

THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO COUNCIL MEETING
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09:29:10 >>Mayor Ribble: HOWARD, WE'LL ASK YOU TO DO THE PLEDGE?
09:29:12 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]
09:29:24 >>Mayor Ribble: I JUST WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE IF THEY WOULD
09:29:33 PLEASE TURN OFF THEIR CELL PHONES OR PUT THEM ON LOW VIBRATE
09:29:36 SO WE CAN'T HEAR THEM RINGING.
09:29:38 THIS MORNING I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE PASTOR MARK GOODMAN
09:29:41 FROM THE CHRIST COMMUNITY MINISTRIES.
09:29:43 WOULD YOU LEAD US IN PRAYER?
09:29:45 >> THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.
09:29:47 LET'S PRAY.
09:29:47 FATHER, WE JUST THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY.
09:29:49 WE THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE THAT WE HAVE TO LIVE IN SUCH
09:29:52 A BEAUTIFUL PLACE SUCH AS THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, AND WE JUST
09:29:56 THANK YOU FOR THAT.
09:29:57 WE THANK YOU FOR THE DAY.
09:29:58 WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS TO US.
09:30:00 WE ASK FOR DIVINE WISDOM TODAY FOR THE MAYOR AND THE COUNCIL
09:30:03 AND THE ATTORNEYS AND SUPPORT STAFF.

09:30:05 LORD, JUST DIVINE UNDERSTANDING AND WISDOM SO THAT THEY CAN
09:30:10 GOVERN RIGHTLY AND JUSTLY AND MAKE FAIR DECISIONS FOR ALL
09:30:14 THE RESIDENTS, VISITORS, AND THOSE TOURISTS, ANYBODY THAT
09:30:17 COMES INTO THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
09:30:18 WE PRAY ALSO FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR MILITARY, THOSE MEN AND
09:30:22 WOMEN, BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO MAY BE IN HARM'S WAY TODAY.
09:30:25 KEEP YOUR HAND OF PROTECTION ON THEM.
09:30:27 ALSO WATCH OVER OUR FIRST RESPONDERS WHO DAILY PROTECT US IN
09:30:32 THIS CITY.
09:30:32 WE THANK YOU FOR THAT.
09:30:34 IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.
09:30:37 >>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
09:30:41 >>Howard Levitan: HERE.
09:30:41 >>Jon McLain: HERE.
09:30:44 >>Jim Boesch: HERE.
09:30:46 >>Nick Batos: HERE.
09:30:46 >>Jim Wilson: HERE.
09:30:47 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: HERE.

09:30:49 >>Mayor Ribble: HERE.
09:30:50 NEXT, I'D LIKE TO GET APPROVAL FOR THE AGENDA OR HEAR ANY
09:30:54 ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS.
09:30:56 DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY CHANGES?
09:30:59 >> MR. MAYOR, I WOULD LIKE TO PULL ITEM 8A, WHICH IS THE
09:31:06 FIRST READING OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ORDINANCE.
09:31:09 IT'S A PRETTY COMPLICATED ORDINANCE.

09:31:12 I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME ON IT.
09:31:15 I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT STEVE OUGHT TO BE HERE FOR.
09:31:18 AND I DON'T SEE THAT THERE'S A PRESSING NEED YET TO DEAL
09:31:22 WITH THAT SUBJECT.
09:31:24 I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE AT THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
09:31:27 LEVEL IN THE -- IN THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR, BUT MAYBE.
09:31:33 WE CAN GET TO IT SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.
09:31:36 >> SECOND.
09:31:38 >> JUST FOR STAFF'S PURPOSES, WOULD YOU WANT THIS TO COME
09:31:41 BACK ON FIRST READING IN SEPTEMBER OR PUT IT OFF A LITTLE
09:31:44 LONGER THAN THAT.
09:31:45 >> LET STEVE DECIDE WHEN IT COMES BACK.
09:31:48 >> JUST CONTINUE GENERALLY.
09:31:49 >>Mayor Ribble: FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, STEVE SARKOZY IS
09:31:54 ON VACATION THIS WEEK.
09:31:56 I HAD A MEETING WITH STAFF THE MONDAY BEFORE THE MEETING.
09:32:02 WE DISCUSSED THINGS THAT WE'D LIKE TO HAVE STEVE HERE FOR
09:32:06 SINCE HE IS THE ONE MANAGING THESE CONCEPTS.
09:32:08 WE DON'T WANT TO APPROVE SOMETHING AND STEVE COME BACK AND
09:32:12 HE DOESN'T AGREE.
09:32:13 IN ALL FAIRNESS TO OUR MANAGER WHO DOES AN EXCELLENT JOB, WE
09:32:17 WANT TO PULL SOME OF THESE.
09:32:18 ANY OTHER CHANGES TO THE AGENDA?
09:32:20 NICK?
09:32:22 >>Nick Batos: I WOULD LIKE TO PULL ITEM 4C FROM THE CONSENT
09:32:25 AGENDA.
09:32:26 I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THE ITEM -- I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THAT
09:32:30 ITEM.
09:32:31 I'D ALSO LIKE TO PULL ITEM 6B, THE BIKE-PED MASTER PLAN
09:32:37 APPROVAL.
09:32:38 THIS IS AN ENORMOUS DOCUMENT THAT WE HAD A WORKSHOP ON OR A
09:32:44 PRESENTATION ON, BUT THERE'S A LOT IN THERE, AND THERE'S
09:32:49 POTENTIALLY \$60 MILLION IN THERE.
09:32:51 AND I'D LIKE TO ALSO POSSIBLY BRING THAT BACK AS A REALLY
09:32:55 INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP SO WE CAN LOOK AT THE PRIORITIES THAT
09:32:58 HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THERE, SO THAT WE CAN -- BECAUSE IT
09:33:02 ALREADY -- STAFF HAS ALREADY -- STAFF IS ALREADY STARTING --
09:33:07 NECESSARILY FROM THERE, BUT THEY ARE USING ITEMS IN THERE AS
09:33:09 FAR AS THE C.I.P.

09:33:10 I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OUR FEELINGS EXPRESSED ON IT.
09:33:13 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
09:33:14 SO 4C, THAT'S ON THE CONSENT AGENDA?
09:33:16 >>Nick Batos: YEAH, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING THAT DOWN TO MAYBE
09:33:19 ITEM 5 OR JUST TO DO IT AS ITEM FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA THAT
09:33:25 WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.
09:33:27 >> IT GOES TO 5.
09:33:31 >> I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BIKE-PED THING.
09:33:34 >>Mayor Ribble: RIGHT NOW?
09:33:35 >> I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A POINT.
09:33:38 WHEN YOU GUYS BRING THAT BACK TO US, I THINK SOME WORK NEEDS

09:33:42 TO BE DONE ON THE RESOLUTION ITSELF.
09:33:46 BECAUSE IT IMPLIES THAT WE'RE AGREEING -- WE'RE ACCEPTING
09:33:49 THE REPORT, THE BIKE-PED STUDY.
09:33:53 I HAVE SOME PROBLEMS, NUMBER ONE, WITH THE PRIORITIES IN
09:33:55 THERE, AND NUMBER TWO, WITH THE FACT THAT THE RECOMMENDATION
09:33:58 IT MAKES A RECOMMENDATION TO SET ASIDE \$3 MILLION A YEAR,
09:34:02 WHICH WE AREN'T GOING TO DO.
09:34:05 I THINK IT'S GOT TO COME TO BIKE-PED SPENDING HAS TO COMPETE
09:34:14 WITH ALL THE OTHER PRIORITIES IN THE C.I.P. AND GO THROUGH
09:34:17 THE PRIORITY OF A PRIORITIZATION.
09:34:20 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT IMPLY THAT WE'RE GOING TO
09:34:24 ACCEPT THE 60 MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF FUNDING AND 3
09:34:28 MILLION BUCKS A YEAR, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT REALLY IS
09:34:31 REALITY HERE.
09:34:34 I THINK WE HAVE ABOUT A MILLION, MILLION AND A HALF OF
09:34:36 DISCRETIONARY FUNDING AFTER WE GET DONE WITH WHAT WE ALREADY
09:34:40 HAVE THE ON THE C.I.P.
09:34:42 SO I JUST WANT EVERYBODY TO UNDERSTAND THAT AND NOT BE --
09:34:46 NOT JUST ASSUME THAT ONCE WE PASS, ACCEPT A REPORT THAT IT'S
09:34:50 AUTOMATICALLY GOING TO GET FUNDED.
09:34:52 I AGREE -- I THINK WE SHOULD PULL IT TODAY.
09:35:02 >> I'D LIKE TO SEE US GET EITHER ANOTHER WORKSHOP ON THIS,
09:35:05 NOT JUST DELAY INDEFINITELY BUT GET TO WORK ON THIS AGAIN IN
09:35:10 SAY SEPTEMBER.
09:35:13 >> IT'S GOING TO BE UP TO THE CITY MANAGER.

09:35:14 I THINK IT PROBABLY WOULD COME BACK NO EARLIER THAN AFTER WE
09:35:19 APPROVE OUR BUDGET AND GET THAT OUT OF THE WAY, BECAUSE
09:35:21 THAT'S GOING TO BE.
09:35:22 >>Howard Levitan: I THINK THE BUDGET, SETTING THE FINAL MILL
09:35:25 RATE AND ALL THAT KIND OF STUFF.
09:35:27 >>Nick Batos: I'LL GO INTO IT LATER ON, BUT I THINK WE ALSO
09:35:31 SHOULD CONSIDER CHANGING THE FORMAT OF THE WORKSHOP AND
09:35:35 REALLY HAVE AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP WHERE WE CAN TRY TO SELL
09:35:39 OUR FEELINGS ON EACH TO THE REST OF US AS TO WHY WE THINK
09:35:43 THE PRIORITIES AND THE STAFF REASONS FOR EACH ONE OF THEM

09:35:48 ALSO.
09:35:51 >>Mayor Ribble: I THINK WE CAN MAKE OUR COMMENTS TO STEVE
09:35:52 WHEN HE COMES BACK.
09:35:53 WHEN HE GETS BACK, YOU FOLKS CAN GIVE HIM A CALL AND MAYBE
09:36:00 SET UP A HEAD TO HEAD WITH HIM AND DISCUSS IT.
09:36:02 ANY OTHER CHANGES ON THE AGENDA?
09:36:05 >>Howard Levitan: JUST SO I UNDERSTAND, 4C IS COMING UP AS
09:36:09 5.
09:36:09 >>Mayor Ribble: YES.
09:36:10 >>Howard Levitan: WE'RE DELETING 6B, AND WE'RE DELETING 8A.
09:36:16 >>Mayor Ribble: YES.
09:36:17 I WANT TO MAKE A CHANGE, DR. GREG TOLLEY, THE DEPARTMENT
09:36:22 HEAD FOR FGCU'S WATER AND MARINE INSTITUTE IS HERE THIS
09:36:27 MORNING.
09:36:27 HE HAS A FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS BACK AT FGCU.

09:36:33 I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE HIM TO 6A FROM 6D.
09:36:36 >>Howard Levitan: I MOVE THAT WE ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS
09:36:39 AMENDED.
09:36:41 >> I'LL SECOND IT.
09:36:42 >>Mayor Ribble: AND JIM BOESCH.
09:36:43 WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL, MADAM CLERK.
09:36:48 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
09:36:50 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
09:36:51 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
09:36:53 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
09:36:54 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
09:36:55 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
09:36:56 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
09:36:57 OKAY.
09:36:59 WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS.
09:37:02 ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK?
09:37:04 >>Kathleen Hall: NO ONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.
09:37:06 >>Mayor Ribble: MOVING RIGHT ALONG, THAT TAKES US INTO OUR
09:37:09 CONSENT AGENDA.
09:37:10 >>Howard Levitan: I MOVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE
09:37:12 EXCEPTION OF 4C.
09:37:17 >> SECOND.
09:37:21 >>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
09:37:24 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
09:37:26 >>Nick Batos: AYE.

09:37:27 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
09:37:29 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
09:37:30 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
09:37:32 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
09:37:32 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
09:37:34 NEXT IS THE DISCUSSION ON 4C ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, THE ITEM

09:37:39 THAT WAS PULLED.

09:37:43 >>Nick Batos: THE REASON I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS BEFORE
09:37:45 WE PASS THIS ORDINANCE, IF THOSE ON THE COUNCIL REMEMBER, AT
09:37:51 THE BEGINNING OF OUR -- GOING BACK FOUR YEARS OR SO WE HAD A
09:37:58 NUMBER OF INCIDENTS WHERE PEOPLE WERE APPLYING FOR SPECIAL
09:38:02 PERMITS TO UTILIZE AREAS OF VACANT LAND, SPECIFICALLY IT WAS
09:38:10 PROPERTY ON 41 JUST OPPOSITE COCONUT POINT, THERE WAS AN RV
09:38:18 SALES THAT WERE HAPPENING EVERY COUPLE OF MONTHS FOR
09:38:22 WEEKENDS.
09:38:23 AND THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THAT
09:38:27 WAS SOMETHING WE WANTED OR NOT.
09:38:28 THERE'S ALSO BEEN INSTANCES WHERE PEOPLE HAVE TRIED TO APPLY
09:38:31 FOR SPECIAL PERMITS FOR EVENTS WHERE THERE'S ALCOHOL SERVED,
09:38:38 AND IT'S NOT THAT I'M AGAINST THAT, BUT -- ON THAT ONE, THEY
09:38:43 WERE USING A LOOPHOLE IN THE ALCOHOL AUTHORITY LAWS WHERE
09:38:47 THEY WOULD BE GIVEN TO A CHARITY, AND THE CHARITY CAN ONLY
09:38:50 HAVE TWO OF THEM A YEAR, AND THEN THEY WOULD SWITCH TO A
09:38:53 DIFFERENT CHARITY.
09:38:54 WHAT I'M SAYING IS I THINK THAT IF WE PASS THIS, WE'RE GOING

09:38:58 TO KEEP ON WITH WHAT THE COUNTY WAS ABLE TO DO BEFORE.
09:39:02 I THINK -- IF IT IS THE FEELING OF THE COUNCIL TO AT LEAST
09:39:07 PUT A CURTAILMENT ON WHAT PEOPLE CAN USE THESE VACANT
09:39:11 PROPERTIES FOR, AT LEAST WE SHOULD INCLUDE IT IN THIS OR
09:39:16 HAVE STAFF --
09:39:21 >>Mayor Ribble: YES, HOWARD.
09:39:21 >>Howard Levitan: I WAS GOING TO COMMENT THAT, OF COURSE,
09:39:23 WE'RE GOING TO BUILD OUR OWN SPECIAL-OCCASION CONCEPTS INTO
09:39:31 THE NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.
09:39:32 IT'S ON THE LIST OF THINGS THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO WITH THAT.
09:39:39 BUT THE POINT I WANTED TO MAKE, WHILE DEREK HAS DRAFTED THE
09:39:44 REPEALING OF THE COUNTY STATUTES, THERE ARE SEVERAL OF THESE
09:39:48 ON THIS LIST THAT NEED TO BE REIMPLEMENTED IN SOME OTHER
09:39:52 FASHION BY US.
09:39:53 SO WE TAKE OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE NOISE ORDINANCE THAT MEANS
09:39:57 THERE IS NO NOISE ORDINANCE.
09:39:58 AND THAT MAKES NO SENSE.
09:40:01 I MEAN, WE MAY DISAGREE WITH THE WAY THE COUNTY IS DOING IT,
09:40:04 BUT AT LEAST THEY ARE DOING SOMETHING.
09:40:06 SO I'M JUST A LITTLE NERVOUS FROM A POLICY STANDPOINT TO
09:40:12 PULL SOMETHING THAT, UNLESS IT ABSOLUTELY DOESN'T APPLY IN
09:40:17 ESTERO.
09:40:17 I KNOW WE'VE BEEN APPLYING THE NOISE ORDINANCE, I WOULD
09:40:20 ASSUME THAT THE COUNTY HAS, EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT OURS.
09:40:24 I THINK WE HAVE TO BE REAL CAREFUL OF THIS STUFF.

09:40:27 I'M GOING TO VOTE TO SORT OF PULL THIS.
09:40:32 YOU PULLED IT.

09:40:32 I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE FOR IT UNTIL WE HAVE -- DEREK HERE TO
09:40:38 ANSWER MORE QUESTIONS.
09:40:41 >> WHAT WE'RE DOING -- TRYING TO GET THE NOISE ORDINANCE.
09:40:53 >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCILMAN BOESCH MAKE HIS COMMENTS.
09:40:57 >>Jim Boesch: COUNCILMAN LEVITAN, YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH
09:40:59 WHAT'S GOING IN THE LAND ORDINANCE.
09:41:02 IF YOU WOULD SPECIFICALLY LOOK AT SOME OF THESE THINGS.
09:41:07 >> WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A NOISE ORDINANCE.
09:41:08 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE SPECIAL-OCCASION SALES.
09:41:11 THE LOOPHOLE FOR CHARITABLE THINGS IS BEING ABUSED, SO WE
09:41:18 HAVE TO TIGHTEN THAT UP.
09:41:21 >>Mary Gibbs: IF I CAN DO A QUICK ANSWER OF WHAT WE'RE DOING
09:41:24 IN THE NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THAT
09:41:26 SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT WHICH APPLIES, IF YOU GO OVER A
09:41:30 THOUSAND, WE'LL MELD THAT IN WITH THE TEMPORARY PERMITS.
09:41:32 AND THEN WE GO BACK AND CUT BACK ON A LOT OF THE THINGS WE
09:41:36 DON'T WANT TO HAVE IN THERE.
09:41:38 WE'LL FIX THAT.
09:41:39 WHAT DEREK IS DOING IN THIS ORDINANCE NOW, HE JUST CHANGED
09:41:41 IT WHERE IT SAYS "LEE COUNTY" TO "VILLAGE."
09:41:46 WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU ALL WANT.
09:41:47 WE'RE BEING VERY CAREFUL ABOUT THAT.
09:41:49 SO IN TERMS OF KEEPING THE ORDINANCE, JUST CHANGING "COUNTY"

09:41:53 TO "VILLAGE."
09:41:55 I THINK THAT'S FINE.
09:41:56 WE'RE GOING TO REVAMP THAT WHOLE PROCESS.
09:42:00 >>Nick Batos: I KNOW THERE WAS A SENSITIVE POINT TO ME AS
09:42:02 WELL AS A NUMBER OF OTHER PEOPLE.
09:42:04 AND UNTIL WE GET OUR CODE INTO EFFECT, SOMEBODY IS LIABLE TO
09:42:11 DO THIS.
09:42:11 >>Mary Gibbs: WE'RE NOT LETTING THEM BECAUSE UNDER OUR
09:42:15 TEMPORARY PERMITS, THAT'S HOW WE'RE DOING THESE NOW.
09:42:17 >>Nick Batos: YOU'RE SAYING IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.
09:42:20 >>Mary Gibbs: EXACTLY.
09:42:21 IF I CAN MAKE ONE COMMENT, TOO, ON THE NOISE ORDINANCE, WHEN
09:42:24 I TALKED TO DEREK ABOUT THAT, EVEN THOUGH IT IS A FIRST
09:42:26 READING, I TOLD HIM WE WANT TO FIX SOME OF THE -- A FEW
09:42:30 THINGS, WE'RE GOING TO TWEAK A FEW THINGS IN THE NOISE
09:42:32 ORDINANCE BEFORE THE SECOND READING.
09:42:35 SOME OF THE HOURS OF OPERATION, WE GET COMPLAINTS FROM
09:42:37 PEOPLE THAT BUSINESSES START UP EARLY, AND SO WE'RE TRYING
09:42:41 TO FIX SOME OF THE COMPLAINTS THAT STANLEY HAS GOTTEN
09:42:44 THROUGH THE SECOND READING OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE.
09:42:46 WE'LL EXPLAIN THAT WHEN IT COMES BACK.
09:42:49 >>Mayor Ribble: JIM.
09:42:51 >>Jim Wilson: HIGHLIGHTING WHAT MARY JUST SAID, MY READING
09:42:54 OF THIS, THIS IS FOR FIRST READING.

09:42:56 I'M ASSUMING THAT WE CAN CHANGE ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.

09:42:59 BETWEEN THE FIRST READING AND THE SECOND READING, BUT AT
09:43:01 LEAST LEGISLATIVELY, THIS GETS THIS THING MOVING.

09:43:05 >>Mary Gibbs: WHAT I'M SAYING WITH THE SPECIAL EVENTS IS
09:43:07 WE'RE NOT PLANNING TO CHANGE THAT.
09:43:10 WE'RE JUST CHANGING IT FROM COUNTY TO VILLAGE.
09:43:12 THEN IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, WE'RE GOING TO ADDRESS
09:43:15 ALL THOSE TEMPORARY PERMITS, INCLUDING THE SPECIAL EVENTS.
09:43:22 >> YOU SAID BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME YOU CHANGE IT WHICH
09:43:24 MIGHT BE SIX MONTHS FROM NOW.
09:43:26 >>Mary Gibbs: OH YEAH.
09:43:27 >> -- COME BACK ON THE 24th.
09:43:29 >> I'M TALKING ABOUT THE LAND CODE.
09:43:30 I JUST WANT -- IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO CHANGE THIS BECAUSE
09:43:38 YOU'RE SAYING TO ME THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ANYBODY
09:43:41 GETTING THE PERMITS TO DO THIS.
09:43:43 >>Mary Gibbs: BECAUSE WE'RE DOING IT UNDER THE TEMPORARY
09:43:45 PERMITS IN THE CODE.
09:43:46 I'M COMFORTABLE --
09:43:48 >>Mayor Ribble: HANG ON, BURT WANTS TO MAKE A COMMENT.
09:43:53 >>Burt Saunders: A COUPLE OF THINGS.
09:43:54 WE'LL NEED THE CLERK TO READ THE ORDINANCES IF WE MOVE
09:43:56 FORWARD WITH IT.
09:43:58 I'LL USE THE NOISE ORDINANCE AS AN EXAMPLE.
09:44:01 WE'RE TAKING THE LEE COUNTY ORDINANCE, AND WE'RE AMENDING IT
09:44:04 SO THAT IT IS -- THAT IT NOW HAS LANGUAGE THAT'S CONSISTENT

09:44:09 WITH THE VILLAGE.
09:44:09 FOR EXAMPLE, LEE COUNTY IS STRICKEN OUT OF THERE.
09:44:14 AND ESTERO IS PUT IN.
09:44:15 AND THAT'S THE ONLY CHANGE -- I THINK THERE'S ONE OTHER
09:44:18 CHANGE THAT WE HAVE IN THIS ORDINANCE RIGHT NOW, AND I THINK
09:44:21 THAT DEALS WITH EMERGENCY GENERATORS.
09:44:26 >> LET ME ALSO SUGGEST, BURT, UNDER THE CHARTER IT ALL COMES
09:44:31 TO US ANYWAY.
09:44:33 IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVEN'T HAD AN ORDINANCE BECAUSE IT SAID
09:44:37 LEE COUNTY INSTEAD OF ESTERO.
09:44:38 IT'S ALL THERE ANYWAY UNTIL WE CHANGE IT.
09:44:42 >>Burt Saunders: THAT'S CORRECT.
09:44:44 THAT'S ALL THAT IS DOING IS CHANGING THAT PARTICULAR
09:44:46 ORDINANCE.
09:44:46 YOU'LL STILL HAVE A NOISE ORDINANCE.
09:44:48 IT'S JUST THAT YOU'LL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE LANGUAGE THAT
09:44:50 REFERS TO THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
09:44:52 THIS IS A LENGTHY PROCESS GOING THROUGH ALL OF THOSE LEE
09:44:55 COUNTY ORDINANCES.
09:44:56 SO WE'RE NOT ELIMINATING, IF YOU VOTE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH

09:44:59 THIS PARTICULAR ORDINANCE, WE'RE NOT ELIMINATING A NOISE
09:45:03 ORDINANCE, WE'RE TAKING THE LEE COUNTY ORDINANCE THAT
09:45:06 APPLIES NOW AND CHANGING THE LANGUAGE SO IT APPLIES ONLY TO
09:45:12 THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
09:45:12 IF YOU WANT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THAT FIRST DRAFT BETWEEN NOW

09:45:16 AND SECOND READING, YOU CAN CERTAINLY DO THAT.
09:45:19 IF YOU FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE JUST CONTINUING ALL OF THESE,
09:45:22 THAT'S FINE.
09:45:23 WE'RE NOT REPEALING THE NOISE ORDINANCE.
09:45:24 WE'RE NOT REPEALING THE REGULATIONS DEALING WITH SPECIAL
09:45:28 EVENTS.
09:45:29 >>Mayor Ribble: SOUNDS THE WILL OF THE COUNCIL IS TO --
09:45:33 UNTIL WE CAN REWRITE IT, CORRECT?
09:45:36 >>Howard Levitan: I GUESS I DON'T UNDERSTAND SOME -- I
09:45:39 LOOKED AT THIS REAL QUICKLY.
09:45:40 WE DON'T GET THE UNDERLINED ORDINANCES THAT WE'RE REPEALING.
09:45:44 FOR EXAMPLE, WE'RE REPEALING THE LOBBY LAW, THE COUNTY'S
09:45:47 LOBBY LAW, WHICH WE ALREADY REPEALED ON THE THIRD ORDINANCE
09:45:52 THAT WE PASSED IN 2015.
09:45:54 MAYBE THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME COORDINATION BETWEEN MARY AND
09:45:57 DEREK ABOUT WHERE WE ARE IN THIS.
09:46:00 I GUESS I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH GOING TO FIRST READING.
09:46:02 THE SCHEDULE WAS TO DO SECOND READING ON THE 24th.
09:46:08 I DON'T THINK WE'RE ANYWHERE CLOSE TO BEING READY TO DO
09:46:11 THAT.
09:46:11 >>Mayor Ribble: KATY.
09:46:12 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I JUST WANT TO COMMEND STAFF ON THE
09:46:15 POSSIBILITY OF A NOISE ORDINANCE THAT WAS TAKEN CARE OF
09:46:19 RECENTLY WHEN A TENT POPPED UP TO SELL FIREWORKS IN ESTERO,
09:46:25 AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH WITH THE WAY THAT WAS HANDLED.

09:46:29 IT WAS TAKEN DOWN.
09:46:30 BUT IT TOOK ABOUT FIVE DAYS, I BELIEVE, AND OUR BIRD-DOG GOT
09:46:36 ON IT.
09:46:37 THANK YOU, STANLEY.
09:46:37 AND MARY BOTH AND DEREK.
09:46:42 >>Mary Gibbs: DEREK HELPED.
09:46:44 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
09:46:45 >>Mayor Ribble: GETTING BACK TO 4C, WHAT IS THE WILL OF THE
09:46:47 COUNCIL?
09:46:48 >>Howard Levitan: WE PULLED IT, WE CAN GO FORWARD AND MAKE A
09:46:52 MOTION --
09:46:53 >> I'M WILLING TO MOVE THAT WE MOVE THIS FORWARD WITH THE
09:46:56 UNDERSTANDING THAT ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE
09:46:58 DONE TO FINALIZE IT AND HAVE IT CLEANED UP GETS DONE BEFORE
09:47:02 WE HEAR IT ON SECOND.
09:47:04 >>Burt Saunders: LET'S DO TWO THINGS IF WE COULD.

