9:29:55AM >>Mayor Ribble: I AM GOING TO CALL THE JUNE 26th, VILLAGE
9:29:57AM COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER.
9:29:58AM WOULD EVERYBODY PLEASE TURN OFF THEIR CELL PHONES.
9:30:02AM WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE I BELIEVE CALLING IN.
9:30:06AM ANTONIO?
9:30:08AM >> YES, SIR.
9:30:09AM >>Mayor Ribble: DO WE NEED TO DO A MOTION?
9:30:12AM >> YES, WHEN YOU CONVENE THE MEETING, YOU'LL NEED TO HAVE A
9:30:16AM MOTION TO PERMIT THE COUNCIL MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE VIA
9:30:18AM TELEPHONE.
9:30:19AM YOU HAVE A QUORUM SITTING IN THE ROOM, SO IT'S PERFECTLY
9:30:22AM PERMISSIBLE.
9:30:24AM >> I SO MOVE.
9:30:24AM >> I SECOND.
9:30:25AM >>Mayor Ribble: ALL IN FAVOR?
9:30:27AM UNANIMOUS.
9:30:29AM OKAY.

9:30:29AM I'M GOING TO ASK OUR FIRST MAYOR THAT SO GRACIOUSLY USED TO
9:30:33AM LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO LEAD US TODAY.
9:30:36AM NICK.
9:30:37AM [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]
9:30:50AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
9:30:56AM THIS MORNING, I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE WE HAVE PASTOR KEVIN
9:31:01AM MORRIS HERE FROM THE HOPE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WHO
9:31:04AM WILL PROVIDE THE INVOCATION.
9:31:06AM >> GOOD MORNING!
9:31:08AM LET US PRAY.
9:31:09AM ALMIGHTY GOD, BLESS THOSE WHO HOLD OFFICE, HOLD AUTHORITY IN
9:31:19AM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
9:31:23AM THAT THEY MAY DO THEIR WORK IN A SPIRIT OF WISDOM, KINDNESS,
9:31:29AM AND JUSTICE.
9:31:32AM HELP THEM USE THEIR AUTHORITY TO SERVE FAITHFULLY AND TO
9:31:36AM PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE.
9:31:39AM LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS GLORIOUS DAY, FOR THE SEASON
THAT WE CELEBRATE, THE INDEPENDENCE OF THIS WONDERFUL NATION.

AMEN.

>>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, PASTOR.

MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

>>Howard Levitan: HERE.

>>Jon McLain: HERE.

>>Jim Boesch: HERE.

>>Nick Batos: HERE.

>>Jim Wilson: HERE.

>>Vice-Mayor Errington: HERE.

>>Mayor Ribble: HERE.

OKAY.

NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA?

HEARING NONE, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

SO MOVED.

>> Mayor Ribble: SECONDED BY JIM WILSON.

WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL, MADAM CLERK.

>>Howard Levitan: AYE.

>>Jon McLain: AYE.

>>Jim Boesch: AYE.

>>Nick Batos: AYE.

>>Jim Wilson: AYE.

>>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.

>>Mayor Ribble: AYE.

MADAM CLERK, DO WE HAVE ANYONE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT?

>>Kathleen Hall: I HAVE NO ONE SIGNED.

>>Mayor Ribble: MOVING RIGHT ALONG --

>> HOLD ON, HOLD ON.

>> I JUST WANTED TO SAY -- COUNCILMAN JASON MAUGHAN, CITY OF SANIBEL, SANIBEL RESIDENT.

I JUST WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR THE SUPPORT SHOWN BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

IT'S EXTRAORDINARILY KIND AND IT MEANS THE WORLD TO ME.

I TAKE IT AS A GREAT BURDEN AND RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE GOOD ON THAT CONFIDENCE.

BUT, ACTUALLY, MORE IMPORTANTLY, FOR THE COMMUNITY WAS THE OUTSTANDING JOB THE CITY OF ESTERO HAS DONE ONCE AGAIN POINTING THE ISSUE OF OPPOSING LIME ROCK MINING, AN ATROCITY TO THE COUNTY AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED.

I THINK IT LENDS GREAT AID AND SUCCOR TO THE COMMUNITY TO SEE THAT ALL THE WAY TO THE END, THE RIGHT FIGHT WAS FOUGHT,
AND WE WERE SURROUNDED ABOUT PEOPLE WHO CARED ABOUT THE ISSUES AND WHO WANTED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT TO STOP IT.
I WOULD CHARACTERIZE IT AS LUNACY, UNSUPPORTED BY ANYBODY IN THE COMMUNITY AND WILL DO GREAT HARM.
WHEN WE'RE FINALLY DRAGGING OURSELVES OUT OF THE PREVIOUS TROUBLES CONCERNING WATER, WHICH ARE ONGOING, OF COURSE, WITH THE IDEA OF INVESTING ALL THE MONEY TO ADVERTISE OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND OUR COMMUNITIES AND THEN TURN AROUND AND OPEN UP EASTERN LEE COUNTY TO LIME ROCK MINING IS ONCE AGAIN AN ATROCITY.
I THANK EVERYBODY WHO WAS THERE ON THE FRONT LINE FIGHTING FOR US.
HOPEFULLY THIS WON'T BE THE END OF IT.
I HOPE WE'LL DO WHATEVER WE CAN IN THE FUTURE TO CONSTRICT THAT EXPANSION IN EASTERN LEE COUNTY.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
Mayor Ribble: COUNCILMAN, THANK YOU FOR COMING WITH US TODAY AND VISITING.
YOUR COMMENTS ARE ALWAYS RIGHT ON TARGET, AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.
ANYONE ELSE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK?
Kathleen Hall: I DO NOT.
I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE TO MAKE SURE YOUR MICROPHONES ARE ON.
Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS CONSENT AGENDA.
DOES ANYONE ON COUNCIL HAVE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CONSENT AGENDA?
HEARING NONE, DO I HAVE A MOTION TO MOVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ALONG?
SECOND BY NICK BATOS.
WILL YOU CALL THE ROLL, PLEASE?
Jim Wilson: AYE.
Nick Batos: AYE.
Jim Boesch: AYE.
Jon McLain: AYE.
Howard Levitan: AYE.
Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
Mayor Ribble: AYE.
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE OUR FOLKS CALL IN DO SOME VOCAL CALISTHENICS SO YOU FOLKS CAN BE QUICKER WITH YOUR AYES AND YOUR NAYS.
WE'RE HAVING AN AWFUL LONG DELAY HERE.
PLEASE MAKE NOTE THAT YOU NEED TO RESPOND TO US IN A TIMELY FASHION SO WE CAN MOVE THIS MEETING ALONG ON TIME.
9:35:55AM    OKAY.
9:35:56AM    THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-06.
9:36:02AM    WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION?
9:36:04AM    >>Kathleen Hall: RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-06, A RESOLUTION OF
9:36:07AM    THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA,
9:36:10AM    APPOINTING THE VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO FOR
9:36:13AM    THE 2019 FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND
9:36:15AM    BUSINESS MEETING AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
9:36:20AM    >>Mayor Ribble: MR. SARKOZY, DO YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE THIS?
9:36:23AM    >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
9:36:25AM    THIS IS A ROUTINE ITEM.
9:36:26AM    IT COMES TO US EACH YEAR AS A RESULT OF THE REQUEST FROM THE
9:36:31AM    FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES WHEREBY THEY ASK FOR A VOTING
9:36:35AM    DELEGATE FOR ANY OFFICIAL BUSINESS THAT MIGHT OCCUR AT THE
9:36:37AM    ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND THE BUSINESS MEETING.
9:36:39AM    WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT THIS BE, MAYOR RIBBLE AS THE VOTING
9:36:47AM    DELEGATE AND WOULD ASK COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR THAT ACTION.
9:36:50AM    >> I WOULD MAKE SUCH A MOTION.
9:36:53AM    >> I'D SECOND IT.
9:36:54AM    >>Mayor Ribble: ANY COMMENT, DISCUSSION?
9:36:56AM    >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I THINK IT'S AN EXCELLENT CHOICE.
9:36:59AM    >>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, CAN WE HAVE --
9:37:03AM    >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
9:37:06AM    >>Jon McLain: AYE.
9:37:08AM    >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
9:37:10AM    >>Nick Batos: AYE.
9:37:13AM    >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
9:37:13AM    >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
9:37:14AM    THANK YOU, FOLKS, FOR THAT ENDORSEMENT.
9:37:18AM    OKAY.
9:37:18AM    MOVING RIGHT ALONG, NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS A LETTER TO LEE
9:37:21AM    COUNTY REQUESTING DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES.
9:37:23AM    STEVE, DO YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE THIS ITEM?
9:37:27AM    >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR.
9:37:28AM    MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
9:37:29AM    THIS ITEM IS TO FORMALLY REQUEST LEE COUNTY TO STAND BY
9:37:35AM    THEIR AGREEMENT THAT'S CONTAINED IN THE MUNICIPAL SOLID
9:37:38AM    WASTE COLLECTION AGREEMENT WHEREBY THEY WOULD PROVIDE
9:37:41AM    DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES.
9:37:43AM    THE MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AGREEMENT EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30th
9:37:49AM    OF 2020, AND WE'RE, AGAIN, REQUESTING LEE COUNTY TO PROVIDE
9:37:55AM    SERVICES IN THE EVENT OF A HURRICANE.
9:37:58AM    THEY WOULD COME OUT THROUGH THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION AND
9:38:01AM    PICK UP OUR DEBRIS, PUT IT AT THE CURBSIDE, JUST AS THEY
9:38:04AM    WOULD OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS IN
THE COUNTY.

