

THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019  
5:30 P.M.

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5:30:06PM >>Mayor Ribble: GOOD EVENING.  
5:30:08PM I WANT TO CALL THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2019, TO ORDER.  
5:30:12PM THIS IS OUR SECOND EVENING MEETING THIS YEAR.  
5:30:15PM AND WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO PASTOR MARK  
5:30:18PM GOODMAN FROM THE CHRIST COMMUNITY MINISTRIES CHURCH FOR OUR  
5:30:22PM INVOCATION.  
5:30:24PM >> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, FOR INVITING ME TO PRAY FOR YOU  
5:30:28PM TONIGHT.  
5:30:29PM LET'S PRAY.  
5:30:29PM FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THE GOODNESS THAT YOU'VE SHOWN TO  
5:30:33PM US, THAT WE ARE SO PRIVILEGED TO LIVE IN SUCH A PLACE AS  
5:30:37PM ESTERO, JUST A BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE, LORD, THAT YOU HAVE  
5:30:40PM BLESSED, LORD.  
5:30:41PM AND WE JUST ASK FOR WISDOM AND GUIDANCE FOR THESE, THE MAYOR  
5:30:46PM AND HIS COUNCIL, STAFF, LAWYERS, EVERYONE THAT'S INVOLVED  
5:30:49PM WITH MAKING DECISIONS THAT HAVE VITAL IMPORTANCE AND IMPACT  
5:30:54PM TO OUR COMMUNITY.

5:30:55PM WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD JUST IMMENSELY BLESS THIS LEADERSHIP  
5:31:00PM TEAM.  
5:31:00PM THOUGH WE PRAY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN DEVASTATED BY RECENT  
5:31:04PM STORMS.  
5:31:04PM WE PRAY, LORD, THAT THE RECOVERY EFFORTS AND THE EFFORTS TO  
5:31:07PM PROVIDE FOOD AND WATER AND ESSENTIALS WOULD JUST BE  
5:31:11PM SUCCESSFUL.  
5:31:12PM WE PRAY, LORD, THAT THE REST OF THE STORMS THAT ARE OUT  
5:31:14PM THERE, LORD, CONTINUE THE PATH AWAY FROM CIVILIZATION.  
5:31:18PM LORD, WE PRAY FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND WE PRAY FOR MEN  
5:31:22PM AND WOMEN WHO ARE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY RIGHT NOW WHO MAY  
5:31:24PM EVEN BE IN HARM'S WAY.  
5:31:26PM LET YOUR HAND OF PROTECTION BE UPON THEM.  
5:31:28PM WE THANK YOU FOR ALL THESE THINGS.  
5:31:29PM IN JESUS' NAME.  
5:31:31PM AMEN.  
5:31:36PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, PASTOR.  
5:31:37PM PLEASE JOIN ME IN PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

5:31:39PM [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]  
5:31:51PM >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.  
5:31:58PM I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE TO SILENCE THEIR CELL  
5:32:00PM PHONES, PLEASE.  
5:32:01PM I KNOW WE HAVE A LARGE GROUP HERE TONIGHT.  
5:32:03PM I THINK SOME OF YOU FOLKS HAVE ALREADY SIGNED SPEAKER CARDS,  
5:32:06PM BUT TO KEEP THE PROCESS MOVING, IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT  
  
5:32:09PM SPEAKING TONIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR CLERK, KATHY HALL, THERE  
5:32:14PM ARE SPEAKER CARDS IN THE CORNER.  
5:32:16PM PLEASE FEEL FREE TO FILL ONE OUT.  
5:32:18PM YOU'LL BE ALLOWED THREE MINUTES TO GIVE YOUR POINT OF VIEW  
5:32:20PM ON WHATEVER TOPIC THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT.  
5:32:23PM MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.  
5:32:25PM >>Howard Levitan: HERE.  
5:32:27PM >>Jon McLain: HERE.  
5:32:29PM >>Jim Boesch: HERE.  
5:32:31PM >>Nick Batos: HERE.  
5:32:32PM >>Jim Wilson: HERE.  
5:32:34PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: HERE.  
5:32:35PM >>Mayor Ribble: HERE.  
5:32:36PM NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.  
5:32:40PM DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY DELETIONS, ADDITIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE  
5:32:43PM AGENDA?  
5:32:43PM HEARING NONE, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE?  
5:32:51PM MR. BATOS, SECONDED BY MR. WILSON.  
5:32:53PM PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.  
5:32:54PM >>Howard Levitan: AYE.  
5:32:56PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.  
5:32:58PM >>Jim Boesch: AYE.  
5:32:59PM >>Nick Batos: AYE.  
5:33:00PM >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
5:33:02PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.  
  
5:33:02PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.  
5:33:04PM OKAY.  
5:33:06PM NEXT, MOST IMPORTANTLY ON THE CENSUS, WE HAVE A SPEAKER, DON  
5:33:12PM RADCLIFF, THE RECRUITING MANAGER FROM FT. MYERS, WITH THE  
5:33:16PM CONSENSUS, DON -- OKAY.  
5:33:25PM I'LL GET THOSE.  
5:33:26PM I WANT TO MAKE, BEFORE DON TALKS, I WAS AT A MEETING TODAY  
5:33:32PM WITH THE MPO, THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.  
5:33:35PM I WANT TO TEE UP HIS CONVERSATION HERE, BECAUSE IT'S VERY,  
5:33:38PM VERY, VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE GET AN ACCURATE CENSUS COUNT.  
5:33:43PM IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS THAT THE MPO PREDICTS TO  
5:33:45PM SUPPORT ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR ROADWAYS AND BRIDGES,  
5:33:48PM ALL THE MONEY WE GET FROM WASHINGTON GOES BACK TO THE  
5:33:52PM CENSUS.

5:33:53PM SO WE NEED TO HAVE THESE NUMBERS.  
5:33:55PM THE NUMBERS I SAW TODAY WERE BY 2045, THE POPULATION OF LEE  
5:33:59PM COUNTY IS GOING TO DOUBLE.  
5:34:00PM KEEP THAT IN MIND WHEN YOU GET ASKED ABOUT THE CENSUS.  
5:34:04PM WE CERTAINLY WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.  
5:34:06PM DON?  
5:34:07PM >>Don Radcliff: OKAY.  
5:34:08PM I CAN SIT DOWN NOW.  
5:34:10PM [ LAUGHTER ]  
5:34:10PM MY NAME IS DON RADCLIFF.  
5:34:17PM MAYBE MORE IMPORTANT IS I'M A RESIDENT OF ESTERO.

