TAKE OWNERSHIP, AND THEY WILL GUIDE THE REST OF US
10:51:23AM ON HOW WE MIGHT PROGRESS.
10:51:25AM WE HAVE INTERVIEWED MANY PEOPLE THROUGH THE PROCESS TO GET
10:51:28AM US TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY.
10:51:29AM THE REAL WORK NOW BEGINS, AND IT ACTUALLY STARTED AS OF
10:51:35AM YESTERDAY, BECAUSE MR. ROLLINS, MY CO-CHAIR ON THIS
10:51:38AM COMMITTEE, ACTUALLY SHOWED US A MODEL ON HOW HE'S ALREADY
10:51:41AM STARTED HIS WORK ON THE ARTS, AND IT'S A MODEL THAT WE CAN
10:51:45AM ALL REPLICATE IN OUR RESPECTIVE AREAS.
10:51:47AM SO WHAT I WANTED TO REALLY SHARE WITH YOU IS THIS: WE WANT
10:51:50AM TO GET THINGS DONE FOR YOU.
10:51:53AM WE WANT TO COLLABORATE WITH ALL OF THE MAJOR ENTITIES HERE,
10:51:55AM CERTAINLY THE COUNCIL, THE VILLAGE ITSELF IS ONE OF THOSE
10:52:00AM ENTITIES, THE CHAMBER OBVIOUSLY.
10:52:01AM WE ARE AN ELEMENT OF THE CHAMBER.
10:52:03AM THE UNIVERSITY, ECCL, ALL OF OUR OUTREACH WILL BE OF A
10:52:09AM COLLABORATIVE NATURE.
10:52:11AM WHERE DO WE FIT IN?

10:52:12AM FINALLY, LET ME SAY THIS.
10:52:14AM WE WELCOME THE FEEDBACK, MEANING -- AND I ASKED MR. WILSON
10:52:21AM -- MR. WILSON IS ALSO ON OUR GROUP.
10:52:23AM AND ONE OF HIS TASKS -- AND I KNOW HE'LL DO IT BECAUSE HE
10:52:27AM QUICKLY EMBRACED IT.
10:52:30AM JIM, TELL US IF, IN FACT, WE SHOULDN'T BE GOING DOWN THAT
10:52:34AM PATH, THAT THIS IS ALREADY BEING COVERED WELL BY THE VILLAGE
10:52:36AM OR SOME OTHER ENTITY, AND WHY ARE WE INVESTING TIME AND
10:52:39AM ENERGY IN THIS.
10:52:40AM KEEP US FOCUSED WHEREVER YOU FEEL THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN.
10:52:43AM IF YOU LOOK AT OUR LIST OF PRIORITIES, THIS WILL GO ON FOR
10:52:45AM DECADES.

10:52:46AM THAT'S THE WAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKS, AND THAT'S HOW
10:52:49AM COMMUNITIES GROW.
10:52:49AM YOU KNOW THAT BETTER THAN MOST, GIVEN THE ROLES THAT YOU
10:52:52AM HAVE.
10:52:52AM SO KEEP US MORE FOCUSED WHERE YOU SEE IT'S APPROPRIATE.
10:52:55AM OTHERWISE, WE WILL CONTINUE ON.
10:52:57AM WE'LL KEEP YOU WELL INFORMED OF WHAT WE'RE DOING, AND WE
10:53:00AM PROMISE TO MAKE PROGRESS IN EACH OF THE PRIORITY AREAS.
10:53:04AM SO THAT'S THE STRATEGY THAT WE ARE EXECUTING NOW.
10:53:06AM AND THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF OUR ENTIRE TEAM THAT'S WORKING ON
10:53:10AM THIS, WHICH, BY THE WAY, IS AN IMPRESSIVE GROUP OF PEOPLE
10:53:14AM GIVEN THEIR BACKGROUND AND EXPERTISE IN THESE SPECIFIC
10:53:16AM AREAS.

10:53:20AM >> WE BELIEVE WHAT WE HAVE FOCUSED ON THIS PAST YEAR IS
10:53:28AM GETTING GREAT LEADERS IN PLACE FOR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES OF
10:53:30AM THE CHAMBER.
10:53:30AM DR. BONVILLIAN HAS GIVEN GREAT LEADERSHIP TAKING ON
10:53:38AM DEVELOPMENT.
10:53:38AM SARAH, GREAT LEADERSHIP TO THE CHAMBER AT LARGE.
10:53:41AM YOU SAW THE QUALITY OF THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS WHO ARE HIGHLY
10:53:43AM PROFESSIONAL ADDITIONS TO OUR BOARD AND WE HAVE A GREAT TEAM
10:53:47AM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
10:53:49AM WE'RE TRYING TO GET THOSE LEADERS IN PLACE SO THAT WE CAN
10:53:51AM MOVE FORWARD TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE NEED TO ACCOMPLISH TO
10:53:54AM HELP THE VILLAGE ACCOMPLISH ITS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
10:53:57AM SO I'LL BE HAPPY TO ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS.
10:54:00AM >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCIL, QUESTIONS?
10:54:02AM COMMENTS?
10:54:06AM >>Howard Levitan: I'D LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT.
10:54:08AM I'M NOT ONE TO NORMALLY SUPPORT GIVING TAX DOLLARS TO
10:54:15AM PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.
10:54:18AM HOWEVER, IN A LOT OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY,
10:54:22AM NGOS, NONPROFITS DO WONDERFUL WORK IN THE COMMUNITY.
10:54:26AM HOWEVER, THIS IS, I THINK, A UNIQUE SITUATION.
10:54:31AM THE CHAMBER CREATES WITH US A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO
10:54:38AM ENHANCE OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.
10:54:40AM AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE STAFF TO DO
10:54:44AM OURSELVES.

10:54:45AM AND I THINK PARTNERING UP WITH THE CHAMBER TO DO THIS IS
10:54:49AM JUST THE EXACT THING WE SHOULD BE DOING, AND IT'S THE EXACT
10:54:54AM PURPOSE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CREATE INCENTIVES THAT
10:54:59AM ENHANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ESTERO, NOT IN BONITA, NOT
10:55:04AM IN THE COUNTY, BUT IN ESTERO.
10:55:06AM SO I AM REALLY -- SO I REALLY SUPPORT THIS, AND I AM AMAZED
10:55:12AM AT THE GROWTH YOU'VE ALREADY HAD IN ONE SHORT YEAR, THAT YOU
10:55:17AM COULD LEVERAGE OUR MONEY FROM LAST YEAR SO MUCH, AND I LOOK

10:55:22AM FORWARD TO A LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU FOLKS.
10:55:26AM >> THANK YOU, HOWARD.
10:55:26AM WE DIDN'T MENTION, OVER 50 NEW BUSINESSES HAVE OPENED SHOP
10:55:32AM IN ESTERO THIS YEAR SO FAR.
10:55:35AM >>Mayor Ribble: JIM?
10:55:37AM >>Jim Boesch: I WOULD LIKE TO TALK IN SUPPORT OF THIS HERE.
10:55:43AM MOST IMPORTANT THAT IN ALL OF MY GOVERNMENT BACKGROUND,
10:55:47AM ESPECIALLY WITH MUNICIPALITIES, THE CHAMBER IS ONE PILLAR OF
10:55:55AM THE ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF THE TOWN.
10:55:57AM IF YOU DON'T HAVE GROWTH, NOT JUST IN RESIDENTS, BUT IN
10:56:03AM BUSINESSES, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO SURVIVE IN TERMS OF A
10:56:09AM VIABLE MUNICIPALITY AND IN A POSITION WHERE THERE'S GREAT
10:56:16AM SUPPORT GROWTH IN A TOWN.
10:56:18AM THE CHAMBER IS WHERE MANY, MANY BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS
10:56:28AM GET TOGETHER AND TALK ABOUT THIS, GET EXCELLENT INPUT ABOUT
10:56:31AM WHAT'S NECESSARY FOR GROWTH IN THE TOWN.
10:56:34AM I AM SO PROUD OF THE EFFORTS THAT YOU'VE MADE THIS PAST

10:56:41AM YEAR.
10:56:41AM I AM SO ENTHUSED ABOUT WHERE THIS WHOLE THING IS GOING TO
10:56:48AM EXPAND AND BE SUCH A BENEFIT TO OUR TOWN.
10:56:52AM SO I'M TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING THIS EFFORT, WE'RE
10:57:01AM PARTNERS, BASICALLY.
10:57:02AM WE'RE NOT SEPARATE ENTITIES, IN MY OPINION.
10:57:06AM >> THANK YOU, MR. BOESCH.
10:57:07AM >>Mayor Ribble: NICK.
10:57:08AM >>Nick Batos: I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF US REMEMBER TEN YEARS
10:57:12AM AGO, 15 YEARS AGO AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WHAT HE HAD AT
10:57:18AM THAT TIME.
10:57:19AM I BELIEVE HOWARD WAS VERY INVOLVED WITH MYSELF AND OTHERS,
10:57:23AM AND SEEING A CONFRONTATIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHAMBER
10:57:29AM AND OTHER GROUPS IN ESTERO, THIS IS SUCH A WELCOME CHANGE.
10:57:39AM IT'S TAKEN US FROM BEING A BACKWARDS-LOOKING GROUP TO A
10:57:46AM FORWARD-LOOKING GROUP, A GROUP THAT IS LOOKING TO THE
10:57:51AM BETTERMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
10:57:52AM THE BETTERMENT OF THE BUSINESSES AND THE PEOPLE IN ESTERO,
10:57:57AM AND IT IS SUCH A WELCOME THING, AND I REALLY, REALLY APPLAUD
10:58:00AM YOU ON WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND I'M HAPPY TO BE A SMALL PART OF
10:58:05AM IT WITH THIS GROUP.
10:58:06AM >> THANK YOU, MR. BATOS.
10:58:07AM >>Mayor Ribble: KATY.
10:58:08AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I AM TOTALLY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT I
10:58:11AM HAVE BEEN SEEING AND HEARING.

10:58:13AM IF I COULD MAKE ONE COMMENT, MAYBE MORE ACTIVITIES COULD
10:58:20AM COME THROUGH WEB ANNOUNCEMENTS OR INTERNET -- NOT WEB, BUT
10:58:24AM INTERNET ANNOUNCEMENTS IN COMPETITION WITH OUR NEIGHBOR NEXT
10:58:29AM DOOR.

10:58:30AM IF THAT COULD BE INCREASED, I THINK THAT WOULD BE TOTALLY
10:58:34AM BENEFICIAL.
10:58:35AM BUT I REALLY LIKE WHAT YOU ARE DOING.
10:58:40AM IT'S NONPOLITICAL, AND THAT'S SUPER.
10:58:44AM AND WE ARE GROWING.
10:58:48AM HOPEFULLY YOU'RE ADDING MORE BUSINESSES FROM THE NORTH END
10:58:51AM OF ESTERO NOW.
10:58:54AM I JUST APPLAUD YOU ON WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING.
10:59:00AM I'M PROUD OF THE FACT THAT YOU ARE GROWING.
10:59:04AM AND IT'S AMAZING.
10:59:05AM WHEN YOU CAME TO US LAST YEAR, WHAT IT WAS, AND NOW WHAT IT
10:59:08AM IS.
10:59:08AM AND THEN NEXT YEAR WHAT IT WILL BE.
10:59:11AM THAT'S EXCITING.
10:59:12AM KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
10:59:14AM >> THANK YOU.
10:59:15AM AND WE ARE WORKING DILIGENTLY ON THE SOCIAL MEDIA WEB
10:59:20AM PRESENCE.
10:59:21AM YOU'RE GOING TO BE PLEASED WHEN THE NEW WEBSITE AND
10:59:24AM EVERYTHING IS ROLLED OUT.
10:59:26AM IT'S BEEN TOTALLY CHANGED.

10:59:29AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: GOOD.
10:59:29AM >>Mayor Ribble: I WANTED TO COMMENT, I HAD A CHANCE TO MEET
10:59:31AM WITH SARAH FOR AN HOUR ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO TO GO THROUGH THE
10:59:35AM BUSINESS PLAN AND THE NUMBERS.
10:59:36AM AND YOU CERTAINLY ARE ON THE RIGHT ROAD.
10:59:39AM YOU FOLKS HAVE GONE FROM A WELCOME WAGON TO A BUSINESS.
10:59:42AM IT USED TO BE WE WENT AROUND, GAVE OUT GIFT BASKETS, CUT A
10:59:46AM RIBBON, AND THAT WAS THE END OF IT.
10:59:48AM NOW YOU ARE ACTUALLY ENHANCING BUSINESS.
10:59:50AM I WAS SORRY TO SEE MY FAVORITE PERSONALIZED COFFEE GUY GOING
10:59:55AM OUT OF BUSINESS.
10:59:56AM HE BROKE MY HEART WHEN I READ THAT YESTERDAY.
11:00:00AM I'M SURE SOMEBODY ELSE WILL BE GOING IN THERE AND MAYBE EVEN
11:00:02AM DOING A BETTER JOB.
11:00:04AM CONGRATULATIONS FOR A GREAT YEAR.
11:00:05AM OKAY.
11:00:07AM I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.
11:00:08AM IT'S NOT A WORKSHOP.
11:00:13AM WE MOVED IT ON THE AGENDA TO 6F.
11:00:17AM >> ON THE MOTION, COULD YOU ADD THAT THIS EXPENDITURE MEETS
11:00:19AM A PUBLIC PURPOSE?
11:00:20AM YOU'VE DONE THAT BEFORE.
11:00:22AM JUST FOR THE RECORD.
11:00:26AM >>Howard Levitan: I'LL INCLUDE THAT IN WHATEVER MOTION WE
11:00:28AM MAKE.