BECAUSE THIS IS A POTENTIAL CASH FLOW ISSUE FOR THE COUNTY AND IN SOLID WASTE DIVISION, WE'VE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO ACTUALLY USE OUR RESERVES FOR THIS WORK THAT'S DONE IN ESTERO, AND ANY EXPENDITURES THAT WE WOULD HAVE WOULD TYPICALLY BE REIMBURSED BY FEMA, THE AMOUNT THAT WOULD NOT BE REIMBURSED, WE WOULD HAVE TO PAY OURSELVES, WHICH IS THE SAME SITUATION WE HAVE NOW.

SO THIS IS NO ADDITIONAL BUDGET IMPACT.

SO WE'RE ASKING FOR YOUR APPROVAL TODAY.

WE'LL SEND A LETTER OFF THIS WEEK.

>>Mayor Ribble: THANKS, STEVE.

MADAM CLERK, DO YOU HAVE ANYBODY SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS?

>>Kathleen Hall: NO ONE IS SIGNED UP.

>>Mayor Ribble: I WOULD LIKE TO ENTERTAIN A MOTION --

>> I HAVE A QUESTION.

>>Mayor Ribble: NICK.

>>Nick Batos: STEVE, IS THIS, FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND FROM THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WE HAD WITH THE COUNTY, I UNDERSTAND THE CONTRACT WE HAD WITH THEM AND WE STILL DO, I BELIEVE,

THEM THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE AND WE'RE ACTUALLY PAYING THEM AS PART OF OUR FEE THAT WE PAY THEM.

AND THERE WAS NOTHING IN THERE ABOUT US HAVING TO PAY OR LAY OUT MONEY.

>>Steven Sarkozy: THAT'S CORRECT.

IMEN, WE HAVE SOME RESERVES, BUT THEY HAVE MOUNTAINS OF RESERVES COMPARED TO US.

SO WHY ARE WE STICKING OUT OUR MONEY WHEN IT’S THEIR OBLIGATION?

>>Steven Sarkozy: WELL, I LEAVE THE OPTION OPEN.

IF THEY COME BACK TO US AND ASK FOR YOUR TO DO THIS, I BRING IT BACK TO COUNCIL BECAUSE TECHNICALLY IT WOULD BE A CHANGE IN THE AGREEMENT.

BUT THEY HAVE A COVERAGE RATIO REQUIREMENT FOR THE BIG OPERATION THAT THEY HAVE DOWN IN BUCKINGHAM, AND IT WOULD SEEM -- IT WOULD SEEM SOMEWHAT REASONABLE THAT WE WOULD STEP INTO THAT, BUT IT’S NOT DEFINITE.

I'M JUST LETTING YOU KNOW IN ADVANCE OF THE POSSIBILITY.

>>Nick Batos: I DON'T WANT TO PROLONG THIS.

I COULD UNDERSTAND THIS IF THEY RAN OUT OF THEIR RESERVES.

BUT I CAN'T SEE A SITUATION OF THEM EVER GETTING NEAR RUNNING OUT OF THEIR -- I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO SAY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS.

IT'S EVEN A LOT MORE THAN THAT, THEY HAVE IN RESERVES.

>>Steven Sarkozy: WE'D BRING THIS BACK IF IT IS ...
9:40:28AM    >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?
9:40:29AM    I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.
9:40:33AM    >> MAKE A MOTION TO MOVE THIS RESOLUTION.
9:40:36AM    >>Mayor Ribble: SECOND BY JIM WILSON.
9:40:38AM    MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
9:40:41AM    >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
9:40:43AM    >>Nick Batos: AYE.
9:40:43AM    >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
9:40:46AM    >>Jon McLain: AYE.
9:40:49AM    >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
9:40:51AM    >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
9:40:52AM    >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
9:40:53AM    COUNCIL MEMBER McLAIN, WE HAVE TO MOVE THE AYES UP A
9:40:59AM    LITTLE FASTER.
9:41:00AM    YOU'RE HOLDING US UP.
9:41:02AM    >>Jon McLain: MUST BE THE CONNECTION, BILL.
9:41:05AM    >>Mayor Ribble: NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS THE CONSTRUCTION
9:41:07AM    ENGINEERING INSPECTION SERVICES FOR ESTERO PARKWAY.
9:41:11AM    STEVE, DO YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE THIS ITEM?
9:41:12AM    >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
9:41:15AM    THE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES
9:41:17AM    CONTRACT FOR ESTERO PARKWAY IS BELIEVED NECESSARY AS A LAYER
9:41:23AM    OF INSPECTION SERVICES DAILY ON THE JOB AS IT BEGINS LATE
9:41:31AM    THIS SUMMER.
9:41:31AM    WITH OUR LIMITED STAFF, WE DO NOT HAVE INSPECTORS IN-HOUSE.
9:41:34AM    AND WITHOUT THIS TYPE OF SERVICE, WE WOULD HAVE OUR DIRECTOR
9:41:37AM    OF PUBLIC WORKS ON-SITE CONSTANTLY, AND WE'D LOSE HIM FROM
9:41:44AM    OTHER -- MAKING PROGRESS ON OTHER PROJECTS.
9:41:46AM    SO TO PRESERVE HIS SANITY, WE THINK THIS IS MONEY WELL
9:41:51AM    INVESTED.
9:41:51AM    WE'VE GOT A VERY AGGRESSIVE SCHEDULE COMING UP WITH THREE
9:41:57AM    HUGE PROJECTS HERE, WITH THE INTERSECTION OF CORKSCREW AND
9:42:00AM    I-75, EVEN THOUGH IT'S A STATE PROJECT, INVARIBLY, THERE
9:42:04AM    WILL BE ISSUES WE FACE.
9:42:05AM    THE U.S. 41 LANDSCAPING PROJECT, AND THEN ESTERO PARKWAY.
9:42:09AM    THIS IS A HUGE TRANSITION FOR THE VILLAGE.
9:42:16AM    WE'RE MOVING FROM A STUDY PHASE IN A LOT OF AREAS TO THREE
9:42:20AM    OF THE LARGEST PROJECTS THAT WE'LL HAVE IN THE NEXT DECADE
9:42:23AM    GOING ON CONCURRENTLY.
9:42:24AM    SO WE NEED HELP IN THE FIELD, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS PROVIDES.
9:42:30AM    >>Mayor Ribble: OTHER PROJECTS, YOU ALSO MEAN THE CROSSWALKS
9:42:33AM    ON COCONUT ROAD, I WOULD THINK.
9:42:37AM    THAT WOULD WEIGH IN HEAVILY.
9:42:39AM    >>Steven Sarkozy: WE'LL TAKE THAT AS A STRONG SUGGESTION TO
9:42:41AM    COME BACK TO COUNCIL FOR A COUNCIL VOTE AT SOME POINT.
9:42:44AM    >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.
9:42:44AM    ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK?
GO AHEAD, JON.

>>Jon McLain: MR. MAYOR, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO

APPROVE THE SERVICES AGREEMENT.

>>Mayor Ribble: ANYONE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT?

>>Kathleen Hall: NO ONE HAS.

>>Mayor Ribble: JON HAS MADE THE MOTION.

IS THERE A SECOND?

JIM BOESCH SECONDS.

ANY COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?

>>Mayor Ribble: I HAVE A QUESTION.

>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.

NICK.

>>Nick Batos: I GATHER THIS IS A FIXED FEE NO MATTER WHAT

THE COST OF THE PROJECT IS.

>>David Willems: IT WILL BE BILLED HOURLY WHAT EFFORT THEY

PUT INTO IT.

>>Nick Batos: BILLED HOURLY BUT IT SAYS IT'S 197,000?

> NOT TO EXCEED.

>>Nick Batos: IF YOU LOOK AT THE CONTRACT, IT SAYS IT'S TIME AND

MATERIALS NOT TO EXCEED.

>>David Willems: THEY HAVE SOME TESTING, ONCE THEY ARE DONE WITH THE TESTING,

WE GET BILLED FOR THAT.

>>David Willems: BUT FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORT, IT'S JUST WHAT THEY BILLED TO

THE PROJECT.

SAME.

>>David Willems: THANK YOU.

>>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

>>Vice-Mayor Errington: I HAVE A QUESTION.

DAVID, DOES THAT MEAN THAT A PERSON SHOWS UP DAILY TO SEE

THAT THE RIGHT MATERIALS ARE GOING WHERE THEY ARE SUPPOSED

TO BE AND THEY ARE USING THE RIGHT MATERIALS, LIKE SPOT

CHECKING, OR ARE THEY WORKING -- I NOTICED IN THERE IT SAID

UP TO 40 HOURS A WEEK I THINK THEY'RE WORKING.

>David Willems: THAT'S PART OF IT.

>>David Willems: THE BIG ADVANTAGE FOR US IS THEY KIND OF HELP LOOK OUT INTO

THE FUTURE AND HELP US IDENTIFY WHAT ISSUES ARE PROBLEMS

COULD BE HAPPENING WEEKS OR MAYBE A MONTH DOWN THE ROAD.

ONE OF THE REASONS IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET THEM SIGNED UP

RIGHT NOW IS THEY ARE GOING TO HELP US LOOK AT THE PLANS

BEFORE CONSTRUCTION EVEN STARTS.

THEY'RE CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS.

SOMETHING THEY DO EVERY DAY.

>>Vice-Mayor Errington: THEY ARE NOT LOOKING AT LANDSCAPING,

JUST THE STRUCTURE OF THE ROAD.

>>David Willems: PART OF IT IS THE LANDSCAPING.

BUT THE BIGGER -- OBVIOUSLY, THE LANDSCAPING IS REALLY A

DESIGN, IT'S MORE OF AN ART.
BUT AS IT RELATES TO IMPACTS TO UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, THEY WOULD BE LOOKING AT THAT AS WELL.

>>Mayor Ribble: ARE WE STILL SCHEDULED TO MOVE ON THIS PROJECT, START IT BY OCTOBER 1st OR NO?