09:47:06 KATHY NEEDS TO READ THE TITLE OF EACH OF THE ORDINANCES SO
09:47:09 THAT'S JUST IN THE RECORD.
09:47:10 AND THEN IN TERMS OF THE DATE FOR THESE TO COME BACK, IF YOU
09:47:15 HAVE A DATE CERTAIN, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO READVERTISE.
09:47:19 THAT DATE CERTAIN DOESN'T HAVE TO BE YOUR NEXT MEETING.
09:47:22 IT CAN BE YOUR SECOND MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.
09:47:24 IT CAN BE YOUR FIRST MEETING IN OCTOBER.
09:47:26 WHATEVER DATE YOU WANT TO PICK, AS LONG AS IT'S NOT TOO FAR
09:47:30 OUT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO READVERTISE.

09:47:31 I THINK THE FIRST STEP IS HAVE KATHY READ THE TITLES REAL
09:47:35 QUICK, IF YOU ADOPT THEM ALL ON FIRST READING AND A DATE
09:47:41 CERTAIN, THEN YOU WON'T HAVE TO READVERTISE.
09:47:51 >>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, ARE YOU ON THE SAME PAGE AS US
09:47:54 OR NO?
09:47:55 >>Kathleen Hall: I'M CONFUSED WHAT THE MOTION IS GOING TO
09:47:57 BE, BUT I'LL GO AHEAD AND READ THE TITLES.
09:48:02 >> WE'LL FIGURE OUT THE MOTION.

09:48:03 [LAUGHTER]

09:48:04 >>Kathleen Hall: ORDINANCE 2019-14, AN ORDINANCE OF THE
09:48:07 VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, AMENDING
09:48:09 GAS FRANCHISE PROVISIONS OF THE LEE COUNTY CODE PREVIOUSLY
09:48:13 ADOPTED BY REFERENCE AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.
09:48:15 ORDINANCE 2019-15, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF
09:48:17 THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, REPEALING SOLID WASTE
09:48:19 PROVISIONS OF THE LEE COUNTY CODE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY
09:48:22 REFERENCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
09:48:23 ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-16, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE
09:48:27 COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, REPEALING
09:48:29 LOBBYIST PROVISION OF THE CODE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY
09:48:31 REFERENCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
09:48:34 ORDINANCE 2019-17, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF
09:48:36 THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, AMENDING MOBILE HOMES
09:48:38 PROVISIONS OF THE LEE COUNTY CODE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY
09:48:42 REFERENCE, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

09:48:44 ORDINANCE ARE 2019-18, ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF
09:48:46 THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, AMENDING MOTOR VEHICLES AND
09:48:49 TRAFFIC PROVISIONS OF THE CODE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY
09:48:51 REFERENCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
09:48:53 ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-19, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE
09:48:56 COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, AMENDING SPECIAL
09:48:58 EVENTS PERMITTING PROVISIONS OF THE CODE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED
09:49:02 BY REFERENCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
09:49:03 ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-20, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE
09:49:06 COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, AMENDING NOISE
09:49:10 CONTROL PROVISIONS OF THE CODE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY
09:49:12 REFERENCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

09:49:15 >>Mayor Ribble: NOW YOUR MOTION, MR. WILSON.
09:49:18 >>Jim Wilson: I WOULD MOVE THAT WE APPROVE THE FIRST READING
09:49:23 OF THE ORDINANCES 2019-14 THROUGH 2019-20 AND SCHEDULE A
09:49:30 SECOND READING AND A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 18th,
09:49:33 WHICH GIVES STAFF AND THE ATTORNEYS LIKE 60 DAYS.
09:49:38 DATE CERTAIN ON SEPTEMBER 18.
09:49:41 THAT'S A NIGHT MEETING.
09:49:49 >>Jim Boesch: JUST A DATE CERTAIN.
09:49:53 >>Mayor Ribble: SO YOU HAVE THE DATE NOTED.
09:49:56 >> THAT'S GOING TO BE ONE OF OUR BUDGET MEETINGS.
09:50:01 >>Howard Levitan: I WAS GOING TO SUGGEST WE DO IT IN
09:50:04 OCTOBER.
09:50:04 I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY PRESSING NEED ON IT.

09:50:08 >> THE NEW MEETING LIST SHOULD HAVE OUR OCTOBER MEETING ON
09:50:10 THERE.
09:50:11 OCTOBER 2nd OR 16.
09:50:21 >>Mayor Ribble: OCTOBER 2nd ALL RIGHT WITH EVERYONE?
09:50:24 JON, ARE YOU GOING TO SECOND THAT STILL?
09:50:27 >>Jon McLain: SECOND.
09:50:27 >>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU CALL THE ROLL, PLEASE.
09:50:34 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
09:50:35 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
09:50:37 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
09:50:38 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
09:50:40 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
09:50:41 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
09:50:43 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
09:50:44 OKAY.
09:50:45 MOVING RIGHT ALONG, WE'LL GO TO ITEM 6D, WHICH IS THE
09:50:49 FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY ESTERO RIVER CONTRACT.
09:50:52 BUT BEFORE WE GET INTO THE ACTUAL CONTRACT, I'D LIKE TO ASK
09:50:57 DR. GREG TOLLEY TO PLEASE COME UP AND INTRODUCE HIMSELF TO
09:51:03 THE GROUP.
09:51:03 I'LL GIVE A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON HOW WE GOT OUR RELATIONSHIP
09:51:06 GOING.
09:51:06 DR. TOLLEY AND I HAVE BEEN DATING SINCE JANUARY WITH STEVE
09:51:10 SARKOZY ON THESE WATER ISSUES.
09:51:12 HOW THIS CAME ABOUT, OUR FIRST MEETING FROM THE FLORIDA

09:51:15 LEAGUE OF CITIES, WE HAD ALL THE MAYORS THERE AND EVERYONE
09:51:19 SEEMED TO BE PULLING FGCU IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION ON
09:51:23 DIFFERENT WATER ISSUES.
09:51:25 SOME OF THE ISSUES IN SANIBEL ARE DIFFERENT THAN THE ONES WE
09:51:27 HAVE OVER HERE, INCLUDING BONITA SPRINGS AND ON AND ON AND
09:51:31 CAPE CORAL.
09:51:31 SO WE HAVE A MEETING WITH DR. TOLLEY, AND I WAS TOTALLY
09:51:37 SURPRISED AT HOW LARGE HIS DEPARTMENT WAS.

09:51:40 HE SHARED HIS LIST OF Ph.D.s THAT REPORT DIRECTLY TO HIM
09:51:45 ON VARIOUS WATER ISSUES.
09:51:47 THERE ARE 30 Ph.D.S THAT WORK UNDER HIS DIRECTION.
09:51:50 TOTALLY ALARMED THAT A LOT OF THESE FOLKS WERE ALREADY
09:51:52 ENGAGED IN SOME OF THESE WATER ISSUES THAT WE DIDN'T EVEN
09:51:55 KNOW ABOUT AS A PUBLIC.
09:51:56 IT WASN'T LIKE THESE FOLKS WERE ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH.
09:51:59 BUT THEN WE ASKED DR. MORTON TO SUPPORT A CAUSE WHERE WE
09:52:03 COULD ENGAGE THE UNIVERSITY, PRETENDING -- A SPECIFIC
09:52:10 PROBLEM AND GET THEM TO HELP WORK ON THE CASE.
09:52:12 WE MOVED TO A SECOND MEETING, AND WE THOUGHT WE WOULD TRY TO
09:52:20 HELP WITH THE WATER.
09:52:21 THIS ISN'T A FREE DEAL, BY THE WAY.
09:52:22 WE HAVE, WHAT, A \$57 MILLION WATER INSTITUTE THAT YOU FOLKS
09:52:24 ARE TRYING TO COME UP WITH THE FUNDING FOR.
09:52:27 YOU'RE ALMOST THERE.
09:52:29 SO WE DID SOME LOBBYING FOR FGCU AND DR. MARTIN, DR. TOLLEY

09:52:34 IN TALLAHASSEE IN MARCH.
09:52:36 WE GOT SOME MONEY, BUT WE DIDN'T GET THE FULL VOTE OF MONEY
09:52:41 THEY NEED.
09:52:42 WE STILL HAVE OUR COMMITMENT AS MAYORS AND COUNCILS TO TRY
09:52:44 TO DRIVE FUNDING FOR THIS WATER INSTITUTE.
09:52:48 I'LL TURN IT OVER TO YOU BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE STORY BETTER
09:52:51 THAN ME.
09:52:52 YOU FOLKS HAVE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB AND GLAD TO SEE WE
09:52:55 MOVED INTO THIS CONTRACT.
09:52:56 >> THANK YOU, MAYOR RIBBLE, AND THANKS TO THE COUNCIL
09:52:58 MEMBERS FOR INVITING ME HERE TODAY.
09:53:01 WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT THE WATER SCHOOL AT FLORIDA GULF COAST
09:53:04 UNIVERSITY.
09:53:04 AS OF LAST WEEK, I BECAME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WATER
09:53:06 SCHOOL.
09:53:07 NOW WE HAVE MORE THAN 30 FACULTY AND STAFF WORKING WITH THE
09:53:11 WATER SCHOOL, BASED ON NEW HIRING WE'VE DONE.
09:53:13 THE WATER SCHOOL IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF OUR STATE IDENTIFYING
09:53:17 NEEDS IN THIS AREA, ESPECIALLY SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.
09:53:20 I THINK WE'VE BEEN UNDERREPRESENTED OVER THE DECADES IN
09:53:23 TERMS OF SUPPORT FOR ISSUES, DOWN HERE ISSUES THAT AFFECT
09:53:28 OUR QUALITY OF LIFE.
09:53:31 THE LEGISLATURE WITH THE BACKING AND SUPPORT OF MANY
09:53:33 FRIENDS, LIKE MAYOR RIBBLE, GAVE US \$9 MILLION FOR THE
09:53:36 BUILDING.

09:53:36 THE UNIVERSITY IS KICKING IN ANOTHER 2 MILLION.
09:53:39 WE'RE NOW WITHIN \$9 MILLION OF THE \$55 MILLION TOTAL PRICE
09:53:43 TAG.
09:53:44 THAT WILL BE THE LARGEST BUILDING ON CAMPUS.

09:53:45 IT'S 120,000 SQUARE FEET.
09:53:47 IT WILL HAVE STATE-OF-THE-ART RESEARCH LABORATORIES,
09:53:50 TEACHING FACILITIES, PLACES FOR BOATS.
09:53:52 YOU KNOW, WE NEED THOSE TO GET ON THE WATER.
09:53:55 WE'RE REALLY, REALLY EXCITED.
09:53:56 WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE ARCHITECTS THE LAST COUPLE OF
09:53:59 MONTHS NOW.
09:53:59 IT LOOKS LIKE PROBABLY AUGUST 2021 WOULD BE A COMPLETION
09:54:02 DATE FOR THE BUILDING, IF WE CAN STAY ON SCHEDULE, WE PLAN
09:54:05 TO DO THAT.
09:54:06 THE WATER SCHOOL IS ALL ABOUT PROJECTS IN THE AREA.
09:54:10 WE DO A LOT OF THE THINGS IN THE AREA.
09:54:12 WE'RE WORKING ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA LEVEL RISE,
09:54:15 ESPECIALLY JUST SOUTH OF HERE IN THE CITY OF NAPLES.
09:54:18 WE HOPE WE CAN GET LEE COUNTY MORE INVOLVED IN THAT AS WE
09:54:20 LEARN TO BUILD MORE RESILIENT COASTLINES AND ALSO LEARN TO
09:54:24 ADAPT TO A MOVING COASTLINE.
09:54:26 WE'RE STUDYING HURRICANES.
09:54:27 WE'RE TRYING TO PREDICT HURRICANES IN THE FUTURE BY GOING
09:54:30 BACK THE LAST SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS AND IDENTIFYING
09:54:32 HURRICANES THAT OCCURRED IN THE PAST.

09:54:34 WE DO THAT BY GOING IN THE GEOLOGICAL RECORD LOOKING IN THE
09:54:38 SEDIMENTS.
09:54:38 WE HAVE A PARTNERSHIP RIGHT NOW WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL
09:54:41 SURVEY.
09:54:41 WE'RE ACTUALLY UP ON THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER AT THE
09:54:44 FRANKLIN LOCK AND DAM THIS MORNING DOING A MESOCOSM STUDY
09:54:50 WITH THEM TO TRY AND SEE IF WE CAN GET A BETTER HANDLE ON
09:54:52 THE NUTRIENTS THAT ARE IMPACTING THE RIVER IN TERMS OF
09:54:55 HARMFUL ALGA BLOOMS.
09:54:57 I COULD GO ON AND ON.
09:54:57 WE WORK WITH SEA GRASSES.
09:54:59 I COULD BORE YOU FOR ANOTHER HOUR TELLING YOU THE DIFFERENT
09:55:02 KINDS OF PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE.
09:55:03 THE WATER SCHOOL IS NOT JUST ABOUT PROJECTS; IT'S ABOUT
09:55:06 PEOPLE.
09:55:06 THE UNIVERSITY, IN ADDITION TO THE STATE, HAS MADE A NEW
09:55:10 COMMITMENT TO THIS AREA THROUGH SOMETHING WE CALL THE
09:55:12 WORLD-CLASS FACULTY AND SCHOLARS PROGRAM WHICH ALLOWS US TO
09:55:16 HIRE WORLD-CLASS FACULTIES AND BRING THEM TO FGCU.
09:55:18 THIS YEAR WE HIRED A NEW HYDROGEOLOGIST, AND WE JUST HIRED A
09:55:23 NEW BLUE-GREEN ALGAE SPECIALIST.
09:55:26 I CAN'T TELL YOU HIS NAME YET BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE HIS
09:55:29 CURRENT EMPLOYER KNOWS THAT HE WILL BE JOINING US.
09:55:32 >> AS LONG AS HE ACCEPTED THE JOB.
09:55:34 >> HE ACCEPTED THE JOB, AND HE'S BOUGHT A HOUSE.

09:55:36 THAT'S I THINK AN EVEN BETTER INDICATION.
09:55:39 AND NEXT YEAR, WE ALSO HIRED A NEW DIRECTOR FOR OUR CENTER
09:55:43 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION.
09:55:46 THE PLAN IS FOR THAT GROUP TO ACTUALLY DO MORE TRANSLATING
09:55:50 SCIENCE AND DOING OUTREACH IN THE AREA.
09:55:53 CONNECTING WITH YOU FOLKS, WITH CITIZENS, WITH RESIDENTS,
09:55:56 WITH VISITORS ALIKE TO TRANSLATE MORE WHAT WE'RE DOING IN
09:55:59 THE AREA SO THAT YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING, AND WE'RE NOT
09:56:02 JUST IN OUR LABS DOING OUR WORK WITHOUT CONNECTING WITH OUR
09:56:07 COMMUNITY.
09:56:08 NEXT YEAR, WE'RE ACTUALLY HIRING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMIST.
09:56:14 WE'RE WORKING WITH THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND COLLEGE OF
09:56:15 ENGINEERING TO HIRE THAT PERSON.
09:56:17 WE'RE ALSO HIRING A CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND COASTAL
09:56:21 RESILIENCE PERSON, AGAIN, TO BE ABLE TO PARTLY -- IN FACT,
09:56:23 TO WORK WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ADVISE THEM HOW BEST TO
09:56:27 LOOK FOR THE FUTURE, FUTURE WITH A WARMING CLIMATE AND A
09:56:29 FUTURE WHERE SEA LEVEL IS RISING.
09:56:32 I THINK EVERYBODY IN MIAMI NOW BELIEVES SEA LEVEL IS RISING.
09:56:37 ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GO THERE ON A KING TIDE AND SEE THE
09:56:39 \$5 BILLION INVESTMENT THEY'VE HAD TO MAKE TO KEEP THEIR CITY
09:56:42 AFLOAT, SO TO SPEAK, DURING HIGH TIDES.
09:56:45 THE WATER SCHOOL IS ALSO ABOUT PROGRAMS.
09:56:47 WE ARE ADDING A NEW PROGRAM THIS FALL.
09:56:49 IT'S AN ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY TO TRAIN GEOLOGISTS AROUND THE

09:56:54 STATE OF FLORIDA.
09:56:54 GEOLOGY IS A FAST-GROWING FIELD, AND FORBES MAGAZINE RATES
09:56:58 IT AS ONE OF THE HIGHEST GROWING FIELDS IN TERMS OF JOB
09:57:03 PLACEMENT POTENTIAL WITH THE NEXT TWO DECADES.
09:57:06 THAT'S A REGIONAL NEED.
09:57:07 WE HOPE TO FILL BY SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN THE AREA AND ALSO
09:57:11 CREATING JOBS IN THE AREA.
09:57:13 WE'RE ALSO, OF COURSE, ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS.
09:57:15 AND TODAY, I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF I
09:57:21 CAN ABOUT THIS NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
09:57:24 WE'RE REALLY PLEASED TO BE PARTNERING WITH YOU.
09:57:29 I DON'T KNOW ABOUT BACTERIA, EXCEPT TO FEED THE GOOD
09:57:31 BACTERIA IN MY STOMACH AND KEEP THE BAD BACTERIA OUTSIDE ME
09:57:34 WHERE IT BELONGS.
09:57:36 BUT WE HAVE THREE REALLY GOOD SCIENTISTS AND THEY ARE BOTH
09:57:38 GRADUATE STUDENTS AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS THAT HAVE PUT A
09:57:41 PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FROM THE VILLAGE
09:57:45 OF ESTERO TO WORK WITH YOU.
09:57:47 AND WE APPLAUD YOU FOR HAVING THE FORESIGHT TO LOOK AT THESE
09:57:50 WATER ISSUES AND TAKE THE LEAD ON THAT, AND REACHING OUT TO
09:57:54 US SO WE CAN HELP MEMBERS IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AND LOCAL
09:57:57 MUNICIPALITIES TO MONITOR THE WATERS, TO IDENTIFY WHERE

09:58:00 THERE ARE PROBLEMS, AND TRYING TO HELP ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS
09:58:03 WHERE WE FIND THEM.
09:58:05 AGAIN, WE'RE HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY.

09:58:12 >> I THINK IT'S TERRIFIC THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH THE
09:58:14 STUDENTS AS WELL AS THE UNIVERSITY.
09:58:15 WHAT A WAY TO GET THEM STARTED, AND I THINK OUR VILLAGE IS
09:58:20 SO MUCH ON THE RIGHT TRACK.
09:58:22 I THINK WE'VE WORKED ON OTHER PROJECTS.
09:58:24 I THINK IT'S A GREAT TRIBUTE FROM THE UNIVERSITY THAT THEY
09:58:30 ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH US AND WE FEEL GREAT WORKING WITH
09:58:34 THEM.
09:58:35 YOU SAID YOU HIRED A NEW DIRECTOR OF THE OVERALL WATER
09:58:37 PROGRAM?

09:58:38 >> NO, A NEW DIRECTOR.
09:58:39 I'M THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE OVERALL WATER PROGRAM.
09:58:42 I AM NOW THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THAT.
09:58:44 I HAVE FOUR DIRECTORS THAT WORK WITH ME.
09:58:46 WE HAVE AN EVERGLADES WETLANDS RESEARCH PARK, A VESTER
09:58:48 MARINE FIELD STATION.
09:58:50 WE HAVE A CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN
09:58:52 EDUCATION, AND THEN WE ALSO HAVE THE COASTAL WATERSHED
09:58:55 INSTITUTE.

09:58:56 THOSE FOUR GROUPS AND TWO NEW DEPARTMENTS REPORT TO ME.
09:58:59 >>Jim Boesch: I THINK FROM -- I'M SURE THE COUNCIL FEELS THE
09:59:03 SAME WAY.

09:59:04 WE'RE VERY EXCITED HAVING ANOTHER PROGRAM WORKING TOGETHER
09:59:09 WITH THE STUDENTS AND HELPING OUT, NOT JUST ESTERO -- AND
09:59:15 NOT JUST LEE COUNTY, BUT ULTIMATELY WE'RE LOOKING TO SEE IF

09:59:19 WE CAN GET SOMETHING FOR ALL MANKIND TO SEE IF WE CAN GET ON
09:59:22 THE RIGHT TRACK.

09:59:23 I THINK IT'S A WONDERFUL SOLUTION THAT THE UNIVERSITY IS
09:59:27 MAKING THAT WE'RE NOT JUST GOING TO BE STUDYING ENGLISH,
09:59:32 WHICH IS ALL WONDERFUL BECAUSE WE'RE GETTING INTO WHAT'S
09:59:35 GOING ON EVERY DAY.

09:59:36 >> LET ME KNOW.

09:59:37 I'VE SEEN OUR SCIENTISTS, OUR YOUNG STUDENTS WRITING, THEY
09:59:41 DO NEED TO STUDY ENGLISH.

09:59:42 [LAUGHTER]

09:59:45 >>Mayor Ribble: I KNOW AS A UNIVERSITY WE DON'T WANT TO
09:59:48 PLAGIARIZE BUT I'M PLEASED TO TELL YOU I WAS TALKING TO
09:59:52 MAYOR SIMMONS THE OTHER DAY ABOUT THE PROJECT.

09:59:55 HE'S GOING TO PLAGIARIZE THE SAME APPROACH ON SPRING CREEK
10:00:00 AS WELL.

10:00:02 HE'S GOING TO CONTACT YOU TO PROBABLY PUT A FEW MORE
10:00:03 STUDENTS ON TO TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF HIS SITUATIONS DOWN
10:00:05 THERE.

10:00:05 THIS IS REALLY THE START OF A GREAT PARTNERSHIP FOR THE
10:00:08 WHOLE COUNTY.
10:00:10 >> I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT ON STUDENTS.
10:00:11 WHEN I TALK TO PEOPLE, WHETHER IT'S MY OWN FACULTY AND STAFF
10:00:14 OR PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, OUR NUMBER ONE RESPONSIBILITY IS
10:00:16 TO THE STUDENTS IN THE AREA.
10:00:17 I VERY, VERY STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT OUR NUMBER TWO

10:00:19 RESPONSIBILITY IS TO OUR COMMUNITIES.
10:00:21 WE LIVE HERE.
10:00:22 WE WORK HERE.
10:00:22 WE WANT TO MAINTAIN THE QUALITY OF LIFE HERE.
10:00:25 I CUT MY TEETH ON THE ESTERO RIVER AND THE ESTERO BAY DOING
10:00:29 PROJECTS BACK IN THE 1990s.
10:00:30 SO WE'RE PART OF THE COMMUNITY, AND WE WANT TO WORK MORE
10:00:33 CLOSELY WITH YOU MOVING FORWARD.
10:00:36 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I LIKE EVERYTHING I'VE HEARD.
10:00:38 THANK YOU, AND WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF ESTERO, THE
10:00:42 VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
10:00:42 ALL OF US LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU COME BACK HERE ONE YEAR
10:00:47 FROM NOW AND TELLING US WHAT SOME OF OUR PROBLEMS ARE.
10:00:50 THAT WILL BE ABSOLUTELY TERRIFIC.
10:00:52 I THINK, THOUGH, THE CONTRACT GOES FOR 15 MONTHS SO WE'LL
10:00:55 GIVE YOU A FEW EXTRA MONTHS THERE.
10:00:58 BUT THANK YOU.
10:01:00 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
10:01:01 IT'S EXCITING TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE UNIVERSITY LIKE THIS.
10:01:04 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM
10:01:06 COUNCIL?
10:01:11 >>Jim Boesch: I MAKE A MOTION THAT WE ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS.
10:01:13 >>Mayor Ribble: DAVID IS GOING TO SPEAK NEXT.
10:01:17 WE WANTED TO INVITE DR. TOLLEY TO COME OVER AND THANK HIM
10:01:20 FOR ALL THE GREAT THINGS.