11:00:28AM >>Mayor Ribble: WE'RE MAKING A MOTION TO RENEW THE
11:00:30AM \$25,000 SPONSORSHIP OF THE CHAMBER.
11:00:34AM >>Howard Levitan: WHICH INCLUDES A PUBLIC PURPOSE.
11:00:39AM >>Mayor Ribble: YOU GOT THAT?
11:00:40AM >>The Clerk: WE DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK BUT
11:00:43AM MAYBE WE WANT TO ASK IF THERE'S ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE.
11:00:45AM >>Mayor Ribble: I APOLOGIZE.
11:00:46AM DID ANYBODY FROM THE PUBLIC WANT TO SPEAK?
11:00:47AM OKAY.
11:00:51AM JON, YOU SECONDED IT.
11:00:57AM >>The Clerk: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON IS ABSENT.
11:01:01AM >>Nick Batos: I'M VERY HAPPY TO CAST THE FIRST YES.
11:01:05AM >>Jim Boesch: YES.
11:01:07AM >>Jon McLain: YES.
11:01:09AM >>Howard Levitan: YES.
11:01:10AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YES.
11:01:11AM >>Mayor Ribble: YES.
11:01:12AM >> THANK YOU SO MUCH.
11:01:15AM >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.
11:01:16AM DO WE NEED TO TAKE A BREAK OR KEEP GOING?
11:01:19AM >> I DON'T.
11:01:20AM [LAUGHTER]
11:01:22AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
11:01:23AM HOW ABOUT ANYBODY SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC?
11:01:29AM >>The Clerk: NO.

11:01:29AM >>Mayor Ribble: SO MOVING RIGHT ALONG, MR. BATOS, COUNCIL
11:01:33AM COMMENTS.
11:01:34AM >>Nick Batos: I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY LAST WEEK TO ATTEND A
11:01:39AM MEETING OF A GROUP TRYING TO INFORM THE RESIDENTS OF LEE
11:01:46AM COUNTY ABOUT SOMETHING CALLED A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR THE
11:01:50AM CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER.
11:01:51AM IT'S AN INTERESTING CONCEPT.
11:01:54AM IT WAS FIRST STARTED UP IN I BELIEVE ILLINOIS, WHERE THEY
11:01:59AM PASSED THIS BILL OF RIGHTS FOR LAKE ERIE.
11:02:03AM I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH REAL
11:02:09AM PRACTICAL IMPACT IT HAS IMMEDIATELY, BUT I THINK THAT IT
11:02:17AM SETS A TONE FOR WHAT WE WANT TO DO IN PROTECTING OUR
11:02:22AM WATERWAY, THE CALOOSAHATCHEE AND ESTERO RIVER.
11:02:26AM I WOULD ASK IF THERE'S ANY PROBLEM OF ASKING TO HAVE A
11:02:30AM WORKSHOP SET UP FOR THESE PEOPLE TO COME IN AND EXPLAIN TO
11:02:33AM THE COUNCIL WHAT IT IS AND TO GIVE IT A BETTER CHANCE FOR
11:02:37AM PUBLIC EXPOSURE.
11:02:40AM I WOULD ASK IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION OF THE COUNCIL TO ASK
11:02:44AM THE CITY MANAGER TO PUT IT ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE
11:02:48AM MEETING.
11:02:51AM >>Mayor Ribble: SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.
11:02:53AM >>Nick Batos: I'LL GET YOU THE INFORMATION.

11:02:57AM >>Mayor Ribble: JIM?
11:02:58AM >>Jim Boesch: I HAVE NOTHING.
11:03:00AM >>Mayor Ribble: KATY?

11:03:01AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YES, I HAVE SEVERAL THINGS.
11:03:02AM FIRST OFF, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT THE
11:03:05AM LANDSCAPING ON 41.
11:03:07AM IT HAD ITS UPS AND DOWNS AND NOW IT'S LOOKING PRETTY GOOD.
11:03:12AM I THINK THAT PEOPLE, THE RESIDENTS WILL BE PLEASED ONCE IT'S
11:03:17AM IN.
11:03:17AM MULCH IS PUT DOWN, BUT IT'S PLEASANT TO SEE.
11:03:24AM I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY LAST WEEK TO ATTEND THE SOUTH FLORIDA
11:03:27AM WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING OVER AT FGCU, AND IT WAS
11:03:31AM INTERESTING.
11:03:33AM I WELCOMED ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, WE HAD A
11:03:39AM COMMENT, I DIDN'T KNOW I WAS GOING TO SAY ANYTHING UNTIL I
11:03:41AM WAS ASKED.
11:03:42AM I GOT AT THE DOOR AND SAID, WELL, WHY NOT?
11:03:45AM I WELCOMED ON BEHALF OF FG -- AT FGCU ON BEHALF OF THE
11:03:51AM VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
11:03:52AM NICK WAS THERE ALSO.
11:03:53AM I REMEMBER WHAT THEY SAID, THE DISTRICT REPRESENTS 8.7
11:04:02AM MILLION PEOPLE.
11:04:03AM THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT THAT ONE PARTICULAR DISTRICT
11:04:08AM REPRESENTS.
11:04:09AM ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION IS THEY TOLD US
11:04:12AM THAT OVER 500 TONS OF PHOSPHORUS ENTER LAKE O. ANNUALLY
11:04:19AM COMING FROM THE NORTH.
11:04:20AM SO THAT WAS INTERESTING.

11:04:21AM THE OTHER THING, IT WAS BROUGHT UP SOMEWHERE IN THE MEETING,
11:04:26AM AND I NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO THE PERSON WHO BROUGHT
11:04:29AM IT UP BECAUSE THEY BROKE FOR LUNCH AND SHE KIND OF
11:04:31AM DISAPPEARED.
11:04:32AM SAID THERE WAS A BIG CYPRESS MEETING TAKING PLACE WITH
11:04:36AM BONITA SPRINGS, ESTERO, AND RAY RODRIGUES.
11:04:40AM STEVE, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT, BUT SHE
11:04:43AM WAS TALKING ABOUT IT AND I NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO TALK WITH
11:04:48AM HER SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON.
11:04:50AM I'LL JUST THROW THAT OUT TO YOU.
11:04:55AM THEN I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE MPO EXECUTIVE
11:05:00AM COMMITTEE MEETING, AND THE MAYOR WAS SOMEPLACE ELSE.
11:05:04AM YOU HAD ANOTHER MEETING YOU HAD TO ATTEND.
11:05:06AM >>Mayor Ribble: FLORIDA LEAGUE.
11:05:08AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: FLORIDA LEAGUE.
11:05:09AM AND THAT WAS VERY INTERESTING.
11:05:11AM MOST OF THE TOPICS WILL BE BROUGHT UP THIS COMING FRIDAY.
11:05:14AM AND WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MILLIONS AND HUNDREDS OF

11:05:17AM MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN FUTURE PLANS WAY DOWN THE ROAD, THERE
11:05:21AM WERE SO FEW OF US THERE BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE COMMITTEE
11:05:25AM MEETING, I DID ASK A QUESTION.
11:05:29AM I SAID I KNOW THIS IS VERY SMALL IN THE REALM OF EVERYTHING
11:05:34AM ELSE THAT'S GOING ON, BUT I SAID THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF
11:05:37AM ESTERO, WE HAVE LANES THAT NEED SOME STRIPING AND BECAUSE AT
11:05:42AM NIGHT, IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO SEE BECAUSE OF THE WHITE PAINT

11:05:48AM HAS BEEN DRIVEN OVER SO MUCH, IT'S BECOMING A DRIVING HAZARD
11:05:53AM FOR PEOPLE TO SEE.
11:05:55AM IT'S SAFETY.
11:05:55AM I HAVE TO GIVE BRIAN HAMMOND CREDIT.
11:05:59AM HE SAID TO ME, HE SAID, "YOU LET ME KNOW WHERE IT IS AND
11:06:03AM I'LL HAVE A CREW COME OUT AND SEE THAT WE PAINT IT."
11:06:06AM I SAID, "WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH."
11:06:08AM I APPRECIATED THAT VERY, VERY MUCH SO.
11:06:10AM THE OTHER THING THAT CAME UP WAS THAT THE ELECTIONS FOR THE
11:06:14AM MPO OFFICERS, I REMEMBER WHEN WE BECAME A VILLAGE, AND WE
11:06:19AM WERE NOT TAKEN INTO THE MPO FOR OVER A YEAR, AND NOW WE WERE
11:06:23AM AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST.
11:06:25AM WELL, THE LIST IS BACK UP AT THE TOP NOW, AND BONITA SPRINGS
11:06:29AM WILL BE UP FOR THE CHAIR OF THE MPO AND SECOND IS ESTERO.
11:06:35AM SO BE ON YOUR GUARD AT THE MEETING FRIDAY.
11:06:40AM SO THE OTHER THING IS -- I WANT TO BRING UP, THIS IS
11:06:45AM SOMETHING THAT I HAVE MANY, MANY PEOPLE HAVE ASKED ME ABOUT
11:06:48AM AND THE TIME HAS COME.
11:06:49AM I JUST NEED TO BRING IT UP.
11:06:51AM WHEN DISTRICT 4 WAS COMPRISED MANY YEARS AGO, ALL SEVEN
11:07:01AM DISTRICTS IN ESTERO, DISTRICT 4, MY DISTRICT, GOT DIVIDED
11:07:05AM DOWN THE MIDDLE OF BRECKENRIDGE DRIVE.
11:07:07AM BRECKENRIDGE IS IN HALF, ONE HALF IS IN DISTRICT ONE, WHICH
11:07:12AM IS BILL'S DISTRICT, THE MAYOR'S DISTRICT.
11:07:14AM THE OTHER HALF IS IN MY DISTRICT.

11:07:15AM WHEN I WAS RUNNING FOR OFFICE, I WAS DISQUALIFIED FOR 48
11:07:19AM HOURS BECAUSE SOMEONE THOUGHT I LIVED ON THE WRONG SIDE OF
11:07:22AM THE STREET.
11:07:23AM BUT PEOPLE ARE WANTING AND HAVE HAD SO MANY REQUESTS THAT
11:07:30AM BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER ELECTION HERE DOWN THE
11:07:33AM ROAD SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE, THAT DISTRICT ONE, THE PEOPLE
11:07:38AM WHO ARE IN DISTRICT ONE JUST BE MOVED OVER INTO DISTRICT
11:07:41AM FOUR, BECAUSE A LOT OF THINGS HAVE CHANGED IN ESTERO SINCE
11:07:45AM THEN.
11:07:48AM >>Mayor Ribble: GOT A LOT OF CALLS, THEY WANT TO COME OVER
11:07:51AM THE OTHER WAY.
11:07:52AM [LAUGHTER]
11:07:52AM OH, MY GOSH.
11:07:55AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YEAH, YEAH.

11:07:56AM I HEAR YA!
11:07:58AM I HEAR YA!
11:08:01AM >>Howard Levitan: AND THE RIVERWOODS GUYS, TOO.
11:08:06AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: IN BRECKENRIDGE, WHAT HAS HAPPENED
11:08:09AM OVER THE YEARS, MANY, MANY YEARS, EVERYBODY ON ONE SIDE, ON
11:08:12AM MY SIDE HAVE LIVED -- THEY MOVE INTO BRECKENRIDGE AND THEY
11:08:16AM MOVE INTO CONDOS, OKAY, WITH THE ANTICIPATION OF WHETHER
11:08:19AM THEY ARE GOING TO STAY THERE, MOVE SOMEPLACE ELSE, OR MOVE
11:08:22AM ACROSS THE STREET INTO HOUSES, AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE FACING.
11:08:26AM YOU HAVE TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND.
11:08:28AM SO IF I MOVED ACROSS THE STREET, I WOULD BE IN BILL'S

11:08:32AM DISTRICT.
11:08:33AM SO I'M ASKING THAT WE GIVE THIS CONSIDERATION, BECAUSE WE'VE
11:08:39AM ADDED A LOT OF NEW HOUSING.
11:08:44AM WOULD IT BE TIDE WATER?
11:08:46AM >>Mayor Ribble: I CONSIDERED IT.
11:08:51AM >>Howard Levitan: THE CHARTER DOES PROVIDE THAT AFTER THE
11:08:52AM CENSUS, WE ARE REQUIRED TO LOOK AT THE REDISTRICTING AGAIN.
11:08:57AM >>Burt Saunders: THAT'S CORRECT, ESSENTIALLY AN EQUAL
11:08:59AM NUMBER OF PEOPLE.
11:08:59AM >>Mayor Ribble: AND ELIMINATE DISTRICT 2.
11:09:01AM >>Burt Saunders: YOU HAVE TO DRAW A LINE.
11:09:03AM YOU CAN DRAW KATY OUT OF HER DISTRICT.
11:09:05AM >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.
11:09:06AM LET'S MOVE ALONG HERE.
11:09:07AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: SO AFTER THE CENSUS, THEN WHAT
11:09:09AM HAPPENS?
11:09:10AM WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?
11:09:11AM >>Howard Levitan: WE ARE REQUIRED TO REBALANCE THE
11:09:13AM DISTRICTS.
11:09:14AM CHANGE THE LINES.
11:09:16AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: OVER A PERIOD OF HOW MANY YEARS?
11:09:18AM >>Howard Levitan: WE HAVE TO DO IT RIGHT AWAY.
11:09:23AM >>Burt Saunders: YOU'LL DO IT IN 2020.
11:09:24AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: OKAY. THANK YOU.
11:09:29AM >>Mayor Ribble: ARE YOU DONE?