>>David Willems: YEAH, I THINK -- YEAH, WHAT WE'RE HOPING TO DO IS HAVE THIS TO YOU GUYS WHEN YOU GET BACK FROM YOUR BREAK AS FAR AS TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION PORTION OF IT. IF WE WERE ABLE TO SIGN IT THEN, THEN YEAH.

>>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON THE MOTION?

Howard Levitan: AYE.
Jon McLain: AYE.
Jim Boesch: AYE.
Nick Batos: AYE.
Jim Wilson: AYE.
Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
Mayor Ribble: AYE.
OKAY.


WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE TITLE OF THE RESOLUTION?


>>Mayor Ribble: MR. SARKOZY, WOULD YOU PLEASE INTRODUCE THIS ITEM?

Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. THIS IS A VERY SIMILAR ITEM TO THE PREVIOUS ONE BUT IT APPLIES TO THE U.S. 41 LANDSCAPING PROJECT.

>>Mayor Ribble: MR. SARKOZY, WOULD YOU PLEASE INTRODUCE THIS ITEM?

Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. THIS IS A VERY SIMILAR ITEM TO THE PREVIOUS ONE BUT IT APPLIES TO THE U.S. 41 LANDSCAPING PROJECT.

FUNDING ULTIMATELY IN LARGE PART BY THE STATE. WE HAVE TO EXPEND OUR MONIES, DO THE PROJECT AND THEN WE ARE REIMBURSED.

AS PART OF A STATE CONTRACT, THEY REQUIRE THAT THE CEI SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE ON-SITE COORDINATION.

THIS ONE WILL BE MAYBE A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT IN TERMS OF THE FOCUS BECAUSE WE HAVE TO MAINTAIN TRAFFIC ON U.S. 41 WHILE THIS PROJECT IS BEING DONE, AND THAT WILL BE NO SMALL CHALLENGE.

WE'RE RECOMMENDING APPROVAL ON THIS ONE AS WELL.

I MIGHT ADD, THESE ARE FOR SERVICES FOR COSTS UP TO THAT AMOUNT.

AND IN BOTH OF THESE CASES, THE INSPECTORS ON THE JOB WILL BE THE FIRST LINE OF QUESTIONING AND SOMEONE WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE TO STAFF THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY AS WELL FOR
9:47:29AM QUESTIONS.
9:47:29AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
9:47:30AM COUNCIL, QUESTIONS?
9:47:31AM DISCUSSION?
9:47:34AM >> MAKE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.
9:47:38AM >>Mayor Ribble: YES, JON.
9:47:39AM >>Jon McLain: STEVE, I JUST HAD ONE QUESTION.
9:47:43AM THIS MAY NOT BE THE PROPER WAY TO LOOK AT THIS.
9:47:47AM LOOK AT THE COST OF THE TOTAL PROJECT, ESTERO IS 2.12%,
9:47:54AM WHILE THIS IS 10.5% OF THE TOTAL BUDGETED COSTS.

9:47:58AM ESTIMATED COST.
9:47:59AM CAN YOU HELP ME UNDERSTAND WHY THE HIGHER COST ON THIS ONE
9:48:06AM VERSUS THE OTHER?
9:48:10AM -- MAYBE MORE COMPLEX.
9:48:14AM I'M NOT SURE.
9:48:16AM >>Steven Sarkozy: I THINK THERE ARE GOING TO BE A LOT OF
9:48:18AM ISSUES, LIKE I MENTIONED, WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC.
9:48:20AM DAVID MAY HAVE IDEAS.
9:48:21AM >>David Willems: SO THERE'S GOING TO BE TWO SEPARATE ITEMS
9:48:24AM THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE VOTING ON.
9:48:26AM THIS FIRST ONE IS ACTUALLY THE CONSTRUCTION.
9:48:31AM THIS ONE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NOW -- SO WE'RE GOING TO
9:48:35AM APPROVE THE BID TO THE CONTRACTOR.
9:48:39AM WE'RE ALSO LOOKING TO ADD A CONTINGENCY, JUST SO IF THERE
9:48:44AM ARE UNFORESEEN THINGS THAT COME UP THAT WE CAN DO THOSE
9:48:47AM WITHOUT COMING BACK TO COUNCIL.
9:48:49AM THAT'S 10%.
9:48:52AM AND THEN THE LAST THING, THE RESOLUTION, WHAT THAT DOES IS
9:48:54AM IT ADJUSTS OUR BUDGET BECAUSE IT CAME IN HIGHER THAN WHAT WE
9:48:58AM HAD EXPECTED.
9:49:00AM ADJUST THE BUDGET FROM THIS FISCAL YEAR TO ACCOUNT FOR THIS
9:49:04AM AMOUNT.
9:49:04AM THE SECOND ONE, WHICH WE'RE NOT VOTING ON YET, IS THE CEI
9:49:08AM SERVICES.
9:49:11AM YEAH, I THINK STEVE ALLUDED TO THAT FOR CEI -- DOING CEI ON