10:01:22 IT'S A GREAT PARTNERSHIP.
10:01:23 >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
10:01:24 >>Mayor Ribble: DAVID?
10:01:29 >> I JUST WANTED TO GO OVER REAL QUICKLY WHAT THE PROPOSAL
10:01:32 IS GOING TO DO AND MAKE SURE WE UNDERSTAND THE BIGGER
10:01:36 PICTURE.
10:01:37 THIS PROPOSAL BEFORE IS YOU FOCUSED ON THE ESTERO RIVER AND
10:01:40 THE SECTION IS REALLY THE BAY UP TO COUNTRY CREEK.
10:01:43 THAT'S THE AREA THAT THE DATA FROM LEE COUNTY SHOWS THAT
10:01:47 THERE'S HIGH BACTERIA.
10:01:49 WHAT THIS CONTRACT WILL DO, FGCU WILL GO OUT THERE AND
10:01:52 ANALYZE THAT ENTIRE SECTION OF RIVER TO TRY TO FOCUS IN ON
10:01:56 WHERE THE PROBLEMS ARE.
10:01:58 WE KNOW THERE IS A BACTERIA PROBLEM, BUT WE DON'T KNOW

10:02:01 EXACTLY WHERE IT'S COMING FROM.
10:02:04 THIS WILL BE KIND OF TRACING WHERE THAT'S COMING FROM.
10:02:06 WHAT'S BEFORE YOU, IT'S A CONTRACT FOR JUST OVER \$48,000.
10:02:11 WE'RE GOING TO USE SOME FUNDS THAT WE HAVE FOR WATER QUALITY
10:02:16 MONITORING AND THE ESTERO RIVER MAINTENANCE.
10:02:18 WE HAVE \$175,000, THAT 148 WILL COME OUT OF THAT.
10:02:23 AS VICE-MAYOR ERRINGTON SAID, IT'S A 15-MONTH CONTRACT.
10:02:28 THEY ARE LOOKING TO START IN AUGUST.
10:02:29 THE REASON WE WANTED TO DO THAT IS SO WE CAN GET SOME DATA
10:02:32 THIS WET SEASON.
10:02:33 THEY'LL DO ONE WHOLE YEAR OF MONITORING, AND THEN THEY'LL DO

10:02:37 A COUPLE OF MONTHS TO FINISH UP THE REPORT.
10:02:40 >>Mayor Ribble: ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC?
10:02:44 >>Kathleen Hall: NO ONE SIGNED UP.
10:02:45 >>Mayor Ribble: NO ONE IS SIGNED UP.
10:02:49 >> I MAKE A MOTION WE ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL.
10:02:52 >>Mayor Ribble: DID YOU WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT?
10:02:54 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I DO WHEN IT'S APPROPRIATE.
10:02:58 >>Mayor Ribble: I THOUGHT WHEN YOU WERE TALKING TO
10:03:01 DR. TOLLEY --
10:03:09 >>Howard Levitan: I'D LIKE TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS.
10:03:13 I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE GO FORWARD ON THIS
10:03:15 CONTRACT.
10:03:16 OUR STAFF HAS BEEN AHEAD OF THE NEWS ON THIS ONE.
10:03:19 WE'VE HAD A LOT OF NEWS RECENTLY ABOUT THE ESTERO RIVER, BUT
10:03:23 THE REAL ANSWER IS WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT THE ACTUAL
10:03:27 FACTS ARE.
10:03:29 THAT'S WHAT THIS CONTRACT IS GOING TO DO AS OPPOSED TO
10:03:31 SPECULATION FROM CITIZEN SCIENTISTS THAT GO OUT THERE AND
10:03:37 USE UNKNOWN METHODS OF COLLECTION AND UNKNOWN LABORATORIES.
10:03:41 I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE REAL FACTS ARE ON THE
10:03:45 PROBLEM, WHERE IT'S COMING FROM, WHAT EXACTLY IS IT?
10:03:48 IS IT HUMAN BACTERIA?
10:03:50 IS IT ANIMAL BACTERIA?
10:03:51 IS IT A COMBINATION?
10:03:53 WE NEED TO KNOW THE FACTS BEFORE WE CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO

10:03:57 TAKE ACTION ON THIS AND GET TO THE SOLUTION.
10:04:02 I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT OUR STAFF WAS AHEAD OF THE GAME ON
10:04:05 THIS.
10:04:05 THIS CONTRACT DIDN'T GET DEVELOPED BECAUSE OF THE NEWS THIS
10:04:09 LAST WEEK.
10:04:10 IT GOT DEVELOPED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME BECAUSE WE'RE AHEAD
10:04:13 OF IT.
10:04:14 THAT'S POINT ONE.
10:04:16 POINT TWO IS, THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE, I THINK, AND MAYBE
10:04:21 THE PROFESSOR CAN TELL US, BETWEEN THE LEVELS OF BACTERIA

10:04:26 THAT ARE SAFE FOR OR NOT SAFE FOR SWIMMING AND THE LEVELS
10:04:32 THAT YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IF YOU'RE BOATING, KAYAKING OR
10:04:36 CANOEING ON THE RIVER.
10:04:38 AND I'M CONCERNED THAT WE'RE GOING OFF AND BECAUSE OF THESE
10:04:43 ARTICLES AND SIGNS BEING POSTED, THAT WE'RE GOING TO SCARE
10:04:48 PEOPLE FROM ENJOYING THE ESTERO RIVER AND BEING WORRIED THAT
10:04:52 IF THEY GO KAYAKING ON THE RIVER THEY'LL GET SICK.
10:04:56 I THINK PEOPLE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL, BUT I DON'T THINK THIS IS
10:04:59 THE -- I THINK WE'RE GOING TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM ULTIMATELY.
10:05:03 AND WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT EXACTLY IS THE PROBLEM.
10:05:07 I DON'T WANT EVERYBODY TO LEAVE THIS ROOM AND THINK, WELL,
10:05:10 OH, MY GOD, WE CAN'T RECREATE ON THE ESTERO RIVER ANYMORE.
10:05:17 I THINK THAT'S FAR FROM THE TRUTH.
10:05:18 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I HAVE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS.
10:05:21 ON THE CONTRACT ON PAGE 8 OF 11, ITEM NUMBER 15.2, I THINK

10:05:31 THAT WORD "HIS" NEEDS TO BE CHANGED TO A GENDER-FREE WORD.
10:05:38 15.2.
10:05:39 YOU CAN READ THE WHOLE THING.
10:05:40 HIS PROBATION, REGISTRY REQUIREMENTS.
10:05:44 LOOK AT THAT.
10:05:45 MAKE A POINT OF THAT AND MAKE SURE THE CONTRACT READS THAT
10:05:49 IT'S GENDER-FREE.
10:05:51 THE OTHER THING IS, I KIND OF HAVE TO COME IN DEFENSE OF
10:05:58 WHAT HAS GONE INTO THE NEWSPAPER AND IN THE NEWS MEDIA,
10:06:03 BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE COLLECTING THE SAMPLES OF WATER
10:06:09 ARE VERY REPUTABLE ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN LEE COUNTY, THE
10:06:13 CALUSA WATER KEEPERS.
10:06:15 AND I CALLED A MEETING LAST TUESDAY, A WEEK AGO YESTERDAY,
10:06:20 AN EMERGENCY MEETING AS THE ESTERO RIVER LIAISON FOR THE
10:06:25 COUNCIL, AND WE MET UPSTAIRS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, AND
10:06:30 THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE THE CALUSA WATERKEEPER, JOHN
10:06:34 CASSANI, AND WE HAD HOLLY RAUEN.
10:06:39 BURT.
10:06:40 I INVITED BURT TO COME AND DAVID WILL LEMES, OF COURSE, AND
10:06:44 THEN WE HAD RESIDENTS FROM PELICAN SOUND AND FROM PELICAN
10:06:49 LAND THERE.
10:06:50 WHAT OCCURRED AT THE MEETING WAS THE IDEA THAT THE NEWSPAPER
10:06:58 DID PUT A SCARE INTO PEOPLE.
10:07:02 SO A COUPLE OF GATED COMMUNITIES DID BRING IT BEFORE THEIR
10:07:07 RESIDENTS, AND WITH THE HELP OF ONE COMMUNITY, THERE WERE

10:07:11 THREE ATTORNEYS ON THEIR BOARD.
10:07:14 THEY DECIDED TO POST NOTICES JUST TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT IF
10:07:18 YOU ARE IN THE WATER OR FALL OUT OF THE KAYAK OR CANOE OR
10:07:23 WHATEVER, YOU GET WET, MAY BE A GOOD IDEA TO SHOWER OFF IN A
10:07:27 FACILITY THAT IS BEING BUILT IN ONE OF THESE COMMUNITIES TO
10:07:30 ASSIST PEOPLE AND TO WASH THEIR HANDS.

10:07:34 I THINK WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION BECAUSE THE WAY IT READS IS,
10:07:39 THE DEPARTMENT -- THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE
10:07:43 FLORIDA STATUTES SAYS THAT THEY CAN ONLY POST NOTICES OF ANY
10:07:48 KIND OF BACTERIA ON BEACHES.
10:07:52 THAT'S WHERE PEOPLE SWIM OR BATHE.
10:07:55 SINCE NOBODY REALLY -- THEY MAY SWIM IN THESE RIVERS, BUT
10:08:00 THE ESTERO RIVER IS NOT THE ONLY ONE.
10:08:03 IT'S ALL OVER SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, THAT THE WORDING DOES NOT
10:08:14 FIT WHAT WE NEED, NON-SITE BEACHES.
10:08:17 AND SO THROUGH THE COLLABORATION OF JOHN CASSANI AND SEVERAL
10:08:24 WHO WERE AT THE MEETING, THEY NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
10:08:30 MEET WITH THE FLORIDA DOH AND TRY TO COME UP WITH SOME KIND
10:08:34 OF COLLABORATION TO BE ABLE TO JUST LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT
10:08:42 THIS IS WHAT'S HAPPENING.
10:08:44 WE ARE NOT FOR CERTAIN THAT IT HAS OCCURRED, BUT WE WANT TO
10:08:50 MAKE CERTAIN THAT WHEN YOU PUT YOUR LITTLE CHILD INTO THAT
10:08:52 KAYAK OR CANOE THAT THIS IS WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT.
10:08:57 I FEEL A TREMENDOUS OBLIGATION AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO
10:09:01 MAKE SURE THAT WE GET THE WORD OUT THAT'S CORRECT AND THAT

10:09:04 WE NOT SCARE ANYBODY.
10:09:05 BUT I THINK PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW AND LET THEM MAKE THEIR OWN
10:09:08 DECISIONS.
10:09:10 SO THE REASON BURT WAS INVITED WAS JUST TO TRY TO HELP US TO
10:09:14 COME UP WITH SOME WORDING, IF THAT'S WHAT WE WANTED TO DO,
10:09:18 JUST TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT IF YOU ENTER THE WATER AND IT'S
10:09:25 BEEN DIAGNOSED OR ANALYZED AS FILLED WITH E. COLI AND
10:09:31 ENTEROCOCCI THAT IT IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THERE IS A LOT OF
10:09:39 POLLUTION IN THE WATER.
10:09:40 IT COMES AND IT GOES.
10:09:42 THAT'S WHERE WE ARE.
10:09:43 I THINK WE OWE IT TO OUR COMMUNITY TO NOT SWEEP IT UNDER THE
10:09:47 RUG BUT TRY TO -- AND NOT SCARE ANYBODY BUT JUST LET PEOPLE
10:09:55 KNOW.
10:09:55 I'VE BEEN ON THE WATER.
10:09:56 JON, YOU'VE BEEN ON THE WATER.
10:09:59 ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS LET PEOPLE KNOW, MAKE YOUR OWN CHOICE.
10:10:02 THE DAY YOU GO, IT MAY BE THAT THE BACTERIA LEVEL IS DOWN.
10:10:04 AND THE DAY YOU NOT GO, IT COULD BE UP.
10:10:07 IT DEPENDS.
10:10:08 WE HAD AN EXCELLENT MEETING, AND DAVID EXPLAINED IT VERY
10:10:15 WELL WHAT WE ARE PLANNING TO DO WITH FLORIDA GULF COAST
10:10:21 UNIVERSITY, AND THESE PEOPLE ARE PROFESSIONALS.
10:10:24 THE CALUSA WATER KEEPERS ARE VERY, VERY PROFESSIONAL.
10:10:30 RANGERS COME OUT OF YOUR OWN COMMUNITIES, AND THEY ARE

10:10:33 SCIENTISTS.
10:10:34 AND THEY HAVE BACKGROUNDS OF KNOWING WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND

10:10:40 WHAT TO DO.
10:10:41 THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED AS RANGERS.
10:10:42 I'M VERY APPRECIATIVE OF ANYTHING THAT THEY HAVE OFFERED TO
10:10:46 US.
10:10:47 AND I HOPE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH US.
10:10:50 I THINK THIS IS A TREMENDOUS PROBLEM THAT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
10:10:52 IS HAVING.
10:10:55 BURT, YOU WERE AT THE MEETING.
10:10:57 I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO CHIME IN OR NOT.
10:11:01 >>Burt Saunders: WELL, I THINK YOU PRETTY MUCH STATED WHAT
10:11:03 THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MEETING WAS.
10:11:06 AND I THINK THE CALUSA WATER KEEPERS, I THINK THEY ARE DOING
10:11:09 THEIR MONITORING AND THEY ARE GOING TO CONTINUE DOING THAT.
10:11:13 BUT I THINK THEY ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY DIDN'T KNOW
10:11:17 WHAT THE SOURCE WAS OF SOME OF THE BACTERIA THAT ARE IN
10:11:20 THERE.
10:11:21 THAT'S AN ONGOING PROBLEM.
10:11:22 THERE WAS ONE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, THEY HAD A
10:11:26 REPRESENTATIVE THERE, THEY HAD POSTED SOME SIGNS, AS YOU
10:11:29 DESCRIBED, DEALING WITH SHOWERING AFTER RECREATING IN THE
10:11:34 ESTERO RIVER.
10:11:36 BUT IN TERMS OF THE VILLAGE PUTTING UP SIGNS AND THAT SORT
10:11:39 OF THING, WE REALLY DIDN'T HAVE ANY CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT

10:11:43 OTHER THAN TO THE EFFECT THAT THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO CAN
10:11:47 CERTAINLY DO WHAT IT WANTS TO DO IN TERMS OF THE PROPERTY IT
10:11:52 OWNS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY THAT IT OWNS.
10:11:54 YOU CANNOT FORCE PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS TO DO THAT SORT OF
10:11:59 THING.
10:11:59 THAT'S KIND OF -- I THINK THAT WAS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE
10:12:01 MEETING WAS THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME ONGOING EVALUATION
10:12:05 OF THE SOURCES OF THE BACTERIA AND THE LEVELS OF BACTERIA
10:12:10 AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT.
10:12:14 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
10:12:19 >>Jon McLain: I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE STAFF FOR BEING ON
10:12:21 TOP OF THE ISSUE AND WORKING WITH FLORIDA GULF COAST.
10:12:25 I'M ALSO EXCITED ABOUT THIS CONTRACT.
10:12:26 WE HAD A LOT OF DISCUSSION ON THIS.
10:12:27 ONE THING I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND IS, WITH THIS
10:12:30 AGREEMENT, WHEN WILL WE MIGHT GET SOME INFORMATION?
10:12:36 IT SAYS WE HAVE AN ISSUE THAT'S DOCUMENTED THROUGH THIS
10:12:40 AGREEMENT OR NOT, BECAUSE THERE IS A HEIGHTENED AWARENESS,
10:12:43 THE ESTERO RIVER OBVIOUSLY IS AN IMPORTANT ASSET TO ESTERO,
10:12:47 AND I THINK WITH THIS INFORMATION BEING IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN
10:12:51 NOW, THE QUICKER WE CAN GET SOME DATA BACK TO THEM ON
10:12:57 FINDINGS I THINK IT WILL RELIEVE PRESSURE AND GET MORE
10:12:59 PEOPLE BACK ON THE RIVER TO RECREATE ON IT.
10:13:04 >>David Willems: THE REASON THAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET IT DONE

10:13:07 NOW IS SO THAT THE FGCU CAN GET OUT THERE IN AUGUST.

10:13:10 SO WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET SOME WET-SEASON SAMPLES AT THE END
10:13:15 OF THIS WET SEASON AND THEN START AGAIN IN THE DRY SEASON
10:13:19 SAMPLES.
10:13:19 WE MIGHT HAVE SOME DATA BACK AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.
10:13:22 IT WON'T BE CONCLUSIVE, BECAUSE IT'S JUST A LITTLE SNAPSHOT
10:13:25 OF WHAT THE WATER CYCLE IS.
10:13:27 YOU REALLY WON'T HAVE THE ANSWERS FOR PROBABLY A YEAR, BUT
10:13:30 WE MIGHT GET SOME PRELIMINARY DATA AS WE GO.
10:13:39 >> I WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.
10:13:42 I KNOW IT'S BETTER TO STUDY FOR A YEAR AND ANALYZE IT.
10:13:45 IF THERE'S ANY INFORMATION WE CAN SHARE, I THINK THAT'S
10:13:48 IMPORTANT FOR US TO DO, TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE CONCERNS
10:13:50 PEOPLE MAY HAVE.
10:13:52 >>Mayor Ribble: NICK, DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING?
10:13:54 >>Nick Batos: I SPOKE WITH DAVE YESTERDAY, I GUESS, AND I
10:13:58 HAD A CONCERN, HE TOLD ME IT WAS BEING TAKEN CARE OF, THAT
10:14:03 WE HAVE OTHER WATER BODIES THAT FEED INTO THE ESTERO RIVER,
10:14:06 LIKE HALFWAY CREEK.
10:14:07 AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THOSE ARE BEING LOOKED AT.
10:14:10 APPARENTLY NOT IN THIS STUDY, BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE
10:14:13 THAT IF THERE'S ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD BE
10:14:17 LOOKING FURTHER THAN THE ACTUAL ESTERO RIVER, THE NORTH AND
10:14:21 SOUTH BRANCHES THAT WE LOOK AT THESE OTHER TRIBUTARIES AS
10:14:25 PART -- EVEN IF WE NEED TO EXPAND THE STUDY.
10:14:27 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT ENOUGH THAT OUR COMMUNITIES --

10:14:35 >>Mayor Ribble: I WAS TOLD THAT WHEN WE TESTED THE RIVER
10:14:37 THREE MONTHS AGO, WE FOUND THAT THE POLLUTION WAS NOT COMING
10:14:40 EAST OF 41 ON THE ESTERO RIVER, THAT THE POLLUTION WAS -- IS
10:14:44 THAT CORRECT, INFORMATION THAT I RECEIVED?
10:14:45 THAT THE POLLUTION WAS HAPPENING WEST OF 41.
10:14:51 >>David Willems: THERE ARE TWO ISSUES.
10:14:52 THE FIRST ONE IS THE DATA THAT WE HAVE ON THE ESTERO RIVER
10:14:55 FROM LEE COUNTY, THEY HAVE BEEN MONITORING FOR 20 OR 30
10:14:58 YEARS, SHOWS THEY HAVE THREE SAMPLING LOCATIONS ON THE
10:15:01 RIVER.
10:15:02 ONE IS DOWNSTREAM.
10:15:03 ONE IS AT 41 AND THEN ONE IS UP BY THREE OAKS.
10:15:07 THE ONE AT THREE OAKS GENERALLY SHOWS LOW BACTERIA LEVELS.
10:15:11 THE TWO THAT ARE ON THE RIVER SHOW HIGH BACTERIA LEVELS,
10:15:13 WHICH INDICATES THE SOURCE IS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 41 AND THREE
10:15:16 OAKS, WHICH IS SAYING EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
10:15:21 AFTER WE TALKED, I LOOKED AT THE MONITORING WE HAVE ON
10:15:25 HALFWAY CREEK, AND IT SHOWS BACTERIA LEVELS MUCH, MUCH LOWER
10:15:28 THAN WHAT'S ON THE ESTERO RIVER.
10:15:29 SO FROM A BACTERIA STANDPOINT, IT'S NOT -- THE LEVELS ARE SO

10:15:34 MUCH LOWER THAT IT'S COMING FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE.
10:15:38 IN ADDITION, WE ARE, AS OUR OVERALL MONITORING PROGRAM, WE
10:15:42 ARE ADDING -- LOOKING LIKELY AT MONITORING LOCATIONS ON
10:15:47 HALFWAY CREEK.
10:15:48 IT'S NOT PART OF THIS STUDY, BUT IT WILL BE INFORMATION THAT

10:15:52 SUPPLEMENTS THE DATA THAT WE'RE GETTING FROM LEE COUNTY.
10:15:56 >>Nick Batos: ALL I WAS TRYING TO GET AT WITH YOU, DAVID,
10:16:02 EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE GETTING MONITORING FROM STATIONS LIKE,
10:16:05 SAY IN THE BROOKS, THEY MAY BE CLEAR, THERE ARE OTHER AREAS
10:16:09 THAT ARE STILL FEEDING INTO HALFWAY, INTO THE ESTERO RIVER,
10:16:13 WHETHER IT BE WEST OF 41 WHERE IT GOES PAST SOME
10:16:19 COMMUNITIES, AND THEN GOES THROUGH WETLANDS AND GETS INTO
10:16:23 THE ESTERO RIVER.
10:16:24 OR IF IT GOES THROUGH ON THREE OAKS AND CROSSES THREE OAKS
10:16:32 AND GETS INTO COUNTRY CREEK, THROUGH THAT AREA.
10:16:35 I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS.
10:16:37 AND I'M NOT TRYING TO SAY THAT IT IS.
10:16:38 I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT THEY ARE ALL CLEAR.
10:16:41 I'M JUST SAYING I THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, THAT IF
10:16:44 WE HAVE TO EXPAND IT, WE SHOULD.
10:16:46 THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING.
10:16:51 >>Howard Levitan: I THINK IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE
10:16:53 MONITOR AT THE JUNCTION OF HALFWAY CREEK.
10:16:55 HALFWAY CREEK IS DRAINING A HUGE WATERSHED, INCLUDING EDISON
10:17:01 FARMS, ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE BROOKS, COCONUT POINT, MARSH
10:17:04 LANDING AND FOUNTAIN LAKES AND PART OF PELICAN SOUND.
10:17:08 I THINK IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE HAVE THAT DATA, NOT
10:17:14 JUST WITH RESPECT TO THE BACTERIA ASPECT OF IT, BUT THE
10:17:19 NITROGEN AS WELL.
10:17:20 WHAT'S THE IMPACT OF THE GOLF COURSE FERTILIZATION?

10:17:25 WHAT'S THE IMPACT OF THE RECLAIMED WATER USAGE ON THE GOLF
10:17:31 COURSES AND ALL THE IRRIGATION THAT'S GOING ON IN THE GATED
10:17:35 COMMUNITIES?
10:17:35 YOU'RE TAKING WATER THAT MAY BE A OKAY, BUT IT ALSO MAY NOT
10:17:42 BE.
10:17:42 AND WE NEED TO KNOW WHETHER THAT IS A POINT SOURCE AS WELL.
10:17:46 THE ONLY WAY YOU'LL GET THE DATA IS COLLECT IT FROM SOURCES
10:17:49 THAT ARE COMING THROUGH THOSE GATED COMMUNITIES.
10:17:54 >>David Willems: I THINK WE'RE ACCOMPLISHING AT LEAST PART
10:17:56 OR MOST OF THAT IN THE OVERALL MONITORING PROGRAM THAT WE'RE
10:17:59 GOING TO DO FOR THE ENTIRE VILLAGE.
10:18:00 SO THE BROOKS DOES GET WATER QUALITY DATA.
10:18:05 THEY HAVE A COUPLE OF YEARS OF DATA FOR NUTRIENTS AND
10:18:08 BACTERIA.
10:18:08 LEE COUNTY GETS ON HALFWAY CREEK GETS DATA AT U.S. 41, AND
10:18:13 THEN WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT GETTING SOME FURTHER

10:18:15 DOWNSTREAM, NOT EXACTLY RIGHT BEFORE, BUT RIGHT AT WILLIAMS
10:18:19 AND HALFWAY CREEK, WE'LL LOOK AT ADDING ANOTHER STATION SO
10:18:22 THAT WE KNOW, WE CAN DO THE SAME THING WE'RE DOING ON ESTERO
10:18:26 RIVER, IF THERE IS A PROBLEM, WE CAN START TO HONE IN ON
10:18:31 WHERE THAT PROBLEM IS.
10:18:32 WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH FGCU IS THE DATA THAT LEE COUNTY HAS
10:18:38 OBTAINED SHOWS THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM RIGHT IN THAT SECTION
10:18:41 OF THE RIVER.
10:18:42 SO WE'RE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHERE THAT IS.

10:18:45 IF WE GET THE DATA ON HALFWAY CREEK AND IT SHOWS THERE'S A
10:18:49 PROBLEM, THEN WE WOULD DO THE SAME THING ON HALFWAY CREEK.
10:18:52 RIGHT NOW, THE DATA DOESN'T SHOW THERE'S THE SAME TYPE OF
10:18:55 PROBLEM AS THE ESTERO RIVER.

10:18:56 THE WORK THAT FGCU IS DOING IS NOT JUST BACTERIA.

10:18:59 IT'S NUTRIENTS AS WELL.

10:19:04 >>Howard Levitan: I HAVE ONE QUESTION.

10:19:05 IF LEE COUNTY HAS BEEN COLLECTING ALL THIS DATA FOR 20 OR 30
10:19:08 YEARS, AND KNOWS THAT THERE WAS A BACTERIA PROBLEM IN THE
10:19:12 RIVER, HOW COME WE'RE THE FIRST TO HEAR FROM IT?

10:19:15 AND WE HAVE TO HEAR ABOUT IT FROM THE CALUSA WATERKEEPERS?

10:19:18 I KNOW WE'RE NEW AT THIS GOVERNMENT GAME HERE --

10:19:21 >>David Willems: WE WERE WORKING ON THIS BEFORE THE CALUSA
10:19:24 WATERKEEPERS EVER MENTIONED THERE WAS AN ISSUE WITH THE
10:19:28 ESTERO RIVER.

10:19:29 THAT'S WHY WE'RE ABLE TO BRING THE CONTRACT BEFORE YOU
10:19:32 TODAY.

10:19:32 >>Howard Levitan: I UNDERSTAND.

10:19:33 >>David Willems: IT TAKES SEVERAL MONTHS TO WORK WITH FGCU
10:19:36 AND FIGURE OUT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

10:19:38 WHAT'S THE IDEA.

10:19:39 BECAUSE THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT'S DONE ALL THE TIME.

10:19:41 IT'S A LITTLE BIT NUANCED, A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT.

10:19:44 IT TOOK US SEVERAL MONTHS TO WORK THROUGH IT.

10:19:46 WE KNEW THERE WAS AN ISSUE.

10:19:48 I CAN'T ANSWER WHAT LEE COUNTY.

10:19:52 BUT THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT'S THROUGHOUT ALL OF THE
10:19:55 WATERSHEDS.

10:19:57 IT'S A FAIRLY LARGE ISSUE.

10:20:11 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I HAVE A RESPONSE FROM MR. BATES WHO
10:20:13 IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WHO
10:20:13 IS NOW WILLING TO TRY TO COOPERATE WITH THE CALUSA
10:20:16 WATERKEEPERS.

10:20:16 HE IS SAYING THAT -- AND WHAT THE CALUSA WATERKEEPERS ARE
10:20:23 SAYING IS THAT THEY WILL DO THEIR BEST TO ENGAGE THE
10:20:26 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AS WELL AS THE FLORIDA DEP AND DO THEIR
10:20:29 BEST TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE.

10:20:31 THEY THINK THAT THE BIGGER -- THE ISSUE IS BIGGER THAN
10:20:34 ESTERO, BUT ESTERO CAN BE A VILLAGE MODEL THAT TURNS THE
10:20:37 TIDE FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY AND STATE.
10:20:39 THESE ARE THE MOST IMMEDIATE AREAS OF INTEREST.
10:20:44 THEY ALL ARE IMPAIRED.
10:20:45 THE ESTERO BAY TRIBUTARIES, INCLUDING ESTERO RIVER, IMPERIAL
10:20:50 RIVER, SPRING CREEK, OAK CREEK, AND MULLOCK CREEK, ALL HAVE
10:20:54 BEEN VERIFIED IMPAIRED BY FDEP.
10:20:57 MOST HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY VERIFIED IMPAIRED FOR FECAL
10:21:00 COLIFORM BACTERIA AS PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED BY FDEP DURING THE
10:21:05 HISTORICAL RECORD DATING BACK TO TWO DECADES AND, IN SOME
10:21:09 CASES, WE HAD BILLY'S CREEK IN FORT MYERS.
10:21:11 BILLY'S CREEK IS REALLY, REALLY BAD, AS I UNDERSTAND.