5:34:20PM THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME.  
5:34:25PM THE QUESTION I GET ASKED EVERY SINGLE DAY IS WHAT IS THE  
5:34:30PM CENSUS?  
5:34:31PM THAT'S KIND OF SCARY, ISN'T IT, THAT WE HAVE A NUMBER OF  
5:34:36PM RESIDENTS THAT DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT IT'S JUST A COUNTING OF  
5:34:41PM PEOPLE AND THAT WE WANT TO COUNT EVERYBODY ONCE AND IN THE  
5:34:45PM RIGHT PLACE.  
5:34:46PM TO YOUR POINT ABOUT WHAT'S AT STAKE HERE, THE FEDERAL  
5:34:49PM GOVERNMENT WILL ALLOCATE \$675 BILLION TO THE STATES AFTER  
5:34:59PM THE CENSUS IS OVER.  
5:35:00PM SO IF YOU START FACTORING THAT DOWN TO ESTERO, THE CENSUS IN  
5:35:08PM ESTERO, THE LAST POPULATION ESTIMATE, INTO 2017, WAS 33,000.  
5:35:16PM AND LAST YEAR, THEY PROJECTED 38,000.  
5:35:20PM SO WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE WHEN WE DO THE CENSUS?  
5:35:26PM NOW, CENSUS DAY IS APRIL 1st, 2020.  
5:35:30PM ALL RIGHT?  
5:35:31PM DO YOU THINK THERE'S 38,000 PEOPLE HERE ON APRIL 1st?  
5:35:38PM PROBABLY NOT.  
5:35:39PM PROBABLY A LOT MORE THAN THAT.  
5:35:41PM IF YOU'LL GIVE ME SOME LEEWAY HERE.  
5:35:45PM JUST THAT 33,000 MEANS 48 MILLION FOR US.  
5:35:50PM IF IT'S 38,000 PEOPLE, 55 MILLION FOR US.  
5:35:55PM I PICK THE NUMBER.  
5:35:56PM I PICKED 50,000, AND THAT'S \$72.5 MILLION.  
5:36:02PM NOW, HERE'S THE ISSUE.

5:36:09PM WE HAVE PEOPLE MOVING HERE EVERY DAY.  
5:36:13PM 900 MOVE TO THE STATE EVERY DAY.  
5:36:16PM THAT 50,000 MAY BE OFF A LITTLE BIT, BUT IT'S NOT FAR.  
5:36:25PM SO IF WE ASSUME THAT 50,000 POPULATION, THE RESPONSE RATE  
5:36:34PM FOR THIS AREA IN 2010 WAS ABOUT 80%.  
5:36:39PM THAT MEANS ABOUT 80% OF THEIR PEOPLE HERE TURNED THEIR  
5:36:45PM CENSUS BACK IN.  
5:36:46PM OKAY.  
5:36:48PM SO IF WE USE THAT AS OUR BENCHMARK, OF COURSE, ESTERO DIDN'T  
5:36:54PM EXIST IN 2010.

5:36:56PM SO THIS IS OUR FIRST ONE, RIGHT?  
5:36:58PM 20% DIDN'T RETURN IT.  
5:37:03PM THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO GO OUT AND COUNT THEM.  
5:37:07PM IF WE DON'T COUNT THAT 20%, WE WALK AWAY FROM 1.5 MILLION --  
5:37:16PM OR \$14.5 MILLION.  
5:37:18PM THAT'S 14.5 MILLION PER YEAR FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS.  
5:37:26PM \$145 MILLION AT STAKE.  
5:37:31PM SO IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.  
5:37:35PM AND, OF COURSE, THAT'S WHAT'S FUNDING OUR HOSPITALS.  
5:37:41PM THAT'S WHAT FUNDS OUR FIRE DEPARTMENTS, ALL THAT.  
5:37:45PM SO THESE ARE THE TOP TEN FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.  
5:37:50PM MEDICAID, MEDICARE, HEAD START, HIGHWAYS.  
5:37:56PM THE NEXT ESTERO PARKWAY, WHATEVER THAT IS, ALL BEING FUNDED  
5:38:03PM RIGHT HERE.  
5:38:03PM SO IT AFFECTS EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM.

5:38:05PM THE CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE IS TO DO THE CENSUS EVERY TEN  
5:38:12PM YEARS.  
5:38:13PM IN DOING THAT, THEY ALLOCATE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE HOUSE  
5:38:20PM AND ALL THESE PROGRAMS.  
5:38:22PM IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WE  
5:38:26PM CURRENTLY HAVE 27 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE, IF WE DO A GOOD JOB  
5:38:35PM AT COUNTING, WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT WILL BE?  
5:38:38PM 29?  
5:38:39PM 30?  
5:38:40PM SOMETHING LIKE THAT.  
5:38:42PM MUCH MORE IMPACT, RIGHT?  
5:38:43PM SO PART OF THE PROBLEM IS PEOPLE GET AFRAID TO GIVE US THEIR  
5:38:51PM INFORMATION.  
5:38:53PM SO LET ME TALK ABOUT PRIVACY JUST A SECOND.  
5:38:58PM IN TERMS OF PRIVACY, TITLE 13 SAYS PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING  
5:39:03PM THEY DISCLOSE IS CONFIDENTIAL, AND IT'S NEVER PUBLISHED.  
5:39:09PM WE CAN'T TELL ANYBODY THESE THINGS.  
5:39:13PM IN TERMS OF HOW IT'S USED, IT CAN NEVER BE USED AGAINST THE  
5:39:19PM INDIVIDUAL.  
5:39:20PM WE CAN'T GIVE IT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.  
5:39:22PM WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITH IT.  
5:39:26PM IN FACT, CENSUS WORKERS ARE BOUND FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIFE  
5:39:32PM ONCE WE COLLECT THE DATA, IF WE WERE TO DISCLOSE IT, IT'S A  
5:39:38PM \$250,000 PENALTY AND UP TO TEN YEARS -- FIVE YEARS IN  
5:39:42PM PRISON.