9:49:18AM U.S. 41 IS A LOT MORE COMPLICATED THAN CEI ON ESTERO
9:49:22AM PARKWAY.
9:49:23AM AS YOU COULD IMAGINE, ESTERO PARKWAY, IT REALLY PROBABLY
9:49:26AM DOESN'T CREATE MUCH ISSUE IF YOU CLOSE DOWN A LANE TO DO
9:49:29AM CONSTRUCTION IN THE SHOULDER OR IN THE MEDIAN.
9:49:34AM SO THERE'S A LOT MORE COORDINATION.
9:49:36AM THERE'S A LOT -- IT'S A LOT MORE DIFFICULT THAN WHAT IT IS
9:49:39AM ON ESTERO PARKWAY.
9:49:40AM KEEP IN MIND THAT FOR THE CEI THAT'S IN HERE, WE HAVE NOT
9:49:45AM NEGOTIATED THE CONTRACT.
THAT'S THE NUMBER THAT WE'RE ESTIMATING, AND IT MAY BE A LITTLE BIT HIGH. SO HOPEFULLY IT WILL COME IN LOWER THAN THAT. BUT THIS IS JUST AN ESTIMATE RIGHT NOW. >> U.S. 41 LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPERIOR LANDSCAPING AND LAWN SERVICE, THAT WON'T BE THE COMPANY DOING THE DIRECTING OF TRAFFIC. WHO WILL BE -- HOW WILL THAT BE HANDLED? >>David Willems: I BELIEVE THEY DO IT THEMSELVES. WE HAD TALKED TO THEM. TYPICALLY A LANDSCAPE COMPANY, THEY MAY HIRE SOMEBODY ELSE TO DO IT, LIKE A SUBCONSULTANT. I THINK THEY MAY HAVE THAT ABILITY IN-HOUSE. THEY DO A LOT OF F.D.O.T. ROADWAY WORK SO THEY ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH INSTALLING LANDSCAPING. >>Vice-Mayor Errington: THE LIABILITY IS ON THEIR COMPANY FOR PROTECTION OF THEIR WORKERS, STANDING OUT THERE IN THAT TRAFFIC, NOT US. >>David Willems: CORRECT. >>Vice-Mayor Errington: THEY ARE ALSO THE ONES THAT WILL BE DOING THE LANDSCAPING AFTER EVERYTHING IS INSTALLED AND SET? >>David Willems: IN THE CONTRACT, THEY'LL BE DOING THE MAINTENANCE FOR TWO YEARS AFTER ITS INSTALLED. >>Vice-Mayor Errington: OKAY, WHAT HAPPENS -- SO IT'S TWO YEARS INSTEAD OF ONE YEAR WITH NATIVE PLANTS. I HAVE TO SAY THE PLANTS LOOK GORGEOUS, BEAUTIFUL. I AM JUST OVERWHELMED WITH HOW GREAT THEY LOOK, EVEN WITHOUT TREES. BUT IF MOST OF THOSE PLANTS ARE NATIVE PLANTS AND THEY DON'T REQUIRE A WHOLE LOT OF WATER AND MAINTENANCE, I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE, MAYBE EVEN ANOTHER AGENCY, CHECKING TO MAKE SURE WE CAN CUT OUR COSTS BY NOT TRIMMING. THERE SHOULD NOT BE A WHOLE LOT OF TRIMMING ON THOSE PLANTS OR WATERING EITHER, BECAUSE OF THE NATIVE PLANTS, THE NEW ONES THAT ARE GOING IN. I KNOW A LOT OF THE EXISTING PLANTS WILL BE KEPT. >>David Willems: THERE WILL BE MAINTENANCE THE FIRST YEAR AT LEAST AND MAYBE THE FIRST YEAR AND A HALF. WHILE THEY ARE NATIVE PLANTS, THEY STILL HAVE TO BE GROWN IN. IT TAKES A LITTLE MORE IRRIGATION FROM THAT STANDPOINT. AS FAR AS TRIMMING, YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S GOING TO BE A YEAR OR TWO FOR THEM TO GROW IN BEFORE THEY EVEN NEED TO BE TRIMMED. BUT WHAT THE TWO YEARS DOES IS IF THERE IS ANYTHING -- BECAUSE THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME THAT DIE.
IF ANYTHING DIES WITHIN THE FIRST TWO YEARS, THEY HAVE TO REPLACE IT.
WHEN WE GET IT AFTER THE TWO YEARS, EVERYTHING WILL BE IN PLACE.
WHEN THEY FIRST STARTED, HOW MANY PRESENTATIONS HAVE THEY MADE?
FINALLY, IT LOOKS LIKE IT’S REALLY NICE.
IT’S ALL PART OF THE PROCESS.
IT’S GOOD TO GO THROUGH ALL THE HARD WORK AND THE PRESENTATIONS AND THE CORRECTIONS.
SO THANK YOU.
ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?
I MAKE A MOTION TO ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION 2019-07.
I HAVE NO ONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.
WE HAD TWO FIRMS THAT SUBMITTED.
THE REASON -- ONE OF THE REASONS THAT WE SELECTED TETRA TECH NUMBER ONE IS THEY BROUGHT A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT THAT HAD
DONE VERY SIMILAR WORK UP IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY JUST RECENTLY,
SO BOTH OF THEM CAN HANDLE THE TRAFFIC, BUT HAVING HER THERE
AND HER EXPERTISE WORKING WITHIN THE SAME KIND OF REALM,
_KIND OF PUSHED THEM OVER THE EDGE, AND THAT’S WHY WE RANKED
THEM NUMBER ONE.
THIS IS JUST AN ESTIMATED COST.
WE DON’T HAVE THE CONTRACT YET.
THIS IS JUST APPROVAL FOR US TO CONTRACT WITH THEM UP TO
$143,000.
AND THAT IS WHAT WAS IN THE BUDGET IN THE RESOLUTION THAT
YOU JUST PASSED.
Mayor Ribble: COUNCIL COMMENTS?
HEARING NONE, ANYONE SIGNED UP FROM THE PUBLIC?
CAN I HAVE A MOTION?
Vice-Mayor Errington: SO MOVED.
Mayor Ribble: SECOND BY JIM WILSON.
Howard Levitan: AYE.
Jon McLain: AYE.
Jim Boesch: AYE.
Nick Batos: AYE.
Jim Wilson: AYE.
Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
Mayor Ribble: AYE.
WE’LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.
ANYONE SIGNED UP?
Kathleen Hall: I HAVE NO ONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.
Mayor Ribble: THIS WILL BE A RECORD MEETING HERE,
MR. BOESCH AND MR. BATOS.
I THINK THIS MIGHT BE SETTING A NEW TREND HERE.
I’LL CALL ON EACH COUNCIL MEMBER FOR COMMENTS.
KATY, WE’LL START WITH YOU.
INDICATE OKAY.
YOU MAY NOT --
Vice-Mayor Errington: YOU MAY NOT KNOW THAT THE CHARLOTTE
HARBOR NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM NOW HAS A NEW NAME.
IT’S CALLED COASTAL AND HEARTLAND NATIONAL ESTUARY
PARTNERSHIP.
IT IS STILL CHNEP FOR LOGO PURPOSES AND ALL OF THAT, BUT THE
NAME HAS CHANGED.
I JUST WANT TO COMMENT ON OUR MEETING LAST WEEK WITH THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
I WAS VERY PROUD OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO COUNCIL AND THE
_LARGE NUMBER OF OUR RESIDENTS WHO CAME TO THE LEE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING TO SPEAK AGAINST REMOVING MAP
14.
AND IT WAS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING THAT WE HAD ONLY ONE
COMMISSIONER WHO REALLY LISTENED TO OUR PLEAS.
IT'S VERY DISCOURAGING THAT WE HAD TO DEAL WITH DEAF EARS,
BUT, YOU KNOW, I THINK WE CAN FEEL VERY PROUD, AND I WANT
THE COMMUNITY TO KNOW THAT THIS COUNCIL CHANGED THE MEETING
DATES TWICE IN ORDER FOR US TO GO AND REPRESENT THE CITIZENS
OF ESTERO, WHICH WE DID.
I THINK WE PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT, AND I FEEL VERY GOOD ABOUT
THAT.
I FEEL LIKE IT IS NOW ALMOST OUT OF OUR HANDS, BUT WE CAN
STILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT.
I WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE CIVILITY THAT WE ALL HAD, AND I
WAS PLEASED WITH MY OWN SELF.
I WAS CIVIL.
YOU KNOW, SO --
>>Mayor Ribble: THE COACHING I GAVE YOU WORKED.
[ LAUGHTER ]
>>Vice-Mayor Errington: THAT YOU GAVE ME?
[ LAUGHTER ]
YES, BILL.
[ LAUGHTER ]
BUT WE NEED TO BE PROUD OF THE FACT THAT WE DID TRY, AND
IT'S OUT OF OUR HANDS, BUT IT IS NOT OUT OF OUR HANDS.
WE CAN STILL FIGHT, BUT WE DON'T TAKE THESE THINGS LIGHTLY.
WE WANT TO HAVE A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS, AND I CONTINUE TO SAY THAT IT'S IN THEIR
HANDS.
I WAS GOING TO PASS, BUT I THOUGHT YOU DID A GREAT JOB
SUMMARIZING WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEDNESDAY.
I TOTALLY AGREE WITH EVERYTHING YOU SAID.
YOU KNOW WHAT'S AMAZING, KATY AND I ATTENDED THE MPO MEETING
ON FRIDAY, IT'S AMAZING HOW BEFORE THAT MEETING THAT 20
MINUTES WE WERE THERE, EVERYBODY WAS TALKING ABOUT THE
ISSUE.
IT'S NOT A DEAD ISSUE.
IT'S GOING ON IN THE HALLS OF OTHER MEETINGS.
THIS THING WAS SO FAR OUT OF RANGE ON THE DIALOGUE, THAT WE
9:58:43AM    HAVE THE EARS.
9:58:45AM    I THINK YOU HEARD -- WE HAVE THE EARS OF A LOT OF FOLKS ON
9:58:48AM    THIS ISSUE.
9:58:49AM    I'LL REST THAT.

9:58:52AM    JIM, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO YOU.
9:58:57AM    >>Jim Boesch: I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE ON THIS.
9:58:59AM    I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY, MANY DISPUTES, LOCAL, STATE
9:59:04AM    AND SO FORTH.
9:59:06AM    AND I THINK ALL OF US WERE ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE.
9:59:10AM    I DON'T THINK.
9:59:10AM    I KNOW.
9:59:11AM    WE WERE ALL ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE.
9:59:14AM    THERE ARE SOMETIMES, EVEN MYSELF AND I FEEL SOMETHING SHOULD
9:59:19AM    HAPPEN, AND WHEN A MAJORITY COMES TO TALK ABOUT IT, YOU HAVE
9:59:28AM    TO LISTEN SINCERELY TO WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY.
9:59:32AM    AND ESPECIALLY IF IT IS A LARGE MAJORITY, YOU HAVE TO CHANGE
9:59:33AM    YOUR MIND AND GO ALONG WITH WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS.
9:59:35AM    ALL OF US -- ALL OF US IN ESTERO SHOULD REALIZE THAT IN TWO
9:59:42AM    HEARINGS, 100% OF THE PEOPLE WHO SPOKE ON THIS ISSUE, EXCEPT
9:59:49AM    FOR ONE, AND THAT WAS THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MINING PEOPLE,
9:59:54AM    WERE AGAINST THIS ISSUE.
9:59:56AM    AND IF YOU ARE ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE, THEN WHEN
10:00:02AM    THAT HAPPENS, I DON'T CARE HOW YOU'RE THINKING.
10:00:06AM    IF HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE ARE TELLING YOU NOT TO DO
10:00:09AM    THIS, MOST DISAPPOINTING THING THAT I WENT THROUGH THAT
10:00:12AM    WHOLE DAY WAS THE FACT THAT THESE ELECTED OFFICIALS DID NOT
10:00:17AM    CARE.
10:00:17AM    THEY DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SPEAKING.
10:00:21AM    THEY WERE VERY RUDE, IN MY OPINION, BUT, MOST IMPORTANT,

10:00:26AM    WHEN THE PUBLIC SPEAKS, AS ELECTED OFFICIALS, WE HAVE TO
10:00:31AM    COMPROMISE AND REALIZE THAT THIS IS WHAT THEY WANT AND VOTE
10:00:36AM    FOR THEM, AND TO TURN THE PEOPLE DOWN.
10:00:40AM    THE SECOND THING, AT THE END OF THE MEETING THEY GET INTO
10:00:43AM    NASTY COMMENTS.
10:00:44AM    I JUST WAS SHOCKED AT IT, AGAIN, THEY GO AFTER THE ECCL, AND
10:00:50AM    IT JUST -- IT'S NOT JUST EMBARRASSING ME, IT'S TOTALLY
10:00:54AM    DISAPPOINTING.
10:00:55AM    AT THE END OF THE MEETING YOU ALREADY MADE UP YOUR MIND HOW
10:01:01AM    YOU'RE GOING TO VOTE AND THERE'S NO NECESSITY GOING TO START
10:01:05AM    AND PICKING ON THE PEOPLE SPEAKING THERE, PICKING ON PEOPLE
10:01:09AM    WHO REPRESENTED THE PEOPLE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND IT JUST
10:01:16AM    WAS A MEETING, I HAVE TO SAY, I ALMOST GOT A SENSE OF HATE
10:01:20AM    AT THAT MEETING.
10:01:21AM    IF THIS IS WHERE WE'RE GOING TO LEAD GOVERNMENT TO, I DON'T
10:01:26AM    WANT ANY PART OF THAT STUFF.
10:01:33AM    >>Nick Batos: I DON'T WANT TO KEEP ADDING ON TO THIS, BUT
I think it's important that we all realize that during the transmittal and the adoption hearings, we had over a hundred people that spoke up against the adoption of this comprehensive plan, and we had hundreds and hundreds of people that attended it.

I feel really proud that our council has stood up and has extended to the public information in trying to educate them on what is really happening.

I think that it's a shame that government uses terminology that deceives the public in saying that nothing is changing on mining in Lee County.

What they have done is made a major difference on where mining can be done and how it can be approved, and that is a shame, because this is our home, and we all came here because we felt this was paradise for us, and this is changing. We're going to end up with a mine-scarred area that was originally meant to be kept as a pristine, the DRGR for our own protection and the quality of water and for our quality of life.

It is a bad day that this happens.

I don't want to change the subject either.

I think in looking at this map, which we have showing what's going on out in the eastern part of the county, and as well as some of the applications that are in process for additional mines, I think the county board will have an opportunity to prove what they said was the reason to do this, which was no change, and all we're trying to do is protect ourselves from lawsuits, et cetera, et cetera.