11:09:31AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I'M DONE.
11:09:34AM >>Howard Levitan: I WANT TO OBSERVE THAT I HAD THE
11:09:37AM OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK ON AN IN-DEPTH BASIS THE EMERGENCY ROOM
11:09:43AM AT COCONUT POINT, AND I COMMEND IT TO EVERYONE, AND I WOULD
11:09:49AM LIKE -- I WOULD LIKE TO TELL EVERYBODY THAT THEY NOW HAVE A
11:09:53AM NEW WING THAT'S OPENED UP.
11:09:55AM THEY HAVE OPENED UP NINE HOSPITAL ROOMS ON AN OBSERVATION
11:10:00AM BASIS.
11:10:00AM I WAS ONE OF THEIR FIRST CUSTOMERS.
11:10:04AM THEY DO A TERRIFIC JOB OVER THERE.

11:10:05AM EVERYBODY WHO HAS ANY FAMILY HERE OR THEMSELVES OUGHT TO
11:10:11AM HAVE A PLAN IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM.
11:10:14AM YOU OUGHT TO KNOW WHERE YOU WANT TO GO.
11:10:16AM AND THERE ARE CERTAIN SPECIALTIES IN EACH HOSPITAL.
11:10:19AM BUT THE FIRST PLACE YOU SHOULD GO, BECAUSE IT'S SO CLOSE TO
11:10:22AM EVERYBODY HERE IS COCONUT POINT, LEE HEALTH, AND GET THERE
11:10:27AM AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN.
11:10:28AM AND IF THEY NEED TO, THEY'LL SEND YOU SOMEPLACE ELSE.
11:10:32AM BUT NOW THEY CAN HOLD YOU FOR UP TO 23 HOURS, AND I THINK
11:10:36AM THAT'S A REAL BENEFIT.
11:10:37AM >>Mayor Ribble: YOU MUST HAVE SEEN THE VIDEO NICK AND I MADE
11:10:40AM THEN.
11:10:40AM >>Howard Levitan: YEAH, I SAW THAT.
11:10:42AM I DIDN'T LIKE THAT, BUT THAT'S OKAY.
11:10:44AM THANKS FOR ALL YOUR WELL-WISHES.

11:10:46AM I ACCEPT ALL PRAYERS, NONDENOMINATIONAL.
11:10:49AM [LAUGHTER]
11:10:52AM >>Mayor Ribble: YOU HAD SOMETHING ELSE?
11:10:56AM >>Nick Batos: I WANTED TO ADD ONE THING.
11:10:57AM AT THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING THAT
11:11:02AM KATY AND I WERE ATTENDING, THERE WAS ANOTHER PERSON TALKING
11:11:05AM ABOUT -- AND I WOULD HOPE STAFF WOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY
11:11:07AM TO REACH OUT TO THEM.
11:11:08AM ONE OF THE LOCAL CITIES EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE TO THE
11:11:12AM SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR OBTAINING -- FOR
11:11:15AM HELPING THEM OBTAIN A GRANT.
11:11:17AM AND IT WAS IN THE MILLIONS, FOR SEWERS, SEPTIC TANK
11:11:23AM CONVERSIONS.
11:11:25AM I THINK SINCE WE'RE LOOKING AT IT, NOW THERE'S MONEY
11:11:28AM AVAILABLE, APPARENTLY, WE CAN POSSIBLY GO FORWARD WITH THAT
11:11:30AM ALSO.
11:11:30AM THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR.
11:11:33AM >>Mayor Ribble: FUNNY YOU BROUGHT THAT UP BECAUSE THAT'S
11:11:36AM WHAT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT.
11:11:37AM AS MANY OF YOU FOLKS KNOW, I WENT UP TO ORLANDO FOR THE
11:11:41AM FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES THREE-DAY MEETING.
11:11:44AM I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU, PUT YOUR SEAT BELT ON, BECAUSE THE
11:11:47AM LEAGUE HAS REALLY TAKEN THIS THING TO THE NEXT LEVEL WHEN IT
11:11:51AM COMES TO WATER.
11:11:53AM THEY HAVE A LOT OF THINGS.

11:11:54AM I'M GOING TO HAND THESE OUT PROBABLY AT THE NEXT MEETING.
11:11:57AM I HAVE TO GET THE PACKETS MADE.
11:12:00AM I HAVE SOME GREAT TALKING POINTS, WE TALK TO OUR LEGISLATORS
11:12:04AM ABOUT WATER ISSUES.
11:12:05AM I DON'T KNOW THIS GUY'S LAST NAME.
11:12:07AM IT'S IN MY MINUTES.

11:12:09AM HIS FIRST NAME IS NOAH FROM EPA, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
11:12:11AM AGENCY, GAVE A GREAT TALK.
11:12:15AM AND THEY ARE STEPPING INTO THE PROCESS NOW, AND YOU BROUGHT
11:12:19AM THE COMMENT UP ABOUT A YEAR AGO, HOWARD, ABOUT SEPTIC TO
11:12:22AM SEWER AND HOW THE REALTORS ARE FIGHTING THAT.
11:12:24AM GUESS WHAT HE BROUGHT UP?
11:12:25AM THAT THEY ARE GOING TO STICK A BEAK INTO THAT NOW.
11:12:32AM BECAUSE THEY GOT A LOT OF PROPERTIES THAT ARE BEING RESOLD.
11:12:34AM NO ONE IS INSPECTING THE SEPTIC TANKS.
11:12:37AM THEY FAILED.
11:12:37AM THEY ARE NOT GETTING FIXED.
11:12:39AM THEY ARE NOT BEING ADDRESSED.
11:12:39AM HE SAID, I DON'T WANT TO STEER YOU WRONG, HE SAID, THERE'S
11:12:41AM GOING TO BE PROPERTY SOMEWHERE IN THE STATE WHERE SOMEONE IS
11:12:44AM GOING TO GET A BUILDING PERMIT AND THEY ARE GOING TO NEED TO
11:12:46AM HAVE A SEPTIC SYSTEM BECAUSE THERE'S NO WAY THEY COULD HOOK
11:12:49AM UP TO SEWER.
11:12:50AM BUT HE SAID IN THESE OTHER AREAS WHERE HOOKUPS CAN BE MADE
11:12:53AM WE GOT TO GET ON THE STICK.

11:12:55AM ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY, THIS IS THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF A
11:12:58AM LOT OF POLLUTION THAT WE HAVE IN THE STATE IN OUR WATERWAYS.
11:13:01AM WE WERE REALLY EXCITED TO HEAR HIM SAY THAT, BECAUSE HE IS
11:13:05AM VERY CLOSE WITH THE GOVERNOR.
11:13:08AM IN FACT, HE HAD TO TAKE A CALL FROM THE GOVERNOR WHILE HE
11:13:10AM WAS THERE.
11:13:11AM IT WAS KIND OF SILLY ALMOST, BUT THEY HAD SOMETHING HOT THAT
11:13:16AM THEY HAD TO DISCUSS AND MOVE ON WITH.
11:13:18AM I'LL GET THE PACKETS OUT.
11:13:19AM IF YOU GO AND TALK TO OUR LEGISLATORS, YOU'LL HAVE GREAT
11:13:24AM TALKING POINTS THAT ARE VERY ELEMENTARY, WHICH IS REALLY
11:13:25AM GOOD FOR ME ANYWAY TO REALLY KNOW ALL THE PROCESS.
11:13:29AM BUT I JUST WANT TO BRING THAT UP.
11:13:30AM I THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD TWO AND A HALF DAYS THAT WE SPENT UP
11:13:34AM THERE FIXING SOME OF THE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE FIXED.
11:13:37AM STEVE, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR COUNCIL?
11:13:39AM >>Steven Sarkozy: JUST A REAL QUICK UPDATE ON THE BIG
11:13:42AM CYPRESS DISCUSSION THAT WAS MENTIONED BY COUNCIL MEMBER
11:13:45AM ERRINGTON.
11:13:46AM THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS AND LEE
11:13:52AM COUNTY HAVE ALL, AS A PART OF OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, THE
11:13:56AM DESIRE TO MOVE FROM THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT
11:14:01AM DISTRICT COORDINATION OVER TO THE BIG CYPRESS, WHICH IS
11:14:04AM WHERE -- WHICH IS OUR WATERSHED.
11:14:08AM AND THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSIONS RECENTLY ABOUT HOW

11:14:14AM THAT MIGHT OCCUR.
11:14:15AM WE HAVE MET WITH COLLIER COUNTY.

11:14:19AM WE'VE MET WITH THE BIG CYPRESS BOARD.
11:14:22AM AND THERE ARE A COUPLE OF OTHER MEETINGS COMING UP IN THE
11:14:24AM NEAR FUTURE HERE, TRYING TO CEMENT THAT RELATIONSHIP.
11:14:29AM FRANKLY, IT LOOKS POSITIVE, NOT SO MUCH AS A LEGISLATIVE
11:14:34AM ITEM THROUGH RAY RODRIGUES WHO HAS BEEN A SUPPORTER, BUT
11:14:39AM MORE FROM AN ACTION BY THE BIG -- I'M SORRY, BY THE SOUTH
11:14:45AM FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD ITSELF WHERE THE NEW
11:14:48AM CHAIRMAN, CHAUNCEY GOSS, IS VERY MUCH SUPPORTIVE OF THIS
11:14:52AM KIND OF APPROACH.
11:14:53AM THIS IS NOT GOING TO INCREASE ANYONE'S COST IN ESTERO,
11:15:02AM BONITA OR SOUTH LEE.
11:15:04AM BUT WHAT IT DOES IS REDIRECT THE MONEY THAT IS CURRENTLY
11:15:07AM COLLECTED IN PROPERTY TAXES.
11:15:10AM INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
11:15:12AM OVER ON THE EAST SIDE, IT STAYS HERE AND ALLOWS US TO
11:15:17AM UTILIZE THOSE FUNDS WITHIN THE BIG CYPRESS BASIN.
11:15:23AM SO OUR HOPE, AND WE TALKED ABOUT THIS WHEN WE PRESENTED THIS
11:15:27AM TO THE COUNCIL AS PART OF OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, OUR HOPE
11:15:31AM IS THAT IT ALLOWS THE LOCAL MONIES TO STAY HERE TO ADDRESS
11:15:35AM LOCAL STORMWATER ISSUES.
11:15:37AM AND THAT WILL HELP US IMMENSELY AS WE TRY TO IMPROVE THE
11:15:42AM ESTERO RIVER AND REMOVE DEBRIS AND IMPROVE SOME OF OUR
11:15:46AM WATERWAYS AND FLOODWAYS.

11:15:49AM IMPORTANTLY, WE'RE NOT LOOKING TO GRAB ANYONE ELSE'S MONEY.
11:15:54AM THIS IS NOT -- AND WE NEED TO BE CLEAR ABOUT THIS, BECAUSE
11:15:58AM OUR NEW PARTNERS ARE A LITTLE BIT SUSPECT IN WHAT OUR MOTIVE
11:16:04AM IS, BUT THERE'S A GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
11:16:06AM CURRENT BIG CYPRESS BASIN AND COLLIER COUNTY.
11:16:12AM WE WOULD HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THAT
11:16:14AM RELATIONSHIP THAT THEY HAVE, BUT ADD TO IT THE RESOURCES
11:16:19AM THAT WE WOULD GENERATE FROM BONITA, ESTERO, AND SOUTH LEE,
11:16:24AM THAT COULD BE USED FOR ANY NUMBER OF THINGS, INCLUDING WATER
11:16:28AM QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR SOME OF THE WATER THAT WE SHOOT TO
11:16:33AM THE SOUTH INTO COLLIER COUNTY.
11:16:34AM SO WE'RE VERY HOPEFUL.
11:16:38AM WE'RE CONTINUING WITH THOSE MEETINGS.
11:16:41AM AND I CAN'T TELL YOU THE TIMELINE, BUT IT LOOKS VERY
11:16:44AM POSITIVE.
11:16:45AM AND THANK YOU, BURT, FOR YOUR ROLE IN COLLIER, HELPING PAVE
11:16:49AM THE WAY FOR THAT AS WELL.
11:16:53AM >>Jim Boesch: ONE COMMENT I'D LIKE TO MAKE.
11:16:55AM WE'RE NOT SURE WHETHER IT'S GOING TO BE DONE THROUGH
11:17:00AM LEGISLATION OF THE STATE.
11:17:03AM CHAUNCEY WOULD PREFER THAT IT'S DONE THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA
11:17:06AM WATER MANAGEMENT.
11:17:08AM AND SO THAT'S THE PROCESS THAT WE'RE LOOKING THROUGH RIGHT
11:17:14AM NOW.