5:39:42PM SO A LOT RIDING ON US KEEPING IT CONFIDENTIAL.  
5:39:50PM WHAT I WOULD HOPE FOR AND ASK FOR, WE NEED HELP RECRUITING.  
5:39:57PM I THINK WE HAVE THREE GATED COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE ENOUGH  
5:40:05PM WORKERS THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO SEND SOMEBODY ELSE IN THERE.  
5:40:11PM WE HAVE ESTERO RIVER.  
5:40:18PM WE HAVE GRANDEZZA, STONEYBROOK, WILDCAT, BELLA TERRA THAT WE

5:40:28PM HAVE ENOUGH.  
5:40:30PM EVERY PLACE ELSE WE DON'T.  
5:40:32PM IF YOU CAN HELP US IN ANY WAY INFLUENCE THE LEADERS OF THOSE  
5:40:38PM COMMUNITIES, THAT WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE TO US.  
5:40:42PM THE OTHER THING THAT WE WOULD ASK YOU FOR IS TO FORM A  
5:40:47PM COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE, AND WE HAVE MICHELLE HERE TO TALK  
5:40:52PM ABOUT THAT.  
5:40:58PM >>Michelle Malsbury: GOOD AFTERNOON.  
5:40:59PM MY NAME IS MICHELLE MALSURY WITH NEWS CENSUS BUREAU.  
5:41:03PM I'M A PARTNERSHIP SPECIALIST FROM LEE AND COLLIER COUNTIES.  
5:41:06PM THERE ARE A COUPLE OF LITTLE THINGS I WANT TO CLEAR UP  
5:41:08PM BECAUSE I DON'T WANT YOU TO GO BACK AND SPEAK TO ANY OF MY  
5:41:12PM SUPERIORS AND HAVE A LITTLE BIT ERRONEOUS INFORMATION.  
5:41:17PM FIRST OF ALL, THE \$675 MILLION IS NATIONWIDE.  
5:41:21PM IT'S NOT JUST FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.  
5:41:25PM WITHOUT A COMPLETE COUNT, WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH WOULD AT  
5:41:29PM LEAST COME TO YOUR COMMUNITY.  
5:41:31PM IN 2000, LEE COUNTY HAD A RESPONSE RATE OF 73%.  
5:41:42PM SORRY.

5:41:42PM 63%.  
5:41:43PM OR 68%.  
5:41:45PM AND IN 2010.  
5:41:47PM IT WAS 72 OR 73 PERCENT.  
5:41:51PM CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN 80%.  
5:41:53PM THAT'S NOT REALLY AN ANOMALY.  
5:41:55PM THE ENTIRE WEST COAST OF FLORIDA WAS SOMEWHERE IN THAT SAME  
5:41:59PM RANGE.  
5:41:59PM HOWEVER, WE'D LIKE TO SEE YOU GET AT LEAST 10% MORE, BUT I  
5:42:04PM ALSO WANT TO TELL YOU OUR SUPER STARS FOR THE STATE HAPPEN  
5:42:07PM TO BE MONROE COUNTY.  
5:42:08PM IN 2010, THEY HAD A RESPONSE RATE OF 95%.  
5:42:12PM SO LET'S SEE IF WE CAN'T DO THAT.  
5:42:14PM MY POSITION HERE TODAY IS TO REACH OUT TO YOU TO FORM THE  
5:42:20PM COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE.  
5:42:22PM ALL OF YOU ARE THE TRUSTED VOICES IN YOUR COMMUNITY.  
5:42:26PM WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DO IS HAVE YOU PARTNER WITH ORGANIZATIONS,  
5:42:29PM WHETHER THEY ARE FAITH BASED, NOT FOR PROFITS, WHATEVER YOU  
5:42:33PM CAN THINK OF THAT WILL HELP US ENSURE THAT YOU GET A BETTER  
5:42:37PM COUNT.  
5:42:38PM ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS ANY OF YOU MIGHT HAVE?  
5:42:40PM YES, SIR.  
5:42:46PM >> FIRST OF ALL, LIKE TO GO BACK TO THE 14.5 MILLION.  
5:42:51PM WHERE DOES THAT GO?  
5:42:52PM HOW IS THAT SPENT?

5:42:56PM >>Michelle Malsbury: WELL, I DON'T WANT TO USE THAT NUMBER,  
5:42:58PM PER SE, BECAUSE I DON'T REALLY KNOW THAT THAT WOULD EQUATE.

5:43:02PM I THINK DON BASED IT ON THE 675 MILLION FOR THE STATE OF  
5:43:06PM FLORIDA.  
5:43:09PM >> [INAUDIBLE]  
5:43:17PM >>Michelle Malsbury: IT GOES THROUGH THE STATE FIRST, AND  
5:43:19PM THE STATE TRICKLES IT DOWN TO THE COUNTIES BASED ON THE  
5:43:22PM COUNT.  
5:43:25PM >> THE STATE GIVES IT TO THE COUNTY?  
5:43:29PM >>Michelle Malsbury: YES, SIR.  
5:43:36PM >> IS THAT A --  
5:43:39PM >>Michelle Malsbury: DEPENDS ON HOW MANY PEOPLE WE COUNT.  
5:43:48PM >>Jim Boesch: DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE MUNICIPALITIES WOULD  
5:43:51PM GET THAT MUCH DIVIDED BY -- [INAUDIBLE]  
5:44:00PM >> [NOT SPEAKING INTO A MICROPHONE]  
5:44:01PM [NOT SPEAKING INTO A MICROPHONE]  
5:44:27PM >> THE FEDERAL PROGRAMS I WAS TALKING ABOUT EARLIER, FOR  
5:44:30PM EXAMPLE, THAT'S JUST ONE OF MANY.  
5:44:31PM BUT THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF MONEY, BUCKETS OF MONEY AVAILABLE  
5:44:34PM OUT THERE.  
5:44:34PM MPO IS ONE I'M FAMILIAR WITH, BECAUSE WE TALKED ABOUT THIS  
5:44:37PM TODAY AT THE MEETING.  
5:44:38PM BUT ALL THAT MONEY GOES, DEPENDING ON THE CENSUS, WHEN YOU  
5:44:42PM ADD UP ALL THESE FOLKS THAT ARE GOING TO BE IN LEE COUNTY,  
5:44:46PM THAT FUNDS OUR ROADS AND BRIDGES AND EVERYTHING ELSE.