So it will give everybody an opportunity to see whether they were really telling the truth or whether this was really a sellout to the mining interests.

That's my thoughts.

Mayor Ribble: Thanks, Jim.

You're up.

You have two other council members.

Mayor Ribble: I'm sorry.

Out of sight, out of mind again.

Jon McLain.

Mayor Ribble: Thank you, Mayor.

I'd like to carry on with what Councilman Wilson said.

I think we do have a chance in the future to -- the county commissioners to task on what they said -- lawsuits and we should be monitoring those events as they go by and we should -- opportunities to speak up there.

Just another subject, maybe a little bit lighter -- the
10:04:38AM  DESIGN REVIEW BOARD THIS EVENING WILL BE CONDUCTING WORKSHOPS.
10:04:41AM  ONE OF THE TOPICS ON THAT WILL BE THE ESTERO PARKWAY'S LANDSCAPE.
10:04:46AM  -- ATTEND TO ANSWER MAJORITY OF THE QUESTIONS.
10:04:56AM  I'M SURE MARY WILL BE THERE ALSO.
10:05:03AM  THAT'S ALL I HAVE.
10:05:04AM  >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, JON.
10:05:09AM  HOWARD?
10:05:11AM  >>Howard Levitan: YEAH, I JUST WANT TO GO BACK TO OUR FAVORITE SUBJECT, I GUESS.
10:05:21AM  BUT THIS WAS SO BEYOND THE PALE THAT IT WAS REALLY UPSETTING.
10:05:25AM  THE WORST OFFENSES, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED WERE THE COMMENTS BY THE COMMISSIONERS AT THE END, ESPECIALLY THOSE DIRECTED AT PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE ON THE DIFFERENT SIDE FROM THEM.
10:05:38AM  I FOUND THOSE COMMENTS TO BE CONDESCENDING, DEMEANING AND FOR THE MOST PART ARROGANT.
10:05:44AM  THE WAY AROUND THAT IS THE BALLOT BOX.
10:05:49AM  I THINK THE FOLKS OF ESTERO ARE GOING TO HAVE LONG MEMORIES ON THIS ONE.
10:05:58AM  I LOOK FORWARD TO THOSE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS AS WELL.
10:06:05AM  THANK YOU.
10:06:07AM  >>Mayor Ribble: BURT, NOW YOU'RE UP.
10:06:08AM  >>Burt Saunders: QUICK BIT OF INFORMATION.
10:06:11AM  YOUR FRIENDS TO THE SOUTH IN COLLIER COUNTY ARE GOING TO BE DOING A BEACH RENOURISHMENT TRUCK SAND HAUL OPERATION AGAIN,
10:06:13AM  BUT THE TRUCKS ARE ALL GOING TO BE OUTFITTED WITH GPS TRACKING DEVICES TO MAKE SURE THEY USE ALICO ROAD.
10:06:29AM  JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT START GETTING PHONE CALLS ABOUT THAT.
10:06:33AM  >>Jim Wilson: THANK YOU TO YOUR ADMINISTRATION.
10:06:38AM  I JUST SAW AN E-MAIL ON THAT SUBJECT.
10:06:50AM  THEY WILL BE ENFORCED.
10:06:54AM  >> WILL THEY BE USING THE ALICO ROAD --
10:07:01AM >>Burt Saunders: YES.
10:07:02AM >>Mayor Ribble: YOU'VE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB AS
COMMISSIONER DOWN THERE.
10:07:05AM WE'RE ALIGNING OURSELVES WITH A LOT OF YOUR DECISIONS YOU
MADE, PARTICULARLY THE SHORT-TERM RENTALS WHICH WE'RE BIG
FANS OF THE LANGUAGE GETTING PASSED.
10:07:15AM STEVE, YOUR UP.
10:07:18AM >>Steven Sarkozy: NOTHING ELSE.
10:07:19AM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:07:19AM JIM AND NICK ARE GETTING NERVOUS.
10:07:22AM I CAN SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE.
10:07:23AM MOVING RIGHT ALONG, WE'LL ADJOURN OUR MEETING.
10:07:26AM AND WE'LL GO INTO OUR WORKSHOP SESSION.
10:07:28AM WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE A BREAK.
10:07:31AM I DON'T THINK WE NEED ONE.
10:07:32AM IT'S ONLY 10:07.

10:07:37AM >> HOW MUCH TIME DO I GET, MR. MAYOR?
10:07:40AM >>Mayor Ribble: LET YOUR CONSCIENCE BE YOUR GUIDE, YOUNG
MAN.
10:07:44AM >>Derek Rooney: WHAT WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT TODAY IS TO
JUST GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW AND ASK FOR SOME POLICY DIRECTION
ON ONE OF THE ESSENTIAL TOOLBOXES -- TOOLS FOR THE TOOLBOX
AND REVENUE SOURCES, AND THAT IS SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, WHICH
IS A HOME RULE AUTHORITY.
10:07:59AM THERE'S ALSO SOME STATUTORY AUTHORITY.
10:08:01AM YOU'RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE CONCEPT OF CDDs AND THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE AND TAXING BENEFITS THAT THE UNITS WITH
THE COUNTY HAVE.
10:08:13AM EFFECTIVELY WHAT IT IS, IS A MECHANISM TO DESIGNATE AN AREA
OF THE VILLAGE FOR EITHER -- FOR ANNUAL, ONE-TIME, OR AN
INSTALLMENT BASIS, ASSESSMENTS THAT GO ON THE TAX ROLL TO
PAY FOR EITHER SERVICES OR FOR CAPITAL FACILITIES.
10:08:31AM THIS COULD BE ANYTHING FROM PARKS TO SEWER EXPANSIONS, ROAD
PROJECTS, ET CETERA.
10:08:37AM THIS CAME UP INITIALLY WITH MR. WILLEMS AND MYSELF OVER SOME
RESIDENTS WHO ASKED FOR THE EXTENSION OF SEWER LINES INTO
THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.
10:08:48AM YOU SEE A MAP ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA PACKET WHICH IDENTIFIES
A NUMBER OF AREAS IN THE VILLAGE WHICH COULD BE SERVED BY
SEWER AND WATER.
10:08:57AM IN MOST CASES, I THINK THEY ARE SERVED BY WATER, BUT SEWER
IS THE BIG ISSUE, WHICH IS SOMETHING I KNOW THIS COUNCIL IS
VERY INTERESTED IN, IN THE CONVERSION FROM SEPTIC TANKS.
10:09:08AM WE DO NOT HAVE COMPLETE AUTHORITY ON THIS BECAUSE BOTH -- WE
DON'T HAVE ANY UTILITIES OURSELVES, SO WE HAVE TO MAKE
AGREEMENTS WITH LCU AND BSU TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES.
BUT IN THE EVENT THAT THE COUNCIL WANTED TO MOVE FORWARD, WE COULD IDENTIFY AREAS, IDENTIFY AND WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF THOSE PROJECTS WITH THE RELEVANT UTILITIES, OR IF THEY ARE ROAD PROJECTS, WE COULD WORK INTERNALLY TO DEVELOP THAT. THE PROCESS GOES ESSENTIALLY LIKE THIS.

YOU IDENTIFY YOUR PROJECT.

YOU DEFINE THE ASSESSMENT AREA, WHICH COULD BE THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR THE AREA THAT’S GOING TO BE BENEFITING.

YOU APPORTION -- YOU COME UP WITH THE ESTIMATED COST, AND YOU APPORTION THAT OUT.

YOU ADOPT A SERIES OF ASSESSMENT RESOLUTIONS, WHICH INDICATE WHAT EVERYONE IS GOING TO BE PAYING AND THE BASIS OF THAT METHODOLOGY AND IT’S USUALLY DONE ON AN EQUIVALENT UNIT BASIS.

EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNITS, IF YOU’RE TALKING ABOUT EXTENDING SEWER LINES TO HOUSES.

FOR ROADS, YOU MIGHT DO IT ON ACTUAL FRONTAGE BASIS.

BUT THERE’S A VARIETY OF APPORTIONMENT THAT YOU DO BASED ON THE TYPE OF PROJECT THAT GOES FORWARD.

ONCE THOSE RESOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED, THERE ARE STATUTORY NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

GOES OUT IN A TRIM NOTICE.

YOU WOULD THEN HAVE THE FINAL SAY-SO AT YOUR BUDGET HEARING.

WHETHER YOU’RE GOING TO ADOPT THE FINAL ASSESSMENT, AND THEN AT THAT POINT, YOU HAVE THE REVENUE SOURCE SECURED.

YOU COULD OBLIGATE, GO OUT AND BORROW THE MONEY TO DO THE PROJECT AND MOVE FORWARD.

NOW, THE WAY THIS GENERALLY WORKS IS THAT COMMUNITIES WILL EITHER DO THIS ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE, THAT IS RESIDENTS COME FORWARD.

AND I’VE ATTACHED PROPOSED POLICY FOR RESIDENT GROUPS TO COME UP AND BASICALLY PETITION THE CITY TO ESTABLISH THESE DISTRICTS, OR THE CITY -- THE VILLAGE COUNCIL CAN DECIDE ON ITS OWN THAT THEY WANT TO EXTEND, FOR INSTANCE, SEWERS, BECAUSE OF CONCERNS ABOUT THE ESTERO RIVER AND SEWAGE LEAKAGE.

WE WOULD THEN GO THROUGH THAT PROCESS.

THERE WILL BE A SERIES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND YOU WOULD ADOPT THE ASSESSMENT, AND THEN WE’D WORK OUT THE PROCESS.

IT TAKES A LITTLE OVER A YEAR TO DO THIS BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH YOUR FULL BUDGETING CYCLE.

WE HAVE TO WORK IT OUT WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER AND THE TAX COLLECTOR.