10:21:15 SO MY SUGGESTION WOULD BE, WE HAVE A WONDERFUL THING THAT
10:21:19 YOU'VE SET UP WITH FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY, AND LET'S
10:21:22 CONTINUE WITH THAT, AND LET'S DO THAT.
10:21:25 AND LET'S ALSO ENGAGE THE CALUSA WATER KEEPERS JUST TO HELP
10:21:30 KEEP US APPRISED.
10:21:32 WE HAVE TWO EXCELLENT RESOURCES NOW.
10:21:34 WE HAVE THE CALUSA WATERKEEPERS.
10:21:37 AND THESE ARE EXPERTS.
10:21:39 AND LET THEM CONTINUE TO GIVE US INFORMATION WITH WHAT THEY
10:21:42 FIND OUT.
10:21:44 OUR UTMOST GOAL FOR ME IS TO SEE THAT WE HAVE GOOD WATER IN
10:21:49 ESTERO AND ALL AROUND US.
10:21:51 THIS IS A MAJOR TASK.
10:21:52 AND HOW DO WE GO ABOUT DOING IT?
10:21:55 IF WE ENGAGE THE CALUSA WATER KEEPERS, AND WE HAVE FLORIDA
10:21:59 GULF COAST UNIVERSITY ALREADY BEGINNING TO WORK ON IT, BUT
10:22:02 WE WON'T GET THE RESULTS BACK FROM THAT UNTIL NEXT SUMMER.
10:22:06 THAT'S 15 MONTHS.
10:22:08 THEY DON'T EVEN WRITE THEIR REPORT UNTIL THE SUMMER OF 2020.
10:22:11 SO WE NEED SOME ASAP STUFF ON THIS.
10:22:14 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:22:14 SO NOTED.
10:22:15 BUT THE ISSUE ON THE TABLE IS OUR CONTRACT WITH FGCU.
10:22:18 SO I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THIS IF WE CAN.
10:22:20 ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

10:22:20 IS THAT A MOTION?
10:22:26 >>Kathleen Hall: I DO HAVE ONE PERSON SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.
10:22:29 JOE MICELI.
10:22:42 >> GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS.
10:22:45 I'M JOE MICELI, 20271 ROOKERY DRIVE.
10:22:49 I JUST GOT BACK IN TOWN, AND I WAS FORTUNATE TO READ THE
10:22:54 PROPOSAL THAT WAS SUBMITTED.
10:22:56 ALTHOUGH I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS STUDY, I DON'T WANT YOU ALL

10:23:00 TO RUSH TO JUDGMENT.
10:23:01 I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT IT.
10:23:05 FOR INSTANCE, WHAT ARE THE OTHER ENTEROBACTERIA THAT THE
10:23:11 RESEARCHERS WANT TO MONITOR?
10:23:13 I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH THESE BACTERIA.
10:23:15 THEY ARE VERY DEADLY AGENTS, AND I WILL NOT GIVE YOU A
10:23:19 LECTURE ON MICROBIOLOGY.
10:23:22 HOW ARE THEY GOING TO MEASURE THIS?
10:23:25 THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT I DID NOT SEE IN THIS PROPOSAL.
10:23:28 I, UNFORTUNATELY, WAS DELAYED IN GETTING HERE THIS MORNING,
10:23:32 BUT I ALSO HEARD THAT THERE MAY BE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE
10:23:35 MONITORING SITES.
10:23:37 MY OTHER CONCERN HAS TO DO WITH LEE COUNTY.
10:23:44 HOW WELL IS FGCU GOING TO WORK WITH LEE COUNTY?
10:23:49 I KNOW THAT COMMITMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ME PERSONALLY WHEN
10:23:56 COUNCILMAN BOESCH WAS THE MAYOR LAST YEAR IN A MEETING WITH
10:24:00 COMMISSIONER PENDERGRASS.

10:24:05 I WAS TOLD I COULD TOUR AND LOOK AT THE COUNTY TOXICOLOGY
10:24:09 LAB.
10:24:09 THAT WAS NEVER AFFORDED ME THE OPPORTUNITY, EVEN THOUGH I
10:24:13 WAS TOLD.
10:24:14 SO I THINK THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FGCU AND LEE COUNTY
10:24:19 IS IN A PRECARIOUS SITUATION, BECAUSE I, FRANKLY, DON'T
10:24:22 TRUST ANYTHING THAT COMES OUT OF THE COUNTY AT ALL.
10:24:25 THE OTHER THING I WANTED TO SAY IS YOU HAVE ME, IF YOU WANT
10:24:30 ME, AS A RESOURCE, FREE OF CHARGE.
10:24:33 I HAVE WRITTEN MANY GRANTS.
10:24:36 I'M VERY GOOD AT DATA ANALYSES.
10:24:39 I WANT THESE RESEARCHERS TO DO SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO BE
10:24:42 REALLY IMPORTANT AND HAVE THE ABILITY TO PUBLISH THIS DATA,
10:24:48 WHATEVER IT MAY BE, IN A REPUTABLE JOURNAL.
10:24:56 I DON'T WANT THE VILLAGE WHO RIGHTLY SO OWNS THE DATA TO
10:25:00 PROHIBIT PUBLICATION.
10:25:01 THIS INFORMATION DOES NEED TO COME OUT.
10:25:03 I'M NOT SAYING WE SHOULD NOT VOTE FOR THIS GRANT, BUT I
10:25:08 THINK PERHAPS YOU MAY WANT TO STEP BACK A LITTLE BIT BEFORE
10:25:13 YOU IMMEDIATELY COMMIT TO THIS.
10:25:17 COUNCILMAN ERRINGTON, YOU'RE RIGHT.
10:25:23 YOU WON'T SEE THIS DATA UNTIL WELL LATE IN 2020.
10:25:26 MY TIME IS ABOUT UP.
10:25:28 I HAD OTHER COMMENTS, BUT I THINK I WILL JUST WAIT TILL
10:25:31 ANOTHER TIME FOR THAT.

10:25:33 THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERATION OF MY CONCERNS.
10:25:36 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:25:37 MOTION FROM HOWARD.
10:25:38 SECOND FROM JON McLAIN.

10:25:41 MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
10:25:45 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
10:25:46 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
10:25:47 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
10:25:49 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
10:25:50 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
10:25:52 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
10:25:53 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
10:25:54 OKAY.
10:25:56 MOVING RIGHT ALONG, WE'LL GO BACK TO ITEM 6A.
10:25:59 THE NEXT ITEM IS THE CAPE CORAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUEST
10:26:02 FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE
10:26:08 ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.
10:26:09 KYLE, I BELIEVE YOU'LL PRESENT THIS, IS THAT CORRECT?
10:26:13 >>Kyle Coleman: GOOD MORNING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL.
10:26:15 HOPEFULLY WE CAN KEEP THIS AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE.
10:26:18 THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF AN APPROVAL FOR A FEDERAL GRANT
10:26:23 THAT CONTINUES FROM 2016 AND 2018.
10:26:26 IT'S A FEDERAL GRANT THAT GOES THROUGH THE STATES, THEN
10:26:29 THROUGH THE COUNTY.
10:26:30 PREVIOUSLY, IT'S BEEN OPERATED, ADMINISTERED BY LEE COUNTY.

10:26:34 THIS YEAR IT IS THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL.
10:26:37 IT'S TO PROVIDE CRIME FIGHTING ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS ON A
10:26:41 COUNTYWIDE LEVEL.
10:26:42 THIS REQUIRES NO COST FROM THE VILLAGE, AND THE
10:26:47 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL'S POLICE
10:26:50 DEPARTMENT IS HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE
10:26:53 ABOUT IT.
10:26:55 >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCIL, ANY QUESTIONS?
10:26:59 >> I SUGGEST YOU PUT THIS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA NEXT YEAR.
10:27:03 >>Mayor Ribble: NICK.
10:27:05 >>Nick Batos: OBVIOUSLY, I GUESS WE'RE GOING TO GO THROUGH
10:27:08 WITH THIS.
10:27:09 IT'S SORT OF A NORMAL THING.
10:27:11 IT JUST TO ME SEEMED ODD THAT THE MONEY IS BEING DISTRIBUTED
10:27:19 TO CAPE CORAL AND FORT MYERS AND NOT TO THE POLICE
10:27:23 DEPARTMENT IN SANIBEL.
10:27:26 ALSO, OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE GETTING
10:27:31 ANYTHING OUT OF THIS.
10:27:32 JUST THE PORT AUTHORITY AND THE LEE COUNTY TRIAGE CENTER.
10:27:37 I SPOKE WITH THE CAPE CORAL PEOPLE -- I'M SORRY, THE SANIBEL
10:27:47 PEOPLE, AND THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND REALLY WHY THEY DON'T GET
10:27:49 IT EITHER.
10:27:50 BUT IT'S BEEN THAT WAY FOR YEARS, AND THEY JUST SUPPORT CAPE
10:27:52 CORAL FOR GETTING IT.
10:28:00 >>Shannon Northorp: GOOD MORNING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

10:28:00 SHANNON NORTHORP, CAPE CORAL POLICE DEPARTMENT.
10:28:03 ACTUALLY, THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DECLINED TO
10:28:06 PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR.
10:28:07 THAT'S WHY THEY ARE NOT RECEIVING ANY FUNDING, AS WELL AS
10:28:09 SANIBEL.
10:28:09 THEY ARE PROVIDING THE LETTER OF SUPPORT.
10:28:12 HOWEVER, THEY PUT THEIR -- WHATEVER FUNDING THAT THEY COULD
10:28:17 RECEIVE IN THE GENERAL POT FOR THE GENERAL POPULATION.
10:28:20 SO YOU SEE WHERE LIKE THE PORT AUTHORITY AND THE TRIAGE
10:28:25 CENTER, SO THEY PUT -- THEY GAVE UP THEIR MONEY, SO TO
10:28:30 SPEAK, TO ADD TO THAT FUNDING.
10:28:35 >>Nick Batos: WHY WOULD THEY GIVE IT UP?
10:28:37 I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT.
10:28:39 >>Howard Levitan: PROBABLY OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING.
10:28:41 >>Shannon Northorp: I CAN'T SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE SHERIFF'S
10:28:43 OFFICE OR SANIBEL.
10:28:47 ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT THEY'VE DECLINED TO -- THE
10:28:49 SHERIFF'S OFFICE DECLINED TO PARTICIPATE AS A WHOLE.
10:28:52 SANIBEL SAID THAT THEY WOULD PUT THEIR MONEY IN THE POT FOR
10:28:56 THE TRIAGE CENTER BECAUSE THAT BENEFITS THE WHOLE COUNTY.
10:29:00 >> HAS CAPE CORAL BEEN THE ONE TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS IN
10:29:03 PRIOR YEARS ALSO OR IS THIS THE FIRST TIME THEY LOOK THE
10:29:06 LEAD ON IT?
10:29:07 >>Shannon Northorp: THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR WE'RE TAKING THE
10:29:08 LEAD BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENS IS WHEN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

10:29:10 DECLINES TO PARTICIPATE, THEN WHAT FDLE DOES IS IT GOES TO
10:29:14 THE -- IT STARTS OUT WITH THE LARGEST POPULATION --
10:29:18 MUNICIPALITY OF THE LARGEST POPULATION IN LEE COUNTY, WHICH
10:29:21 IS CAPE CORAL.
10:29:22 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:29:23 ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?
10:29:27 >> I'M NOT SURE IF THIS MAY BE A STUPID QUESTION ON MY PART.
10:29:31 IN THE LETTER, I'M NOT SURE IF THIS IS A TYPO OR THE WAY
10:29:34 IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE.
10:29:36 >>Shannon Northorp: SHE HAS THE CORRECTED ONE.
10:29:38 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS?
10:29:41 >>Kathleen Hall: DO NOT HAVE.
10:29:42 >>Mayor Ribble: I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.
10:29:43 HOWARD.
10:29:44 SECOND BY JON McLAIN.
10:29:51 WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
10:29:53 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
10:29:55 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
10:29:56 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
10:29:58 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
10:29:59 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
10:30:02 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.

10:30:04 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
10:30:05 SO I THINK -- I AGREE WITH HOWARD ABOUT PUTTING ON THE
10:30:12 CONSENT AGENDA NEXT YEAR.

10:30:14 MOVING RIGHT ALONG, THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS 6C, THE
10:30:20 COCONUT ROAD CROSSWALKS AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.
10:30:25 DAVID, YOU'RE GOING TO PRESENT THIS?
10:30:28 >>David Willems: YES.
10:30:28 SO WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE YOU IS A CONTRACT FOR A CONSULTANT,
10:30:34 KISINGER CAMPO & ASSOCIATES TO DESIGN PEDESTRIAN AND
10:30:38 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG COCONUT ROAD.
10:30:40 THE TWO THINGS THAT THEY ARE GOING TO HELP US FIX IS, ONE,
10:30:43 THERE ARE TWO DRAINAGE STRUCTURES THAT ARE LOCATED REALLY
10:30:46 CLOSE TO THE ROAD THAT'S CAUSING THE ROADWAY AND THE
10:30:49 SIDEWALK TO FAIL IN THAT AREA.
10:30:50 SO THEY ARE GOING TO REDESIGN IT SO THAT WE CAN BETTER
10:30:54 MAINTAIN THE ROAD AND THE SIDEWALK.
10:30:56 THE SECOND PART OF IT IS TO HELP IMPROVE SOME OF THE
10:30:59 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FOR THE TWO COMMUNITIES ON THE NORTH SIDE
10:31:02 OF THE ROAD, MEADOWBROOK AND COCONUT SHORES.
10:31:06 MEADOWBROOK, WHAT WE'RE LIKELY GOING TO DO IS DO A MID BLOCK
10:31:11 CROSSING TO ALLOW THEM TO GET ACROSS THE ROAD BECAUSE THEY
10:31:14 HAVE NO OTHER ACCESS TO A SIDEWALK.
10:31:16 FOR COCONUT SHORES, THEY HAVE A SIDEWALK JUST TO THE EAST ON
10:31:20 THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD.
10:31:22 AND WHAT WE WERE GOING TO LOOK AT DOING IS EXTENDING THAT
10:31:26 SIDEWALK SO THEY COULD USE THEIR BACK GATE TO HAVE
10:31:29 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS.
10:31:30 THE CONTRACT IS FOR \$60,800.

10:31:38 WITH SOME OTHER WORK, IT PUT IT OVER WHAT THE BUDGET WAS,
10:31:41 BUT WE HAVE MONIES AND SOME STORMWATER FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT
10:31:46 IT SO WE HAVE THOSE FUNDS.
10:31:48 I CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC
10:31:50 QUESTIONS.
10:31:50 >>Mayor Ribble: MEADOW BROOKS GOING TO HAVE A FLASHING
10:31:53 LIGHT, IS THAT CORRECT?
10:31:53 >>David Willems: MOST LIKELY.
10:31:57 IT HASN'T BEEN DESIGNED YET BUT LIKELY WARRANT HIGH
10:32:00 VISIBILITY.
10:32:01 >>Mayor Ribble: YOU'RE RECOMMENDING IT.
10:32:02 >>David Willems: IT WOULD LIKELY BE THE FLASHERS AND IT MAY
10:32:04 BE A STREET LIGHT, TOO, OVERHEAD LIGHT SO THAT YOU CAN SEE
10:32:07 THE PEOPLE IN THE CROSSWALK.
10:32:11 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL ON THE PROJECT?
10:32:13 ANYBODY FROM THE PUBLIC?
10:32:14 I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.
10:32:17 HOWARD AGAIN.

10:32:18 SECOND BY NICK.
10:32:20 MADAM CLERK?
10:32:23 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
10:32:24 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
10:32:25 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
10:32:27 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
10:32:28 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.

10:32:30 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
10:32:31 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
10:32:31 THE NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 6E, PROVIDE PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND
10:32:43 ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES WITH OUR CONSULTANT.
10:32:47 DAVID, YOU'RE GOING TO PRESENT THIS ONE.
10:32:49 >>David Willems: YES.
10:32:50 BOTH IN THE 2018-19 AND THE 19-20 BUDGET, WE HAD IN THERE TO
10:32:56 HIRE A PROJECT MANAGER TO ASSIST ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.
10:33:00 WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND A PERSON TO FILL THAT ROLE.
10:33:03 WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING TO DO IS HIRE A FIRM WHERE WE'LL USE
10:33:08 ONE OF THEIR PROJECT MANAGERS TO FILL THAT ROLE.
10:33:11 SO WHAT THIS -- CLAIR WRIGHT, HE AND HIS FIRM, AND WHAT HE'S
10:33:18 GOING TO DO IS HELP ME MANAGE SOME OF THE TRANSPORTATION
10:33:21 PROJECTS.
10:33:21 THE TURN LANE PROJECTS, SOME OF THE MILL AND OVERLAY
10:33:24 PROJECTS, HE WILL BE THE PROJECT MANAGER REPORTING TO ME ON
10:33:28 THOSE.
10:33:28 I'LL STILL BE OVERSEEING THEM, BUT HE'LL MAKE SURE THEY STAY
10:33:32 ON BUDGET, STAY ON TRACK, THE SCHEDULE AND EVERYTHING LIKE
10:33:33 THAT.
10:33:35 HE WILL KIND OF BE THE GO-BETWEEN BETWEEN ME AND THE
10:33:40 CONSULTANT SO IT WILL FREE ME UP TO DO SOME OF THE OTHER
10:33:42 THINGS I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF.
10:33:44 WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE COST IS.
10:33:45 WHAT WE'RE DOING IS SAYING IT WILL BE ABOUT

10:33:47 \$75,000 ANNUALLY.
10:33:49 WE'LL BE BILLED FOR THE WORK HE DOES.
10:33:51 IT'S A TIME AND MATERIALS TYPE OF A CONTRACT.
10:33:53 >>Mayor Ribble: THIS SHOULD MOVE THE ESTERO PARKWAY PROGRAM
10:33:59 ALONG, I HOPE.
10:34:00 >>David Willems: THE ESTERO PARK WAY, WILLIAMS ROAD TURN
10:34:04 LANES, THE WALGREENS, THE POINCIANA AND TRAIL SIDE, HE'LL BE
10:34:09 ABLE TO MANAGE THOSE A LITTLE MORE CLOSELY THAN WHAT I'VE
10:34:13 BEEN ABLE TO.
10:34:13 >>Mayor Ribble: HOWARD.
10:34:14 >>Howard Levitan: I JUST WANT TO COMMENT THAT I THINK THIS
10:34:16 IS A BETTER MODEL THAN CONTINUALLY INCREASING STAFF.
10:34:26 MUCH PREFER WE DO BY CONTRACT WHERE WE CAN RAMP UP OR RAMP
10:34:29 DOWN DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES WITHOUT ENOUGH SAID.

10:34:32 I THINK THAT IS THE MODEL THAT WE STARTED WITH AS A VILLAGE,
10:34:36 AND WE OUGHT TO CONTINUE THAT AND LOOK AT THAT MODEL FOR
10:34:40 OTHER DEPARTMENTS AS WELL.
10:34:42 >>Mayor Ribble: I AGREE.
10:34:44 >> DAVID, CAN YOU HELP ME UNDERSTAND, WE'VE HIRED A
10:34:46 CONSULTANT FOR ESTERO PARKWAY, ENGINEERING FIRM TO MAKE SURE
10:34:50 THEY DO THE PROJECT ACCORDING TO THE PLANS AND THE BIDDING
10:34:53 AND ALL THAT.
10:34:54 SO THIS KIND OF LOOKS LIKE A DUPLICATION OF EFFORT IN THAT.
10:34:58 I KNOW HE'S OVERSEEING PROBABLY MORE THAN ESTERO PARKWAY AND
10:35:02 WE'VE HIRED A CONSULTANT FOR 41, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE

10:35:09 KIND OF DUPLICATING SERVICES HERE.
10:35:10 CAN YOU HELP ME UNDERSTAND THAT?
10:35:11 >>David Willems: FOR ANY PROJECT THE VILLAGE DOES, WE HAVE
10:35:14 TO HAVE A STAFF PERSON THAT MANAGES THAT PROJECT ON A
10:35:17 DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, MAKE SURE THEY ARE ON SCHEDULE, REVIEWS
10:35:21 THEIR PLANS, REVIEWS ANYTHING THAT THEY ARE GOING TO SUBMIT.
10:35:23 RIGHT NOW, THAT'S ME DOING THAT, SO I'M DOING THE DAILY WORK
10:35:28 ON EVERY SINGLE PROJECT.
10:35:29 IT'S TAKEN A LOT OF MY TIME.
10:35:32 THERE ARE SOME PROJECTS THAT ARE GETTING MORE DELAYED THAN
10:35:35 WHAT I THINK US OR ANYBODY IN THE VILLAGE WOULD LIKE.
10:35:39 WHAT THIS WILL DO IS TAKE SOME OF THOSE PROJECT MANAGEMENT
10:35:42 TASKS AND HAVE HIM DO IT SO THAT I'M ABLE TO DO OTHER
10:35:45 THINGS.
10:35:48 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: WHERE WILL THIS PERSON CALL HOME?
10:35:51 WHERE WILL THE OFFICE BE OTHER THAN OUT IN THE TERRITORY?
10:35:54 >>David Willems: WELL, HE HAS AN OFFICE IN FORT MYERS.
10:36:01 IF IT COMES TO THE POINT THAT HE IS HERE ENOUGH, WE HAVE
10:36:03 SPACE TO PUT HIM IN AN OFFICE.
10:36:05 THAT'S NOT THE THOUGHT RIGHT NOW.
10:36:07 BUT IF IT COMES TO THAT, WE CAN DEFINITELY GET A COMPUTER
10:36:10 AND PUT HIM IN AN OFFICE.
10:36:13 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: WHEN WILL ESTERO PARKWAY BEGIN?
10:36:20 >> HAVEN'T PUT OUT THE BID YET.
10:36:22 >>David Willems: NO, WE HAVEN'T.

10:36:24 >>Mayor Ribble: THE LAST TIME WE TALKED ABOUT THAT, WE SAID
10:36:26 OCTOBER 1st.
10:36:27 IS THAT GOING TO CHANGE AGAIN?
10:36:29 >>David Willems: THAT'S STILL WITHIN THREE MONTHS.
10:36:34 I'M HOPEFUL -- I SHOULD BE GETTING THE PLANS HERE IN THE
10:36:37 NEXT FEW DAYS.
10:36:38 THEY HAD SOME UPDATES TO MAKE TO THE LANDSCAPE PLANS WITH
10:36:42 SOME COMMENTS THEY HAD.
10:36:44 ONCE WE HAVE THAT, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THE PLANS AND
10:36:47 SPECS BACK AND GET IT OUT TO BID.

10:36:50 >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?
10:36:54 >>Jim Boesch: I AGREE WITH HOWARD 100%.
10:36:56 THIS IS THE MODEL THAT WE STARTED WITH.
10:36:58 SHOULD CONTINUE ON WITH THE PROGRAM.
10:37:01 I THINK IT'S VERY APPROPRIATE TO BE DOING.
10:37:04 >>Mayor Ribble: ANYBODY SIGNED UP TO SPEAK FOR THIS ITEM?
10:37:07 I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.
10:37:08 >> SO MOVED.
10:37:09 >> SECOND.
10:37:10 >>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
10:37:15 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
10:37:16 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
10:37:17 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
10:37:19 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
10:37:19 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.

10:37:21 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
10:37:22 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
10:37:23 DAVID, MAKE SURE YOU PUT ON HIS CONTRACT THAT THE -- OF
10:37:28 ESTERO PARKWAY, OCTOBER 1st.
10:37:30 NEXT WE HAVE OUR PUBLIC HEARINGS, NUMBER 7A.
10:37:38 LISA, YOU'LL INTRODUCE THIS ONE.
10:37:43 >>Lisa Roberson: LISA ROBERSON, FINANCE DIRECTOR, FOR THE
10:37:47 RECORD.
10:37:47 TODAY IS THE INITIAL PUBLIC HEARING, THE FIRST OF TWO PUBLIC
10:37:50 HEARINGS FOR OUR ANNUAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.
10:37:53 YOU'LL HEAR THAT REFERRED TO AS C.I.P., AN ACRONYM THAT WE
10:37:58 USE COMMON IN THE INDUSTRY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.
10:38:01 IT HAS BEEN ADVERTISED.
10:38:03 TODAY IS OUR FIRST PUBLIC HEARING.
10:38:04 OUR NEXT PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 24th.
10:38:08 THIS IS A REQUIREMENT IN OUR CHARTER, WHICH WE ARE PLEASED
10:38:10 TO COMPLY WITH, AND DAVID WILLEMS, OUR PUBLIC WORKS
10:38:13 DIRECTOR, WILL GO OVER THE DETAILS OF THE CHANGES.
10:38:17 THIS HAS BEEN BEFORE YOU ONE TIME PREVIOUSLY, AND HE'LL
10:38:21 HIGHLIGHT THE CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THAT FOR YOU TODAY.
10:38:27 >>David Willems: THERE WERE A FEW CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS
10:38:29 VERSION.
10:38:30 THEY WERE ALL HIGHLIGHTED IN THE VERSION THAT YOU HAVE.
10:38:32 WHAT I'LL DO IS JUST KIND OF BRIEFLY GO OVER THEM AND MAYBE
10:38:35 A LITTLE EXPLANATION OF WHY THEY WERE MADE.

10:38:38 THE FIRST ONE IS THE CORKSCREW ROAD WIDENING.
10:38:41 THAT WAS IN THE PREVIOUS.
10:38:43 WE JUST DIDN'T HAVE DETAILS ON THE COST.
10:38:45 WE JUST ESTIMATED WHERE THOSE COSTS MIGHT BE.
10:38:48 FROM THE CIP FOR THE COUNTY FROM LAST YEAR.
10:38:51 SO THESE ARE JUST ESTIMATED.

10:38:53 IT DOESN'T COME OUT OF OUR MONEY.
10:38:55 IT'S JUST TO HELP TRACK WHEN THAT'S OCCURRING.
10:38:58 THE SECOND ONE ON THE SECOND PAGE, U.S. 41 INTERSECTION
10:39:05 IMPROVEMENTS.
10:39:05 CHANGED THERE THE COST, THE COST.
10:39:09 WE LOOKED AT THE COST AND THE COST IS A LITTLE HIGHER THAN
10:39:12 WHAT THE PREVIOUS VERSION WAS.
10:39:13 VIA COCONUT POINT ROUNDABOUT BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS, WE MOVED
10:39:18 THAT OUT PAST THE FIVE YEARS.
10:39:20 THAT'S IN RESPONSE TO SOME COMMENTS THAT WE RECEIVED THAT
10:39:25 DIDN'T FEEL THAT THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS TO BE
10:39:25 PRIORITIZED.
10:39:32 THERE WERE TWO BIKE-PED PROJECTS THAT WE MOVED FORWARD AND
10:39:35 THAT WAS THE BROADWAY EAST SHARED USE PATH AND THE SANDY
10:39:38 LANE SHARED USE PATH.
10:39:39 I THINK THAT WAS ALLUDED TO PREVIOUSLY.
10:39:42 THOSE ARE SOME OF THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BIKE-PED MASTER
10:39:44 PLAN, AND WHAT THAT DOES IS IT ALLOWS CONNECTION.
10:39:48 RIGHT NOW YOU HAVE BROADWAY WEST THAT HAS A SIDEWALK.