5:44:49PM SO WE NEED A GOOD COUNT, JUST FOR THAT ONE BUCKET OF MONEY,  
5:44:53PM WHICH IS MPO.  
5:44:54PM >>Michelle Malsbury: SURE.  
5:45:00PM >>Don Radcliff: [NOT SPEAKING INTO A MICROPHONE]  
5:45:09PM >> [INAUDIBLE]  
5:45:28PM >>Don Radcliff: [NOT SPEAKING INTO A MICROPHONE]  
5:45:30PM IF WE MISS OUT ON THOSE PEOPLE --  
5:45:41PM >>Mayor Ribble: NO, BUT THE NUMBER, ON YOUR NUMBERS, YOU  
5:45:43PM SAID \$14.45 PER COUNT, CORRECT?  
5:45:48PM WHERE DO WE GET THE \$14.45?  
5:45:56PM THAT'S THE NUMBER I HEARD PER INDIVIDUAL, WHICH WOULD GIVE  
5:45:59PM US \$722,000.  
5:46:03PM >> 675 BILLION DIVIDED BY THE POPULATION THAT'S COUNTED IN  
5:46:06PM THE CENSUS.  
5:46:09PM >>Michelle Malsbury: YES, OF THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES.  
5:46:10PM THAT WOULD BE ALLOCATED EVERY YEAR, THAT IT SETS THE TONE IN  
5:46:16PM THE BUDGET FOR EVERYBODY FOR THE NEXT DECADE.  
5:46:21PM >>Jim Boesch: I JUST WANT THE RESIDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THAT  
5:46:23PM THIS IS THE WHOLE COUNTY --  
5:46:25PM >>Michelle Malsbury: YES.  
5:46:29PM >>Jim Boesch: BASICALLY, THE ACTUAL DOLLARS -- [INAUDIBLE]  
5:46:41PM >>Michelle Malsbury: ABSOLUTELY.  
5:46:42PM THAT'S CORRECT.  
5:46:42PM THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE WAS CLEAR TO EVERYBODY,

5:46:45PM

TOO.

5:46:45PM

>>Vice-Mayor Errington: HOW DO WE ENCOURAGE VOLUNTEERS TO PARTICIPATE?

5:46:47PM

>>Michelle Malsbury: WELL, I DO A LOT OF NOT FOR PROFIT.

5:46:49PM

I DO GOVERNMENT, AND I JUST DO REGULAR COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

5:46:52PM

I GO AND SET UP TABLES IN THE YMCAs.

5:46:57PM

I GO TO DIFFERENT FAIRS THAT COMMUNITIES HAVE AND SPEAK TO

5:47:02PM

THEM ABOUT THE CENSUS, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CENSUS AND

5:47:06PM

BEING COUNTED.

5:47:08PM

NOW, DON'S JOB IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT.

5:47:09PM

HE IS TRYING TO RECRUIT PEOPLE TO WORK FOR US TO HELP WITH

5:47:13PM

THE COUNT.

5:47:17PM

>>Vice-Mayor Errington: YES, BECAUSE, WITH THE CRITERIA

5:47:21PM

THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH IT, YOU DON'T WANT TO SCARE PEOPLE

5:47:25PM

OFF AND YET YOU WANT TO HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE HIGHLY -- FULL

5:47:29PM

OF INTEGRITY WHO WILL BE GOING OUT AND DOING THE CENSUS.

5:47:32PM

HOW DO WE WORK WITH THAT?

5:47:35PM

>>Mayor Ribble: WELL, I'LL ANSWER THAT ONE.

5:47:40PM

WE WANT TO KEEP THIS GOING.

5:47:42PM

IT ISN'T THAT HARD.

5:47:44PM

ABOUT SIX GATED COMMUNITIES.

5:47:45PM

ONE OF THEM WAS YOURS.

5:47:48PM

SO, OBVIOUSLY, YOU WENT TO THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND

5:47:49PM

SAID, WHO'S YOUR PRESIDENT?

5:47:52PM

BY THE WAY, WE HAVE A BUNCH OF THOSE FOLKS HERE TONIGHT, SO

5:47:53PM

THEY'LL HEAR THE MESSAGE.

5:47:57PM

5:47:58PM

I LIVE IN COLONY AT PELICAN LANDING.

5:48:02PM

THEY ARE TWO DIFFERENT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS.

5:48:02PM

SO I CAN GET WITH THOSE PEOPLE AND HAVE THEM CALL MICHELLE.

5:48:04PM

YOU WANT TO HEAR FROM THEM, RIGHT?

5:48:04PM

>>Michelle Malsbury: YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

5:48:05PM

>>Mayor Ribble: WE'LL GO BACK AND I'LL MAKE SURE THAT MY

5:48:06PM

COMMUNITY -- NICK BATOS LIVES IN THE BROOKS, HE CAN DO THE

5:48:09PM

SAME THING.

5:48:10PM

IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU ALREADY HAVE GRANDEZZA, SO FOR A CALL TO

5:48:13PM

ACTION, WE GET THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS INVOLVED IN THIS,

5:48:16PM

THEY'LL CARRY THE FREIGHT.

5:48:17PM

THEY ARE INFLUENTIAL LEADERS.

5:48:19PM

PEOPLE ELECT THEM.

5:48:19PM

SO THAT'S THE PROCESS THAT I WOULD SUGGEST WE USE, WHICH YOU

5:48:24PM

ALREADY STARTED.

5:48:30PM

>> IF YOU HAVE THE PEOPLE COME TO ME --

5:48:36PM

>> IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THESE ARE PAYING

5:48:39PM

POSITIONS.

5:48:40PM

THE WORD "VOLUNTEER" OFTEN IMPLIES THAT I'M VOLUNTEERING MY

5:48:46PM

TIME AND OTHER THAN THE GOOD EFFORTS --

5:48:51PM >> THE COUNT COMMITTEE IT'S A VOLUNTARY THING.  
5:48:53PM IF THEY WORK FOR THE CENSUS --  
5:48:55PM >> IF THEY ARE GOING DOOR TO DOOR TO DO THE FOLLOW-UP WORK  
5:48:59PM FOR THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T RETURN THE FORMS.  
5:49:01PM THAT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING FROM YOUR LAST PRESENTATION AT A  
  