11:17:14AM WE'LL SEE HOW IT FINALIZES, WHETHER WE GO THROUGH STATE
LEGISLATION OR THROUGH THE DIRECTION OF SOUTH FLORIDA WATER
11:17:21AM MANAGEMENT.
11:17:25AM THAT'S THE DISCUSSION WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW.
11:17:26AM >>Burt Saunders: MR. CHAIRMAN, THE ONLY THING I WOULD ADD
11:17:32AM TO THAT CONVERSATION IS THAT YOUR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION,
11:17:34AM EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE GOING TO BE DOWN THE ROAD SUBSTANTIAL
11:17:36AM CHANGES IN THE MAKEUP OF THE DELEGATION, THE DELEGATION IS
11:17:37AM SUPPORTIVE OF THE EFFORTS TO BRING THOSE DOLLARS BACK TO LEE
11:17:41AM COUNTY.
11:17:46AM SO IF YOU'RE NOT SUCCESSFUL IN TERMS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS
11:17:47AM WITH THE DISTRICT, THERE IS THAT LEGISLATIVE OPTION.
11:17:51AM THOSE CONVERSATIONS AS A MATTER OF TIMING, AS THOSE
11:17:56AM CONVERSATIONS TAKE PLACE, WE'RE IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
11:17:58AM NOW, AND THE SESSION IS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, SO YOU MAY NOT
11:18:00AM HAVE --
11:18:04AM >>Jim Boesch: VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS AND MOST OF THE
11:18:06AM LEGISLATORS ARE.
11:18:08AM I SHOULD SAY THAT THIS IS A BIG CHANGE FOR BIG CYPRESS
11:18:09AM BECAUSE COLLIER COUNTY AND HAVE BEEN 15 OR MORE YEARS.
11:18:17AM SO THE CONCEPT OF THEM BRINGING MORE PEOPLE IN IS NOT AN
11:18:24AM EASY SITUATION FOR THEM TO AGREE TO.
11:18:30AM BUT I THINK WE'RE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS WITH THEM, AND WE
11:18:32AM SHOULD HAVE A RESOLUTION, AT LEAST SOME TYPE OF COMMITMENT.
11:18:39AM >>Burt Saunders: I WOULDN'T FORESEE ANY ISSUES AT ALL WITH
11:18:43AM COLLIER COUNTY AND THE GOVERNING STRUCTURE RIGHT NOW,
11:18:46AM
11:18:48AM BECAUSE THE WAY IT WOULD BE SET UP IS THAT DOLLARS RAISED IN
11:18:51AM LEE COUNTY WOULD STAY IN LEE COUNTY AND DOLLARS RAISED IN
11:18:54AM COLLIER COUNTY WOULD STAY IN COLLIER COUNTY.
11:18:56AM IT'S JUST A MATTER OF HOW YOU STRUCTURE THE GOVERNANCE OF
11:18:58AM THAT.
11:18:59AM SO I DON'T SEE THERE BEING ANY FIGHTS OVER THAT.
11:19:02AM IT'S JUST A MATTER OF WORKING ON HOW THE GOVERNANCE
11:19:05AM STRUCTURE WOULD BE MAINTAINED.
11:19:08AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY, BURT, ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
11:19:10AM >>Burt Saunders: NO, SIR.
11:19:11AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
11:19:12AM WE'RE GOING TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR SESSION AND WE ARE NOW IN
11:19:15AM THE WORKSHOP SESSION.
11:19:17AM WE ARE GOING TO DISCUSS THE ESTERO FOREVER FOUNDATION.
11:19:23AM I DON'T KNOW WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST.
11:19:27AM I DIDN'T ADD THIS AGENDA ITEM.
11:19:29AM IT WASN'T MY IDEA.
11:19:30AM KATY, DID YOU WANT TO --
11:19:34AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I DON'T MIND DOING IT.
11:19:36AM WE ARE RECEIVING MANY DIFFERENT E-MAILS FROM DIFFERENT

11:19:43AM SOURCES.
11:19:45AM THE ESTERO FOREVER FOUNDATION IS NOT ONE, BUT IT'S BEEN ONE
11:19:50AM THAT IS HEARD OFF AND ON ABOUT.
11:19:52AM I'M INTERESTED IN LETTING THE GENERAL PUBLIC KNOW WHAT IS
11:19:57AM GOING ON.

11:19:57AM I KNOW THAT WE ALL BELIEVE IN TRANSPARENCY, AND WE WANT TO
11:20:00AM MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING IS TRANSPARENT, AND WE WANT OUR
11:20:03AM CITIZENS TO REALIZE THAT THAT'S WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO.
11:20:07AM LUMPED INTO THAT, WE HAVE A COUPLE OF OTHER NONPROFITS THAT
11:20:13AM I HAVE BEEN RECEIVING E-MAILS FROM AND FLYERS AND SO FORTH
11:20:21AM VIA E-MAIL.
11:20:22AM IN LEE FUTURE AND ECCL, THE NEW DIRECTION.
11:20:25AM I THINK FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY IS THAT WE NEED
11:20:29AM TO KNOW, BECAUSE PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW HOW DO I DONATE?
11:20:32AM WHAT DO I DONATE?
11:20:34AM WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THE DONATION?
11:20:36AM WHERE IS IT GOING TO GO AND HOW IS IT GOING TO BENEFIT?
11:20:39AM AND WHO IS IT GOING TO BENEFIT?
11:20:40AM I THINK WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE DOING
11:20:46AM THE RIGHTS FOR THE CITIZENS IS THAT WE JUST MAKE SURE THAT
11:20:50AM IF ANYTHING IS COMING THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND PEOPLE ARE
11:20:53AM CONTACTING US AND IT'S COMING ON MY VILLAGE EXCHANGE THROUGH
11:21:01AM THE VILLAGE NETWORK AND E-MAIL, THAT WE HAVE A RIGHT TO
11:21:07AM OFFER SOMETHING IN MAYBE THE FORM REQUEST THAT THESE
11:21:12AM ORGANIZATIONS PUT UP SOME KIND OF A WEBSITE THAT SAYS WHAT
11:21:16AM IT IS.
11:21:18AM IT IS A NONPROFIT.
11:21:20AM THAT'S FINE.
11:21:22AM WHO THE OFFICERS ARE, AND WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF IT.
11:21:24AM THEN WHEN PEOPLE CONTACT ME AND SAY, DO I NEED TO DONATE?

11:21:28AM WHAT'S THIS MONEY BEING USED FOR?
11:21:30AM THEN I CAN SAY GO TO THEIR WEBSITE.
11:21:32AM AND THAT'S BEING TRANSPARENT, AND THAT'S WHAT I WOULD LIKE
11:21:36AM TO SEE.
11:21:36AM SO TODAY, THE FIRST ONE IS THE ESTERO FOREVER FOUNDATION.
11:21:47AM I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT IT.
11:21:49AM GET IT OUT IN THE PUBLIC, AND THAT'S IT.
11:21:52AM >>Mayor Ribble: ARE YOU FOLKS READY TO DO THAT?
11:21:55AM I DON'T WANT TO PUT YOU ON THE SPOT HERE.
11:21:57AM STEVE?
11:22:00AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR.
11:22:01AM LET ME JUST PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT OF AN OVERVIEW BEFORE WE
11:22:07AM GET INTO -- AS WE GET INTO THE ESTERO FOREVER FOUNDATION.
11:22:11AM THIS LAST YEAR HAS BEEN A YEAR WHERE WE'VE COMMITTED
11:22:16AM CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT TO SEE THE
11:22:23AM TRANSFORMATION OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE TRANSITION

11:22:26AM AT THE ECCL WITH NEW LEADERSHIP TO BECOME ONE OF OUR
11:22:35AM PARTNERS IN TERMS OF WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE FOR THE VILLAGE.
11:22:38AM THOSE TWO GROUPS, THE CHAMBER AND ECCL, ARE PILLARS IN THE
11:22:43AM COMMUNITY, LIKE THE VILLAGE.
11:22:47AM AND THOSE GROUPS VERY MUCH WANT TO WORK WITH THE VILLAGE ON
11:22:49AM AN ONGOING BASIS FOR THE COMMUNITY GOOD.
11:22:53AM A DISCUSSION STARTED WELL OVER A YEAR AGO ABOUT HOW CAN
11:23:01AM PEOPLE CONTRIBUTE TO MAJOR PROJECTS THAT WE MIGHT HAVE?
11:23:04AM AND AS PART OF LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE CIVIC

11:23:08AM INFRASTRUCTURE, THE IDEA WAS TO COME UP WITH A COMMON
11:23:15AM FOUNDATION, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION THAT COULD WORK FOR THE
11:23:19AM VILLAGE.
11:23:20AM IT COULD WORK FOR THE CHAMBER.
11:23:21AM IT COULD WORK FOR THE ECCL ON PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY GOOD.
11:23:25AM AND THE ESTERO FOREVER FOUNDATION IS THE OUTCOME OF THOSE
11:23:32AM DISCUSSIONS.
11:23:32AM AND TRYING TO FIND, IT'S NOT GEARED AT THIS POINT TO FOCUS
11:23:40AM ON ANY ONE PROJECT OR ANY GROUP, BUT IT'S THERE AS PART OF
11:23:44AM THE CIVIC INFRASTRUCTURE.
11:23:46AM WE CAN TALK FURTHER ABOUT THE REBRANDING OF THE ECCL AND THE
11:23:51AM REBRANDING OF THE CHAMBER AND THE ONGOING MISSION OF THE
11:23:55AM VILLAGE, BUT THROUGH IT ALL, THERE'S THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR
11:23:58AM PEOPLE TO GIVE FOR WHATEVER THEY MAY CHOOSE TO A
11:24:08AM DONOR-DIRECTED KIND OF ACTIVITY.
11:24:10AM SO THE CURRENT STATUS IS THAT THE FOUNDATION HAS BEEN
11:24:19AM TECHNICALLY FORMED.
11:24:22AM THERE'S A BOARD, AND IN YOUR DESK PACKET IS THE ESTERO
11:24:25AM FOUNDATION OVERVIEW.
11:24:28AM YOU'VE GOTTEN THIS IN THE PAST, BUT IT BEARS REPEATING THAT
11:24:34AM IT'S STILL VERY MUCH IN ITS INFANCY, BUT THE EFFORT RIGHT
11:24:39AM NOW IS TO HAVE PEOPLE SPEAK TO A VIDEO THAT WOULD BE PUT ON
11:24:50AM THE WEBSITE FOR THE FOUNDATION THAT WOULD DESCRIBE THE
11:24:53AM GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION.
11:24:56AM CLEARLY, IT'S NOT PART OF THE VILLAGE.

11:24:58AM IT'S NOT PART OF THE ECCL.
11:25:00AM BUT IT'S A -- BUT IT'S BEEN CONTRIBUTED TO BY ALL THESE
11:25:04AM GROUPS.
11:25:04AM AND IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN AND HOW IT'S USED INTO THE FUTURE.
11:25:10AM SO THAT'S MY BRIEF INTRODUCTION.
11:25:13AM NOLEN ROLLINS IS A KEY MEMBER OF THAT BOARD -- CHAIR, IN
11:25:21AM FACT.
11:25:21AM >>Mayor Ribble: YOU KNOW, IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO MENTION,
11:25:23AM BECAUSE WE KNOW ABOUT THERE WAS ANOTHER FOUNDATION THAT
11:25:25AM STARTED, AND THAT COLLAPSED, I UNDERSTAND.
11:25:29AM >>Steven Sarkozy: YES.
11:25:30AM ORIGINALLY, THERE WAS THE ESTERO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

11:25:32AM FOUNDATION THAT WAS AN OFFSHOOT OF THE ECCL MANY YEARS AGO,
11:25:40AM AND IT NEVER REALLY STEPPED UP AND SERVED THE PURPOSE OF
11:25:44AM GENERATING CONTRIBUTIONS.
11:25:47AM AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WAS PUT TOWARDS THAT WAS VERY
11:25:52AM SMALL.
11:25:53AM WITHIN THE LAST 30 DAYS, THAT FOUNDATION HAS BEEN DISBANDED.
11:25:59AM THEIR MONIES HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTED ELSEWHERE, AND THE BOARD
11:26:05AM DISBANDED.
11:26:06AM NOW COMES IN, IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION, THE
11:26:13AM ESTERO FOREVER FOUNDATION THAT CAN SERVE ANY NUMBER OF
11:26:18AM PURPOSES.
11:26:19AM THE SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, WITH SARAH
11:26:28AM OWENS IS THE BUSINESS COORDINATOR FOR THE ESTERO FOREVER

11:26:34AM FOUNDATION, AND SHE AND HER STAFF PROVIDE EXCELLENT
11:26:40AM TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THIS FOUNDATION.
11:26:43AM BUT THAT'S WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON.
11:26:47AM NOLEN.
11:26:52AM >> I'VE HEARD CONCERN EXPRESSED ABOUT THIS IS JUST WHAT WE
11:26:55AM NEED, ANOTHER FUND-RAISING ORGANIZATION OR EVENT IN
11:27:00AM SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.
11:27:00AM LIKE YOU, I GET INVITES TO JUST DOZENS OF THOSE ON AN ANNUAL
11:27:04AM BASIS.
11:27:07AM THIS IS OFFERING MORE OF A SERVICE THAN IT IS TRYING TO
11:27:10AM SQUEEZE PEOPLE FOR DONATIONS.
11:27:12AM HERE'S A GREAT ILLUSTRATION.
11:27:13AM I'M THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
11:27:15AM TENNESSEE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.
11:27:19AM IT'S SO EASY TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
11:27:24AM FOR ONE REASON.
11:27:25AM THEY BELIEVE IN IT AND THEY LOVE IT.
11:27:29AM BECAUSE THEY HAVE IDENTITY WITH THAT UNIVERSITY.
11:27:31AM THE SAME IS TRUE FOR ALL THE OTHER UNIVERSITIES THAT HAVE
11:27:35AM SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.
11:27:37AM PEOPLE LOVE AND MORE AND MORE SO IN THE FUTURE, ESPECIALLY,
11:27:45AM AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH A VILLAGE CENTER AND ESTERO ON THE
11:27:49AM RIVER, AND WE HAVE A SENSE OF IDENTITY AND PURPOSE.
11:27:54AM THIS IS GOING TO BECOME A PLACE FAR MORE THAN EVEN NOW, THAT
11:27:59AM PEOPLE LOVE.