10:39:51 BUT THE ONLY PLACE THEY CAN WALK TO IS U.S. 41.
10:39:54 BROADWAY EAST AND SANDY LANE, THEN THEY ARE ABLE TO TRAVEL
10:39:59 DOWN BROADWAY, DOWN SANDY LANE AND GET TO VIA COCONUT AND
10:40:03 CORKSCREW ROAD.
10:40:04 IT REALLY OPENS UP THEIR OPTIONS AS FAR AS BIKE-PED ACCESS.
10:40:08 THE CORKSCREW ROAD SHARED USE PATH, THAT WAS IN THE PREVIOUS
10:40:14 VERSION.
10:40:16 LOOKED AT THE COST, AND THE COSTS ARE A LITTLE BIT HIGHER
10:40:19 THAN WHAT WE HAD IN THE PREVIOUS, BUT STILL SIMILAR.
10:40:22 WILLIAMS ROAD BIKE LANE AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, THIS WAS
10:40:28 MOVED UP, AND THE REASON BEING IS IN THE BIKE-PED MASTER
10:40:33 PLAN, ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO HAS IS
10:40:37 ACCESS EAST AND WEST THROUGH THE VILLAGE FOR BIKE AND
10:40:41 PEDESTRIAN.
10:40:41 AND THIS WAS ONE OF THE MORE COST-EFFECTIVE WAYS TO ADD THE
10:40:45 EAST-WEST FROM CORKSCREW TO VIA COCONUT -- OR FROM COCONUT
10:40:49 TO VIA COCONUT.
10:40:50 THE U.S. 41 MEDIAN LANDSCAPING UNDER LANDSCAPE
10:40:50 BEAUTIFICATION, THAT WAS JUST A COST CHANGE TO REFLECT
10:40:59 EXACTLY WHAT THE F.D.O.T. WOULD BE GIVING US FOR THE NEXT
10:41:01 FISCAL YEAR.
10:41:02 THREE MORE LANDSCAPE PROJECTS, BEN HILL GRIFFIN LANDSCAPE
10:41:08 IMPROVEMENTS, WE MOVED THAT UP FROM WHAT IT WAS SHOWN
10:41:11 PREVIOUSLY.
10:41:11 PART OF THAT IS BECAUSE CONDITIONS CHANGED SINCE THAT

10:41:17 ORIGINAL BUDGET WAS PUBLISHED, LEE COUNTY HAS GONE OUT THERE
10:41:21 AND PULLED OUT ALL THE SHRUBS AND RIPPED THEM OUT.

10:41:25 NOW ALL YOU HAVE ARE TREES AND GRASS.
10:41:28 IT JUST DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT DID.
10:41:30 >> THAT IS A SECTION WITH NOTHING BUT GRASS.
10:41:34 >> I THINK THANK YOU FOR MOVING THAT UP.
10:41:36 CAN WE ASSUME THAT SOMETHING WILL BE DONE IN TERMS OF SOME
10:41:38 KIND OF PLANTING OTHER THAN JUST GRASS IN THAT SECTION THAT
10:41:42 RUNS FROM THE ROAD INTO THE ARENA, UP TO WHERE THE STUFF
10:41:48 THEY DIDN'T RIP OUT.
10:41:50 THE OTHER QUESTION IS, ARE WE SURE THEY ARE DONE RIPPING?
10:41:53 >>David Willems: I'M NOT SURE OF THAT.
10:41:55 >> ISN'T THERE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AREA FOR THAT?
10:41:59 >> UNFORTUNATELY, HOWARD THAT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CONCEPT IS
10:42:01 GOING AWAY.
10:42:02 AND THAT'S WHY --
10:42:03 >> GOING AWAY BECAUSE THE COUNTY WANTS IT TO GO AWAY?
10:42:07 >> WELL, THE COUNTY KEPT THE ROAD, BUT IN THEIR MIND THEY
10:42:10 WANT US TO TAKE THIS OVER.
10:42:21 >> AFTER THEY ASSESSED ALL THE RESIDENTS THERE --
10:42:25 >>David Willems: WELL, THEY WERE ASSESSED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS
10:42:28 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND THAT MSTU WENT AWAY.
10:42:31 SO IT DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE.
10:42:33 IT'S NOW ON LEE COUNTY TO DO IT, NOT THE TAXING DISTRICT.
10:42:36 WILLIAMS ROAD IS ANOTHER ONE WE MOVED UP.

10:42:39 THE REASON THAT WAS -- WILLIAMS ROAD LANDSCAPING, THAT MOVED
10:42:43 UP TO GO WITH THE BIKE-PED ON WILLIAMS ROAD.
10:42:48 SO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LANDSCAPING AND THE BIKE-PED
10:42:50 WOULD OCCUR AT THE SAME TIME.
10:42:53 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: DAVID, I HAVE A QUESTION.
10:42:55 GOING BACK TO BEN HILL GRIFFIN PARK WAY, IF THE COUNTY
10:43:00 RIPPED UP THE SHRUBBERY AND LANDSCAPING THERE, AND WE
10:43:04 REPLENISHED THAT, WHAT GUARANTEES US THAT THEY WON'T COME
10:43:08 BACK AND DO IT AGAIN?
10:43:10 >> THE REASON THEY RIPPED IT OUT IS BECAUSE IT WAS ALL DEAD.
10:43:14 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: IT WAS A GOOD REASON THEN?
10:43:17 >> WE HAVE TO HAVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THEM IN
10:43:19 ORDER TO DO THAT.
10:43:22 >>Mayor Ribble: WHO IS GOING TO REPLANT THAT?
10:43:24 >>Howard Levitan: THAT'S THE IDEA.
10:43:25 THEY WOULD LIKE US TO.
10:43:28 >>David Willems: THAT'S WHAT THE C.I.P. DOES --
10:43:30 >>Mayor Ribble: HOW SOON IS THAT GOING TO HAPPEN?
10:43:30 >>David Willems: RIGHT NOW, IF IT'S APPROVED THE WAY IT
10:43:32 IS, IT'S THREE YEARS OUT.
10:43:34 >>Mayor Ribble: WELL, I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, THAT WILL LOOK
10:43:37 ABSOLUTELY HORRIBLE.
10:43:39 STEVEN ASKED ME LAST WEEK, WHEN I MET WITH HIM, IF I WOULD
10:43:44 DRIVE OUT THERE, AND I DID ON MY WAY UP TO COSTCO TO GET

10:43:44 GAS, AND IT LOOKS ABSOLUTELY HORRIBLE.

10:43:48 ALL THE IRRIGATION LINES ARE STICKING UP ALL OVER THE PLACE.
10:43:52 THERE ARE WEEDS GROWING ALL OVER WHERE THE IRRIGATION HEADS
10:43:54 ARE.
10:43:54 IT LOOKS TERRIBLE.
10:43:57 >>David Willems: THE IRRIGATION HEADS AREN'T HIGH ANYMORE.
10:44:00 THEY PUT THE IRRIGATION HEADS DOWN, AND THEY GOT RID OF SOME
10:44:03 OF THE WEEDS AND PUT GRASS THERE.
10:44:04 IT'S BETTER THAN IT WAS.
10:44:07 >>Mayor Ribble: IT LOOKED HORRIBLE EARLY LAST WEEK.
10:44:10 >> IT'S NOT AT THE STANDARD WE'RE HOPING TO ACHIEVE AS WE
10:44:13 MOVE FORWARD.
10:44:13 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: DON'T WE NEED AN INTERLOCAL
10:44:15 AGREEMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT --
10:44:17 >>David Willems: BEFORE WE DID ANY OF THESE LANDSCAPE
10:44:21 PROJECTS ON COUNTY ROADS, WE WOULD HAVE THAT AGREEMENT, YES.
10:44:26 >>Mayor Ribble: MOVING FORWARD, WHEN THEY GET CREATIVE, THEY
10:44:30 COME OUT AND RIP SOME OF THE CRAP UP, ARE WE GOING TO BE
10:44:33 GIVEN A HEADS UP SO AS THEY RIP IT UP THE NEXT DAY OR NEXT
10:44:37 WEEK, WE CAN PLANT?
10:44:38 THIS RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE IS NOT SYNCHRONIZED HERE.
10:44:41 >>David Willems: PART OF THE PROBLEM, WE WOULD NEED TO KNOW
10:44:44 WHAT WE WANTED TO PLANT BEFORE WE WOULD PLANT.
10:44:46 THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS GET IN THE BUDGET THAT WE
10:44:49 PLAN WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO AT BEN HILL NEXT YEAR.
10:44:52 >>Mayor Ribble: I'M SUGGESTING TO YOU -- I'M NOT TRYING TO

10:44:54 BEAT YOU UP HERE, DAVID.
10:44:56 YOU DO A GREAT JOB.
10:44:57 WHAT I'M SUGGESTING, STRATEGICALLY WE NEED TO HAVE A
10:45:00 RELATIONSHIP WITH WHOEVER THAT IS, THE WEED PULLER UP IN LEE
10:45:03 COUNTY, THAT WE KNOW WHEN HE'LL GET DISPATCHED TO PULL OUT A
10:45:07 WEED, WE HAVE TO KNOW ABOUT IT, OR PULL ALL THE SHRUBS OUT
10:45:10 SO WE CAN COME BACK THE NEXT WEEK AND FILL THAT IN.
10:45:13 >>Howard Levitan: MAYBE THAT'S LIMESTONE UP THERE AND
10:45:15 THEY'LL DO MINING IN THE MEDIAN.
10:45:18 >>Mayor Ribble: BUT ANYWAYS --
10:45:21 >>David Willems: I THINK BEN HILL AND THIS SECTION OF
10:45:24 CORKSCREW IS REALLY UNIQUE IN THAT IT WAS AN -- IT WAS A
10:45:27 TAXING DISTRICT.
10:45:28 MOST OF THE REST OF THE ROADWAYS ARE AT THEIR COUNTY
10:45:33 STANDARD LANDSCAPING.
10:45:35 SO THIS SITUATION WOULDN'T -- IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN HERE ON
10:45:39 CORKSCREW ROAD BECAUSE IT'S MEETING THEIR STANDARDS, AND
10:45:43 THEY ARE MAINTAINING IT.
10:45:44 >> WHATEVER THOSE STANDARDS ARE.
10:45:45 >>David Willems: RIGHT, YES.

10:45:49 >> ARE WE READY FOR MORE COMMENTS?
10:45:51 >>Mayor Ribble: YOU'RE GOING TO SPEAK THREE TIMES ON EVERY
10:45:54 ITEM, HOWARD?
10:45:55 >>Howard Levitan: I JUST WOULD LIKE -- I HAD MENTIONED THIS
10:45:57 TO DAVID BEFOREHAND, AS WE MOVE FORWARD ON THE C.I.P.

10:46:02 BUDGET, I WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE HAVE A WAY OF SETTING
10:46:09 PRIORITIES, BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS SPREADSHEET LAID OUT IN
10:46:14 SORT OF A FUNCTIONAL BASIS, ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, BIKE-PED
10:46:18 IMPROVEMENTS, CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS.
10:46:20 AND THEN YOU HAVE THINGS LISTED BELOW THAT, BUT THEY ARE NOT
10:46:24 IN ANY ORDER AND YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THE CHART IN ORDER TO
10:46:27 FIGURE OUT THE PRIORITY BECAUSE IT'S BASED ON TIMING.
10:46:30 WHEN YOU'VE ALLOCATED FUNDING FOR IT, YOU CAN SORT OF FIGURE
10:46:33 OUT THE FUNDING.
10:46:35 BUT MY PROBLEM IS THAT -- HOW DO WE PRIORITIZE THIS LIST IN
10:46:41 JUST A LIST FORM, WITHOUT THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES, UNLESS
10:46:45 YOU WANT TO PRIORITIZE THE CATEGORIES FIRST AND THEN
10:46:49 MAINTAIN AN OVERALL LIST.
10:46:50 I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE DETERMINE WHETHER IN
10:46:54 THIS PARTICULAR YEAR, THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS THE
10:46:58 BIKE-PED PRIORITY OR A ROAD PRIORITY OR A CROSSWALK
10:47:03 PRIORITY.
10:47:03 WE NOW HAVE A WHOLE -- WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE MONEY IN THE
10:47:07 WORLD ANYMORE.
10:47:08 WE WANT TO PRIORITIZE THAT C.I.P. SPENDING IN EACH YEAR
10:47:14 BASED ON THE MOST NEEDED THING.
10:47:17 THAT'S GOING TO TAKE POLICY DECISIONS BY THE COUNCIL.
10:47:21 IT'S VERY HARD TO GET THAT IN THE FORMAT THAT YOU'VE GIVEN
10:47:24 US.
10:47:26 >> THAT'S WHAT THE HIGHLIGHT IS FOR, HOWARD.

10:47:29 [TALKING OVER ONE ANOTHER]
10:47:33 >> I DISAGREE WITH THAT COMPLETELY, THE COMMENTS.
10:47:35 I AGREE WITH HOWARD.
10:47:36 I MENTIONED THIS WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE BIKE-PED
10:47:39 STUDY, AND I MENTIONED THIS TO STAFF IN THE LAST COUPLE OF
10:47:43 DAYS.
10:47:43 I DON'T KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO IT THIS YEAR,
10:47:48 BUT I REALLY STRONGLY, STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT STAFF -- WE SIT
10:47:52 DOWN IN A ROUNDTABLE ON THIS ITEM, THE C.I.P., SOMETIME
10:47:58 PROBABLY IN MARCH OR APRIL, MUCH EARLIER THAN WE ARE NOW.
10:48:04 THEY'RE ABLE TO PRESENT TO US -- THIS IS JUST MY IDEA OF A
10:48:09 FORMAT.
10:48:09 THEY ARE ABLE TO PRESENT US THEIR CONCEPT OF WHAT THEY HAVE.
10:48:13 WE'RE ABLE TO GO BACK HOME, LOOK AT IT TRY TO UNDERSTAND IT,
10:48:16 AND THEN COME BACK AND BETWEEN US DISCUSS EACH OF THE ITEMS
10:48:21 SO THAT I MIGHT GET THE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR THINKING OR THEIR

10:48:25 THINKING IN COMING UP WITH A DECISION ON THE PRIORITIES.
10:48:29 I MEAN, THIS PLAN HERE, I THINK THEY AGREE THAT MIGHT BE A
10:48:34 BETTER WAY OF DOING IT THAN WE'RE DOING IT NOW.
10:48:37 BECAUSE BASICALLY, WE'RE JUST GOING BY WHAT THEY'RE SAYING
10:48:41 ARE THE PRIORITIES.
10:48:41 AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE RIGHT WAY.
10:48:43 I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO
10:48:45 MENTION A COUPLE OF ITEMS AT THIS POINT.
10:48:48 DO YOU WANT TO FINISH YOUR --

10:48:49 >>David Willems: IT MIGHT BE EASIEST -- I THINK I'M JUST
10:48:52 ABOUT DONE.
10:48:53 IT MIGHT BE EASIEST TO FINISH REAL QUICK.
10:48:57 I AGREE WITH WHAT BOTH OF YOU ARE SAYING.
10:48:59 WE WILL DEFINITELY PUT A LIST.
10:49:01 IT WILL BE MORE OF A LIST OF ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, AS
10:49:04 FAR AS BIKE-PED AND TRANSPORTATION, BECAUSE I THINK THAT
10:49:08 WILL BE VALUABLE FOR COUNCIL, FOR STAFF AND FOR THE
10:49:10 RESIDENTS AS WELL.
10:49:11 WE'LL DEFINITELY DO THAT.
10:49:16 >>Nick Batos: AFTER DAVID FINISHES, I HAVE THREE OTHER ITEMS
10:49:18 THAT I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE CONSIDERATION ON THE PRIORITIES
10:49:20 ON THE ONES WE HAVE HERE.
10:49:22 >>Mayor Ribble: GO AHEAD.
10:49:25 >>David Willems: I JUST WANTED TO EXPLAIN -- THERE ARE A
10:49:27 COUPLE MORE HIGHLIGHTED.
10:49:28 CORKSCREW ROAD LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS.
10:49:30 THAT WAS ONE THAT JUST WASN'T ON THE LIST, SLIPPED THROUGH
10:49:34 THE CRACKS.
10:49:35 SO IT'S ON THE LIST.
10:49:37 ESTERO ON THE RIVER, WE DIDN'T HAVE FUNDING TO DO KIND OF A
10:49:42 STUDY COMING FORWARD THIS NEXT YEAR SO WE'D HAVE THAT MONEY
10:49:45 IN THERE.
10:49:46 AND THEN A COUPLE OF LAND ACQUISITION, THE SUN TRAIL WAS
10:49:53 MOVED OFF OF THE -- IT WAS MOVED OUT TO PAST FIVE YEARS, AND

10:49:57 THEN THE PINE-WOODS PROPERTY AND ESTERO HEIGHT COMMUNITY
10:50:01 PARK PARCELS WERE ADDED AS POTENTIAL PROPERTIES THAT WE MAY
10:50:05 ACQUIRE.
10:50:09 >>Mayor Ribble: NICK, YOU'RE UP.
10:50:10 >>Nick Batos: FIRST OF ALL, THESE ARE ALL ITEMS I SPOKE WITH
10:50:15 DAVID AND LISA ON I GUESS THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY.
10:50:18 NUMBER ONE, I WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND OR REQUEST THAT THE
10:50:23 SUN TRAIL BE MOVED BACK INTO A FUNDED ITEM AND PUT IN FOR
10:50:31 '21-22, '22-23, SOMEWHERE IN THAT AREA.
10:50:36 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT -- IT'S A LONG PROJECT, AND IT'S
10:50:42 DIFFICULT TO GET GOING.
10:50:43 WE'RE HOPING THAT WE'RE STARTING TO GET SOME MOVEMENT ON IT,

10:50:47 BUT WE UNDERSTOOD FOR A LONG TIME NOW THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO
10:50:51 HOPE TO HAVE SUN TRAIL PUT US ON THE LIST FOR FUNDING FOR
10:50:56 THE ACTUAL TRAIL ITSELF, WE'RE GOING TO EITHER HAVE TO OWN
10:51:00 THE LAND OR HAVE THE FUNDING IN PLACE TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR
10:51:05 US TO GET THAT POSITION TO BE ON THE LINE TO GET MONEY FROM
10:51:10 THEM.
10:51:10 SECOND OF ALL, I ASK THAT ON PAGE 3 ALSO, I THINK IT'S PAGE
10:51:21 3.
10:51:21 NO, PAGE 2.
10:51:23 ALL OF THE MONUMENT SIGNS THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT FOR
10:51:29 FOUR, FIVE YEARS NOW, SOME OF THEM ARE STILL OUT THERE PAST
10:51:33 FIVE YEARS FROM NOW.
10:51:34 I WOULD REQUEST THAT ALL OF THOSE BE MOVED UP AND THAT

10:51:39 HOPEFULLY WE WOULD HAVE THEM DONE WITHIN THE NEXT THREE
10:51:44 YEARS.
10:51:45 THE THIRD ITEM THAT I'D LIKE TO REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF
10:51:48 THIS COUNCIL ON IS ON PAGE 3.
10:51:51 IT'S THE LAST LINE ON THE C.I.P.
10:51:55 IT'S THE NUMBER OF MONTHS OF OPERATING EXPENDITURES
10:51:58 ACCUMULATED.
10:52:00 IF YOU REMEMBER, WE PASSED AN ORDINANCE SAYING THAT WE WOULD
10:52:03 HAVE UP TO ONE YEAR'S OPERATING EXPENSE IN A RESERVE.
10:52:08 WELL, AT THE END OF THIS YEAR, THIS COMING YEAR, WE'LL HAVE
10:52:12 THAT ONE YEAR'S -- IS THAT CORRECT?
10:52:14 THE END OF THIS COMING YEAR WE'LL HAVE ONE YEAR'S WORTH OF
10:52:18 MONEY PUT INTO PLACE.
10:52:19 THEN IT TAKES IT OUT TO 15 AND A HALF MONTHS.
10:52:23 AND THERE'S A COUPLE OF MILLION DOLLARS INVOLVED THERE.
10:52:27 I THINK FROM WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD, WE'RE AMONG THE FEW CITIES
10:52:31 THAT HAVE A FULL YEAR, AND TO NEED TO GO FURTHER THAN THAT,
10:52:36 WHICH TAKES AWAY MONEY FROM OTHER PROJECTS THAT COULD BE
10:52:39 DONE, I THINK, FIRST OF ALL, WE DIDN'T AUTHORIZE THAT.
10:52:42 SO I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE BUDGETING FOR IT.
10:52:45 AND SECONDLY, I THINK THAT -- I DON'T THINK IT'S NECESSARY
10:52:48 TO HAVE MORE THAN A YEAR.
10:52:51 MOST CITIES, FROM WHAT I'M UNDERSTANDING, MOST
10:52:54 MUNICIPALITIES, THREE OR FOUR MONTHS SEEMS TO BE AN AVERAGE
10:52:58 THING.

10:52:59 >> WHY IS THAT ON THE C.I.P. ANYWAY?
10:53:01 IT'S AN OPERATING RESERVE.
10:53:04 >>Lisa Roberson: YES, WE WERE DIRECTED PREVIOUSLY TO INCLUDE
10:53:07 THAT IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BECAUSE IT'S FUNDS
10:53:11 BEING SET ASIDE AT THAT POINT.
10:53:14 >>Howard Levitan: THE AUDITORS THAT TOLD YOU TO DO THAT?
10:53:16 >>Lisa Roberson: NO, THAT WAS STAFF.
10:53:18 STAFF RECOMMENDED THAT WE PUT IT HERE SO WE CAN SHOW THE

10:53:20 ACCUMULATION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.
10:53:22 IF THE ACCUMULATION IS FINISHED, IT WOULDN'T NEED TO
10:53:24 CONTINUE TO BE PRESENTED.
10:53:25 BUT IN THE PRIOR YEARS IT'S BEEN THERE TO SHOW, BECAUSE YOU
10:53:28 ALSO SHOW YOUR CAPITAL FUNDS THERE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS,
10:53:31 AND THIS WAS JUST A PLACE TO INCLUDE THAT.
10:53:35 >>Howard Levitan: I GUESS I DON'T CARE --
10:53:37 >>Lisa Roberson: JUST A FORMAT.
10:53:38 >>Howard Levitan: -- WHERE YOU PUT IT.
10:53:39 IT'S BELOW THE LINE ANYWAY.
10:53:41 I DO AGREE WITH COUNCILMAN BATOS, IS THAT WE AGREED TO
10:53:45 ACCUMULATE TO 12 MONTHS.
10:53:47 >>Lisa Roberson: THAT'S FINE.
10:53:48 >>Howard Levitan: TO KEEP THE 12 MONTHS, IT'S A ROLLING 12
10:53:51 MONTHS BECAUSE THE AMOUNT OF THE BUDGET CHANGES.
10:53:53 >>Lisa Roberson: YES.
10:53:54 >>Howard Levitan: WE DON'T GO TO 13 AND A HALF OR 15.

10:53:57 >>Lisa Roberson: WE WILL BE HAPPY TO MAKE THAT CHANGE AS
10:53:59 WELL.
10:54:00 WITH RESPECT TO THE SUN TRAILS, WE SPOKE YESTERDAY, AND WE
10:54:02 COULD MOVE THAT BACK TO A FUNDING STATUS SIMILAR TO WHAT IT
10:54:06 WAS LAST YEAR, IF THAT'S SOMETHING THAT COUNCIL WOULD LIKE
10:54:09 TO SEEK.
10:54:11 >>Mayor Ribble: WE DEFINITELY HAVE TO MOVE IT BACK AT THIS
10:54:13 MEETING.
10:54:14 SCOTT IS HERE FROM THE COUNTY, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE HE'S
10:54:17 LINING UP FUNDING FOR US ON HIS END.
10:54:20 I AGREE WITH YOU, NICK, IT WAS GOOD THAT YOU BROUGHT THAT UP
10:54:22 HERE TODAY.
10:54:23 THE OTHER ONE, I AGREE TOTALLY ON THE MONUMENTS.
10:54:28 >>Nick Batos: WE ALSO HAVE TO GET OUR BRANDING FINISHED.
10:54:31 [LAUGHTER]
10:54:32 >>Howard Levitan: THE \$125,000 CONTRACT.
10:54:34 .
10:54:37 >>Nick Batos: THE ONE THING, HOWARD THAT BROUGHT THIS TO MY
10:54:40 ATTENTION, IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, THIS WAS PROBABLY ONE OF
10:54:42 THE TOP ITEMS PEOPLE WERE LOOKING FOR WHEN WE FIRST
10:54:45 INCORPORATED TO HAVE AN IDENTIFICATION AS PEOPLE CAME INTO
10:54:48 OR OUT OF.
10:54:49 >>Howard Levitan: FROM THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH AND THE EAST
10:54:51 AND THE WEST.
10:54:52 >>Nick Batos: WE HAVE NOT BEEN VERY QUICK IN MOVING ON THIS.