5:49:03PM MEETING I WAS AT.  
5:49:05PM >>Don Radcliff: WE'LL START WORKING IN FEBRUARY AND GO ALL  
5:49:08PM THE WAY TO SEPTEMBER.  
5:49:09PM IT'S NOT A TEN-MINUTE JOB.  
5:49:11PM IT CAN BE SEVERAL WEEKS OF WORK.  
5:49:15PM A GREAT WAY FOR PEOPLE --  
5:49:18PM >> IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WHAT YOU WANT US AS A COUNCIL  
5:49:20PM TO DO IS CREATE THE COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE AND CALL  
5:49:25PM ATTENTION TO WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT AND THEN TO ACTUALLY --  
5:49:29PM THEN WE'LL HAVE PAID VOLUNTEERS -- PAID PEOPLE GO DOOR TO  
5:49:34PM DOOR AFTER -- IF I DON'T RETURN THE FORM THAT YOU MAIL TO  
5:49:38PM ME, SOMEBODY IS GOING TO COME AND KNOCK ON MY DOOR AND SAY,  
5:49:42PM DO YOU LIVE HERE?  
5:49:43PM >>Michelle Malsbury: JUST SO YOU KNOW, THE COMPLETE COUNT  
5:49:46PM COMMITTEE, IT'S A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INFLUENTIAL IN THE  
5:49:49PM COMMUNITY WHO WILL HELP GET THE MESSAGE OUT.  
5:49:52PM AND, YES, IT IS A PRO BONO POSITION, BUT IT'S VERY  
5:49:55PM MEANINGFUL FOR EVERYBODY WHO LIVES IN ALL OF THOSE  
5:49:59PM COMMUNITIES OR ATTENDS ANY OF THOSE NOT FOR PROFITS OR  
5:50:04PM CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS OR WHAT HAVE YOU.  
5:50:06PM >>Mayor Ribble: NICK, DID YOU WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT?  
5:50:09PM >>Nick Batos: JUST SO I UNDERSTAND.  
5:50:11PM IF I HAVE SAY A THOUSAND DOOR BELLS AND THE IDEA IS FOR US  
5:50:16PM TO GET TWO, THREE, FOUR, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE, THAT  
5:50:19PM WOULD BE THE COMPLETE COMMITTEE FOR THAT COMMUNITY, AND IF  
  
5:50:22PM YOU DIDN'T GET PEOPLE THAT SENT IT BACK FROM THAT COMMUNITY,  
5:50:26PM YOU'D GIVE THEM THE NAMES AND THEY'D HAVE TO GO TO THE DOORS  
5:50:29PM THERE AND COLLECT THEM?  
5:50:30PM >>Michelle Malsbury: NO.  
5:50:31PM SORRY, NO.  
5:50:37PM WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS IN MARCH OF 2020, THE POSTCARDS  
5:50:41PM WILL BE SENT OUT TO EVERY ADDRESS IN THE COUNTY.  
5:50:45PM IF THE PEOPLE HAVE NOT RESPONDED BY APRIL THE 1st, THEN  
5:50:49PM SOMETIME IN AUGUST OF 2020, PEOPLE WILL BE GOING DOOR TO  
5:50:53PM DOOR, OUR PEOPLE.  
5:50:53PM THE SAME PEOPLE WHO -- YES.  
5:50:58PM OUR PEOPLE.  
5:50:58PM BECAUSE WE'LL ONLY ACCEPT THE COUNT FROM OUR OWN PEOPLE.  
5:51:03PM >> WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES?  
5:51:06PM >> IN YOUR COMMUNITIES, WE WANT TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT WHY  
5:51:09PM THEY SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE CENSUS.

5:51:11PM WHY IT'S IMPORTANT AND HOW IT CAN HELP THEM AND HELP YOUR  
5:51:13PM COMMUNITY.  
5:51:14PM >>Jim Boesch: LET THEM KNOW THERE IS GOING TO BE --  
5:51:16PM >>Michelle Malsbury: ABSOLUTELY.  
5:51:17PM AND IT ONLY HAPPENS EVERY TEN YEARS.  
5:51:19PM IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE NEXT DECADE.  
5:51:21PM >>Howard Levitan: THEY GO BACK IN AUGUST, THEY ARE NOT GOING  
5:51:26PM TO FIND ANYBODY THERE ANYWAY.  
5:51:27PM [ LAUGHTER ]

5:51:28PM >>Michelle Malsbury: IF NOT, THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO KNOCK ON  
5:51:30PM THE NEIGHBOR'S DOOR AND FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON.  
5:51:34PM >>Don Radcliff: I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONFUSION.  
5:51:35PM LET ME SEE IF I CAN ADDRESS IT.  
5:51:37PM THE COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE IS TRYING TO GET THE WORD OUT  
5:51:39PM TO PEOPLE BEFORE THE CENSUS COMES OUT TO HELP THEM  
5:51:42PM UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON.  
5:51:43PM WE NEED COMMUNITY LEADERS TO HELP US DO THAT.  
5:51:47PM OKAY?  
5:51:48PM IN TERMS OF WORKERS, THE WORKERS IN THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES  
5:51:55PM WILL WORK IN THEIR GATED COMMUNITIES KNOCKING ON DOORS.  
5:51:59PM IT'S TWO SEPARATE THINGS.  
5:52:03PM I'M LOOKING FOR WORKERS.  
5:52:06PM SHE'S LOOKING FOR HELP TO GET THE WORD OUT.  
5:52:09PM >>Nick Batos: DO YOU HAVE A CARD THAT YOU CAN DISTRIBUTE?  
5:52:12PM >>Michelle Malsbury: I HAVE IN THE PACKET.  
5:52:13PM THERE IS A BLUE PACKAGE IN THERE THAT I PUT OUT FOR  
5:52:17PM EVERYBODY THAT HAS EVERYTHING IN THERE FROM ME.  
5:52:19PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: YOU HAVE GIVEN ALL OF THIS  
5:52:22PM INFORMATION TO OUR NEWS REPORTER BACK THERE IN THE BACK?  
5:52:24PM >>Michelle Malsbury: NO, BUT I WILL BRING HER ONE IN.  
5:52:27PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: SHE NEEDS IT.  
5:52:29PM >>Michelle Malsbury: YES, NO PROBLEM.  
5:52:30PM ANYTHING ELSE?  
5:52:31PM >>Mayor Ribble: NO.

5:52:32PM THAT'S IT.  
5:52:32PM THANK YOU, MICHELLE.  
5:52:33PM APPRECIATE IT.  
5:52:34PM THANK YOU, DON.  
5:52:36PM MOVING RIGHT ALONG, NEXT IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA  
5:52:41PM ITEMS.  
5:52:43PM HAS ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS?  
5:52:47PM >>Kathleen Hall: I HAVE NO CARDS FILLED OUT FOR THIS ITEM.  
5:52:52PM >> I SIGNED UP.  
5:52:53PM >>Kathleen Hall: FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS.  
5:52:55PM >> CORRECT.  
5:52:56PM >>Kathleen Hall: I THINK WHEN WE SPOKE THIS AFTERNOON, YOU

5:52:59PM WANT TO TALK ON THE ESTERO PARKWAY.  
5:53:02PM >> [NOT SPEAKING INTO THE MICROPHONE]  
5:53:03PM >>Mayor Ribble: WE HAVE PLENTY OF CARDS.  
5:53:05PM WE DON'T CHARGE FOR CARDS.  
5:53:08PM ARE YOU GOING TO SPEAK NOW, SIR?  
5:53:12PM >>Kathleen Hall: ARE YOU JACK?  
5:53:14PM >> YES.  
5:53:19PM >>Kathleen Hall: I APOLOGIZE.  
5:53:25PM >> THANK YOU.  
5:53:26PM THE REASON I'M HERE, I THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF AN OVERSIGHT.  
5:53:30PM >>Mayor Ribble: STATE YOUR NAME.  
5:53:31PM >> JACK MEEKER.  
5:53:33PM I LIVE IN COPPERLEAF IN THE BROOKS.