THIS IS, LIKE I SAID, IT’S ONE OF THOSE ESSENTIAL TOOLS THAT CITIES UTILIZE.

IF THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT US TO EXPLORE FURTHER, I
10:11:29AM HAVE A DRAFT OF AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD GIVE THE VILLAGE
10:11:33AM AUTHORITY TO DO THIS, AND THEN I WOULD WORK WITH BOTH
10:11:36AM YOURSELF, THE MANAGER, AND MR. WILLEMS TO IDENTIFY PROJECTS,
10:11:42AM AND SEE IF THERE’S ANY INTEREST IN GOING FORWARD.
10:11:44AM EACH PROJECT WOULD BE DEALT WITH INDIVIDUALLY.
10:11:48AM ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?
10:11:51AM >>Mayor Ribble: READY FOR COMMENTS.
10:11:52AM >>Derek Rooney: YES.
10:11:53AM >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCIL COMMENTS?
10:11:58AM >>Jim Boesch: I HAVE A QUESTION.
10:11:59AM THE WHOLE PROCESS, BALLPARK FIGURE IN TERMS OF TALKING ABOUT
10:12:03AM THE PROCESS.
10:12:04AM >>Derek Rooney: I'LL TAKE A HYPOTHETICAL.
10:12:06AM WE HAVE RIGHT NOW A PROBLEM -- I'LL GIVE YOU A REALISTIC
10:12:09AM ONE.
10:12:10AM WE HAVE A PROBLEM IN A COMMUNITY IN THE VILLAGE KNOWN AS
10:12:13AM ESTERO SPRINGS.
10:12:14AM IT'S AN OLDER SUBDIVISION.
10:12:20AM IT DOES NOT HAVE ROADS.
10:12:21AM I DON'T BELIEVE IT HAS SEWER OR WATER.
10:12:23AM IT'S ACTUALLY A SPLIT DISTRICT WHERE I THINK THE WATER COMES
10:12:25AM FROM ONE DISTRICT AND THE SEWER WOULD COME FROM ANOTHER
10:12:27AM DISTRICT.
10:12:27AM AND THERE ARE SOME OLDER HOMES THAT WERE PERMITTED IN THERE
10:12:30AM BY LEE COUNTY.
10:12:31AM BUT NEW HOMES, IF SOMEONE WERE TO COME IN THERE, THEY
10:12:37AM WOULDN’T HAVE A ROAD.
10:12:38AM A HOMEOWNER TODAY WOULD HAVE TO BUILD A ROAD FROM WILLEMS
10:12:44AM ROAD ALL THE WAY TO THEIR PROPERTY JUST TO BE ABLE TO HAVE
10:12:49AM EMERGENCY SERVICES, GARBAGE PICKUP, AND SO THAT MIGHT BE A
10:12:53AM PROJECT WHERE THE VILLAGE CAN LOOK AT IT AND SAY, YOU KNOW
10:12:57AM WHAT?
10:12:57AM ROADS ARE SOMETHING THAT INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS AREN’T
10:13:00AM GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO FORWARD BUT IT WILL BE A BENEFIT TO
10:13:02AM THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TO DO IT.
10:13:03AM WE COULD PUT IN ROADS AND AT THE SAME TIME WE’RE DOING
10:13:06AM ROADS, WHY NOT EXTEND SEWER AND WATER?
10:13:09AM SO THAT COULD BE A PROJECT THAT’S IDENTIFIED, AND THEN WE
10:13:12AM WOULD WORK WITH THE TWO UTILITY DISTRICTS AS WELL AS BID OUT
10:13:15AM THE COSTS AND ENGINEERING TO BUILD THE ROADS, AND THEN THAT
10:13:19AM TOTAL PACKAGE WILL HAVE A NOT TO EXCEED DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT
10:13:23AM WE EXPECT, AND WE WILL FIGURE OUT IF THE VILLAGE IS GOING TO
10:13:26AM PAY FOR PORTIONS OF THAT OUT OF THE GENERAL REVENUES OR
10:13:29AM GOING TO ASSESS ALL THE PROPERTIES AND THEN CHARGE THEM OVER
10:13:33AM A PERIOD OF TIME TO MAKE THE IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH
10:13:36AM SIGNIFICANTLY BENEFIT THEIR PROPERTY.
10:13:38AM SO THAT WOULD BE A HYPOTHETICAL OF A PROCESS WE COULD GO
FORWARD, REAL-WORLD SITUATION WE HAVE.

THROUGH A BONDING?

>>Nick Batos: I WOULD ASSUME IN MOST CASES THAT'S DONE

>>Derek Rooney: IT DEPENDS ON THE DOLLAR AMOUNT.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, YES, IT WOULD BE BOND.

THE REVENUE SOURCE THAT WOULD BE PLEDGED WOULD BE THE

REVENUES FROM THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

THIS WOULD NEED TO GO TO A REFERENDUM.

>>Nick Batos: WE WOULD NOT HAVE A PROBLEM IN THAT THE AMOUNT

THAT WE COULD BOND, SINCE WE'VE ALREADY TAKEN OUT A LOAN, OR

A SIGNIFICANT LOAN, IT WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY THE MONEY

COMING IN.

THAT WOULD BE EASY TO GET A BOND ON THAT THEN.

>>Derek Rooney: CORRECT, THIS WOULD BE A REVENUE BOND.

>>Lisa Roberson: IT COULD TAKE ON VARIOUS FORMS, BUT IT

WOULD BE MUNICIPAL BORROWING, AND IF THE WAY THAT COUNCIL IS

DESCRIBING IT, THE REVENUE STREAMS WERE ESTABLISHED, AND

THOSE WERE ALLOCATED SPECIFICALLY TO THE NEW DEBT.

IT WOULD NOT THEORETICALLY IMPACT ANY OF OUR EXISTING DEBT,

OUR COVENANTS, OR LIMITATION TO BORROW THAT WE HAVE, IF

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO.

WITH EACH BORROWING, GENERAL BORROWING THAT WE HAVE, WE ONLY

HAVE SO MUCH DEBT CAPACITY.

SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU HAVE IN HOUSEHOLD, YOUR INCOME --

HOUSEHOLD INCOME WILL DRIVE THE AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE YOU CAN

HAVE.

THE AMOUNT OF BORROWING YOU HAVE.

SIMILAR TO THAT, WE HAVE THE SAME LIMITATIONS.

THIS WOULD NOT IMPACT THE WAY THAT THEY ARE DESCRIBING,

BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE --

>>Howard Levitan: MR. MAYOR, COULD I JUMP IN?

Mayor Ribble: GO AHEAD, HOWARD.

Howard Levitan: THANK YOU.

DEREK, I HAVE JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ON THE ATTACHMENTS.

I UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF 50% PLUS 1 ON THE INFORMAL

PETITION, BUT, FIRST, WOULDN'T WE WANT TO DO A HIGHER

PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE IN THAT AREA TO APPROVE THE FINAL

CONCEPT?

BECAUSE WE'RE BASICALLY FORCING THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT DON'T

VOTE FOR THIS TO PAY BY THEIR TAXES.

I'M A LITTLE TROUBLED LEAVING IT 50 PLUS 1 ON THE FINAL

VOTE, AND I'M A LITTLE TROUBLED, MORE THAN A LITTLE TROUBLED

THAT ONLY ONE RECORD HOLDER HAS TO SIGN THE PETITION.

I COULDN'T FIND IN THE STATUTES WHERE THAT PROCESS WAS

APPROVED.

THE REFERENCE THAT YOU HAVE DOWN BELOW IS NOT THE RIGHT
REFERENCE EITHER.
IT'S 3632.
IT DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE 51%.
>>Derek Rooney: THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS, I'LL LOOK AT THE
REFERENCE, BUT THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS ARE A -- NOT A
STATUTORY PROCESS.
THE CHAPTER 197 REFERENCE IS TO THE UNIFORM COLLECTION
METHOD.
THAT'S BASICALLY THE WAY YOU GET THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS ON THE
TAX ROLLS.
>>Howard Levitan: OKAY.
BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT, YOU KNOW, IF YOU HAVE A HUSBAND AND
WIFE AND ONLY HAVE THE HUSBAND'S SIGNATURE, AND THEY ARE IN
THE MIDDLE OF A DIVORCE, SO THEY BOTH GET STUCK WITH THAT
THING?
>>Derek Rooney: OKAY.
SO LET ME WALK THROUGH BOTH OF YOUR COMMENTS.
THE FIRST COMMENT WAS THE 50% PLUS 1.
BASED ON SOME RECENT EXPERIENCE, I CAN TELL YOU THAT YOU'RE
PROBABLY RIGHT TO RECOMMEND A HIGHER NUMBER.
THE CITY OF PUNTA GORDA STARTED A PROJECT A COUPLE OF YEARS
AGO AT THE REQUEST OF SEVERAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR A MAJOR
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT.
IT TOOK A COUPLE OF YEARS TO GET THE STATE AND FEDERAL
APPROVALS.
BY THE TIME THEY HAD GOT THE APPROVALS, I THINK ENOUGH OF
THE OWNERSHIP HAD CHANGED THAT THEY NOW SAID, WE DON'T WANT
TO PAY FOR THIS NOW.
WE WANT THE WHOLE CITY TO PAY FOR IT.
I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT.
A NUMBER THAT WOULD BE ABOVE 50% FOR THE INFORMAL PROCESS TO
SHOW A LEVEL OF COMMITMENT THAT COULD LATER IN THE FORMAL
PROCESS BE LOWERED BACK TO 50%, I THINK THAT'S VALID, BUT
IT'S UP TO THE COUNCIL'S DISCRETION WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO
SET THAT 60, 70 PERCENT.
THE RECORD HOLDER ISSUE, I CAN FIX THAT ISSUE, AND WE CAN
ALSO, IF YOUR -- I'LL PUT ALL RECORD OWNERS, I'LL ADDRESS
THAT ISSUE AS WELL, HOWARD.
>>Mayor Ribble: YOU HAD THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CHARLOTTE
COUNTY, IT WAS MORE THAN JUST PUNTA GORDA THAT SIGNED ONTO
THIS.
>>Derek Rooney: I'M THINKING SPECIFICALLY OF A CANAL PROJECT
IN PUNTA GORDA, NOT THE BROADER CHARLOTTE COUNTY ISSUES.
>>Mayor Ribble: DO YOU RECALL WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE --
BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THIS NOW FOR TWO YEARS.
>>Derek Rooney: YEAH, IT CAME BACK TO -- THE COUNCIL HAD
10:18:35AM   CHANGED, AND THERE'S A BIG TURNOVER IN THE RESIDENCY IN
10:18:38AM   PUNTA GORDA.
10:18:39AM   AND MORE RESIDENTS CAME IN IN THE TIME IT STARTED TO END.
10:18:42AM   AND AT THE END, THE CITY COUNCIL WAS FORCED TO MAKE A
10:18:48AM   DECISION, ARE THEY GOING TO BASICALLY MAKE EVERYBODY PAY FOR
10:18:51AM   A SPECIAL PROJECT THAT WAS INITIATED BY ONE GROUP, AND I
10:18:55AM   THINK WHAT THE CITY DID IS THEY HELD THEIR GUNS, WE WERE
10:19:00AM   ASKED TO DO THIS BY THE RESIDENTS IN THIS AREA.
10:19:02AM   THAT WAS APPROVED.
10:19:03AM   EVERYTHING THAT WAS ALWAYS KNOWN.