11:28:00AM THEY ARE GOING TO LOVE ESTERO.
11:28:01AM THEY ARE GOING TO LOVE LIVING HERE, JUST LIKE DR. GARY
11:28:05AM BONVILLIAN EXPRESSED A MOMENT AGO, HE CAN'T SAY ENOUGH GOOD
11:28:09AM THINGS ABOUT ESTERO.
11:28:10AM SO WE WANT TO GIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEIR
11:28:13AM COMMUNITY TO MAKE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS FOR THE SAKE OF
11:28:16AM THEIR COMMUNITY, AND -- I APOLOGIZE FOR MY ALLERGIES HERE --
11:28:25AM AND ALSO TO BE ABLE TO INCLUDE THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO IN

11:28:29AM THEIR ESTATE PLAN.
11:28:31AM A LOT OF MONEY IS GOING TO BE LEFT TO SOMEBODY IN THE FUTURE
11:28:35AM BY ESTERO RESIDENTS, AND WE WANT TO HELP THEM NOT LEAVE IT
11:28:39AM TO TAXES AND THE GOVERNMENT, BUT TO LEAVE IT FOR THE BENEFIT
11:28:42AM OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
11:28:48AM WE HAVE, AS YOU WOULD EXPECT, I DON'T WANT TO SAY THIS AND
11:28:50AM IT SOUND TO BE PRIDEFUL, BUT WE ARE DOING THIS CORRECTLY.
11:28:55AM WE'RE DOING THIS RIGHT.
11:28:56AM WE HAVE A PLAN.
11:28:57AM WE HAVE A VERY CAREFUL PLAN.
11:28:58AM WE HAVE A MARKETING STRATEGY.
11:29:01AM WE'RE ON A SCHEDULE.
11:29:04AM AND, UNFORTUNATELY, IT GOT OUT, THAT'S THE DISADVANTAGE OF
11:29:09AM BEING IN A SMALL FAMILY OR A SMALL CITY.
11:29:12AM EVERYBODY KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT EVERYTHING.
11:29:14AM IT GOT OUT WITH A LOT OF TALK THAT DID NOT COME FROM THE
11:29:19AM BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR FROM THE PLAN ITSELF.

11:29:23AM OUR SCHEDULE RIGHT NOW IS TO HAVE BY THE FIRST WEEK OF
11:29:27AM DECEMBER A VERY PROFESSIONAL BROCHURE, A VERY PROFESSIONAL
11:29:32AM WEBSITE, A VERY PROFESSIONAL VIDEO TO GO FORWARD WITH A
11:29:36AM PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE ESTERO FOREVER FOUNDATION IS
11:29:40AM BEING FORMED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE, THE RESIDENTS OF
11:29:44AM THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO AND FOR THE FUTURE OF THAT AND AN
11:29:48AM OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO MAKE AN IMPACT BY LEAVING A LEGACY BY
11:29:52AM BEING PART OF THAT.
11:29:53AM AND THEN A PART OF THAT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THE FIRST WEEK
11:30:01AM WAS TO MENTION A KICKOFF EVENT AT GRANDEZZA FEBRUARY 2020 TO
11:30:08AM BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER, ANYBODY WHO IS ANYBODY TOGETHER IN
11:30:12AM THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
11:30:14AM IT'S NOT GOING TO BE YOUR TYPICAL, WE'RE GOING TO RAFFLE AND
11:30:20AM AUCTION AND PUT THE SQUEEZE ON YOU FOR MONEY EVENT.
11:30:22AM IT'S GOING TO BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT, A CELEBRATION OF PEOPLE
11:30:26AM WHO HOPEFULLY HAVE ALREADY MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS AND
11:30:32AM ASK STRICTLY JUST FOR DONATIONS AND TO THINK ABOUT THE
11:30:36AM VILLAGE IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN.
11:30:38AM IT WILL BE A LOW-PRESSURE, LOW-KEY TYPE EVENT, NOT SO MUCH
11:30:47AM TRYING TO HAVE RAFFLE ITEMS AND AUCTIONS AND THOSE KIND OF
11:30:49AM THINGS.
11:30:49AM SO WE HAVE A VERY CAREFULLY PUT TOGETHER PLAN.
11:30:54AM THE ORIGINAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THIS IS NOT AN ORGANIZATION
11:30:58AM OF THE VILLAGE, OF THE ECCL, OF THE CHAMBER, BUT IN ORDER,
11:31:05AM FOR ALL OF THESE ENTITIES TO COME TOGETHER, WE ASK FOR THE

11:31:11AM ORIGINAL BOARD, TWO PEOPLE FROM THE ECCL, TWO PEOPLE FROM
11:31:15AM THE CHAMBER, TWO PEOPLE REPRESENTING THE VILLAGE, EVEN
11:31:18AM THOUGH THOSE TWO ARE EX OFFICIO MEMBERS, TO COME TOGETHER TO
11:31:22AM FORM THE ORIGINAL BOARD AND THEN THE WAY WE'LL GET BOARD

11:31:27AM MEMBERS IN THE FUTURE IS PEOPLE ALWAYS RISE TO THE TOP WHO
11:31:31AM HAVE A PASSION FOR THE CAUSE, AND YOU WANT PEOPLE WHO HAVE A
11:31:35AM PASSION FOR THE CAUSE TO BE FUTURE BOARD MEMBERS TO MAKE
11:31:38AM THIS GO FORWARD.
11:31:39AM SO YOU HAVE THE VISION, THE MISSION, AND EVERYTHING THAT'S
11:31:42AM RELATED TO IT.
11:31:45AM AND IF THE QUESTION, WHICH IS A LEGITIMATE QUESTION, HOW
11:31:49AM DOES THE VILLAGE COUNCIL, HOW DOES THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO
11:31:53AM RELATE TO THIS?
11:31:54AM IN THE MIDDLE OF PAGE 3, YOU SEE WHERE IT SAYS COMMUNITY
11:31:58AM FOUNDATION PARTNERS, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES, HOPEFULLY, WILL
11:32:05AM JOINTLY SUPPORT AND ENDORSE.
11:32:07AM WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS YOUR ENDORSEMENT TO SAY, WE
11:32:10AM BELIEVE THIS IS A GOOD THING.
11:32:11AM WE BELIEVE THE FORMATION OF A VILLAGE COUNCIL IS A GOOD
11:32:15AM THING.
11:32:15AM WE ALREADY HAVE THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
11:32:20AM AND THE ECCL AND THE NONPROFIT COMMUNITY AT-LARGE, WHICH I'M
11:32:27AM ALSO THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF EHOW, WHICH IS ESTERO
11:32:30AM HOUSES OF WORSHIP, SEE THE BENEFIT OF HAVING A FOUNDATION
11:32:37AM LIKE THIS.

11:32:37AM SO WE'D LIKE FOR THE VILLAGE TO COME ALONGSIDE, THIS
11:32:43AM FOUNDATION THAT IT IS ITS OWN NONPROFIT ENTITY, OPERATING
11:32:46AM UNDER THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, AND IF
11:32:49AM YOU'LL LOOK AT THE TOP, PAGE 3 IS THE LAST COMMENT I WILL
11:32:55AM MAKE BEFORE I ENTERTAIN ANY QUESTIONS.
11:32:57AM ALL COMMUNITY PROJECTS, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF QUESTIONS,
11:32:59AM WELL, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO USE THE MONEY FOR?
11:33:01AM WE HAVE NO IDEA.
11:33:02AM AND ANY TALK ABOUT WE'RE GOING TO GO BUILD THE TAJ MAHAL OR
11:33:06AM WHATEVER WE'RE GOING TO DO, THAT'S ALL PREMATURE.
11:33:09AM BECAUSE THE BOARD HAVE NEVER HAD A DISCUSSION OF ANY
11:33:12AM PROJECT.
11:33:13AM SO, OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S NOTHING AUTHORIZED, BUT ALL COMMUNITY
11:33:17AM PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THIS FOUNDATION WILL BE IN LINE WITH
11:33:21AM THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND IN RESPONSE,
11:33:25AM THE COMMUNITYWIDE EXPRESSED NEEDS.
11:33:27AM IF THE COMMUNITY SAYS, MAN, WE WANT MORE BIKE TRAILS, AND IT
11:33:33AM CALLS FOR A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CIVIC GOVERNMENT, THEATER IS
11:33:40AM A BETTER ILLUSTRATION.
11:33:42AM WE WANT A COMMUNITY THEATER.
11:33:43AM THAT ALMOST ALWAYS TAKES A COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CIVIC
11:33:46AM GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, BRINGING FUNDS TO
11:33:51AM THE TABLE, AND THEATER, NOBODY HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO THEATER
11:33:56AM ANYWHERE THAT I KNOW OF WITHOUT PUBLIC DONATIONS, TO HELP BE
11:33:59AM A PART OF THAT.

11:34:00AM SO THAT'S A CLASSIC ILLUSTRATION OF SOMETHING THAT COULD BE
11:34:05AM SUPPORTED, ALTHOUGH, THAT IS NOT A DECISION.
11:34:08AM AND WHEN IT COMES TIME, YOU CAN'T MAKE A DECISION ABOUT
11:34:11AM WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND THE MONEY.
11:34:12AM WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.
11:34:13AM THE ONLY MONEY WE HAVE IS A THOUSAND DOLLARS PUT UP BY
11:34:17AM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO PAY THE INITIAL START-UP COST SO WE
11:34:20AM DIDN'T HAVE TO COME TO YOU OR ANY OTHER ENTITY AND SAY WE
11:34:26AM NEED MONEY TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.
11:34:27AM HOPEFULLY THAT ANSWERS SOME OF THE QUESTIONS, AND I PROBABLY
11:34:30AM ALREADY TALKED TOO MUCH.
11:34:32AM QUESTIONS?
11:34:34AM >>Mayor Ribble: GO AHEAD, NICK.
11:34:37AM >>Nick Batos: NOLEN, I THINK WHAT YOU BROUGHT UP, MANY OF US
11:34:44AM A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO THOUGHT THIS WAS AN ESSENTIAL THING,
11:34:47AM SOMETHING THAT WAS NEEDED IN THE COMMUNITY.
11:34:50AM UNFORTUNATELY, I HAPPEN TO HAVE BEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE
11:34:54AM ECIF BECAUSE I WAS A CHAIRMAN OF ECCL, AND IT HAD ALL GOOD
11:34:59AM INTENTIONS OF GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT
11:35:02AM UNFORTUNATELY, IT DIDN'T.
11:35:04AM AND I REALLY THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS FORWARD.
11:35:09AM I THINK IT HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL.
11:35:10AM IT NEEDS A LOT OF WORK TO GET TO THAT POINT, BUT I THINK
11:35:13AM THAT IT'S SOMETHING THAT WITH THE KIND OF VILLAGE GOVERNMENT
11:35:16AM THAT WE HAVE AND THE TYPE OF COMMUNITY WE HAVE, I THINK THIS

11:35:19AM COULD BE A VERY ADVANTAGEOUS THING, AND I THANK YOU.
11:35:27AM >>Howard Levitan: I AGREE WITH NICK.
11:35:28AM I WAS ON THE BOARD AS WELL.
11:35:30AM WE COULDN'T RAISE MONEY WORTH A DAMN.
11:35:31AM THE ONLY ISSUE I HAVE WITH THIS IS THE WORD "SUPPORT AND
11:35:39AM ENDORSE."
11:35:40AM I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS.
11:35:42AM >> WHAT WORDS WOULD YOU BE COMFORTABLE WITH?
11:35:44AM JUST MAKING IT WHATEVER YOU'RE COMFORTABLE WITH.
11:35:46AM >>Howard Levitan: WE'RE IN A WORKSHOP NOW.
11:35:47AM WE'RE NOT VOTING ON ANYTHING.
11:35:48AM WHEN YOU GUYS BRING THAT BACK FOR THAT ENDORSEMENT, I WANT
11:35:51AM THAT TO BE REALLY CAREFULLY DRAFTED SO THAT WE'RE NOT
11:35:55AM PUTTING THE BITE ON THE CITIZENS.
11:35:58AM THIS ISN'T A VILLAGE OF ESTERO PROJECT.
11:36:01AM THIS IS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION THAT'S GOING TO RAISE MONEY
11:36:04AM AND THAT THE PEOPLE THAT MAY BE PART OF THE VILLAGE, LIKE
11:36:08AM STEVE AND JIM BOESCH ON THE INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ARE
11:36:11AM DOING THIS ON THEIR OWN BEHALF, NOT ON BEHALF OF THE
11:36:15AM VILLAGE.
11:36:15AM I THINK WE CAN PROVIDE SOME COMFORT AND SUPPORT, BUT I THINK
11:36:21AM THAT HAS TO BE REALLY CAREFULLY DONE.