5:53:35PM THE REASON I SAID IT'S AN OVERSIGHT, SIGNAGE FOR THE NEW  
5:53:41PM HOSPITAL AREA.  
5:53:42PM NOW, WE ALL WORKED HARD -- I'M LOOKING AROUND THIS ROOM AND  
5:53:47PM I SEE SOME VERY FAMILIAR FACES -- TO GET THIS EMERGENCY ROOM  
5:53:51PM DOWN THERE TO SERVE US IN ESTERO.  
5:53:55PM NOW, THE PROBLEM WE HAVE IS, IT'S HARD TO FIND.  
5:53:58PM NOW, IF YOU'RE COMING DOWN 41 AND YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY AND  
5:54:01PM YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE INSTITUTION, YOU CAN'T FIND IT.  
5:54:05PM YOU MAKE A TURN ONTO COCONUT ROAD.  
5:54:11PM YOU SEE THE NEW MARQUEE SIGN THAT THE CDD PAID FOR -- HAD  
5:54:16PM PUT IN.  
5:54:17PM WITH THE ADVISEMENT THAT THE HOSPITAL WOULD FOLLOW UP WITH A  
5:54:24PM NEW SIGN, AN ADDITIONAL SIGN DIRECTING PEOPLE WHERE TO GO.  
5:54:29PM NOW, THAT SIGN DOES NOT EXIST.  
5:54:31PM IF YOU COME FROM 41 AND GO UP COCONUT ROAD, YOU'RE LOOKING  
5:54:36PM FOR THE HOSPITAL.  
5:54:38PM YOU CAN'T FIND IT.  
5:54:39PM THERE'S NO SIGN DIRECTING YOU TO TURN RIGHT.  
5:54:41PM YOU HAVE A DRIVEWAY THAT GOES OFF TO THE LEFT, THAT GOES  
5:54:45PM OVER TO THE SHOPPING MALL.  
5:54:46PM THEN YOU CANNOT TO THE RAILROAD, AND THEN WHAT DO YOU DO?  
5:54:51PM THERE'S A TRAFFIC LIGHT.  
5:54:53PM YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO.  
5:54:55PM SOME PEOPLE WILL GO ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE INTERSECTION OF  
5:54:57PM THREE OAKS.

5:54:59PM NOW, ALL WE NEED IS A SIGN ON VIA COCONUT THAT SAYS  
5:55:03PM "EMERGENCY ROOM THIS WAY."  
5:55:04PM THAT'S ALL WE NEED.  
5:55:05PM I THINK IT'S AN OVERSIGHT AND I JUST WANT TO SAY IT FELL  
5:55:10PM THROUGH THE CRACKS.  
5:55:11PM I THINK THIS COUNCIL CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT AND I WISH  
5:55:14PM YOU WOULD.  
5:55:15PM THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

5:55:19PM >> I'LL BE HAPPY TO BRING IT UP WITH THE HOSPITAL AT A  
5:55:22PM MEETING ON MONDAY.  
5:55:23PM >> NO, SORRY, NICK.  
5:55:25PM IT'S UP TO YOU HERE TO DO IT.  
5:55:26PM NOT THE HOSPITAL.  
5:55:27PM THE CDD PUT THE MARQUEE IN.  
5:55:32PM WITH OUR PERMISSION ON THE CDD PROPERTY.  
5:55:35PM BUT THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW UP.  
5:55:39PM THE HOSPITAL NEVER FOLLOWED UP, AND YOU DIDN'T FOLLOW UP --  
5:55:44PM >>Nick Batos: ROAD SIGN SAYING HOSPITAL WITH AN ARROW ON IT.  
5:55:47PM I'LL BRING IT UP WITH THE STAFF AND FOLLOW UP ON IT, JACK.  
5:55:50PM >> WELL, I WOULD HOPE SO.  
5:55:53PM >>Nick Batos: I HOPE SO, TOO.  
5:55:55PM >> THANKS, NICK.  
5:55:56PM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.  
5:55:56PM THANK YOU, SIR.  
5:55:57PM IS THAT IT, KATHY?

5:56:01PM OKAY.  
5:56:03PM NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS OUR CONSENT AGENDA.  
5:56:06PM >> MOVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.  
5:56:08PM >>Mayor Ribble: SECOND?  
5:56:09PM OKAY.  
5:56:09PM SO MOVED.  
5:56:12PM NOBODY OBJECTED TO IT.  
5:56:23PM WE NOW OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RESOLUTION 2019-16,  
5:56:30PM WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION IN ITS ENTIRETY?  
5:56:35PM >>Kathleen Hall: RESOLUTION 2019-16, A RESOLUTION OF THE  
5:56:37PM VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY,  
5:56:40PM FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR  
5:56:43PM THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR  
5:56:46PM 2019-2020 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
5:56:49PM WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON  
5:56:52PM SEPTEMBER 18, 2019, ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR FINAL MILLAGE RATE  
5:56:55PM FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTES,  
5:56:57PM 200.065.  
5:57:00PM WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HELD A  
5:57:03PM PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTES 200.065.  
5:57:06PM AND WHEREAS, THE GROSS TAXABLE VALUE FOR OPERATING PURPOSES  
5:57:10PM NOT EXEMPT FROM TAXATION WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE  
5:57:13PM COUNTY, FLORIDA, HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE LEE COUNTY  
5:57:15PM PROPERTY APPRAISER TO THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO AS  
5:57:19PM \$6,819,225,265.