10:54:56 IT'S NOW OVER FOUR YEARS.
10:54:58 GOING TO THIS, IT WOULD BE OVER ANOTHER FIVE YEARS.
10:55:01 I JUST DON'T THINK THAT'S ACCEPTABLE.
10:55:04 >>Howard Levitan: CAN I ALSO MAKE A COMMENT ON ANOTHER ONE

10:55:07 OF THE LINE ITEMS?
10:55:08 I MENTIONED THIS TO DAVID THIS MORNING, I THINK.
10:55:11 BROADWAY WEST, I THINK A LOT OF THINGS ARE GOING TO IMPACT
10:55:18 THAT.
10:55:18 SO IT DOESN'T MAKE A WHOLE LOT OF SENSE TO ME TO SCHEDULE
10:55:22 IMPROVEMENTS FOR '21-22 UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT WHAT WE'RE GOING
10:55:28 TO DO WITH THE SEPTIC SYSTEMS UP THAT WAY, BECAUSE THAT'S
10:55:32 THE MAJORITY OF WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BE ASKING PEOPLE TO
10:55:37 CONNECT UP.
10:55:37 NOW, DAVID HAS TOLD ME THAT THE LINE, APPARENTLY, GOES
10:55:39 THERE.
10:55:40 IF WE DO DO IMPROVEMENTS, AS LONG AS THAT LINE HAS THE
10:55:44 CAPACITY AND WE AREN'T GOING TO CHANGE THE WATER AND THE
10:55:46 SEWER ON THAT LINE, MAYBE WE CAN GO FORWARD.
10:55:49 BUT I THINK A LOT -- WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT THAT BEFORE WE
10:55:53 PRIORITIZE IT TO A PARTICULAR DATE.
10:55:57 I'M NOT TRYING TO JUDGE WHETHER WEST BROADWAY IS MORE
10:56:01 IMPORTANT THAN WILLIAMS ROAD OR COCONUT ROAD.
10:56:04 I'M JUST TRYING TO SAY WE HAVE TO THINK THESE THINGS
10:56:06 THROUGH.
10:56:07 FOR EXAMPLE, THERE'S A LINE ITEM HERE ON WIDENING OF

10:56:10 WILLIAMS ROAD.
10:56:11 BUT A LOT OF THAT DEPENDS ON WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PROJECTS ON
10:56:14 THOSE ROADS.
10:56:15 SO THE NORTH POINT PROJECT, WHICH HAS A BIG IMPACT ON
10:56:20 WILLIAMS ROAD, WE KNOW THAT THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS ARE
10:56:27 STARTING ON THAT, BECAUSE IT WAS JUST PURCHASED FOR 50
10:56:29 MILLION BUCKS BY HCA.
10:56:31 AND SO THAT'S GOING TO HAVE A BIG IMPACT.
10:56:34 WE MAY HAVE TO PUSH THAT OUT OR PULL IT IN.
10:56:37 THE SAME THING WITH THE PELICAN SOUND DRIVE TRAFFIC LIGHT.
10:56:43 THE DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON THAT.
10:56:46 IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT DAVID AND MARY COORDINATE ON THAT
10:56:50 AS SHE GETS PROPOSALS SO STAFF IS AWARE OF THAT AS WE SET
10:56:55 THE PRIORITIES.
10:56:56 SAME THING WILL HAPPEN ON COCONUT ROAD WITH THE COCONUT
10:56:59 CROSSING PROPERTY THAT THE HOSPITAL OWNS AT THE PRESENT
10:57:01 TIME.
10:57:01 SO THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS, IMPACTS THE ROAD, ALL OF THESE
10:57:08 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AS WELL.
10:57:10 THIS IS A TOUGH ISSUE.
10:57:15 >>Nick Batos: THAT'S EXACTLY THE REASON I'M REALLY
10:57:16 SUGGESTING REALLY COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FORMAT FOR A WORKSHOP
10:57:21 FOR US.
10:57:22 I SPOKE WITH THE STAFF AND ALTHOUGH I HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS
10:57:27 ABOUT PRIORITIZING SOME OF THE THINGS WE'RE GOING TO BE

10:57:30 SPENDING MONEY ON FOR THIS YEAR, I THINK I'VE DONE ENOUGH
10:57:34 MESSING UP ON THIS.
10:57:36 >> IT'S JUST A BUDGET.
10:57:37 AS WE GET BETTER AT THIS BUDGETING PROCESS, SOME OF US WON'T
10:57:45 BE HERE, BUT OTHERS WILL.
10:57:49 >>Lisa Roberson: YES.
10:57:49 AND WHEN WE SPOKE YESTERDAY WITH COUNCIL MEMBER BATOS, WE
10:57:53 SAID WE PLAN OUR BUDGET CALENDAR AND WE'LL GET WITH STEVE
10:57:57 WHEN HE GETS BACK, AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT HOW WE'D LIKE TO FIT
10:58:00 THIS IN BECAUSE WE LOVE TO TALK ABOUT THESE PROJECTS EARLY.
10:58:04 AND THEN WHEN THEY COME OUT AND PRIORITIZED THE WAY WE WOULD
10:58:07 LIKE TO SEE THEM.
10:58:08 AND IT'S EXCITING THAT WE ARE JUST NOW -- THIS IS ONE OF OUR
10:58:13 MOST ROBUST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WE'VE HAD.
10:58:16 AS THE PLANS ARE COMING THROUGH, AS THE STUDIES ARE BEING
10:58:19 COMPLETED.
10:58:19 WE'RE TRYING TO FILL IN, AND IT WILL BE LABOR INTENSIVE FOR
10:58:24 THE FIRST FEW YEARS AS WE WORK THROUGH ALL OF OUR PRIORITIES
10:58:27 AND CONSTANTLY BEING ADJUSTED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.
10:58:30 WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING THROUGH THE PROCESS NEXT YEAR
10:58:33 WITH YOU GUYS.
10:58:34 >>Mayor Ribble: JIM, YOU HAD A COMMENT?
10:58:37 >>Jim Wilson: ON PAGE THREE, WE HAVE A SUMMARY JUST ABOVE
10:58:40 THE AREA WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT, CALLED CAPITAL PROJECTS
10:58:42 BY FUNDING SOURCE.

10:58:43 AND WE'RE SHOWING THAT THE FUNDING PROVIDED IN THE NEXT
10:58:48 FISCAL YEAR FROM THE GENERAL FUND IS 7.3 SOMETHING MILLION
10:58:53 DOLLARS.
10:58:55 WHEN I LOOK AT THE BUDGET REPORT ON ALL FUNDS THAT WE GOT
10:58:58 THAT WE ACCEPTED EARLIER TODAY, WE'VE GOT ABOUT \$12 MILLION
10:59:02 IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS.
10:59:05 WILL WE ADDRESS DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS, LISA, EXACTLY
10:59:09 OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS HOW FUNDS -- HOW MUCH
10:59:12 REPLENISHMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE INTO THESE FUNDS THAT WE'RE
10:59:15 EXPENDING, RIGHT?
10:59:17 >>Lisa Roberson: YES.
10:59:17 AND, IN FACT, WHEN COMPLETING OUR BUDGET AND OUR CAPITAL
10:59:22 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, STAFF ACTUALLY WORKS TO ROLL OUT ALL
10:59:25 THE FUNDS THAT WE HAVE.
10:59:26 WE'RE VERY CONSERVATIVE WITH OUR REVENUES THAT WE ANTICIPATE
10:59:29 OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.
10:59:31 SO WE'VE ACTUALLY ROLLED THOSE OUT TO VERIFY THAT THESE
10:59:35 AMOUNTS CAN BE FOUNDED.
10:59:36 AND THERE ARE ACTUALLY SOME AMOUNTS THAT ARE LEFT OVER.
10:59:39 IN YOUR BUDGET, YOU'LL SEE AFTER FUNDING THE 1920 CAPITAL
10:59:45 PROJECTS AND DEBT SERVICE AND DEBT REDUCTION, THERE'S ABOUT
10:59:50 -- AT THAT POINT, THERE'S ABOUT 8 MILLION LEFT.

10:59:52 AND THOSE WILL HELP FUND THE CAPITAL PROJECTS GOING FORWARD.
10:59:55 AND THERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT ARE AVAILABLE WHEN
10:59:57 WE GET READY TO PRIORITIZE NEXT YEAR, WE'LL BE ABLE TO

11:00:01 REALLOCATE THEM AND SET THOSE ASIDES.
11:00:04 THOSE ADDITIONAL FUNDS WILL HELP SET ASIDE THE FUNDS FOR SUN
11:00:07 TRAIL AS WELL.

11:00:08 WE DO HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY GOING FORWARD.

11:00:12 >>Jim Wilson: STAYING WITH THAT LINE AND MOVING BEYOND THE
11:00:15 NEXT YEAR, GOING TO 20-21, 21-22, 22-23 AND 23-24, IF I JUST
11:00:23 ROUGHLY ADD UP, THERE'S ABOUT \$17 MILLION WORTH OF GENERAL
11:00:29 FUND PROJECTS.

11:00:29 >>Lisa Roberson: YES.

11:00:31 >>Jim Wilson: YOU'RE OFFERING UP THAT WE CAN REASONABLY
11:00:38 PROJECT THAT WE MAY WELL HAVE THE FUNDING TO DO THOSE
11:00:41 PROJECTS AT THAT LEVEL?

11:00:43 >>Lisa Roberson: YES.

11:00:44 WE'VE ROLLED OUT OUR FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN WITH VERY
11:00:46 CONSERVATIVE REVENUE ESTIMATES.

11:00:47 AND WE ACTUALLY HAVE SOME -- NOT VERY MUCH, BUT MAYBE --
11:00:51 MOST YEARS WE HAVE ABOUT \$4 MILLION ADDITIONALLY, WHICH
11:00:54 WOULD HELP US IF WE HAVE AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND THE
11:00:58 REVENUES ARE A LITTLE LOWER AND/OR SOME OTHER PRIORITIES
11:01:01 COME UP AND WE NEED TO MEET THOSE.

11:01:03 WE FEEL VERY POSITIVELY --

11:01:06 >>Jim Wilson: THE DOWNTURN IS WHAT WE HAVE THE \$5.1 MILLION
11:01:07 RESERVE FOR.

11:01:09 >>Lisa Roberson: IF AND WHEN WE ARE EVER FACED WITH AN
11:01:12 ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, WE DO HAVE PLENTY OF OPTIONS.

11:01:14 THE 12 MONTHS, WE'RE SO EXCITED ABOUT HAVING THAT AS AN
11:01:17 OPTION AS WELL AND NOT HAVING TO STOP ALL THE OTHER
11:01:19 PRIORITIES.

11:01:19 >>Jim Wilson: FINALLY, THESE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE THE SALE
11:01:23 OF REAL ESTATE.

11:01:24 >>Lisa Roberson: NO, NO.

11:01:25 THERE ARE NO AMOUNTS INCLUDED FOR ANY SALE.

11:01:28 >>Jim Wilson: IF WE WERE TO DECIDE THAT SOME OF THE PROPERTY
11:01:30 OVER THERE AT 41 AND CORKSCREW, ANY EDGES OR WHATEVER WERE
11:01:34 SURPLUS, THAT THOSE FUNDS WOULD BE ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

11:01:38 >>Lisa Roberson: EXACTLY WOULD.

11:01:40 WHAT WE HAVE IN HERE AS WELL, WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT LATER AT
11:01:42 THE BUDGET WORKSHOP, WE HAVE THE SET-ASIDE FOR THE
11:01:45 ADDITIONAL DEBT REDUCTION.

11:01:46 ONE THING THAT'S A FORMAT ON HERE I WANT TO CALL TO YOUR
11:01:51 ATTENTION, WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT UNDER THE BUDGET MODEL.

11:01:53 BUT ON PAGE ONE, THE VERY FIRST SECTION OF YOUR CAPITAL
11:01:56 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IS THE DEBT SERVICE AND DEBT REDUCTION.

11:02:02 I BELIEVE YOU-ALL -- WE'VE DISCUSSED THIS IN THE PAST.
11:02:06 WHEN WE PASSED THIS DEBT, NOT ONLY WAS OUR GOAL TO PAY THIS
11:02:09 OFF AT A MINIMUM IN TEN YEARS.
11:02:10 SO SETTING ASIDE, PAYING REQUIRED MINIMUM DEBT SERVICE, BUT
11:02:14 SETTING ASIDE ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.
11:02:16 NOT ONLY DO WE THINK WE CAN MEET THE CAPITAL THAT WE HAVE
11:02:19 FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, WE CAN SET ASIDE AND SATISFY THIS

11:02:24 DEBT SERVICE AND THE ADDITIONAL DEBT REDUCTION AS WELL.
11:02:31 >> THAT INCLUDES THE 4 MILLION.
11:02:34 >>Lisa Roberson: YES.
11:02:34 THAT IS THE FIRST LINE ITEM, YOU SEE WE SET ASIDE THE 4
11:02:37 MILLION.
11:02:38 ALREADY SET ASIDE AND THEN THE ADDITIONAL ACCUMULATIONS.
11:02:45 >> COUNCILMAN WILSON MENTIONED SALES OF PROPERTY.
11:02:47 I'M A LITTLE BIT MORE CONCERNED WITH THE PURCHASE OF
11:02:49 PROPERTY.
11:02:50 AND YOU'VE GOT SEVERAL LISTED HERE THAT WE EITHER NEVER
11:02:54 TALKED ABOUT, INCLUDING THREE NEW ONES OR TWO NEW ONES,
11:02:57 ESTERO HIGH, COMMUNITY PARK PARCEL, THE PINEWOODS PROPERTY,
11:03:03 WHICH WE HAVE TALKED ONCE ABOUT THAT.
11:03:06 I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY ARE UNFUNDED AND THEY ARE SHOWING UP
11:03:10 ON HERE.
11:03:11 MY PROBLEM IS THAT YOU PUT THEM ON A LIST AND IT SORT OF
11:03:16 GIVES CREDENCE TO IT, PARTICULARLY RIVER OAKS PROPERTY,
11:03:19 WHICH WE SPECIFICALLY DECLINED.
11:03:22 SO I'M WONDERING WHETHER OR NOT -- WHY THESE ARE SHOWING UP
11:03:27 WHEN WE NEVER TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THEM.
11:03:29 >>Lisa Roberson: WELL, TO BE HONEST, THOSE WERE ALL INCLUDED
11:03:34 IN YOUR CURRENT BUDGET AS UNFUNDED.
11:03:36 THEY WERE IN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET IDENTIFIED THE SAME.
11:03:39 IF YOU ALL WOULD LIKE TO GIVE US DIRECTION.
11:03:41 >>Howard Levitan: I GUESS I MISSED IT THEN.

11:03:43 >>Lisa Roberson: THAT'S OKAY.
11:03:44 >>Howard Levitan: I DIDN'T MISS IT NOW.
11:03:46 >>Lisa Roberson: YES, YOU DID NOT.
11:03:47 WHATEVER DIRECTION YOU-ALL FEEL IS APPROPRIATE, I BELIEVE
11:03:50 STEVE HAS BEEN, YOU KNOW, DISCUSSING THESE PARCELS AND
11:03:53 PROJECTS, SO HE MAY HAVE SOME INSIGHT SPECIFICALLY AS TO WHY
11:03:56 THEY CONTINUE TO BE ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM,
11:03:58 BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THEY WERE INTENTIONALLY INCLUDED IN
11:04:01 HERE AGAIN.
11:04:06 >> WHY WE NEED THE WORKSHOP.
11:04:07 >>Lisa Roberson: YES, EXACTLY.
11:04:08 WE WOULD LOVE --
11:04:09 >> I DON'T KNOW WHETHER WE'LL HAVE TIME TO DO A WORKSHOP
11:04:12 BEFORE THIS YEAR'S C.I.P.

11:04:13 >>Lisa Roberson: NO, WE WON'T.
11:04:15 WE WILL BE HAPPY TO START EARLY AND GET THAT TAKEN CARE OF.
11:04:18 AS WE TALK, WE CAN ADJUST THESE AS WE GO THROUGHOUT THE
11:04:22 YEAR.
11:04:22 BUDGETS CAN ALWAYS BE AMENDED IF A PROJECT COMES UP,
11:04:25 SOMETHING WE DIDN'T ANTICIPATE OR PRIORITY SHIFTS, WE'D BE
11:04:28 HAPPY TO ACCOMMODATE THAT AND WORK WITH THE STAFFING
11:04:31 CAPACITY WE HAVE.
11:04:35 >> YOU'VE HAD A LOT OF COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS DURING
11:04:38 THE MEETING.
11:04:39 WHILE IT WASN'T A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION, PERHAPS YOU AND

11:04:42 STEVE CAN GET TOGETHER AND DAVID AND TALK ABOUT WHY WE NEED
11:04:45 SOME OF THIS STUFF ON HERE AT THIS POINT IN TIME, EVEN FOR
11:04:48 THIS YEAR'S BUDGET.
11:04:49 >>Mayor Ribble: JIM IS UP.
11:04:53 >>Jim Boesch: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE COMMENT, WHEN YOU'RE
11:04:55 LOOKING AT THE PROJECTS, AS WE ALL KNOW, PROBABLY MORE THAN
11:04:58 50% WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR.
11:05:06 LET'S THINK ABOUT THAT.
11:05:09 WHEN WE DID ESTERO PARKWAY, FUNDING WAS COMING LAST YEAR.
11:05:15 >> MAJORITY OF NEXT YEAR'S PROJECTS ARE ESTERO PARKWAY.
11:05:20 ALREADY BUDGETING THAT FOR A LONG TIME.
11:05:23 >>Jim Boesch: I'M TALKING ABOUT THE PROJECTIONS WE'RE
11:05:26 TALKING ABOUT HERE TODAY.
11:05:29 >> IF I MAY, LISA JUST REASSURED US THAT, IN FACT, WE'VE GOT
11:05:33 THE FUNDS TO DO NOT ONLY -- IF WE JUST SAID, OKAY, WE'RE
11:05:37 GOING TO TAKE THIS, AND WE'RE GOING TO APPROVE IT, I BELIEVE
11:05:41 THAT YOU SAID WE'VE GOT THE FUNDING AVAILABLE.
11:05:43 >>Lisa Roberson: YES.
11:05:44 >>Jim Wilson: TO DO IT.
11:05:45 >>Lisa Roberson: FOR THE FIVE YEARS.
11:05:47 >>Jim Wilson: IF SOME OF YOU WANT TO MOVE PROJECTS AROUND
11:05:51 WITHIN YEARS, BUT WE ARE HOPING -- ACTUALLY, STAFF IS HOPING
11:05:54 THAT THERE IS FUNDING THERE TO FUND THESE PROJECTS GOING OUT
11:05:59 ALL THE WAY THROUGH OF A 23-24.
11:06:06 >> I THINK THERE IS ANOTHER POINT.

11:06:07 WE HAVE THE MONEY BUT I DON'T THINK WE HAVE CONSENSUS THAT
11:06:09 WE WANT TO SPEND THE MONEY ON THOSE ITEMS.
11:06:11 >> ABSOLUTELY.
11:06:12 I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU.
11:06:14 IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN'T DO IT, BUT YOU CAN MOVE THINGS
11:06:18 AROUND AND PUSH THINGS FURTHER OUT OR MOVE THEM FURTHER
11:06:22 FORWARD.
11:06:25 >>Howard Levitan: WHAT I'M SAYING, JIM, IN THE PAST, SOME OF
11:06:28 US, AND I'LL SAY I'M GUILTY, HAVE RELIED ON STAFF TO SET THE
11:06:33 PRIORITY.

11:06:34 I THINK IT'S TIME THAT THE COUNCIL EXERCISE SOME POLICY
11:06:38 MAKING ON THAT.
11:06:40 >>Jim Wilson: THAT'S CERTAINLY FINE WITH ME.
11:06:42 >>Lisa Roberson: AND WE WELCOME THAT.
11:06:44 >>Mayor Ribble: LIKE TO BLAME SOME OF THESE PROJECTS ON YOU,
11:06:47 HOWARD.
11:06:47 KATY, DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT?
11:06:57 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: WHEN WILL U.S. 41 LANDSCAPING START?
11:07:02 >>Mayor Ribble: RIGHT AFTER ESTERO.
11:07:03 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: IT WAS AUGUST.
11:07:05 >>David Willems: WE'RE JUST WAITING ON F.D.O.T. RIGHT NOW.
11:07:07 WE HAVE THE CONTRACTS READY TO BE SIGNED.
11:07:10 WE HAVE TO GET THE NOTICE TO PROCEED FROM F.D.O.T.
11:07:14 ONCE WE GET THAT, THE CONTRACTS WILL BE SIGNED AND THE
11:07:18 CONTRACT WILL BE OUT THERE 30 DAYS OR SO AFTER THAT.

11:07:23 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: STILL LOOKS LIKE AUGUST MAYBE?
11:07:27 >> THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING, RIGHT?
11:07:28 >>David Willems: COULD BE.
11:07:30 IT COULD STILL BE AUGUST.
11:07:32 >>Mayor Ribble: IS THAT IT FOR COUNCIL COMMENTS?
11:07:34 ANYONE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT?
11:07:36 >>Kathleen Hall: NO ONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.
11:07:38 >>Mayor Ribble: BILL KARR, DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO
11:07:45 COMMENT ON?
11:07:46 YOU CAN SPEAK NOW AND SIGN YOUR CARD.
11:07:50 WE'LL GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR THAT CARD.
11:07:50 WE KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE.
11:07:51 >> I'M REALLY ENCOURAGED TO HEAR YOU TALKING ABOUT
11:07:55 PRIORITIZING.
11:07:56 YOU'VE MENTIONED THAT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, AND I'M GLAD YOU
11:07:59 CONTINUE ON THAT LINE.
11:08:01 I JUST WANT TO MENTION BROADWAY.
11:08:04 I UNDERSTAND PRIORITIZING AND THE DIFFERENT ROADS, WILLIAMS,
11:08:07 COCONUT, ET CETERA, ET CETERA.
11:08:08 HOWEVER, I WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT ON BROADWAY WEST, IT'S
11:08:14 NOT A SAFE ROAD, IN MY OPINION.
11:08:16 THEY ONLY HAVE NINE-FOOT LANES.
11:08:18 THE DITCHES GOING WEST FROM U.S. 41 DOWN TO THE END OF
11:08:23 BROADWAY, THEY VARY IN DEPTH.
11:08:27 WHEN YOU DRIVE ALONG, ALSO, YOU SEE A LOT OF THE SEWAGE

11:08:31 PIPING, AND PEOPLE DO LOSE CONTROL RELATIVELY FREQUENTLY ON
11:08:38 THAT ROAD BECAUSE OF THE DIPS, THE DEPRESSIONS, ESPECIALLY
11:08:42 GOING WEST, AND THEY JUST DRIVE ON THAT CENTER LANE.
11:08:47 THEY DON'T GIVE A DARN WHO'S COMING IN THE OPPOSITE
11:08:51 DIRECTION.
11:08:51 SO SOMEBODY HAS TO MOVE OVER MORE.

11:08:53 AND WHEN YOU DO THAT WITH THOSE DEPRESSIONS, YOU CAN LOSE A
11:08:56 LITTLE BIT OF CONTROL OF YOUR CAR.
11:08:58 SO I'M JUST HOPING THAT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE THAT YOU
11:09:03 KEEP BROADWAY ON THE BOOKS AND HOPEFULLY NOT TOO FAR OUT.
11:09:09 AND IF ANYTHING, ALTHOUGH I KNOW IT WOULD COST MONEY, IF
11:09:13 ANYTHING, AT LEAST AT NIGHTTIME, POSSIBLY YOU COULD AT LEAST
11:09:18 PUT SOME REFLECTORS ON THE EDGE OF THE ROAD, BECAUSE THERE
11:09:21 IS NO LIGHTING OUT THERE TO SPEAK OF AT ALL.
11:09:24 IT'S JUST SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND.
11:09:27 ALSO, I UNDERSTAND THE SEPTIC ISSUE.
11:09:29 I KNOW RIVER WOODS AND BRECKENRIDGE, TERRA VISTA, I KNOW
11:09:33 THAT WE ARE ON PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM AND SEWAGE.
11:09:36 I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OTHER MOBILE HOME AREAS OUT THERE,
11:09:40 TAHITI AND A COUPLE OF THE OTHERS.
11:09:43 BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR KEEPING THAT AND CONTINUING TO
11:09:48 STRESS THE PRIORITIZING, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S VERY
11:09:51 NECESSARY.
11:09:51 PLUS THE FACT THAT YOU'VE GOT ESTERO BAY PRESERVE, AND
11:09:55 YOU'VE GOT KORESHAN WHEN YOU TURN ON TO BROADWAY, AND

11:09:59 SOMEDAY, THAT ROAD IS GOING TO BE EVEN MORE HEAVILY TRAVELED
11:10:03 THAN IT IS TODAY.
11:10:05 IN MY CALCULATION, AROUND 2,000 UNITS ALREADY OF PEOPLE THAT
11:10:10 DO USE THAT ROAD.
11:10:11 JUST SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND.
11:10:13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
11:10:13 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY, MR. KARR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.
11:10:18 NO ONE ELSE, KATHY?
11:10:19 >>Kathleen Hall: NO.
11:10:20 >>Mayor Ribble: DO I HAVE A MOTION REGARDING THIS AGENDA
11:10:22 ITEM?
11:10:25 >> DO YOU NEED A MOTION?
11:10:27 >>Mayor Ribble: IT'S A PUBLIC WORKSHOP.
11:10:29 >> NEED A MOTION TO MOVE TO SECOND HEARING.
11:10:31 >> I WOULD SO MOVE.
11:10:32 >> I'LL SECOND.
11:10:33 >>Mayor Ribble: HOWARD SECOND.
11:10:35 >> THERE WERE SOME CHANGES OR --
11:10:38 >> YES.
11:10:39 >> THE STAFF -- RECOMMEND STAFF TRY TO INCORPORATE THE
11:10:44 COMMENTS THAT WE'VE HAD HERE.
11:10:46 >>Mayor Ribble: DO YOU HAVE A LIST OF ALL THOSE CHANGES?
11:10:49 >>Lisa Roberson: YES, WE DO.
11:10:50 >>Mayor Ribble: INCLUDING CORKSCREW ROAD GOING TO NUMBER
11:10:52 ONE?

11:10:52 [LAUGHTER]
11:10:53 >> I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO BUMP COCONUT ROAD UP.

11:10:55 [LAUGHTER]
11:10:56 >>Mayor Ribble: NO, I'M TRYING TO GET MY PARTNER TAKEN CARE
11:11:00 OF.
11:11:02 >>Kathleen Hall: THE SECONDER WAS?
11:11:04 >>Mayor Ribble: HOWARD.
11:11:07 >>Jim Wilson: AYE.
11:11:08 >>Nick Batos: AYE.
11:11:09 >>Jim Boesch: AYE.
11:11:11 >>Jon McLain: AYE.
11:11:13 >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
11:11:13 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.
11:11:14 >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
11:11:15 OKAY, MOVING RIGHT ALONG, ITEM 8A HAS BEEN POSTPONED.
11:11:23 HAS ANYONE SIGNED UP FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS?
11:11:25 >>Kathleen Hall: NO.
11:11:26 HOWARD, WE'LL START WITH YOU ON COUNCIL COMMENTS.
11:11:32 >>Howard Levitan: THANKS.
11:11:33 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK COUNCILWOMAN ERRINGTON FOR TAKING THE
11:11:37 INITIATIVE ON THE WATER ISSUES ON THE RIVER.
11:11:41 BUT THERE'S A BUT.
11:11:43 THE BUT IS, AND I KNOW IT WAS A REACTION TO THE NEWS
11:11:50 ARTICLES.
11:11:53 THAT'S SOMETHING THAT INTERESTS NOT JUST THE LIAISON.

11:11:56 I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US.
11:12:02 IF WE WERE GOING TO HAVE A PUBLIC MEETING, I WOULD REALLY
11:12:05 LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE THERE.
11:12:06 AND I DIDN'T HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY.
11:12:08 AND WE COULDN'T DO IT AS A PRIVACY MEETING BECAUSE WE'RE IN
11:12:12 THE SUNSHINE.
11:12:13 THOSE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS I THINK THAT WHEN YOU INVITE
11:12:16 THE PUBLIC IN AND OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS THAT THE COUNCIL
11:12:21 SHOULD DECIDE WHETHER TO DO THAT AS A WORKSHOP.
11:12:24 AND THAT'S NOT A CRITICISM AT ALL BECAUSE YOU SHOWED
11:12:30 TREMENDOUS INITIATIVE TO GET THAT MEETING GOING.
11:12:33 BUT I REALLY THINK AS LIAISONS, IF WE'RE WORKING ON VARIOUS
11:12:38 ISSUES AND DECIDE THAT THERE IS A PUBLIC NEED, I THINK WE
11:12:42 OUGHT TO DO IT AS A WORKSHOP AND NOT -- SO WE ALL CAN WEIGH
11:12:45 IN ON IT AS OPPOSED TO JUST A SORT OF QUASI-PRIVATE PUBLIC
11:12:51 MEETING.
11:12:53 >>Mayor Ribble: BURT, WHAT'S YOUR PROFESSIONAL --
11:12:55 >>Burt Saunders: GENERALLY TAKING THE POSITION AND THIS IS
11:12:58 SOMETHING THAT PERHAPS IS A POLICY ISSUE FOR THE COUNCIL,
11:13:01 BUT IF A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL WANTS TO SET UP A MEETING AND
11:13:04 ASK LEGAL COUNSEL TO ATTEND, GENERALLY MY RESPONSE WOULD BE
11:13:09 THAT I WOULD ATTEND, OBVIOUSLY.
11:13:11 AND YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY OR YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO SET UP
11:13:14 MEETINGS IF YOU WANT TO SET THEM UP.