11:36:22AM >>Mayor Ribble: I THINK -- I'M ALL IN FAVOR OF DOING THIS.
11:36:26AM I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE USING TAXPAYER MONEY FOR IT.
11:36:29AM IF YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO COME AND ASK US FOR MONEY, I'M

11:36:33AM GOING TO TELL YOU I'M A NO VOTE.
11:36:35AM I'M ALL FOR A FOUNDATION.
11:36:36AM MY WIFE AND I CHAIRED A FOUNDATION FOR 12 YEARS AT OUR
11:36:39AM UNIVERSITY, SO WE KNOW ALL ABOUT FUND-RAISING, BUT WE NEVER
11:36:45AM WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY AND ASKED THEM FOR MONEY BECAUSE WE
11:36:48AM WERE RAISING THE MONEY FOR THAT CAUSE.
11:36:50AM SO I SUPPORT IT, AND I'M GOING TO DO WHATEVER I CAN FOR YOU
11:36:52AM TO ENHANCE IT, INCLUDING WRITE A CHECK, BUT WHEN IT COMES
11:36:56AM FROM THE COUNCIL FOR MONIES, I'M NOT SPENDING TAXPAYER MONEY
11:36:59AM FOR A FOUNDATION.
11:37:01AM >> AND WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR MONEY.
11:37:04AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
11:37:07AM >> IF ANYBODY CAN HELP, BURT OR SOMEBODY, HELP WITH WHAT
11:37:11AM WOULD BE PROPER LANGUAGE, NO SENSE OF OWNERSHIP IN THIS
11:37:14AM OVERVIEW.
11:37:15AM IT'S JUST A DRAFT, AND WE'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO MAKE IT
11:37:18AM SAY WHATEVER IT NEEDS TO SAY.
11:37:24AM >>Burt Saunders: I JUST WANTED TO KIND OF ECHO WHAT
11:37:25AM COUNCILOR LEVITAN SAID IN TERMS OF USING SOME CAUTION HERE.
11:37:32AM I CAN'T REALLY POINT TO A PARTICULAR REASON WHY I HAVE SOME
11:37:32AM ISSUES HERE, BUT JUST MY GUT REACTION IS THAT YOU HAVE TO BE
11:37:34AM VERY CAREFUL.
11:37:35AM THIS IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT THAT'S GOING TO BE RAISING MONEY,
11:37:38AM FILING TAX RETURNS.
11:37:39AM IF YOU HAVE A POSITION, IF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL SAYS, WELL,

11:37:43AM WE'RE GOING TO HAVE OUR MANAGER AND A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL
11:37:50AM BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THEN I THINK YOU MAY
11:37:52AM BE WALKING INTO SOMETHING THAT YOU JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT
11:37:55AM COULD HAPPEN.
11:37:56AM THIS WILL NEED A LITTLE BIT OF EFFORT ON MY PART IF YOU'RE
11:38:01AM GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY KIND OF A FORMAL WAY.
11:38:03AM IF IT'S SIMPLY A STATEMENT THAT WE SUPPORT THE MISSION OF
11:38:07AM THIS FOUNDATION, AND IF A MEMBER OF THIS COUNCIL OR IF A
11:38:12AM MEMBER OF OUR STAFF WANTS TO BE PART OF THEIR BOARD OF
11:38:14AM DIRECTORS, THAT'S THEIR CHOICE, THEN I DON'T HAVE ANY ISSUES
11:38:17AM WITH IT.
11:38:17AM ONCE YOU START MAKING IT A LITTLE MORE FORMAL AND YOU HAVE
11:38:21AM DESIGNATED AS YOUR MANAGER AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE
11:38:25AM BOARD AND A COUNCILOR DESIGNATED AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF
11:38:29AM THE BOARD, I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE LIABILITY MAY BE IF
11:38:31AM SOMETHING GOES WRONG.
11:38:32AM JUST HAVE TO USE SOME CAUTION.
11:38:36AM >> YEAH, WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE THAT WORK, WE'RE ALL

11:38:40AM FOR THAT.
11:38:40AM >>Howard Levitan: I THINK BURT HAS THE LANGUAGE.
11:38:44AM SUPPORTING THE MISSION WITH ONE THING.
11:38:46AM AND I JUST THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THAT'S THE KIND
11:38:50AM OF A SOFT APPROACH THAT WE GIVE, AND THAT IT'S REALLY
11:38:56AM IMPORTANT THAT THE MEMBERS FROM THE VILLAGE, STEVE AND JIM
11:38:59AM INITIALLY OR WHOEVER ELSE, GETS INVOLVED IN THIS IS DOING

11:39:03AM THIS AS AN INDIVIDUAL, AND THEY MAKE THAT CLEAR, ESPECIALLY
11:39:06AM IF THEY ARE GOING OUT TO RAISE FUNDS.
11:39:09AM SO IF THEY GO TO A CORPORATION, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT
11:39:14AM CORPORATION SHOULD CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT THE
11:39:18AM VILLAGE ASKING THEM FOR MONEY, THAT IT IS A NONPROFIT
11:39:21AM FOUNDATION THAT BENEFITS THE CITIZENS AND THE VILLAGE.
11:39:25AM I THINK IT'S A WORDING THING.
11:39:27AM TRANSPARENCY.
11:39:38AM >>Steven Sarkozy: I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY FOR PURPOSES OF
11:39:38AM THE COUNCIL.
11:39:38AM I THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT THING.
11:39:39AM IT'S BEEN IMPORTANT FOR EVERY COMMUNITY I'VE EVER BEEN
11:39:42AM INVOLVED IN.
11:39:42AM HOWEVER, MY ROLE HAS BEEN IN THE FORMATIVE STAGES, AND I'VE
11:39:46AM ALREADY MENTIONED TO NOLEN AND THE BOARD THAT MY INTENT IS
11:39:50AM TO GET OUT OF THERE AS SOON AS YOU CAN FIND SOMEBODY ELSE
11:39:55AM BECAUSE OF THE AWKWARDNESS OF BEING IN THE VILLAGE AND THEN
11:39:59AM ON A FUND-RAISING BOARD.
11:40:03AM THAT'S CLEARLY A POTENTIAL CONFLICT, POTENTIAL -- I THINK
11:40:08AM IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE VILLAGE TO HAVE SOMEBODY THERE IN THE
11:40:12AM LINE OF COMMUNICATION AS TRULY AN EX OFFICIO, BUT --
11:40:19AM >>Howard Levitan: THERE'S NO REASON WE CAN'T HAVE A LIAISON.
11:40:21AM >>Steven Sarkozy: LIAISON, PERFECT.
11:40:23AM >>Howard Levitan: FACT FINDING AND NOT DECISION MAKING.
11:40:27AM >>Jon McLain: I DON'T HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE IN THIS.

11:40:29AM I THINK IT'S A GREAT CAUSE, AND I HOPE YOU HAVE GREAT
11:40:34AM SUCCESS IN RAISING MONEY.
11:40:35AM SO THE QUESTION IS, AND MAYBE IT KEYS IN WITH BURT,
11:40:39AM SEPARATION FROM THE COUNCIL, HOW DO YOU ALLOCATE AND
11:40:43AM PRIORITIZE THE FUNDS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO RECEIVE IF YOU'RE
11:40:48AM SUCCESSFUL?
11:40:48AM >> WELL, THE SAME WAY ANY FOUNDATION WOULD.
11:40:51AM ALL FOUNDATIONS OPERATE UNDER A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND WHAT
11:40:55AM WE HAVE HERE, WHAT I TRIED TO INDICATE HERE IS WE HAVE AN
11:40:58AM INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT COME TOGETHER AND SAY THIS
11:41:02AM IS A GOOD THING, REPRESENTING THESE THREE ENTITIES.
11:41:08AM AND THEN THAT INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD HAVE
11:41:15AM RESPONSIBILITY FOR GETTING AN ONGOING BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHO
11:41:18AM WILL BE THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE DECISIONS.

11:41:20AM AS IS TRUE OF ANY FOUNDATION, IF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
11:41:25AM DON'T MAKE WISE DECISIONS, AS A LA PREVIOUS FOUNDATION,
11:41:32AM YOU'RE GOING TO FOLD.
11:41:32AM YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL.
11:41:34AM BUT IF YOU'RE MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE CAUSE, GOING BACK TO,
11:41:39AM LIKE YOU SAID, THE UNIVERSITY, IF THE UNIVERSITY SEES AND
11:41:41AM THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY SEE, OH, BOY, THIS IS
11:41:44AM REALLY GOOD.
11:41:45AM THEY ARE REALLY HELPING THE UNIVERSITY, THEN PEOPLE ARE
11:41:49AM EAGER TO PARTICIPATE ON A LONG-TERM BASIS.
11:41:50AM SO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE THE ONES WHO WILL MAKE THAT

11:41:54AM DECISION, AND I ENVISION THAT BEING PEOPLE WHO HAVE A BROAD
11:42:01AM REPRESENTATION.
11:42:02AM WE DON'T WANT THIS TO BE A CHAMBER THING.
11:42:06AM WE DON'T WANT THIS TO BE AN ECCL THING.
11:42:09AM AND IN THE PROCESS, ECCL WAS ALSO WANTING TO RAISE MONEY FOR
11:42:14AM THE ADVOCACY THAT THEY WERE DOING.
11:42:17AM I MET WITH JIM GILMARTIN, AND WE BOTH AGREED THAT, NO, WE
11:42:21AM DON'T WANT THAT TO BE A PART OF THIS.
11:42:23AM YOU GUYS GO DO YOUR OWN THING WITH THE ECCL ADVOCACY.
11:42:28AM THAT'S NOT A PART OF THIS.
11:42:29AM WE'RE NOT ADVOCATING FOR ANYTHING.
11:42:31AM AGAIN, THE GREATEST ILLUSTRATION I CAN GIVE WOULD BE LIKE A
11:42:36AM COMMUNITY THEATER OR, YOU KNOW, COMMUNITY PARKS OR WHATEVER
11:42:41AM THE COMMUNITY MIGHT NEED THAT WOULD CALL FOR PRIVATE
11:42:47AM DONATIONS TO COME TO HELP THAT BE SUCCESSFUL.
11:42:51AM EVERYTHING WE DO I'M SURE, AND WE'VE GIVEN A CLEAR
11:42:55AM INDICATION IN OUR OVERVIEW, WE DON'T WANT TO DO OUR OWN
11:42:59AM THING.
11:42:59AM WE WANT TO HELP THE VILLAGE AND THE VILLAGE LEADERSHIP,
11:43:03AM WHOMEVER THAT IS, AND FOR SURE, IT'S ALWAYS THE VILLAGE
11:43:06AM COUNCIL, WE WANT TO HELP YOU ACCOMPLISH WHAT YOU WANT TO
11:43:10AM ACCOMPLISH BY HELPING BRING PUBLIC SUPPORT TO THAT --
11:43:14AM FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THAT WHERE IT'S NEEDED.
11:43:16AM AND THERE WILL BE MANY SITUATIONS IN THE FUTURE WHERE IT
11:43:19AM WILL BE NEEDED.

11:43:20AM THERE WILL BE THINGS THAT THE COMMUNITY CALLS FOR, THAT THE
11:43:25AM COMMUNITY NEEDS THAT YOU WILL CHOOSE NOT TO BRING TAXPAYER
11:43:31AM MONEY TO THAT, BUT YOU SUPPORT IT.
11:43:35AM YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD THING AND PRIVATE DONATION IS -- TAX
11:43:41AM DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS CAN BE USED TO HELP THAT.
11:43:45AM REALLY, HONESTLY, WE HAVE NO AGENDA.
11:43:48AM WE HAVE NO PROJECT.
11:43:49AM THERE'S NOT ANYTHING THAT WE'RE SAYING, YOU KNOW, WE'RE
11:43:52AM GOING TO GO DO THIS WHEN WE GET MONEY.
11:43:55AM THERE'S NEVER EVEN BEEN A DISCUSSION.