5:57:24PM NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE  
5:57:29PM VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, SECTION 1, FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020  
5:57:32PM FINAL AD VALOREM OPERATING MILLAGE RATE IS HEREBY ADOPTED AT  
5:57:35PM 0.7750 MILLS, WHICH IS GREATER THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF

5:57:39PM 0.7630 MILLS BY 1.57% AND A LEVY OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR SAID  
5:57:45PM YEAR IS MADE.  
5:57:45PM SECTION 2, THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE IS ESTABLISHED TO  
5:57:48PM PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET, AND  
5:57:52PM THE RESULTING INCREASE IN AD VALOREM TAX REVENUES IS  
5:57:55PM NECESSARY TO FUND VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, INTERSECTION  
5:57:58PM IMPROVEMENTS, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS,  
5:58:02PM LANDSCAPING AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS AND OTHER FUTURE  
5:58:04PM PROJECTS.  
5:58:05PM THE RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION,  
5:58:09PM ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO,  
5:58:11PM FLORIDA, THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019, AND THE TIME  
5:58:15PM ADOPTED WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD.  
5:58:17PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, KATHY.  
5:58:20PM MR. SARKOZY, DO YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE THIS AGENDA ITEM?  
5:58:24PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL THIS  
5:58:26PM ACTION BEFORE YOU ESTABLISHES THE TAX RATE FOR THE COMING  
5:58:30PM 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR.  
5:58:31PM AS IS OUR PRACTICE, WE KEPT OUR TAX RATE THE SAME AS WE'VE  
5:58:39PM GONE THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS, AND THIS IS THE LAST STEP  
5:58:43PM BEFORE WE ACTUALLY GET TO THE FINAL ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET.

5:58:46PM AS WE'VE DONE IN THE PAST, WE'VE LOOKED SERIOUSLY AT OUR  
5:58:50PM BUDGET, AND WE'RE COMING TO YOU WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT  
5:58:53PM WE AGAIN DROP OUR TAX RATE A SMALL AMOUNT, BUT NONETHELESS,  
5:58:57PM A DROP, TO .7726.  
5:59:01PM THIS IS A QUARTER OF A CENT DROP.  
5:59:03PM THIS IS THE FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW THAT WE'VE DROPPED OUR TAX  
5:59:06PM RATE.  
5:59:07PM AND I'M PLEASED TO REPORT THAT WE ARE -- WE BELIEVE THAT WE  
5:59:10PM ARE THE LOWEST TAX RATE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.  
5:59:14PM WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THIS PROVIDES A DIVIDEND TO THOSE  
5:59:21PM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
5:59:24PM THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, BELIEVING THAT WE COULD BE EVER MORE  
5:59:30PM FINANCIALLY PRUDENT IN THE HANDLING OF OUR BUDGETS.  
5:59:35PM SO COMING FORWARD IS A REDUCTION TO 7726.  
5:59:43PM >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCIL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?  
5:59:45PM NONE.  
5:59:45PM NOW WE'LL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS.  
5:59:48PM HAS ANYONE SIGNED UP FOR THIS ONE?  
5:59:50PM >>Kathleen Hall: I HAVE NO ONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS  
5:59:52PM ITEM.  
5:59:54PM >>Jim Boesch: I MAKE A MOTION --  
5:59:58PM >> 7726 IS THE FIGURE.  
6:00:00PM >> .7726.  
6:00:03PM >>Mayor Ribble: JIM, IS THAT YOUR MOTION?  
6:00:05PM >>Jim Boesch: YES, THAT'S MY MOTION.

6:00:08PM >>Mayor Ribble: AND A SECOND BY HOWARD.  
6:00:09PM MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?  
6:00:12PM >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
6:00:14PM >>Nick Batos: AYE.  
6:00:14PM >>Jim Boesch: AYE.  
6:00:15PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.  
6:00:18PM >>Howard Levitan: AYE.  
6:00:19PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.  
6:00:20PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.  
6:00:21PM MOVING IT DOWN EVERY YEAR.  
6:00:27PM GOING THE RIGHT WAY WITH THE TAX.  
6:00:28PM I'LL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING RESOLUTION 2019-17.  
6:00:36PM WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION IN ITS ENTIRETY.  
6:00:40PM >>Kathleen Hall: A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE  
6:00:44PM VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL  
6:00:47PM BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
6:00:50PM DATE.  
6:00:51PM WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HELD A  
6:00:54PM PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065.  
6:00:57PM AND WHEREAS THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SET  
6:00:59PM FORTH THE APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE ESTIMATE FOR THE BUDGET  
6:01:01PM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AS FOLLOWS:  
6:01:03PM EXPENDITURES, GENERAL FUND, 5,596,670.  
6:01:07PM SPECIAL REVENUE, 1,138,830.  
6:01:11PM DEBT SERVICE, 1,415,800.  
  
6:01:14PM CAPITAL PROJECTS, 12,258,160.  
6:01:20PM TOTAL ALL FUNDS, 20,409,460.  
6:01:23PM NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE  
6:01:27PM VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA:  
6:01:28PM SECTION 1, FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 FINAL BUDGET IS HEREBY  
6:01:31PM ADOPTED.  
6:01:32PM SECTION 2, THE RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON  
6:01:35PM ADOPTION.  
6:01:36PM ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO,  
6:01:39PM THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019, AND THE TIME ADOPTED  
6:01:42PM WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD.  
6:01:44PM >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.  
6:01:47PM MR. SARKOZY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS ITEM?  
6:01:49PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.  
6:01:51PM AGAIN, THE BUDGET THAT'S BEFORE YOU IS THE FINAL STEP IN THE  
6:01:53PM TOTAL PROCESS.  
6:01:54PM WE STARTED THIS BACK IN ABOUT MAY OF THIS YEAR.  
6:01:59PM WE'VE HAD EXTENSIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ALSO A NUMBER OF  
6:02:02PM WORKSHOPS REGARDING ELEMENTS OF THE BUDGET.  
6:02:05PM AS YOU ADOPT THIS BUDGET, IT'S UNDERSTOOD THAT WE'LL HAVE  
6:02:11PM ANOTHER MAJOR WORKSHOP REGARDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
6:02:13PM PROGRAM, PROBABLY SOMETIME IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF NEXT

6:02:16PM YEAR, BUT GETTING INTO THE FUTURE MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AS  
6:02:22PM EARLY AS POSSIBLE AS WE PREPARE FOR THE NEXT BUDGET.  
6:02:24PM THIS BUDGET IS, OF COURSE, BALANCED.