10:19:06AM   IT WASN'T UNTIL THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED AND THE MONEY WAS
10:19:08AM   AVAILABLE THAT PEOPLE START TO TURN AROUND ON IT.
10:19:10AM   THAT IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE THE PROBLEM WITH THE VOLUNTARY
10:19:13AM   PROCESSES.
10:19:13AM   AND SO THAT'S SOMETHING WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE TO DEAL WITH.
10:19:16AM   I THINK THAT IN MOST CASES, WHERE THE VOLUNTARY PROCESS IS
10:19:22AM   USED, IT IS A SITUATION LIKE I DETAILED IN THE ESTERO
10:19:26AM   SPRINGS.
10:19:26AM   THERE'S SUCH AN OBVIOUS BENEFIT TO EVERYBODY, THAT THE
10:19:29AM   PROPERTY IS ALMOST UNUSABLE OUTSIDE OF THAT.
10:19:33AM   THOSE ARE THE PROCESSES WHERE IT'S DONE.
10:19:35AM   THE IDEA IS WHERE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT BRINGING LIKE SEWER.
10:19:38AM   THAT'S A SITUATION WHERE IT'S PROBABLY LIKELY TO BE MORE
10:19:42AM   COUNCIL INITIATED BECAUSE IT IS THE OVERALL COMMUNITY
10:19:45AM   INTEREST IN MAKING SURE THOSE THINGS ARE DONE.
10:19:47AM   >>Mayor Ribble: I WANT TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE A COMMENT.
10:19:49AM   I'LL CALL ON YOU NEXT, JIM.
10:19:51AM   BUT ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE POUNDED AND POUNDED ON US,
10:19:55AM   PARTICULARLY ME, IN MY COMMUNITY, ABOUT CLEANING UP THE
10:20:00AM   WATER, WHY DO WE STILL HAVE FOLKS ON SEPTIC, AND THIS THING
10:20:04AM   WAS NOTICED, I'M SURPRISED MORE PEOPLE DIDN'T SHOW UP TODAY
10:20:08AM   TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS SINCE THEY ARE SO PASSIONATE ABOUT IT.
10:20:11AM   THEY KNEW WE WERE HAVING A WORKSHOP ON IT.
10:20:14AM   PEOPLE NEED TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED IF THEY WANT TO GET
10:20:18AM   THIS THING FIXED.

10:20:19AM   JIM.
10:20:21AM   >>Jim Boesch: I THINK I AGREE WITH YOU, BILL.
10:20:22AM   WE'RE JUST GOING THROUGH, OR WE JUST FINISHED WITH A
10:20:25AM   RECOMMENDATION TO DO SOME EXTRA SPENDING IN OUR COMMUNITY,
10:20:30AM   AND WE COULDN'T EVEN GET 50% OF THE PEOPLE TO VOTE, NEVER
10:20:34AM   MIND 51% TO VOTE TO APPROVE.
10:20:37AM   THE BOTTOM LINE WITH PEOPLE HERE AND NOT HERE.
10:20:45AM   SOME OF THE PEOPLE NOT HERE DON'T CARE OR THINK IT WILL GO
10:20:49AM   AWAY OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
10:20:50AM   IF YOU WANT TO STRETCH IT TO A HIGHER, I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF
10:20:53AM   YOU'LL GET ENOUGH PEOPLE TO VOTE ON THE ISSUE.
I can understand how you came up with the 50% plus 1 in terms of asking people for voting support on this issue.

Mayor Ribble: NICK.

Howard Levitan: I guarantee you they are going to care when it's a $25,000 tax bill.

Nick Batos: Two items.

On the map that you're supplying, Derek, the two large properties to the north that are circled in red, that I guess mean those areas would be -- could be involved.

I think it should be noticed that both of those large areas on the southern border is the Estero River as it meanders from east of Corkscrew out to the Estero Bay.

And since we all know that our water flows in a southerly direction, all of whatever is in the ground is going to go from those properties into the Estero River and into the bay.

I also think we should not forget, though, that we had talked about maybe a more immediate method of getting to this is the condition of the septic tanks in there.

I don't think that necessarily has to go in this direction.

I guess it could be used for people, I guess, this methodology could be used for people who have to replace septic tanks, septic systems?

Derek Rooney: This is an alternative to regulating septic systems.

Obviously, in some of the smaller communities and some of the septic systems are so close to the river, that even a well-maintained septic system is not going to be as beneficial as sewer would be.

So I think the memo that Burt presented previously on the regulations, these things go hand in hand.

This is an alternative to deal with that long term.

If septic is something that will be continued a period of time, that deals with making sure the septic in place is maintained.

This would be total replacement of septic.

>> It's something we have to as a council decide which one of the directions we want to go in or both.

Derek Rooney: Correct.

Nick Batos: Just as a clarification and one last point, you had mentioned earlier about the system where this idea would be brought up by the community or it could be brought up by the council.

Derek Rooney: Correct.