11:13:16 NOW, IF YOU WANT TO RESTRICT THOSE IN TERMS OF HAVING THEM

11:13:20 -- HAVING IT MORE OF A WORKSHOP, THEN YOU CAN DO THAT.

11:13:23 BUT AS A MATTER OF POLICY RIGHT NOW, I DON'T THINK THERE'S

11:13:26 REALLY ANY REAL RESTRICTION ON A COUNCIL MEMBER SAYING I'D

11:13:29 LIKE TO SET A MEETING WITH FGCU, FOR EXAMPLE, AND GO TALK TO

11:13:33 THOSE FOLKS.

11:13:34 IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE THAT, THEN I THINK YOU NEED TO KIND OF

11:13:37 DEVELOP THAT POLICY.

11:13:38 RIGHT NOW, I THINK EVERYONE HAS THE ABILITY TO SET THOSE

11:13:42 MEETINGS UP AND HAVE THOSE CONVERSATIONS.

11:13:44 >>Howard Levitan: WASN'T TALKING ABOUT JUST HAVING A MEETING

11:13:48 WITH THE PRIVATE PROPERTY.

11:13:49 MORE WHEN YOU INVITE THE PUBLIC TO A MEETING.

11:13:53 THAT'S WHEN I THINK WE OUGHT TO TALK ABOUT IT.

11:13:56 THAT IS A POLICY DECISION, I AGREE.

11:14:00 >>Burt Saunders: THE MEETING THAT I ATTENDED WITH

11:14:02 COUNCILWOMAN ERRINGTON WAS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

11:14:05 >>Howard Levitan: MY PEOPLE WERE INVITED.

11:14:07 PELICAN SOUND WAS INVITED.

11:14:13 >>Burt Saunders: PERHAPS I'M LOOKING AT THIS NARROWLY.

11:14:14 THERE WERE INDIVIDUALS INVITED, NOT OPEN TO THE GENERAL

11:14:17 PUBLIC TO ATTEND.

11:14:18 I MAY HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT YOU WERE SAYING.

11:14:21 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YOUR PERSON, JANET O'HARE, WAS IN

11:14:24 CALIFORNIA, AND SHE SENT A MESSAGE BACK TO YOUR ASSISTANT

11:14:30 MANAGER OR YOUR MANAGER OF PELICAN SOUND AND HE ATTENDED.

11:14:34 AND HE GOT A LOT OUT OF THE MEETING.

11:14:36 I THINK I DID THE RIGHT THING.

11:14:41 AS A MATTER OF FACT, I KNOW I DID THE RIGHT THING.

11:14:44 THE ARTICLE CAME OUT IN THE NEWSPAPER, AND I DID RECEIVE A

11:14:47 LOT OF PHONE CALLS, E-MAILS, WHATEVER, ABOUT THE ESTERO

11:14:52 RIVER, AND IT WAS A FRIDAY, I THINK IT AND WAS FRIDAY OR A

11:14:55 SATURDAY.

11:14:55 I PUT THIS TOGETHER.

11:14:56 WE'RE GOING INTO THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY, AND ON MONDAY,

11:15:01 I WAS GETTING -- PEOPLE ON SUNDAY WERE RESPONDING TO MY,

11:15:05 WHETHER YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING.

11:15:07 I THOUGHT WE NEEDED TO BE PROACTIVE AND SHOW THAT THE

11:15:11 VILLAGE OF ESTERO COUNCIL REALLY IS ON TOP OF THIS, AND I

11:15:15 TALKED WITH DAVID AND DAVID WAS ON TOP OF IT ALREADY.

11:15:19 THAT WAS AN ABSOLUTE PLUS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, AND

11:15:22 THEN BRINGING IN THE PEOPLE WHO HAD ANALYZED THE WATER AND

11:15:28 HAVING THEM TO SHARE THAT WITH DAVID AND WITH ME.

11:15:34 I COULDN'T INVITE ANYONE FROM COUNCIL BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE

11:15:36 BEEN BREAKING THE SUNSHINE LAW.

11:15:39 SO I HAD NO PROBLEM WITH DOING THAT.

11:15:42 I DON'T SEE THAT IF WE ARE LIAISONS AND ASSIGNED THAT
11:15:48 POSITION AND AN EMERGENCY COMES UP, WE HAD THIS MEETING ON
11:15:53 TUESDAY, THE 2nd.
11:15:55 THE 3rd, MANY PEOPLE WERE GOING TO BE GONE.
11:15:57 THE 4th WAS THE NEXT DAY.

11:15:59 WHO DO YOU GET TO COME TO MEETINGS GOING INTO HOLIDAYS LIKE
11:16:03 THAT?
11:16:03 AND IT WAS A FACT-FINDING.
11:16:05 IT WAS MAKING US LOOK PROACTIVE, WHICH WE ARE, AND THIS HAS
11:16:11 TO COME OUT THAT THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO WAS VERY PROACTIVE IN
11:16:15 DEALING WITH THIS WATER ISSUE.
11:16:17 I HAVE TO DISAGREE WITH YOU, HOWARD.
11:16:22 I DON'T THINK -- I KNOW I DIDN'T BREAK ANY KIND OF -- EXCEPT
11:16:27 MAYBE I BRUISED YOUR EGO.
11:16:29 DID I?
11:16:30 I HOPE NOT.
11:16:31 OKAY.
11:16:36 THAT'S NOT FAIR.
11:16:38 >>Howard Levitan: WHAT I SAID IS I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE
11:16:40 BEEN THERE.
11:16:43 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: IF YOU COULD HAVE BEEN THERE, I
11:16:45 WOULD HAVE INVITED YOU, BUT YOU COULDN'T BE THERE.
11:16:48 >>Howard Levitan: I COULDN'T BE THERE.
11:16:49 THAT'S WHY MY SUGGESTION WAS THOSE KIND OF MEETINGS SHOULD
11:16:51 BE DONE BY WORKSHOP, THAT'S ALL.
11:16:53 SO WE COULD ALL ATTEND.
11:16:55 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: WE WOULD HAVE HAD A WORKSHOP TODAY.
11:16:59 >>Howard Levitan: TODAY.
11:17:00 NOTHING IS GOING TO CHANGE ON THE RIVER BETWEEN JULY THE
11:17:04 6th AND JULY THE 10th OR WHENEVER THE MEETING WAS.

11:17:07 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I APOLOGIZE.
11:17:09 I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID WHAT I SAID.
11:17:11 I TAKE THAT BACK.
11:17:12 LET'S JUST -- I'M TRYING TO DO THE BEST I CAN WITH WHATEVER.
11:17:24 >> LET'S MOVE ON.
11:17:29 >>Jon McLain: I WAS GOING TO PASS, BUT LET ME THROW MY TWO
11:17:32 CENTS IN.
11:17:33 I THINK THE LIAISON RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACT
11:17:36 IN A TIMELY FASHION.
11:17:38 SO I THINK IT DEPENDS ON THE SITUATION.
11:17:42 I THINK HOWARD HAS A GOOD IDEA.
11:17:46 SOMETIMES, YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE A CALL.
11:17:49 I THINK WE GIVE PEOPLE THE AUTHORITY AS A LIAISON TO MAKE
11:17:51 THE DECISION IN A TIMELY FASHION.
11:17:53 I SUPPORT THAT.
11:17:55 IF, IN FACT, IT CAN BE DELAYED TO HAVE A WORKSHOP AND THAT'S

11:17:58 APPROPRIATE, I'M IN SUPPORT OF THAT ALSO.
11:18:02 I THINK THAT'S A LIAISON -- I THINK A LIAISON HAS THE
11:18:08 AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE DECISION AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT.
11:18:10 HOPEFULLY WE ENTRUST PEOPLE WITH THAT AUTHORITY.
11:18:12 THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT.
11:18:18 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AS A FOLLOW-UP ON LIAISON -- WATER
11:18:22 QUALITY ON THE LIST ALSO.
11:18:24 IT'S NOT JUST THE RIVER.
11:18:25 IT'S THE WATER QUALITY.

11:18:26 IF I OFFENDED ANYONE BY JUMPING IN AHEAD OF TIME, MY TOTAL
11:18:33 APOLOGIES.
11:18:34 WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO BRING BEFORE YOU IS AN IDEA FOR A
11:18:42 WORKSHOP, AND IT IS FOR A VOTER REFERENDUM THAT I WOULD LIKE
11:18:49 FOR US TO TALK ABOUT AS A COUNCIL, AND THIS WOULD BE TO GET
11:18:56 THE PUBLIC INVOLVED, GET OUR RESIDENTS INVOLVED IN PUTTING A
11:18:59 REFERENDUM ON A BALLOT TO HAVE A MILLAGE APPROVED FOR THE
11:19:08 PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING AND MANAGING ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE
11:19:14 LANDS FOR THE PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES, WILDLIFE, AND
11:19:18 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE IN PERPETUITY.
11:19:21 I THINK WITH THE RELATIONSHIP THAT WE HAVE WITH THE LEE
11:19:27 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS NOT GOOD, AND I THINK THE ONLY WAY I
11:19:33 SEE AROUND THIS IS THAT THE VILLAGE NEEDS TO BE VERY
11:19:38 PROACTIVE IN TRYING TO ACQUIRE LAND WITHIN THE VILLAGE, AND
11:19:43 WE ALSO NEED TO HAVE THE MONEY AVAILABLE TO BE ABLE TO TAKE
11:19:47 CARE OF THAT LAND, BUT WE NEED FOR THE VOTERS TO DECIDE
11:19:51 WHETHER THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS DONE.
11:19:53 OTHERWISE, WE ARE STILL AT THE MERCY OF LEE COUNTY.
11:19:58 AND WE NEED TO BECOME VERY INDEPENDENT OF THE BOARD THERE.
11:20:05 IT'S BEEN A VERY UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE, AND I'M HOPING THAT
11:20:11 WE CAN HAVE BETTER RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE BOARD MEMBERS, BUT
11:20:15 IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE HAPPENING.
11:20:17 SO I WOULD LIKE FOR US TO PLAN -- LET'S TALK ABOUT IT, AND I
11:20:23 ASKED LISA TO RUN SOME INFORMATION FOR ME ON A .25 MILLAGE
11:20:31 AND WHAT IT WOULD DO FOR THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.

11:20:38 SO IF THIS COUNCIL IS INTERESTED, I'D LIKE TO PUT IT ON A
11:20:45 WORKSHOP IN THE FUTURE.
11:20:50 >>Mayor Ribble: ARE YOU ASKING US NOW FOR --
11:20:52 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: UH-HUH, TO PUT IT ON A WORKSHOP, TO
11:20:55 TALK ABOUT IT.
11:20:57 >> NO.
11:20:59 >> NO.
11:21:03 >> DOUBLE TAXATION SO I'LL SAY NO ALSO.
11:21:08 >> NOT AT THIS TIME.
11:21:10 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: OKAY, MAY I ADD THAT IT WOULD ONLY
11:21:12 ADD A HUNDRED DOLLARS A YEAR ON TAXES?
11:21:17 >> THE TAXPAYER ONLY PAYS 250 NOW.

11:21:20 SO A HUNDRED DOLLARS WOULD BE HUGE -- WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT
11:21:25 INCREASE.
11:21:25 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: BUT THEY COULD VOTE IT DOWN.
11:21:29 >> WHY GO THROUGH THE EXERCISE.
11:21:31 >>Mayor Ribble: YOU DIDN'T GET SUPPORT ON THIS ONE.
11:21:33 ANYTHING ELSE?
11:21:34 >> I WOULD BE HAPPY TO EXPLAIN MY NO.
11:21:36 THE ANSWER IS, WE HAVE IN EFFECT UNLIMITED TAXING POWER.
11:21:41 WE CAN INCREASE OUR REGULAR GENERAL LEVY AND USE IT TO
11:21:46 PURCHASE REAL ESTATE IF WE WISH TO DO THAT.
11:21:48 IN FACT, WE RECENTLY DID THAT.
11:21:51 WE ARE SO SUCCESSFUL THAT WE WERE ABLE TO BUY \$26 MILLION
11:21:56 WORTH OF PROPERTY IN YEARS WHERE IN THREE YEARS IN A ROW, WE

11:22:00 CUT OUR TAX RATE.
11:22:01 SO I'M VERY -- IT'S INTERESTING AND IT'S GOOD THAT YOU WANT
11:22:07 TO PRESERVE LAND.
11:22:08 WE'RE ALSO RUNNING OUT OF LAND.
11:22:10 THAT'S THE OTHER PROBLEM.
11:22:11 I DON'T THINK THAT THERE'S MUCH ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE
11:22:14 LAND LEFT THAT IF WE HAD THIS TAX AND WE HAD THIS SPECIAL
11:22:17 FUND, THAT WE WOULD HAVE ANYTHING TO BUY.
11:22:21 THERE'S PLENTY OF STUFF HERE IN THE COUNTY NEAR US THAT
11:22:24 WOULD MATCH THAT PROFILE, BUT IT'S NOT IN OUR CORPORATE
11:22:27 LIMITS.
11:22:28 I DON'T KNOW, I WOULD YIELD TO BURT WHETHER WE CAN GO OUT
11:22:30 AND BUY AN ENVIRONMENTALLY -- AREA THAT IS A HALF A MILE
11:22:35 AWAY.
11:22:35 DO WE HAVE THAT AUTHORITY?
11:22:37 >>Burt Saunders: THAT GETS A LITTLE RISKY.
11:22:40 THERE'S NO PROHIBITION ON ACQUIRING PROPERTY OUTSIDE OF THE
11:22:42 CITY LIMITS, AS LONG AS IT'S A PUBLIC PURPOSE BEHIND IT,
11:22:47 SOME ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND THAT HAS AN IMPACT,
11:22:50 DIRECT IMPACT ON THE VILLAGE, FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT, YOU
11:22:53 CAN DO THAT.
11:22:54 IT'S NOT VERY COMMON, BUT YOU COULD DO THAT.
11:22:58 >>Mayor Ribble: ANYTHING ELSE, KATY?
11:23:01 >> ONE OTHER POINT ON THAT WE'RE ALREADY PAYING EVERY ONE OF
11:23:05 US A HALF A MILL INTO THE 2020 FUND, WHICH IS NOW INTO THE

11:23:09 GENERAL FUND OF LEE COUNTY.
11:23:10 BUT IF WE HAVE PROPERTY, WE CAN SUGGEST -- SOMEONE HAS
11:23:15 PROPERTY, COULD SUGGEST THE 2020 FUND TO PURCHASE IT.
11:23:21 >> WE'RE PAYING FOR IT BUT IT DISAPPEARED INTO THE GENERAL
11:23:24 FUND.
11:23:25 THEY SORT OF TOOK IT OVER.
11:23:26 AND ALL THEY ARE DOING NOW IS SUPPOSEDLY MAINTAINING AT THE
11:23:30 40 MILLION-DOLLAR LEVEL THE 2020 FUND.

11:23:36 >> I WAS AT THE LIBRARY THE OTHER DAY, AND BARBARA TOLD ME
11:23:40 THAT THE COUNTY HAD A PROGRAM TO GIVE CHILDREN BOOKS, AND
11:23:44 OUR LIBRARY GAVE 900 BOOKS TO CHILDREN DURING THE COURSE OF
11:23:50 THAT PROGRAM.
11:23:50 PROGRAM FOR THEM TO BE DOING AND GOOD ASSET FOR THE LIBRARY
11:24:01 TO DO.
11:24:02 >>Nick Batos: WELL, I'LL CONTINUE ALONG WITH WHAT I DO EVERY
11:24:05 MEETING RECENTLY, AND JUST, I THOUGHT IT WAS VERY
11:24:08 INTERESTING TO OBSERVE THE OTHER DAY WHERE OUR COUNTY
11:24:16 HEARING EXAMINER ONE WEEK AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THE NEW
11:24:22 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, APPROVED THE TROYER MINES, WHICH COULD
11:24:25 NOT HAVE BEEN APPROVED UNDER THE OLD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
11:24:30 IT WAS QUITE A COINCIDENCE WAITED FOR HER DECISION ONE WEEK
11:24:35 AFTER.
11:24:40 >> JUST TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THAT, NOT ONLY DID SHE
11:24:43 RECOMMEND APPROVAL, BUT SHE BASICALLY SAID ALL THOSE PEOPLE
11:24:46 WHO WENT UP AND TESTIFIED BEFORE HER DID NOT PRESENT ANY

11:24:50 SUBSTANTIVE, CONVINCING EVIDENCE, THAT ALL OF THAT WAS FOR
11:24:57 NOT.
11:24:59 AND THAT'S REALLY TROUBLING TO ME.
11:25:04 >>Mayor Ribble: JIM?
11:25:05 >> I THINK I'M GOING TO PASS.
11:25:06 >>Mayor Ribble: I'M GOING TO JOIN YOU, MR. WILSON, AND I AM
11:25:08 GOING TO PASS AS WELL.
11:25:09 BURT?
11:25:14 >>Burt Saunders: I'VE GOT ONE ITEM INVOLVING A CODE
11:25:17 ENFORCEMENT LIEN REDUCTION.
11:25:21 THIS IS COMING FROM THE CODE HEARING.
11:25:24 THERE WAS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD A SIGN ON A TRUCK, GOT UP TO
11:25:29 OVER \$200,000 IN FINES.
11:25:31 OBVIOUSLY, HE WAS NOT PAYING A WHOLE LOT OF ATTENTION TO
11:25:35 STAFF'S EFFORTS TO GET HIM TO COMPLY.
11:25:37 THAT INDIVIDUAL IS NOW IN COMPLIANCE, AND HE WAS PARKING HIS
11:25:42 TRUCK IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD IN VIOLATION OF YOUR
11:25:45 CODES.
11:25:45 THERE'S GOING TO BE A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MAGISTRATE TO
11:25:51 REDUCE THAT FINE.
11:25:52 I BELIEVE THAT MAY HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED, \$2,000 FINE, BUT
11:25:57 THAT'S NOT FINAL.
11:25:58 IF THIS BOARD WANTS TO HEAR THAT -- THE QUESTION IS WHETHER
11:26:02 OR NOT YOU WANT THIS REQUEST FOR A REDUCTION IN FINE TO COME
11:26:08 BEFORE YOU.

11:26:08 >> I THOUGHT IT HAS TO.
11:26:10 >>Burt Saunders: IT WOULD HAVE TO IF YOU WANT US TO BRING
11:26:14 THAT TO YOU.
11:26:15 I WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU WANTED TO HEAR THAT.

11:26:18 >> WE DON'T WANT TO BUT WE'RE GONNA.
11:26:21 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: IS THAT IN A GATED COMMUNITY OR
11:26:24 NON-GATED?
11:26:25 >>Burt Saunders: I DON'T BELIEVE IT IS A GATED COMMUNITY
11:26:28 BUT --
11:26:30 >>Mary Gibbs: IT'S ON SHERRILL LANE.
11:26:32 IT'S NOT GATED.
11:26:39 >> BURT, MAYBE WHEN YOU'RE BRINGING THIS UP, I MENTIONED IT
11:26:42 TO STAFF, I BELIEVE, BUT IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET AN UPDATE?
11:26:45 A FEW MONTHS AGO, WE WERE TOLD WE WERE OWED \$2 MILLION, AND
11:26:51 I WANTED TO KNOW IF WE COLLECTED THE \$2 MILLION SO FAR?
11:26:57 >>Mary Gibbs: WE CAN GET YOU AN UPDATE, BUT I CAN TELL YOU,
11:26:59 NO.
11:27:03 WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING ARE SMALL PERCENTAGES BECAUSE A LOT OF
11:27:07 IT IS RESIDENTIAL.
11:27:08 WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT IT BEFORE, YOU SAID LET'S TRY TO FOCUS
11:27:11 ON THE COMMERCIAL.
11:27:12 WE'RE STILL TRYING TO CHASE THEM DOWN.
11:27:14 WE CAN GET YOU SOME KIND OF UPDATED REPORT.
11:27:18 >>Mayor Ribble: I'M GOING TO TAKE YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND GO
11:27:20 TO A TEN-MINUTE BREAK.

11:27:22 [SOUNDING GAVEL]
11:27:23 COME BACK AT 11:38.
11:27:25 [RECESS]
11:37:13 [NO AUDIO]
11:37:17 >> IT'S ON NOW.
11:37:23 >>Lisa Roberson: HELLO.
11:37:24 LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN.
11:37:25 LISA ROBERSON, FINANCE DIRECTOR OF VILLAGE OF ESTERO, HERE
11:37:28 TODAY TO PRESENT YOUR INITIAL DRAFT FOR YOUR BUDGET FOR
11:37:31 UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.
11:37:34 OUR BUDGET CALENDAR, AS WE LOOK FORWARD BETWEEN NOW AND
11:37:39 SEPTEMBER FOR OUR FINAL ADOPTION DATE, TODAY IS OUR INITIAL
11:37:43 MEETING.
11:37:43 YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU IN YOUR PACKET THE FULL BUDGET DRAFT.
11:37:48 THE NEXT MEETING, JULY 24th, WE WILL HAVE A PRELIMINARY
11:37:51 MILLAGE RATE VOTE.
11:37:52 THAT MILLAGE RATE WILL BE THE ONE THAT IS ACTUALLY MAILED
11:37:55 OUT AND THE PROPERTY APPRAISAL NOTICE BY THE PROPERTY
11:38:00 APPRAISER IN AUGUST.
11:38:01 SO VERY IMPORTANT THERE, AND THEN ALSO SEPTEMBER 4th AT AN
11:38:06 EVENING MEETING AT 5:30, AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTES, WE
11:38:09 WILL HAVE OUR TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING AND WE'LL ACTUALLY
11:38:12 HAVE OUR TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE WILL BE ADOPTED THERE.
11:38:15 SO ANOTHER MILLAGE RATE VOTE.

11:38:18 SEPTEMBER 18 AT 5:30, AGAIN IN THE EVENING, WILL BE OUR

11:38:22 FINAL BUDGET HEARING AND INCLUDE OUR FINAL MILLAGE RATE
11:38:26 VOTE.
11:38:26 THE PROPOSED BUDGET THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU IS SUBJECT TO
11:38:30 CHANGE UNTIL FINAL ADOPTION ON SEPTEMBER 18.
11:38:33 AND ALSO, OUR BUDGETED REVENUE SPECIFICALLY MAY BE ADJUSTED
11:38:37 BECAUSE WE'RE JUST AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR BUDGET PROCESS.
11:38:40 IT RUNS NOW THROUGH THE END OF SEPTEMBER, AND WE HAVEN'T YET
11:38:44 RECEIVED OUR STATE COLLECTION ESTIMATE.
11:38:46 AS WE RECEIVE THOSE, IF THEY VARY SIGNIFICANTLY FROM WHAT'S
11:38:50 IN YOUR DRAFT, WE'LL IMPLEMENT THE CHANGES TO YOU AND ALSO
11:38:53 OUR BUDGETED EXPENDITURES.
11:38:54 IF ANYTHING OCCURS OR HAPPENS, WE CAN UPDATE THOSE ESTIMATES
11:38:58 AS WE MOVE FORWARD.
11:38:59 THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE HAS A PROJECTED INCREASE OF 2.7.
11:39:05 AGAIN, STATE ESTIMATES MAY IMPACT THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD.
11:39:11 THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE, REVENUE ESTIMATES, ARE EXPECTED TO
11:39:15 CONTINUE AT A HIGHER LEVEL BASED UPON FROM PREDICTED PERMIT
11:39:20 ACTIVITY.
11:39:21 THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUE, IT INCLUDES A
11:39:26 NONRECURRING \$2.9 MILLION REIMBURSEMENT FOR SEVERAL CAPITAL
11:39:32 PROJECTS.
11:39:32 THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN ONGOING.
11:39:35 SPECIFICALLY ESTERO PARKWAY AND U.S. 41 LANDSCAPING.
11:39:38 THOSE ARE HELPING US FUND THOSE PROJECTS WITH OUR PARTNERS.

11:39:40 WE'RE VERY PLEASED ABOUT THAT.
11:39:42 IMPACT FEE REVENUES, YOU HAVE IN THE PROJECTIONS THAT YOU
11:39:46 HAVE BEFORE YOU, WE HAVE UNDER, HAD OUR CONSULTANT UPDATE
11:39:50 THE GROWTH PROJECTION MODELS FOR THE NEXT FIVE TO SIX YEARS.
11:39:53 THEY ACTUALLY INCLUDE NOT ONLY THE INCREASE IN RATES THAT WE
11:39:56 ADOPTED, SOME INCREASES, SOME DECREASES.
11:39:58 THOSE NEW RATES ARE IN THERE AS WELL AS THE INCREASED LEVEL
11:40:01 OF NEW CONSTRUCTION, SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN MOVING
11:40:05 THROUGH THE PIPELINE SINCE THE LAST TIME WE'VE UPDATED THAT
11:40:08 MODEL.
11:40:08 WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT HAVING THAT.
11:40:11 THAT'S ACTUALLY NOT ONLY FOR THIS YEAR, IT'S INCLUDED IN THE
11:40:14 FIVE-YEAR PLAN.
11:40:14 WHEN WE WERE TALKING EARLIER ABOUT PROJECTING OUR FUNDING
11:40:17 FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, WE UTILIZE THE GROWTH PROJECTION
11:40:20 MODELS.
11:40:21 VERY PLEASED WITH THOSE.
11:40:22 THE TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES, WHICH ARE THE BULK OF OUR
11:40:25 EXPENDITURES IN OUR BUDGET, INCLUDE CONTINUATION OF SEVERAL
11:40:28 SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS, ESTERO PARKWAY, U.S. 41 LANDSCAPING,
11:40:33 AND ALSO, WE HAVE FUNDS THAT WE SPOKE EARLIER TODAY ARE
11:40:37 INCLUDED IN OUR BUDGET TO PLAN FOR OUR ESTERO ON THE RIVER
11:40:41 PROJECT.