11:43:57AM ALL THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE DONE SO FAR IS PUT TOGETHER
11:44:01AM THIS EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND PUT TOGETHER A MARKETING
11:44:05AM STRATEGY THAT WE NEED WEBSITE, WE NEED VIDEO, WE NEED SOCIAL
11:44:10AM MEDIA.
11:44:10AM WE NEED STATIONERY, WE NEED THESE THINGS.
11:44:14AM THAT'S BEING DILIGENTLY WORKED ON AS WE SPEAK, AND HOPEFULLY
11:44:18AM WE'LL BE DONE SOMETIME THE FIRST OF DECEMBER.
11:44:23AM >>Mayor Ribble: I WANTED TO MAKE A COMMENT.
11:44:26AM I THOUGHT YOU DID A GREAT JOB ARTICULATING THE DIFFERENCE
11:44:29AM BETWEEN THE ECCL FOUNDATION BECAUSE I HAD THE SAME
11:44:32AM CONVERSATION WITH JIM GILMARTIN BECAUSE I WANTED TO FEEL
11:44:37AM COMFORTABLE THAT WE BOTH KNOW OUR LANE THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED
11:44:39AM TO STAY IN, AND CERTAINLY BEING ADVOCATES, THAT'S REALLY
11:44:43AM WHERE THEY ARE RAISING THE MONEY.
11:44:45AM AS YOU PROBABLY HEARD FRIDAY NIGHT, THEY DID A GREAT

11:44:48AM COLLECTION FROM THE MEMBERSHIP.
11:44:50AM \$8500 WAS RAISED IN DON ESLICK'S NAME.
11:44:59AM SO THEY ALREADY GOT THEIR THING UP AND RUNNING.
11:44:59AM I HEAR THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE, BECAUSE MY WIFE IS ON YOUR
11:45:01AM COMMITTEE, SOME OF THE TARGETED FOLK, OR WHATEVER, THAT YOU
11:45:04AM HAVE, I THINK IS A WHOLE DIFFERENT LANE.
11:45:07AM AND I THINK IT PLAYS RIGHT INTO WHAT YOUR MISSION IS.
11:45:10AM I THINK YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT PATH.
11:45:12AM I DO AGREE WITH KATY, AND I'M GLAD SHE BROUGHT IT UP TODAY,
11:45:15AM BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY RUMORS GOING AROUND US ABOUT THIS
11:45:17AM THING.
11:45:18AM LET'S GET THIS OUT ON THE TABLE, LIKE SHE SAID, LET'S BE
11:45:21AM TRANSPARENT SO WE ALL UNDERSTAND OUR ROLE AND WHAT WE'RE
11:45:24AM GOING TO BE DOING MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS.
11:45:28AM >> THERE'S NO EFFORT ON OUR PART TO BE SECRETIVE OR NOT
11:45:33AM TRANSPARENT, BUT BEFORE YOU GO PUBLIC, YOU NEED TO HAVE THE
11:45:36AM ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS.
11:45:37AM YOU NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
11:45:40AM YOU NEED TO HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW.
11:45:42AM YOU NEED TO HAVE THE MARKETING MATERIALS TO SAY THIS IS WHO
11:45:45AM WE ARE.
11:45:45AM THIS IS WHY WE EXIST.
11:45:46AM THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, AND THIS IS HOW WE'RE GOING
11:45:48AM TO DO IT.
11:45:51AM >>Jim Boesch: I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT THIS IS NOT THE

11:45:54AM ONLY MUNICIPALITY IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA THAT HAS -- AS A
11:45:58AM MATTER OF FACT, THERE ARE QUITE A FEW OF THEM, UNDER THE
11:46:00AM SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.
11:46:02AM THEY HAVE ANYWHERE FROM \$500 MILLION IN A FOUNDATION TO
11:46:11AM WHATEVER AMOUNTS THAT PEOPLE HAVE IN THEIR PARTICULAR AREA.
11:46:15AM THE MAIN PURPOSE IS TO GET THE PEOPLE OF ESTERO TO

11:46:19AM UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE -- THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT HAVE NO
11:46:24AM FAMILIES AND HAVE SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS, AND THEIR CHOICE IS
11:46:30AM EITHER GIVE IT TO THE GOVERNMENT OR GIVE IT TO A FOUNDATION.
11:46:34AM WE HOPE THAT WE CAN DEVELOP THE CONCEPT THAT THE PEOPLE WHO
11:46:37AM LIVE IN ESTERO THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THEY CAN -- AND
11:46:40AM THEY ALSO CAN SPECIFICALLY STATE WHAT THEY WANT THEIR
11:46:45AM DONATION TO GO FOR.
11:46:48AM >> YOU CAN GIVE DESIGNATED FUNDS GOING BACK TO THE
11:46:52AM ILLUSTRATION OF THEATER, IF SOMEBODY CAME ALONG AND SAYS I
11:46:55AM WANT TO GIVE \$500,000 TO THEATER, OBVIOUSLY, AS IS TRUE WITH
11:46:59AM ANY NONPROFIT, ANY DESIGNATED GIFT MUST BE USED AS
11:47:03AM DESIGNATED OR RETURNED TO THE DONOR.
11:47:12AM >>Jon McLain: I'M STILL LOOKING AT THIS COORDINATION.
11:47:13AM LET'S SAY WE GO FORWARD WITH OUR NEW VILLAGE THAT WE HAVE
11:47:15AM SOMEDAY AND WE HAVE A GRAND PLAN ON THAT.
11:47:17AM IS THIS FOUNDATION, WOULD THEY BE ABLE TO MAYBE HELP THE
11:47:22AM VILLAGE IN SOME OF THE ICING ON THE CAKE, WHERE THEY PUT
11:47:24AM BENCHES IN, WATER FOUNTAINS AND ENHANCE THAT KIND OF
11:47:27AM PROJECT?

11:47:27AM IS THAT WHERE THESE DOLLARS WOULD GO?
11:47:30AM >> THE FOUNDATION EXISTS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF ESTERO.
11:47:35AM MOST OF THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF ESTERO ARE GOING TO BE
11:47:38AM PROVIDED THROUGH THE PLANNING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.
11:47:43AM WE LOOK TO YOU FOR THAT.
11:47:44AM SO WHATEVER THE VILLAGE COUNCIL IS SAYING IS A PART OF OUR
11:47:49AM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, OUR PARKS PLAN, OUR ARTS PLAN, OUR
11:47:53AM WHATEVER PLAN, OUR HISTORIC HERITAGE PLAN, WE WANT TO COME
11:48:00AM ALONGSIDE THAT.
11:48:00AM AND WE WILL TRY TO PROTECT THAT WHOEVER IS IN THE
11:48:04AM DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IS NOT TRYING, AS IS TRUE WITH ANY
11:48:08AM FOUNDATION, TRYING TO DIRECT FUNDS TO THEIR PET PROJECT.
11:48:12AM BUT THAT IT IS A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT WE'RE LISTENING TO
11:48:16AM THE LEADERS AND WE'RE LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE.
11:48:18AM NOW, IF THE PEOPLE COME ALONG AND SAY, YOU KNOW, WE REALLY
11:48:22AM NEED TWO WATER FOUNTAINS IN ESTERO COMMUNITY PARK, AND
11:48:26AM THAT'S NOT SOMETHING SOMEBODY ELSE IS GOING TO DO, THAT'S
11:48:31AM WHERE NONPROFITS COME INTO PLAY, LIKE THE ROTARY CLUB MAY
11:48:34AM SAY WE WANT TO DONATE THAT OR THE FOUNDATION MAY SAY, YEAH,
11:48:37AM WE'LL BE HAPPY TO DIRECT FUNDS TO THAT.
11:48:42AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: THIS QUESTION IS DIRECTED MORE TO
11:48:45AM BURT, BUT I REALLY LIKE THE IDEA OF HAVING THIS.
11:48:49AM I LIKE WHAT I'VE READ, AND I THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA.
11:48:52AM THE QUESTION I HAVE NOW AFTER ALL OF THIS EXPLAINING IS,
11:48:59AM BILL IS THE MAYOR.

11:49:01AM I'M THE VICE-MAYOR.
11:49:02AM WHAT IF WE DO SOMETHING TO HELP PROMOTE THIS BEFORE WE VOTE

11:49:05AM ON IT NEXT TIME, ARE WE OKAY?
11:49:07AM >>Burt Saunders: SURE.
11:49:08AM AS INDIVIDUALS, YOU'RE FREE TO DO AS YOU PLEASE.
11:49:11AM WHAT YOU'RE NOT REALLY FREE TO DO IS SAY THE VILLAGE OF
11:49:14AM ESTERO IS MAKING THIS COMMITMENT.
11:49:18AM IT CAN BE COUNCILOR ERRINGTON --
11:49:22AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: WE SPEAK AS INDIVIDUALS.
11:49:24AM >>Burt Saunders: THAT'S CORRECT.
11:49:25AM >> LET ME ASK A QUESTION HERE LOGISTICALLY.
11:49:28AM SINCE THIS IS A WORKSHOP TODAY, THIS WOULD BE ANY VOTE THAT
11:49:31AM THE COUNCIL WOULD TAKE TO SUPPORT THE MISSION AND VISION OF
11:49:34AM THIS FOUNDATION, IF I GET THE WORDS CORRECT THERE, WOULD BE
11:49:38AM AT ANOTHER COUNCIL MEETING LIKE DECEMBER 4?
11:49:44AM >>Howard Levitan: TALK TO STEVE ABOUT THAT, BUT, YES.
11:49:46AM >>Steven Sarkozy: DECEMBER 4th OR SOMETIME THEREAFTER.
11:49:49AM >> OKAY.
11:49:49AM WE WILL HOLD RELEASE OF ANYTHING UNTIL AFTER THAT TAKES
11:49:52AM PLACE.
11:49:54AM >>Mayor Ribble: WHY COULDN'T WE DO IT ON THE 4th?
11:49:56AM >>Steven Sarkozy: WE COULD.
11:49:57AM >>Mayor Ribble: HE'S DOING HIS VIDEO.
11:49:59AM >> WE CAN HOLD IT TO DECEMBER 4th.
11:50:05AM >>Howard Levitan: MAYBE BURT CAN CLEAR THE LANGUAGE.

11:50:07AM >>Mayor Ribble: WHEN IS YOUR VIDEO GOING TO BE READY?
11:50:11AM WHEN WILL YOU BE DONE SHOOTING YOUR VIDEO?
11:50:14AM >> I'M SORRY, MAYOR.
11:50:15AM I'M VERY HARD OF HEARING.
11:50:17AM PART OF MY HEARING IS READING LIPS, AND YOU HAD YOUR HANDS
11:50:18AM IN FRONT OF YOUR MOUTH.
11:50:19AM >>Mayor Ribble: WHEN WILL YOU BE FINISHED WITH YOUR VIDEO?
11:50:23AM >> THANK YOU.
11:50:23AM THE GOAL IS DECEMBER 2nd.
11:50:25AM AND THE TENTATIVE DATE WE HAD SET FOR PUBLIC PRESS RELEASE
11:50:30AM TO LET PEOPLE KNOW REALLY WHAT THE TRUTH OF THIS IS ALL
11:50:34AM ABOUT, WAS DECEMBER 2nd.
11:50:36AM BUT IT WOULD BE VERY EASY FOR US TO MOVE IT TO DECEMBER 5.
11:50:40AM >>Mayor Ribble: I THINK YOU WANT TO STAY ON POINT.
11:50:43AM WHEN YOU GO OVER, HE HAS A NUMBER OF FOLKS, REAL SHORT CLIPS
11:50:47AM OF SHOOTING THE VIDEO.
11:50:49AM WHEN YOU GO OVER THERE, HE HAS IT VERY WELL SCRIPTED.
11:50:52AM YOU HAVE TO READ IT WORD FOR WORD.
11:50:54AM HE'S GOING TO BE READY TO GO.
11:50:56AM IT'S NOT LIKE --
11:50:57AM >> WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A VERY PROFESSIONAL VIDEO, AND THE
11:51:01AM ESSENCE OF THE STORY LINE OF THE VIDEO IS THIS, ESTERO IS
11:51:05AM THE GREATEST PLACE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA TO LIVE, AND HERE
11:51:08AM ARE REASONS.

11:51:09AM DOT, DOT, DOT.

11:51:11AM AND IT NEEDS TO BE EVEN BETTER.

11:51:13AM AND HERE ARE SOME THINGS WE NEED TO DO TO MAKE IT BETTER,

11:51:16AM DOT, DOT, DOT.

11:51:17AM AND PEOPLE, RATHER THAN SOME NARRATOR READING THIS, I'VE GOT

11:51:22AM THREE YOUNG FAMILIES COMING ON SATURDAY TO SHOOT VIDEO, AND

11:51:26AM ONE OF THEM IS GOING TO SAY, WE WOULD LOVE TO TAKE OUR KIDS

11:51:30AM TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS LEAGUES INSIDE THE VILLAGE OF

11:51:34AM ESTERO INSTEAD OF HAVING TO TAKE THEM NORTH OR SOUTH, THEY

11:51:37AM HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE NOW.

11:51:39AM SOMEBODY WILL SAY, YOU KNOW, WE WOULD LOVE TO COME -- WE

11:51:44AM WOULD LOVE TO BE SEASON SUBSCRIBERS TO COMMUNITY THEATER IN

11:51:48AM ESTERO.

11:51:48AM BUT INSTEAD -- AND, BY THE WAY, THAT'S NOT ME SAYING THIS

11:51:51AM BUT TRUE OF ME -- I DRIVE AN HOUR AND A HALF EITHER NORTH OR

11:51:55AM SOUTH AS I'M A SEASON SUBSCRIBER TO NAPLES PLAYERS AND ALSO

11:51:59AM THE BROADWAY PALM.

11:52:02AM AND WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF WE COULD DO IT RIGHT HERE IN THE

11:52:07AM VILLAGE OF ESTERO.

11:52:07AM SO THAT'S KIND OF THE STORY LINE FOR THE VIDEO, PROMOTIONAL

11:52:13AM VIDEO.

11:52:14AM >>Mayor Ribble: READING DOWN THROUGH THE SCRIPTS, I THOUGHT

11:52:16AM YOU DID A GREAT JOB.

11:52:20AM >>Burt Saunders: MR. MAYOR, I THINK MAYBE JUST FOR

11:52:22AM DECEMBER 4th, I THINK BASICALLY THE LANGUAGE THAT WE WOULD

11:52:25AM BE LOOKING AT WOULD BE THAT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE

11:52:30AM MISSION OF THE ESTERO FOUNDATION AND WILL APPOINT A LIAISON

11:52:36AM TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE FOUNDATION AND THE

11:52:40AM VILLAGE COUNCIL.

11:52:40AM I THINK IF YOU DO THAT AND THEN IF ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

11:52:46AM WANTS TO BE ON THEIR BOARD OR IF THE MANAGER WANTS TO BE ON

11:52:49AM THEIR BOARD FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME, THAT'S FINE.