Nick Batos: If it's brought up by the council, is there a
VOTE INVOLVED WITH THE RESIDENTS.
>>Derek Rooney: NO.
>>Nick Batos: NO.
IS THAT SOMETHING THAT THE COUNCIL JUST MAKES A DECISION?
IT THEN IMPOSES AN ASSESSMENT ON THOSE PROPERTIES.
>>Derek Rooney: CORRECT.
THERE IS A PUBLIC NOTICING PROCESS AND THERE WILL BE HEARINGS.
EVERYONE WILL GET NOTICE OF THE HEARINGS.
IT WILL ALSO BE ROLLED INTO YOUR ANNUAL BUDGET.
SO THERE WILL BE A DISCUSSION POINT.
THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE INPUT TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE BEFORE THE ASSESSMENTS TAKE HOLD.
IN SOME COMMUNITIES, I HAVE SEEN, PARTICULARLY IF THE COSTS ARE GOING TO BE HIGH AND THE BENEFIT IS BOTH TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND TO THE GREATER COMMUNITY WHERE THE MUNICIPALITIES HAVE SPLIT THOSE COSTS.
SO I'M SAYING, LET'S SAY THE PROJECT IS $5 MILLION BUT ONLY 40 HOMES.
AND THERE'S NO WAY THAT THOSE 40 HOMES CAN EVER BEAR THAT COST.
THERE MAY BE A SITUATION WHERE THEY SAY THOSE HOMES WILL PAY THOSE COSTS OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, BUT THEY'LL PAY ONLY A PORTION OF IT.
THE CITY THROUGH GENERAL REVENUES WILL PAY THE REST.
SO THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF COMBINATIONS.
WE WON'T BE Able TO GIVE YOU THOSE NUMBERS AND WHAT THOSE BENEFITS ARE UNTIL WE ACTUALLY START TO DRILL DOWN INTO THE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS.
>>Jim Boesch: THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON A LONG TIME.
IT'S AN UNHAPPY EXPERIENCE TO BEGIN WITH, BUT IN THE END, WHEN THEY GET IT ALL DONE, PEOPLE PRETTY HAPPY THAT THAT'S THE WAY IT IS.
>>Jim Wilson: I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE WHOLE PICTURE.
The information that we're provided here on the narrow scope, on the ten-point item is really just the voluntary citizens in the community, blah, blah, blah, here is the process they go through.
WHAT I'M LEARNING HERE, AND I THINK I'M ENCOURAGED, IS THAT THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF VARIATIONS OF THIS PROCESS WHERE WE, THE COUNCIL, IF WE BELIEVE THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, WHETHER IT'S THE RIVER OR JUST PUBLIC HEALTH IN GENERAL IS BEING THREATENED THAT WE CAN INITIATE THE REQUEST TO GO THROUGH A PROCESS AND THE PROCESS IS THEN CONTROLLED BY US.
>>Derek Rooney: CORRECT.
>>Jim Wilson: RATHER THAN THE 51.1% PEOPLE WHO IT MIGHT TAKE
FOREVER TO GET THEM TO REALIZE THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE A
PROBLEM, THAT THE SEPTIC FIELD STINKS OR THAT IT’S LEACHING
INTO THE RIVER OR STREAMS NEARBY.
>>Derek Rooney: YEAH, CORRECT.
THE ONLY REASON WE PUT THE POLICY ON IS THAT IS THE INITIAL
CATALYST FOR HOW IT STARTED.
DAVID AND I WORKED THE POLICY OUT A WHILE BACK.
>>Jim Wilson: DO WE HAVE ANY MONEY IN THE CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT FUND, NO MATTER HOW FAR OUT, ALLOCATED FOR SEWER
OR WATER IMPROVEMENTS?
NOT YET.
SO THAT COULD BE A FUTURE AREA WHERE FUTURE COUNCILS MIGHT
WANT TO ADDRESS ALLOCATING REVENUE.
>>Vice-Mayor Errington: DEREK, ON THE MAP THAT YOU HAVE
PROVIDED, WHEN IT SAYS WATER ALREADY, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
>>Derek Rooney: I’LL LOOK TO DAVID WILLEMS TO ANSWER THAT.
IT’S HIS MAP.
>>David Willems: WHAT WE’VE DONE, IS WE FIRST CREATED THE
POLYGONS THAT SHOW WHERE THE SEPTIC WAS LOCATED.
AND THEN WHAT WE DID IS WE WENT UP TO LEE COUNTY UTILITIES
TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THE SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY
LOCATED.
SO WE HAVE JUST GENERAL LOCATIONS OF WHERE WATER AND SEWER
IS.
AND THEN SOME OF THE COMMUNITIES, THEY DON’T HAVE SEPTIC,
BUT THEY HAVE WATER.
SO WHERE YOU SEE WATER ONLY, THAT MEANS THAT THEY ALREADY
HAVE WATER.
SO IF WE WERE TO EVER EXPAND INTO THOSE AREAS, WE’D ONLY
HAVE TO DO SEWER.
>>Vice-Mayor Errington: THE OTHER AREA THERE WOULD BE
TRAILSIDE DRIVE.
THEY ARE ON WELL WATER, AND THE BLUE LINE IS ALONG U.S. 41.
IT ONLY SERVES A COUPLE OF BUSINESSES THERE.
AND THEN YOU JUMP OVER TO THE CONSERVATION 2020 LAND, IT ALL
HAS WATER.
>>David Willems: IT DOESN’T HAVE WATER.
IT’S JUST --
>>Vice-Mayor Errington: IT HAS A LINE THAT --
>>David Willems: IT HAS A WATER MAIN THAT RUNS ALONG THE
ROAD, YES.
I DON’T KNOW WHAT THE READING IS TODAY, BUT IT DID HAVE
E. COLI IN IT, A SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM HAD TO BE CANCELED
BECAUSE THE WATER WAS TOO POLLUTED BY SOMEONE FROM LEE
COUNTY CAME AND CHECKED THE WATER AND SAID YOU CAN’T --
10:28:08AM    >>David Willems: IT MIGHT HELP IF I GIVE THE COUNCIL MY KIND
10:28:13AM   OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED WITH THIS.
10:28:14AM   BECAUSE FOR COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND AN ASSESSMENT ON A
10:28:20AM   PROPERTY, WE REALLY NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE ISSUE IS AND
10:28:23AM   WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO SOLVE.
10:28:25AM   THERE ARE TWO THINGS WE'RE GOING TO BE WORKING ON HERE IN
10:28:27AM   THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.
10:28:28AM   ONE IS TO USE THIS MAP TO START TO KIND OF JUST KIND OF
10:28:32AM   DRAFT IN WHAT THE UTILITY EXPANSIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED.
10:28:37AM   AND WHAT THAT WILL DO IS HELP US NOT FINALIZE BUT GET AN
10:28:41AM   IDEA OF WHAT ASSESSMENT AREAS WOULD BE, LIKE WHICH GROUPS
10:28:43AM   WOULD GO TOGETHER.
10:28:44AM   AND THEN SEPARATE FROM THAT, AT YOUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING,
10:28:49AM   YOU'RE GOING TO GET A PROPOSAL FROM FGCU TO HELP US
10:28:54AM   UNDERSTAND WHERE THE SOURCE OF THAT BACTERIA IS COMING FROM.
10:29:02AM   OVER THE NEXT YEAR, YEAR AND A HALF, THEY ARE HOPING TO
10:29:05AM   START IN AUGUST SO THEY GET A LITTLE BIT OF THIS RAINY
10:29:08AM   SEASON.
10:29:09AM   THEY'LL MONITOR THIS EXACT SECTION OF THE ESTERO RIVER.
10:29:11AM   THEY'LL TAKE A LOT OF SAMPLES.
10:29:15AM   TEST FOR BACTERIA, NUTRIENTS AND THEN TRY TO SEQUENCE THE
10:29:19AM   BACTERIA TO UNDERSTAND, IS IT COMING FROM HUMAN SOURCES OR
10:29:21AM   IS IT NATURAL?
10:29:22AM   BECAUSE ALL OF THESE BACTERIA THAT WE'RE USING, THEY ARE
10:29:27AM   JUST INDICATORS.
10:29:28AM   THEY ARE INDICATORS THAT THERE COULD BE A HUMAN WASTE
10:29:31AM   INFLUENCE, BUT IT'S NOT A GUARANTEE.
10:29:34AM   SO WE'RE HOPING THAT FGCU CAN HELP US, FIRST, TO IDENTIFY IS
10:29:38AM   IT A HUMAN SOURCE?
10:29:39AM   AND THEN WHERE IS IT COMING FROM?
10:29:41AM   SO THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO KIND OF HONE IN ON THE AREAS
10:29:45AM   THAT MIGHT BE THE BIGGEST ISSUE AND WHAT THAT CAN HELP
10:29:48AM   COUNCIL DO IS DECIDE, WELL, THIS PLACE IS CREATING THE
10:29:51AM   BIGGEST PROBLEM, SO THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING TO DO THE
10:29:54AM   ASSESSMENT FIRST.
10:29:55AM   >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE SOMEONE
10:29:59AM   FROM STAFF CHECK INTO WITH THE CITY OF NAPLES.
10:30:04AM   I BROUGHT THAT UP ONCE BEFORE.
10:30:07AM   I READ WHERE THEY HAD AN EXCELLENT -- I THOUGHT IT WAS AN
10:30:11AM   EXCELLENT IDEA OF WHAT THEY DID WITH HOW TO DO ASSESSMENTS.
10:30:15AM   I REMEMBER HOW PART OF IT WAS THAT THE FOLKS WHO WILL BE
10:30:19AM   ASSESSED WILL PAY A CERTAIN PORTION OF WHATEVER IS
10:30:25AM   DESIGNATED.
10:30:26AM   BUT ONE OF THE BIGGER ONES WAS THAT IF YOU ABSOLUTELY CANNOT
10:30:30AM   AFFORD IT, YOU COULD JUST -- I SUPPOSE IT WOULD HAVE TO BE
10:30:33AM   THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO COME IN AND PAY FOR IT.
BUT THEN WHEN YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD, THAT'S WHEN THE ASSESSMENT IS PAID FOR AT THE VERY END. SO YOU WOULD HAVE -- YOU WOULD HAVE THE SEWER LINE, THE WATER, EVERYTHING, BUT YOU'RE NOT PAYING FOR IT, BUT IT'S GOING TO COME OUT OF YOUR ESTATE WHEN YOU'RE GONE. MAYBE THAT'S ONE WAY OUT. IT HELPS US TO GET ACCOMPLISHED WHAT WE NEED TO DO, AND THAT'S TO HAVE A BETTER AREA FOR THAT RIVER. THE ESTERO RIVER OUR PRIDE AND JOY HERE. WE'VE GOT TO PROTECT THAT RIVER. BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS. IF SOME CANNOT AFFORD IT, THEN LET IT BE DONE AT THE VERY END. THAT WOULD BE AN AGREEMENT OF THEIR LIFE ESTATE. >>Mayor Ribble: WHAT ABOUT THE CAPACITY FROM LEE COUNTY? THE INFLUENCE OR INCREASE IN SEWAGE, ARE THEY GOING TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE THAT? >>David Willems: WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN INTO FORMAL DISCUSSIONS REALISTICALLY, WE WOULDN'T BE ADDING THAT MUCH. THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE'RE ADDING ARE NOT VERY LARGE. WHEN YOU COMPARE IT TO WHAT OTHER AREAS, CHARLOTTE COUNTY AND CITY OF CAPE CORAL, THIS IS SMALL COMPARED TO WHAT THEY ARE DEALING WITH. >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL? HOWARD OR JON? GO AHEAD, HOWARD. >>Howard Levitan: I'M GOOD. >>Mayor Ribble: HAS ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK TO THIS AT ALL? NO. THAT'S KIND OF AMAZING. I GUESS WE'RE READY TO ADJOURN. UNLESS YOU HAVE COMMENTS. >> I'LL MAKE THE CORRECTION AND RECOMMEND A HIGHER NUMBER BASED ON -- COUNCIL MEMBER LEVITAN'S COMMENTS, AND THEN I WILL BRING BACK FOR A FUTURE MEETING, PROBABLY YOUR NEXT MEETING, A DRAFT OF AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE AUTHORITY LOCALLY TO DO THIS. >>Mayor Ribble: NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WE'LL HAVE THIS ON THE AGENDA. >>Derek Rooney: YES. >>Mayor Ribble: VERY GOOD. THAT'S GREAT. >>I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR MAYOR FOR OUR SHORTEST MEETING.
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S BECAUSE OF THE WAY YOU CONDUCTED
THE MEETING OR MAYBE BECAUSE THOSE PEOPLE ARE NOT HERE.
[ LAUGHTER ]
>>Mayor Ribble: YOU MEAN HOWARD?
[ LAUGHTER ]
LET THE RECORD SHOW HOWARD WASN'T HERE.
THAT'S WHAT HE MEANT.
OKAY.
ADJOURN THE MEETING.
THANK YOU.
[ SOUNDING GAVEL ]

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