11:40:42 THIS IS A SUMMARY OF YOUR GENERAL FUND, YOUR GENERAL
11:40:48 OPERATING FUND, WHICH IS THE BULK OF YOUR OPERATING, NOT

11:40:54 ONLY COLLECTING REVENUES BUT OPERATING EXPENDITURES.
11:40:57 IN THE SLIDE YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU, YOU HAVE THE CURRENT YEAR
11:41:00 BUDGET AND THE PROJECTION OF NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET WITH THE
11:41:02 DOLLAR VALUE CHANGE.
11:41:04 IN MY MIND, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT THINGS TO NOTE FROM THIS
11:41:07 SLIDE ARE THE ALLOCATIONS TO RESERVE, NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE
11:41:10 THE ANNUAL FUNDS AT THE TOP OF THE SLIDE, AT THE BOTTOM, YOU
11:41:13 HAVE CUMULATIVE ALLOCATIONS, WHICH LETS YOU KNOW FOR, SAY,
11:41:17 OUR OPERATING RESERVE, YOU CAN SEE AT THE TOP, THIS CURRENT
11:41:21 YEAR WE PUT ABOUT 1.6 MILLION INTO OUR OPERATING RESERVE.
11:41:24 AT THE BOTTOM, YOU CAN SEE THAT TOTALED FIVE MILLION.
11:41:28 NEXT YEAR, WE'RE PROJECTING TO CONTRIBUTE MUCH LESS, AND
11:41:30 THAT WILL GET US TO OUR 12 MONTHS.
11:41:32 IT IS THE DIRECTION THAT COUNCIL HAS GIVEN US, THAT
11:41:35 \$5.6 MILLION WILL DO 12 MONTHS FOR US.
11:41:38 SO WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT.
11:41:42 ALSO, YOU'LL SEE OUR DEBT SERVICE CONTINUING, AND OUR DEBT
11:41:46 REDUCTION, YOU'LL SEE OUR ANNUAL FUNDING AT THE TOP AND THEN
11:41:49 THE CUMULATIVE AMOUNTS AT THE BOTTOM, WHICH, AGAIN, WE'RE
11:41:52 VERY EXCITED ABOUT CONTINUING THAT AND ACCELERATING THAT.
11:42:02 >>Howard Levitan: THAT REDUCTION ON THE TOP OF THE THING, IN
11:42:07 NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET IS 1.1 MILLION?
11:42:10 >>Lisa Roberson: YES.
11:42:11 >>Howard Levitan: AND THEN IN THE LAST LINE, THAT REDUCTION
11:42:13 WAS 4 MILLION.

11:42:16 WHERE DID THE CUMULATIVE 4 COME FROM?
11:42:19 >>Lisa Roberson: THAT WAS ACTUALLY SET ASIDE, THIS CURRENT
11:42:22 FISCAL YEAR, IT WASN'T BUDGETED TO BE SET ASIDE, BUT WE DID
11:42:25 SET IT ASIDE.
11:42:27 >>Howard Levitan: IT WASN'T IN THE BUDGET.
11:42:28 >>Lisa Roberson: EXACTLY.
11:42:31 >>Howard Levitan: BUT WE SET IT ASIDE ANYWAY.
11:42:33 >>Lisa Roberson: WE BUDGETED JUST THE MINIMUM DEBT SERVICE
11:42:36 BECAUSE WE WEREN'T SURE HOW THE PROJECT WAS GOING TO
11:42:39 MATERIALIZE, WHAT KIND OF FUNDS WE WERE GOING TO HAVE.
11:42:40 BUT ONCE WE ACTUALLY CLOSED THE DEAL, WE WERE ABLE TO UPDATE
11:42:43 OUR PROJECTIONS WITH THE NEW CAPITAL MODEL, WE COULD SEE
11:42:45 THAT WE COULD SET ASIDE THAT 4 MILLION AND THEN THE 1.1
11:42:49 MILLION EACH YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL SATISFIED.
11:42:52 >>Howard Levitan: IF WE PAID 1.6 MILLION IN DEBT SERVICE
11:42:55 THAT INCLUDES INTEREST.
11:42:56 >>Lisa Roberson: YES, SIR.
11:42:57 >>Howard Levitan: HOW MUCH OF THAT WAS PRINCIPAL OR NONE OF
11:43:00 IT?

11:43:00 >>Lisa Roberson: IT WAS.
11:43:03 >>Howard Levitan: ACTUALLY PAID DOWN MORE THAN 4 MILLION IS
11:43:05 WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY.
11:43:06 >>Lisa Roberson: YES, WE SURE HAVE.
11:43:08 IN YOUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WE WERE LOOKING AT
11:43:11 EARLIER, THE FIVE YEARS AND ACTUALLY GOES OUT AFTER, ROLLS

11:43:14 OUT FOR TEN YEARS, YOU ACTUALLY SEE THAT'S THE PRINCIPAL
11:43:18 REDUCTIONS IN THERE AND THEN THE DEBT SERVICE, THE
11:43:20 ACCUMULATIONS, THAT FULLY FUNDS THAT.
11:43:24 >> WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO ACCELERATE IT.
11:43:26 >>Lisa Roberson: WE SURE ARE.
11:43:27 INCLUDES THE ACCELERATION ON A SEPARATE LINE ITEM.
11:43:30 IN YOUR BUDGET WE ACTUALLY HAVE THE AMOUNT THAT IS PRINCIPAL
11:43:35 AND INTEREST.
11:43:35 SO FOR THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, PRINCIPAL PAYMENT WAS
11:43:39 768,000 ROUGHLY.
11:43:41 THAT'S ON PAGE 26, IF YOU'RE INCLINED TO GET INTO DETAILS.
11:43:44 AND THEN OUR INTEREST WAS 240,000 ROUGHLY.
11:43:47 THIS NEXT BUDGET YEAR, OUR PRINCIPAL REDUCTION PAYMENT WILL
11:43:51 BE 645,000 ROUGHLY, AND 771,000 IN INTEREST.
11:43:57 SO WE HAVE THOSE DETAILS IN THERE IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE THOSE
11:44:01 AS WELL.
11:44:02 THE NEXT SLIDE IS THE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE SLIDE.
11:44:08 THIS GIVES YOU THREE YEARS OF DATA ON OPERATING
11:44:11 EXPENDITURES.
11:44:11 THE INITIAL YEAR IS LAST FISCAL YEAR, '17-18.
11:44:17 AND THEN WE HAVE BUDGETED FOR THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, AND
11:44:21 THEN WE HAVE EXPECTED FOR THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.
11:44:24 THE MAJORITY OF THE DIFFERENCES IN THAT IS THAT SOME
11:44:26 PROJECTS MAY BE PUSHED OUT IN TIME, CAPITAL OUTLAY ITEMS MAY
11:44:30 NOT HAPPEN OR SOME OF THE PLANNING OR WHATNOT WILL PUSH OUT

11:44:33 A LITTLE FURTHER, AND THEN THEY GET REBUDGETED THE NEXT
11:44:37 YEAR, '19-20.
11:44:39 I THINK WHAT IS EXCITED ABOUT THAT, PRIOR YEAR WAS A LITTLE
11:44:42 LOWER.
11:44:42 AND THAT'S BECAUSE A LOT OF OPERATIONS HADN'T GOTTEN UP AND
11:44:45 GOING, PARTICULARLY STORMWATER.
11:44:46 A LOT OF THE PLANS THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT, LOOKING AT
11:44:48 THE WATER AND DOING OTHER THINGS.
11:44:50 SOME OF THE -- PROTECTION THINGS AS WE COME ONLINE WITH
11:44:53 LANDSCAPING AND STREETLIGHTS, THOSE INCREASE OUR OPERATING
11:44:55 EXPENDITURES.
11:44:55 BUT YOU CAN SEE FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, WE DON'T PROJECT
11:44:58 SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN OPERATING EXPENDITURES, WHICH IS
11:45:00 VERY EXCITING.
11:45:01 THE NEXT SLIDE IS A SUMMARY OF OUR BUILDING PERMIT FEE

11:45:07 ACTIVITY.
11:45:08 YOU CAN SEE THERE THAT WE HAVE PROJECTED AND DO PROJECT THAT
11:45:12 OUR OPERATING -- WE'LL HAVE A SLIGHT OPERATING ACCESS FOR
11:45:15 THAT.
11:45:16 WE ARE ALLOWED BY FLORIDA STATUTES TO PUT THAT ASIDE AND
11:45:21 SPEND IT ON EITHER FUTURE OPERATIONS IN THE EVENT THAT THE
11:45:25 COST GOES UP AND REVENUES SHOULD DROP SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO
11:45:28 INSPECT PROPERTY AND MOVE EVERYTHING ALONG OR FOR CAPITAL
11:45:31 OUTLAY.
11:45:32 THE CAPITAL OUTLAY LISTED UP THERE IS ACTUALLY ACQUIRING NEW

11:45:35 SOFTWARE FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.
11:45:38 THIS IS THE BUILDINGS FEES ALLOCATION, THEIR SECTION OF THE
11:45:42 DEPARTMENT.
11:45:43 WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT.
11:45:44 HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE THE GET RUN -- WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET
11:45:50 RUNNING ON THAT NEXT YEAR.
11:45:51 THIS IS THE CAPITAL PROJECT FUND SUMMARY.
11:45:53 WHAT'S MOST EXCITING ABOUT THIS SLIDE IS THAT OUR REVENUES
11:45:57 THERE ARE PROJECTED TO INCREASE.
11:45:59 AGAIN, THIS IS THE UPDATE OF OUR IMPACT FEE GROWTH MODEL
11:46:03 PROJECTIONS, NOT ONLY THE RATE CHANGES, BUT THE ACCELERATION
11:46:06 IN SOME OF THE GROWTH.
11:46:07 AND YOU CAN SEE THAT OUR DEBT PROCEEDS, THAT WAS THE
11:46:10 BORROWING FOR THE ESTERO ON THE RIVER THIS CURRENT FISCAL
11:46:14 YEAR.
11:46:14 WE DON'T PROJECT TO BORROW ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY THIS NEXT
11:46:18 YEAR, IN FACT, IN THE ENTIRE NEXT FIVE YEARS, OR CIP, WE
11:46:22 HOPE NOT TO HAVE TO AND PLAN NOT TO HAVE TO BORROW ANY
11:46:24 ADDITIONAL FUNDS, WHICH, AGAIN, IS VERY EXCITING.
11:46:26 THIS DOES ALSO INCLUDE THE 2.9 NONRECURRING REIMBURSEMENT
11:46:30 CAPITAL FUNDING.
11:46:31 WE LIKE TO MAKE SURE WE CALL THAT TO YOUR ATTENTION BECAUSE
11:46:34 THAT'S NOT MONEY THAT WE WILL BE GETTING EACH YEAR.
11:46:37 THIS SLIDE IS ACTUALLY THE ADVERTISEMENT THAT APPEARS IN THE
11:46:44 PAPER.

11:46:44 YOU GUYS PROBABLY ALL READ THAT.
11:46:46 WE'RE REQUIRED BY OUR CHARTER TO PUBLISH OUR NOTICE OF OUR
11:46:49 PUBLIC HEARINGS.
11:46:49 AND IT GIVES YOU -- I LIKE IT, BECAUSE IT REALLY GIVES YOU A
11:46:52 SUMMARY OF PROJECT TYPE, AND FUNDING SOURCE.
11:46:56 IT LETS YOU KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS WE HAVE
11:46:59 ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR.
11:47:00 AGAIN, THIS IS PRELIMINARY.
11:47:01 AS WE DO OUR STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR OUR C.I.P. NEXT YEAR,
11:47:05 THESE WILL CHANGE.
11:47:06 WE'LL BE EXCITED TO SEE HOW THOSE FALL OUT.

11:47:09 BUT I THINK FOR RIGHT NOW, IT'S INTERESTING TO SEE OUR
11:47:12 ROADWAYS AND OUR INTERSECTIONS WILL BE THE ONES THAT HAVE
11:47:17 THE PRIMARY FUNDING THE NEXT YEAR.
11:47:18 AND THOSE ARE FUNDED BY OUR PARTNERS AT THE STATE FOR THE
11:47:22 I-75 INTERCHANGE.
11:47:24 YOU CAN SEE OTHER GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION DOWN THERE, THE
11:47:26 MOST SIGNIFICANT PORTION, AND LEE COUNTY FOR THE CORKSCREW
11:47:29 ROAD THAT THEY HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THAT'S WITHIN OUR
11:47:32 BOUNDARIES.
11:47:32 AND THEN OUR GENERAL FUND AS WELL FUNDING ESTERO PARKWAY AND
11:47:38 U.S. 41 LANDSCAPING.
11:47:39 SO THIS IS THE FIRST THREE YEARS IN ORDER TO NOT MAKE IT TOO
11:47:44 SMALL SO WE COULD NOT SEE IT, WE BROKE IT DOWN INTO THE
11:47:46 FIRST THREE YEARS.

11:47:47 AND THE NEXT SLIDE, THE EXACT SAME PRESENTATION FOR THE LAST
11:47:50 TWO YEARS, AND THE TOTAL.
11:47:51 AGAIN, THE OPERATING TOTALS I THINK ARE THE MOST INTERESTING
11:47:55 ON THESE SLIDES.
11:47:56 THEY DO SHOW OUR PROJECTED SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN THE
11:47:59 ROADWAYS, INTERSECTIONS AND THE OTHER CATEGORIES LISTED
11:48:03 THERE, AGAIN, ARE PARTNERS, BOTH THE STATE AND LEE COUNTY
11:48:07 FUNDING THEIR PORTION AND THE VILLAGE FUNDING THEIR PORTION
11:48:11 FROM THE VARIOUS REVENUES THERE.
11:48:16 >> LISA, ON THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE
11:48:19 NEXT COMING YEAR, 7.3, AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN WAS
11:48:23 9.2.
11:48:24 IS THAT THAT FAMOUS REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE COUNTY IS THE
11:48:29 DIFFERENCE IN THOSE TWO NUMBERS?
11:48:30 >>Lisa Roberson: I'M SORRY.
11:48:31 CAN YOU -- I MISSED THAT.
11:48:33 >> THE NUMBER HERE IN THE FUNDING SOURCES GENERAL FUND,
11:48:37 7.34, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, BUT WHEN I GO BACK OVER TO -- GUESS
11:48:45 WHAT, IT IS.
11:48:48 I'M GOING UP A LINE.
11:48:49 >>Lisa Roberson: THEY MATCH, DON'T THEY?
11:48:51 >> NEVER MIND.
11:48:51 [LAUGHTER]
11:48:56 >>Lisa Roberson: OUTSTANDING.
11:48:57 KEEP ASKING THOSE QUESTIONS BECAUSE THAT'S HOW WE FIND OUT

11:49:01 WE NEED TO LINE THINGS UP.
11:49:03 WE LOVE SOMEONE LOOKING AT THE DETAIL.
11:49:04 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: LISA, CAN YOU EXPLAIN OTHER
11:49:07 GOVERNMENT ENTITY PARTICIPATION.
11:49:08 THAT IS A BIG FIGURE THERE.
11:49:11 >>Lisa Roberson: THOSE ARE OUR PARTNERS, THE STATE OF
11:49:14 FLORIDA FOR THE I-75 INTERCHANGE, THE IMPROVEMENTS HAPPENING

11:49:20 NEXT FISCAL YEAR.
11:49:21 THAT IS THE STATE FUNDING THAT, AND THEN ALSO LEE COUNTY
11:49:24 FUNDING THEIR PORTIONS OF CORKSCREW ROAD THAT ARE WITHIN OUR
11:49:27 JURISDICTION.
11:49:28 THOSE ARE PRIMARILY THOSE, RIGHT, DAVID?
11:49:34 >>Howard Levitan: IS THERE A REQUIREMENT THAT WE RUN THOSE
11:49:36 THROUGH OUR BUDGET?
11:49:37 >>Lisa Roberson: NO, NO.
11:49:38 AGAIN, IT IS A FORMAT ISSUE.
11:49:40 IF YOU ALL WOULD LIKE TO NOT SEE THAT THERE, I THINK STAFF'S
11:49:44 FEELING HISTORICALLY IS THAT WE LIKE OUR RESIDENTS TO KNOW
11:49:49 WHAT'S COMING UP BECAUSE RESIDENTS DON'T NECESSARILY KNOW
11:49:52 WHO OWNS WHAT ROADS OR WHO CONTROLS WHAT ROADS.
11:49:55 SOMETIMES THEY'LL LOOK AT OUR WHOLE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
11:49:58 PROGRAM FROM A ROAD NETWORK STANDPOINT AND WANT TO SEE OTHER
11:50:01 THINGS.
11:50:01 IT IS A STYLE DIFFERENCE.
11:50:02 >>Howard Levitan: I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH YOU SHOWING IT

11:50:05 THERE, BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE A WORK SHEET, MAYBE, WITH JUST
11:50:12 WHAT IT IS THAT WE'RE PAYING FOR IN EACH OF THE PARTICULAR
11:50:16 YEARS SO WE CAN LOOK AT IT FROM A BUDGET STANDPOINT.
11:50:18 I JUST THINK IT'S AWFUL HARD.
11:50:23 IF YOU JUST SHOW THAT TO -- IF YOU SHOW IT TO ME, I'M GOING
11:50:27 TO SAY, GEE, MY GOD, HOW ARE WE SPENDING \$26 MILLION?
11:50:32 WHEN WE'VE ONLY BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR JUST A COUPLE OF
11:50:38 YEARS.
11:50:38 SO A LOT OF THAT MONEY IS FLOWING THROUGH THIS LIST, BUT IT
11:50:43 ISN'T MONEY THAT WE'RE RESPONSIBLE.
11:50:47 I'M WONDERING WHETHER EVERYBODY ELSE IS GOING TO FIGURE IT
11:50:51 OUT.
11:50:51 >> THIS DOCUMENT IS ON THE WEBSITE, SO THEY CAN SEE IT ON
11:50:55 THE WEBSITE, TOO.
11:50:55 >>Lisa Roberson: YES.
11:50:59 AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM THAT WE WERE LOOKING AT
11:51:02 EARLIER THAT'S ACTUALLY IN YOUR BUDGET AS WELL, IT DOES --
11:51:04 EVERY INDIVIDUAL PROJECT, WE'LL GET TO THAT SOON.
11:51:07 EVERY INDIVIDUAL PROJECT IS IDENTIFIED BY FUNDING SOURCE, BE
11:51:11 IT LEE COUNTY, BE IT THE STATE.
11:51:14 WE'LL BE GETTING THAT SOON.
11:51:15 THAT'S IN YOUR PACKET AND ALWAYS IN YOUR BUDGET.
11:51:18 >>Vice-Mayor Errington: ASK ANOTHER QUESTION ON THE GAS TAX
11:51:20 FUNDS.
11:51:21 WHY IS THE \$1 MILLION DECLINE FROM FISCAL YEAR 19-20 TO

11:51:27 20-21?
11:51:29 >>Lisa Roberson: THAT'S ACTUALLY JUST THE USE OF FUNDS.
11:51:32 THAT THE WAY THAT THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ARE

11:51:34 PROGRAMMED IN EACH FISCAL YEAR.
11:51:36 WHAT HAPPENS IS WE LOOK AT NOT ONLY WHAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE
11:51:39 AS WE GO OUT FIVE YEARS, WE LOOK PRIORITIES.
11:51:43 THAT JUST MEANS THAT WE ARE SPENDING ACCUMULATED PRIOR GAS
11:51:48 TAX, AND THEN WE'RE CONTINUING TO ACCUMULATE IT FOR FUTURE
11:51:51 PROJECTS.
11:51:51 SO THAT'S HOW IT WORKS.
11:51:53 THIS MAY SPEAK TO WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT EARLIER AND I
11:52:02 THINK AGAIN AS WE GO THROUGH, AS STAFF DEVELOPS THE LIST FOR
11:52:05 STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, INDIVIDUALS,
11:52:07 AND WE HAVE OUR STRATEGIC WORKSHOPS FOR OUR CAPITAL
11:52:09 IMPROVEMENT, THAT WILL HELP PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DATA.
11:52:13 BUT THESE ARE SECTIONS OF YOUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
11:52:15 THAT WE LOOKED AT EARLIER IN DETAIL AND IT'S IN YOUR PACKET
11:52:19 FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND THEREAFTER.
11:52:22 FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL PROJECT, WHAT I DID HERE ON THIS SLIDE
11:52:24 WAS JUST GIVE YOU THE PROJECTS THAT ARE FUNDED NEXT FISCAL
11:52:29 YEAR TO HIGHLIGHT THOSE FOR EVERYONE.
11:52:31 THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT ARE LISTED THERE, YOU SEE
11:52:34 THE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS LISTED, AND YOU SEE THE BUDGETED
11:52:39 TOTAL FOR EACH PROJECT, SO THAT'S THE TOTAL PROJECT, AND
11:52:42 THEN THE FUNDING SOURCE AND THE AMOUNT BUDGETED 19-20.

11:52:46 SO YOU CAN SEE ESTERO PARKWAY, THE GENERAL FUND PORTION, THE
11:52:50 GAS TAX PORTION, AND THE COUNTY'S PORTION.
11:52:53 AND AS WELL AS YOU GO ON DOWN THERE, YOU SEE THE PARK, THE
11:52:57 SCHOOL, THAT COULD WE THINK QUALIFY FOR ROAD IMPACT FEES.
11:53:01 THAT WOULD BE ALLOCATED THERE.
11:53:02 CORKSCREW ROAD WIDENING, THAT WOULD BE LEE COUNTY.
11:53:05 IT'S A LEE COUNTY PROJECT.
11:53:06 LEE COUNTY FUNDING.
11:53:15 >> ON THE ESTERO PARKWAY, I GUESS THE REASON WHY THE '19-20
11:53:19 BUDGET DOESN'T EQUAL THE TOTAL AMOUNT IS BECAUSE MONEY WAS
11:53:22 SPENT IN THE '18-19 BUDGET.
11:53:25 >>Lisa Roberson: UM-HUM.
11:53:27 THIS IS JUST THE SNAPSHOT FROM THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.
11:53:29 WE WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT FOR YOU.
11:53:30 AS WE WERE LOOKING AT EARLIER IN YOUR PACKET, YOU HAVE THE
11:53:33 WHOLE PROGRAM WHICH TAKES THAT \$9.3 MILLION AND SHOWS YOU
11:53:36 HOW IT'S GOING TO BE EXPENDED AND PROGRAMMED OUT IN THE
11:53:40 INDIVIDUAL YEARS.
11:53:41 MOST CAPITAL PROJECTS DO LAST LONGER THAN ONE FISCAL YEAR.
11:53:45 >> GOING BACK TO WHETHER A MR. LEVITAN BROUGHT UP EARLIER
11:53:47 ABOUT IDENTIFYING THESE, IF WE CONTINUE TO SHOW THEM -- THE
11:53:53 REVENUE SOURCE OR THE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE REVENUE SOURCE
11:53:56 AND THE REVENUE SOURCE, WE CONTINUE TO SHOW THEM ON THESE
11:54:00 THINGS, WOULD IT BE HELPFUL TO OTHERS TO SHOW THEM IN A
11:54:03 DIFFERENT-COLORED FONT OR A HIGHLIGHTED MECHANISM THAT ALL

11:54:07 THOSE ITEMS ARE JUST GOING THROUGH OURS, BUT IT'S NOT REALLY
11:54:11 REVENUE FROM US NOR EXPENDITURE FROM US?
11:54:13 >>Lisa Roberson: UM-HUM.
11:54:14 AND WE COULD CREATE -- WE COULD DO A SEPARATE CAPITAL
11:54:17 PROGRAM AS WELL, SECTION.
11:54:21 IN FACT, I THINK THAT'S A GREAT SUBJECT TO DISCUSS WHEN WE
11:54:24 HAVE OUR STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR OUR C.I.P., TALK ABOUT HOW
11:54:28 IT'S USEFUL.
11:54:30 BECAUSE YOU ALL WHO READ IT AND OTHER PEOPLE WHO LOOK AT IT
11:54:33 GIVE US FEEDBACK.
11:54:35 WE DO HAVE TO PRESENT SOME THINGS ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTING
11:54:38 STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES TO GET THE AWARD.
11:54:40 WE CAN ALSO DO SUPPLEMENTAL AND PRESENTATIONS AND SOMETHING
11:54:43 THAT IS DEFINITELY MORE USER FRIENDLY AND SOMETHING THAT IS
11:54:46 DEFINITELY EASIER TO FOLLOW.
11:54:50 >>Howard Levitan: USER FRIENDLY WOULD NOT BE A WORD I WOULD
11:54:54 USE TO DESCRIBE --
11:54:55 >>Lisa Roberson: AND FINANCE AS A WHOLE.
11:54:57 LOOKING AT YOUR TAX RETURN, LOOKING AT YOUR FINANCIAL
11:54:59 STATEMENTS, THEY ARE DRY.
11:55:01 THEY ARE NOT THAT INTERESTING.
11:55:03 ALL THOSE NUMBERS AND THAT DATA, IT CAN BE QUITE
11:55:08 OVERWHELMING.
11:55:11 >> IT'S INTERESTING LISTENING TO YOUR SOUTHERN DRAWL.
11:55:14 >> THANK YOU.

11:55:17 >> NO COMMENT.
11:55:18 >>Lisa Roberson: I TRY TO BE REAL CHEERY ABOUT IT.
11:55:20 BUT THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH I CAN DO.
11:55:23 JUST KIDDING.
11:55:24 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AGAIN, WITH THESE SLIDES
11:55:28 WE JUST TRIED TO HIGHLIGHT THE ONES THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE
11:55:30 ACTIVITY NEXT YEAR AND SHOW, AGAIN, THE TOTAL BUDGET, THE
11:55:33 FUNDING SOURCE AND THE AMOUNT FOR NEXT YEAR.
11:55:39 AGAIN, YOU CAN SEE THE THIRD DOWN WOULD BE CORKSCREW, I-75
11:55:44 INTERCHANGE.
11:55:44 STATE OF FLORIDA HAS JURISDICTION OVER THAT ROAD, FUNDING
11:55:46 THAT, VERY EXCITED TO SEE THAT COMING ON.
11:55:51 NEXT WE'RE SHOWING THE BIKE/PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS.
11:55:56 LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AND THE PARKS AND RECS PROJECT.
11:56:00 THAT IS THE ESTERO ON THE RIVER.
11:56:02 YOU CAN SEE THE U.S. 41 MEDIAN LANDSCAPING.
11:56:04 THERE IS THE STATE'S GRANT THAT WE RECEIVED.
11:56:06 VERY EXCITED ABOUT THAT.
11:56:07 MATCHING IT WITH OUR GENERAL FUND MONEY.
11:56:11 AND THAT'S THE PRESENTATION, SO WE WANTED TO SEE IF YOU HAD
11:56:15 ANY QUESTIONS.

11:56:16 >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCIL, ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
11:56:23 >>Lisa Roberson: I WOULD LIKE TO SAY FOR STAFF, WE GREATLY
11:56:26 APPRECIATE YOU ALL GIVING US FEEDBACK, GIVING US INPUT,
11:56:30 LETTING US NOW HOW YOU WANT THE FORMAT AND SCHEDULE TO GO.

11:56:33 WE'RE EXCITED THAT YOU ALL ARE PASSIONATE AND WANT TO SPEND
11:56:37 MORE TIME ON THE DOCUMENTS.
11:56:38 >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, LISA.
11:56:39 GREAT JOB.
11:56:41 >> BECAUSE THIS IS A WORKSHOP, WE DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING.
11:56:43 >>Mayor Ribble: WE'RE ALL DONE.
11:56:44 ADJOURNED.
11:56:45 WORKSHOP ADJOURNED.
11:56:47 SEE EVERYBODY ON THE 24th.

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