11:52:51AM THEY WOULD BE DOING IT AS AN INDIVIDUAL, BUT THAT ELIMINATES

11:52:54AM ANY CONCERNS THAT I WOULD HAVE.

11:52:56AM BEYOND THAT, I WOULD HAVE TO DO A LITTLE BIT OF RESEARCH IN

11:52:59AM TERMS OF WHAT PITFALLS YOU MIGHT FIND.

11:53:02AM IF THAT WOULD BE --

11:53:03AM >>Mayor Ribble: JIM BOESCH WANTS TO BE THE LIAISON.

11:53:05AM HE'S ALREADY BEEN WORKING ON THIS THING.

11:53:07AM I THINK IN ALL FAIRNESS, UNLESS --

11:53:09AM >>Howard Levitan: I THINK WE CAN DO THAT BY CONSENSUS.

11:53:13AM I JUST HAD ONE MORE POINT AND IT'S MORE OF AN ETHICAL

11:53:16AM CONCERN.

11:53:16AM I DON'T HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF TROUBLE RAISING MONEY FROM

11:53:19AM INDIVIDUALS, PARTICULARLY ON A LEGACY BASIS WHERE THEY LEAVE

11:53:22AM MONEY IN A WILL ON A FUTURE BASIS.

11:53:25AM I DO HAVE PROBLEMS, AND I THINK IT'S A REAL SLIPPERY SLOPE
11:53:29AM IF YOU DO IT TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WHO MAY, IN FACT, BE
11:53:34AM ASKING THE VILLAGE FOR PERMITS OR OTHER THINGS THAT THEY DO
11:53:39AM IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS.
11:53:41AM SO I THINK THAT THERE'S A LINE THERE THAT YOU HAVE TO BE

11:53:45AM VERY COGNIZANT OF AS YOU RAISE FUNDS, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT IN
11:53:50AM THE BUSINESS OF RAISING FUNDS FOR INFLUENCE OR DEVELOPMENT
11:53:56AM PERMITS.
11:53:57AM >>Mayor Ribble: WE JUST WENT THROUGH THAT WITH THE
11:53:59AM COMMISSIONERS, TAKING MONEY FROM DEVELOPERS.
11:54:03AM >>Howard Levitan: EXACTLY.
11:54:04AM I DON'T WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN AN ORGANIZATION THAT WAS
11:54:07AM SUPPORTING AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS A MEANS TO DO THAT FOR
11:54:10AM THE VILLAGE.
11:54:11AM WE DON'T NEED ETHICS VIOLATIONS.
11:54:17AM >> WE ALL HAVE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.
11:54:19AM I'M THE PASTOR OF A LOCAL CHURCH.
11:54:21AM I'M NOT LEADING THIS AS THE PASTOR OF A LOCAL CHURCH.
11:54:25AM I DON'T WANT TO PUT ANY PRESSURE ON ANYBODY WHO WOULD BE
11:54:29AM UNDER MY LEADERSHIP THERE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS.
11:54:33AM THE SAME AS A COUNCIL PERSON.
11:54:35AM SO WHATEVER WE DO, WE WANT TO DO WITH TOTAL INTEGRITY AND
11:54:41AM TOTAL TRANSPARENCY.
11:54:48AM >>Nick Batos: NOLEN, JUST TWO THINGS.
11:54:50AM ONE, IN ASKING PEOPLE TO MAKE DONATIONS, DO YOU THINK THAT
11:54:57AM IT'S GOING TO BE MORE DIFFICULT WHEN THERE ISN'T A GOAL,
11:55:05AM SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO RAISE MONEY FOR THIS OR
11:55:09AM THAT, I THINK THAT JUST GIVING MONEY TO A FOUNDATION AND NOT
11:55:15AM KNOWING WHERE -- YOU CAN SAY YOU'RE GOING TO DO THINGS FOR
11:55:18AM THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY, BUT I THINK THAT -- I MEAN,

11:55:22AM JUST MY FEELING IS THAT PEOPLE WOULD BE MORE APT TO GIVE IF
11:55:26AM THERE WERE FOUR OR FIVE GOALS, AND THEY WERE ABLE TO DONATE
11:55:30AM TO ONE OF THOSE.
11:55:32AM >> YEAH.
11:55:33AM >>Nick Batos: AND ALSO, JUST A CLARIFICATION ON WHAT HOWARD
11:55:37AM BROUGHT UP, I UNDERSTAND THAT VERY CLEARLY, I THINK, AND I
11:55:45AM WOULD FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE GOING TO A PERSON AND ASKING
11:55:49AM THEM FOR MONEY.
11:55:50AM AND I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS IF PEOPLE IN THE
11:55:54AM FOUNDATION THAT WERE NOT ON THIS BOARD WERE ASKING
11:55:56AM BUSINESSES, AS LONG AS THEY UNDERSTAND THAT HAS NOTHING TO
11:56:00AM DO WITH US.
11:56:02AM WOULD YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH SOMEBODY ELSE?
11:56:05AM >>Howard Levitan: NO.
11:56:06AM I JUST WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING THAT
11:56:09AM THROUGH AS TO WHO THEY ARE ASKING WHEN THOSE BUSINESSES MAY,

11:56:13AM AT THE SAME TIME, HAVE REQUESTS OF US.
11:56:16AM YOU KNOW, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THAT CAN HAPPEN.
11:56:22AM AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THEY HAVE TO BE VERY
11:56:25AM CAREFUL ON.
11:56:26AM THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING.
11:56:28AM >> FOR EXAMPLE, IF WE WERE TO GO TO HERTZ AND SAY WOULD YOU
11:56:32AM DONATE TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF
11:56:34AM THE COMMUNITY AND THEY DECIDED TO DONATE \$25,000, THERE ARE
11:56:39AM NO STRINGS ATTACHED ANYWHERE, NOT TO THE VILLAGE, NOT TO THE

11:56:43AM CHAMBER, NOT TO THE ECCL, TO NO ONE.
11:56:47AM AND I THINK WE CAN MAKE THAT CLEAR.
11:56:49AM AND IF YOU OR ME OR ANYBODY, MOST EVERYBODY WHO IS GOING OUT
11:56:55AM TO ASK PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS, THEY HAVE SOME
11:56:58AM LEADERSHIP ROLE, AND WE'RE NOT GOING BECAUSE WE HAVE A
11:57:02AM LEADERSHIP ROLE OVER HERE.
11:57:03AM WE'RE GOING BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN THIS CAUSE.
11:57:06AM >>Mayor Ribble: THAT'S A GOOD POINT.
11:57:07AM I DON'T THINK A COUNCIL MEMBER SHOULD GO OUT AND DO AN ASK.
11:57:12AM ONE OF YOUR OFFICERS SHOULD DO IT.
11:57:14AM >> I THINK THAT WOULD BE LIKE SAYING I DON'T THINK A PASTOR
11:57:16AM SHOULD GO OUT AND ASK.
11:57:18AM I AM GOING TO GO OUT AND ASK BUT I'M NOT GOING TO GO OUT AND
11:57:21AM ASK AS A PASTOR.
11:57:22AM I'M GOING TO GO OUT AND ASK AS A PERSON WHO BELIEVES IN THE
11:57:25AM MISSION OF THIS FOUNDATION.
11:57:27AM >>Mayor Ribble: I THINK WE'RE GOING DOWN A VERY ROCKY ROAD.
11:57:29AM IF I GO OUT AS THE MAYOR AND SAY, WOULD YOU GIVE US 5,000 OR
11:57:34AM 10 OR WHATEVER, I THINK WE'RE IN A ROCKY ROAD.
11:57:37AM I THINK THEY ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING BACK TO ASK OF A FAVOR
11:57:42AM AT SOME POINT IN TIME.
11:57:47AM THAT'S WHY WE'RE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE COMMISSIONERS.
11:57:49AM IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME POINT.
11:57:50AM I HAVE NO PROBLEM SUPPORTING IT.
11:57:52AM I HAVE NO PROBLEM WRITING YOU A CHECK, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO

11:57:54AM BE ANY PART OF DOING ANY ASKS.
11:57:57AM >> WELL, THAT'S TOTALLY UP TO EVERY INDIVIDUAL.
11:58:02AM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: THANK YOU.
11:58:03AM YOU'VE MADE IT CLEAR.
11:58:05AM THANK YOU.
11:58:06AM >> AND ANY QUESTIONS ANYBODY HAS, FEEL FREE TO CALL ME, I'LL
11:58:10AM GIVE YOU MY CONTACT.
11:58:13AM >>Nick Batos: WRAPPING IT UP, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU'VE
11:58:15AM DONE THAT YOU ARE SO OPTIMISTIC ABOUT GETTING HERTZ TO
11:58:18AM DONATE \$25,000.
11:58:22AM >> HYPOTHETICAL ILLUSTRATION.
11:58:25AM I DIDN'T ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, NICK, SO LET ME ANSWER THAT.

11:58:28AM IT JUST CAME BACK TO MY MIND.
11:58:30AM IS IT GOING TO BE EASY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THIS?
11:58:32AM NO.
11:58:33AM THIS IS A HARD SELL.
11:58:35AM I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS.
11:58:39AM I'VE HELPED MOBILIZE OVER \$200 MILLION FOR VARIOUS CAUSES
11:58:42AM OVER THE YEARS, AND IT HAS NO SEX APPEAL.
11:58:47AM IT HAS NO EMOTIONAL PASSION APPEAL.
11:58:51AM WE'RE WELL AWARE OF THAT.
11:58:53AM BUT WE HAVE TO GET STARTED.
11:58:54AM AND THEN AS WE GO ALONG, IF WE DETERMINE, HEY, WE'VE GOT TO
11:58:59AM TAKE CARE OF THESE KIDS.
11:59:00AM WE GOT TO PROVIDE SOME SOCCER FIELDS FOR THESE KIDS, THEN

11:59:05AM YOU GO BACK WITH THAT SPECIFIC NEED TO RAISE FOR THAT
11:59:13AM SPECIFIC CAUSE, THAT'S MUCH EASIER, BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE KIDS
11:59:15AM AND GRANDKIDS, THEY ARE GOING TO WANT TO GIVE TO THAT.
11:59:18AM BUT OUR INITIAL KICKOFF, I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO GO TO THE
11:59:22AM INITIAL KICKOFF SAYING WE'RE RAISING MONEY FOR THIS, THIS,
11:59:26AM AND THIS.
11:59:27AM FIRST OF ALL, WE DON'T HAVE MONEY.
11:59:28AM SECOND OF ALL, WE HAVE NOT MADE A DECISION WHAT WE WOULD DO
11:59:31AM WITH IT.
11:59:31AM BUT TO PRESENT THIS IN GENERAL TERMS, IT'S GOING TO BE A
11:59:34AM DIFFICULT SELL.
11:59:35AM WE'RE AWARE OF THAT.
11:59:38AM >>Nick Batos: I JUST BROUGHT THAT UP FOR ONE REASON ONLY.
11:59:41AM I ALSO AGREE IT'S GOING TO BE A DIFFICULT SELL.
11:59:44AM I THINK HOWARD AND I WENT THROUGH THAT FIVE YEARS AGO.
11:59:47AM HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE AN EASIER SELL, I
11:59:54AM MEAN, AFTER YOUR KICKOFF FOR WHATEVER, IF YOU HAD ONE OR TWO
11:59:57AM OF THESE THINGS, AND YOU HAD A GOAL THAT YOU WERE TRYING TO
12:00:03PM ACHIEVE THAT WOULD BE RATHER WIDESPREAD THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE
12:00:07PM WOULD LIKE THAT TYPE OF THING.
12:00:09PM AND IT MIGHT BE EASIER FOR YOU TO START THAT WAY.
12:00:13PM >> WELL, BY THE END, WE MAY HAVE THAT.
12:00:17PM TODAY WE DON'T HAVE IT.
12:00:18PM BY FEBRUARY, SOMETHING MAY COME UP THAT WE HAVE THAT.
12:00:21PM YOUR POINT IS WELL TAKEN.

12:00:22PM >>Jim Boesch: ALL OF THE MONEY FROM THE FOUNDATION IS GOING
12:00:26PM BACK TO THIS VILLAGE, IT'S GOING BACK TO THE VILLAGE.
12:00:30PM SO IT'S NOT A QUESTION ABOUT IS THERE BIG SALARIES -- ANY
12:00:37PM MONEY THAT IS DONATED IS GOING TO VILLAGE.
12:00:39PM THE SECOND THING I WANT TO MENTION IS THAT I THINK YOU ALL
12:00:42PM GOT THE MEMO FROM ED WEIL THIS WEEK.
12:00:49PM HE HAD A PERSON WHO WAS WILLING TO DONATE UP TO \$10 MILLION
12:00:54PM FOR A LITTLE LEAGUE PARK AND WE DON'T HAVE THE LAND.

12:00:58PM SO IT'S EXPIRED.
12:00:59PM IF WE HAD A FOUNDATION --
12:01:04PM >>Mayor Ribble: I TOTALLY MISSED THAT.
12:01:08PM >> BEFORE WE GET ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, LET ME SAY THANK YOU
12:01:10PM FOR YOUR TIME.
12:01:13PM >>Mayor Ribble: WOULDA, SHOULDA, COULDA, C'MON.
12:01:17PM THANK YOU.
12:01:19PM WE'LL SEE YOU ON THE 4th.
12:01:25PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: ARE WE DONE?
12:01:28PM >>Mayor Ribble: MOTION TO ADJOURN.
12:01:29PM YEAH.
12:01:29PM [SOUNDING GAVEL]

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