6:02:28PM AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE'RE LOWERING OUR TAXES, WE FEEL  
6:02:31PM THAT WE'RE IN A VERY HEALTHY POSITION.  
6:02:34PM WE WILL HAVE HERE APPROXIMATELY 12 MONTHS OF OPERATING  
6:02:38PM RESERVES, WHICH IS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT.  
6:02:41PM WE PURCHASED PROPERTY LAST YEAR FOR 24.5 MILLION, AND WE  
6:02:45PM HAVE A 20-YEAR PAYOFF ON THAT, BUT WE'RE ALREADY PUTTING  
6:02:49PM MONEY ASIDE FOR THE EARLY DEBT RETIREMENT OF THOSE FUNDS SO  
6:02:55PM THAT THAT DOES NOT BECOME A LONG-TERM DRAW ON THE COMMUNITY.  
6:02:58PM CONSISTENT WITH OUR BUDGET AND OUR CHARTER, WE HAVE NO  
6:03:04PM PENSION OBLIGATIONS AND VERY IMPORTANTLY, AS WE DO PROJECTS,  
6:03:09PM ALL OF OUR PROJECTS ARE PAY AS YOU GO SO WE DON'T NEED TO  
6:03:13PM INCUR ANY DEBT OR ANY FUTURE FINANCIAL OBLIGATION AS WE  
6:03:19PM PROCEED WITH PROJECTS.  
6:03:20PM AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT, AS WE BUILD PROJECTS, WE -- AT THE  
6:03:26PM TIME OF CONSTRUCTION WE PUT ESTIMATED MAINTENANCE COSTS INTO  
6:03:30PM SEPARATE FUNDS TO FULLY FUND THE MAINTENANCE OF PROJECTS IN  
6:03:34PM PERPETUITY.  
6:03:34PM THIS YEAR IS A MAJOR MOVE FORWARD WITH SOME MAJOR PROJECTS  
6:03:44PM COMING TO FRUITION.  
6:03:46PM FIRST, THE BIGGEST TRANSPORTATION PROJECT THAT WE HAVE AND  
6:03:49PM THE BIGGEST TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE INVOLVES  
6:03:55PM CORKSCREW ROAD AT I-75.  
6:03:58PM WE'VE WORKED HARD TO GARNER THE SUPPORT OF F.D.O.T. IN DOING  
6:04:02PM THAT PROJECT.  
6:04:05PM THAT WILL START, WE THINK, IN NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR, AND IT

6:04:08PM WILL BE ABOUT A 7 OR 8 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT TO ADD DUAL  
6:04:13PM TURN LANES FROM CORKSCREW ONTO THE FREEWAY, THEREBY REDUCING  
6:04:17PM THE QUEUES ON THOSE LANES IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON PEAK.  
6:04:25PM AS OF OCTOBER 1, WE'LL BE STARTING THE MEDIAN LANDSCAPING  
6:04:29PM PROJECT ON U.S. 41 WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING THE ENTIRE  
6:04:34PM MEDIAN, UPGRADING THE LANDSCAPING THERE FROM THE NORTH EDGE  
6:04:38PM OF ESTERO ALL THE WAY TO OUR SOUTHERN BOUNDARY.  
6:04:41PM AND THEN, OF COURSE, PRESUMING THE COUNCIL APPROVES A  
6:04:45PM PROJECT LATER ON TODAY, WE'LL BE STARTING ESTERO PARKWAY.  
6:04:48PM SO WE'RE TACKLING THE LARGEST PROJECTS THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED  
6:04:54PM FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS ALL IN ONE YEAR.  
6:04:56PM IT'S GOING TO BE AN INTERESTING SEASON.  
6:04:58PM WE'RE MAINTAINING THE PRINCIPLES IN OUR BUDGET, AND THIS IS  
6:05:06PM VERY MUCH A PRINCIPLE-CENTERED APPROACH.  
6:05:09PM WE HAVE A VERY LOW STAFF RATIO.  
6:05:12PM WE HAVE TEN STAFF OVERALL, AND WE MANAGE THE PROVISION OF  
6:05:16PM SERVICES THROUGH THE USE OF CONTRACTS.  
6:05:19PM WE ALSO HIRE PEOPLE ON CONTRACT BASIS.

6:05:23PM IT ALLOWS US TO EBB AND FLOW THE NUMBER OF STAFF WITH THE  
6:05:28PM WORK REQUIREMENTS BUT AVOID SOME OF THE LONG-TERM STAFF  
6:05:32PM COSTS.  
6:05:32PM WE ALSO, WHEN WE DO PROJECTS, WE DO THE PROJECTS BASED ON  
6:05:40PM THE MAJOR STUDIES OR MASTER PLANS THAT WE PERFORMED PRIOR TO  
6:05:44PM THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS.  
6:05:46PM SO WE'RE NOT ALLOCATING FUNDS WILLY-NILLY, BUT IT'S BASED ON  
  
6:05:49PM A VERY PROFESSIONAL APPROACH UTILIZING INTERNAL AND OUTSIDE  
6:05:54PM EXPERTS TO IDENTIFY WHAT PROJECTS ARE NEEDED.  
6:05:59PM SO FAR, WE'VE BEEN INTO THE COMP PLAN LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE,  
6:06:04PM THE STORMWATER MASTER PLAN, THE ROAD MASTER PLANS AND VERY  
6:06:09PM QUICKLY NOW WE'LL BE RESOLVING THE PARKS AND RECREATION  
6:06:12PM MASTER PLAN, THE BIKE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS MASTER PLAN, AND  
6:06:15PM ALSO THE BRANDING STUDY.  
6:06:17PM EACH OF THOSE WILL INCOME THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS BY THE  
6:06:21PM COUNCIL FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO IMPORTANT PROJECTS.  
6:06:27PM WE HAVE A VERY BRIGHT OUTLOOK.  
6:06:31PM THE SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO BE BUILDING BOTH AN ELEMENTARY  
6:06:33PM SCHOOL AND A MIDDLE SCHOOL IN ESTERO RIGHT NEAR THE HIGH  
6:06:37PM SCHOOL, PROBABLY PROCEEDING HERE -- THEY WILL BE PROCEEDING  
6:06:41PM WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.  
6:06:42PM OUR SCHOOLS ARE VERY HIGHLY RATED WHEN COMPARED TO ALL OF  
6:06:48PM THE SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.  
6:06:50PM AND WE ALSO ENJOY A VERY HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT AGENDA WITH A  
6:06:56PM NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.  
6:06:59PM AND, OF COURSE, THE BIG NEWS OVER THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN THE  
6:07:03PM ANNOUNCEMENT OF TWO MAJOR HOSPITALS LAUNCHING HERE IN  
6:07:08PM ESTERO.  
6:07:09PM THAT IS HUGE AND SPEAKS WELL FOR OUR LONG-TERM FINANCIAL  
6:07:16PM VIABILITY.  
6:07:17PM SO WE'RE COMING TO YOU WITH A BUDGET HERE THAT HAS BEEN  
6:07:21PM FULLY VETTED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY.  
  
6:07:23PM IT'S CONSISTENT WITH OUR APPROACH TO BE FISCALLY  
6:07:25PM CONSERVATIVE, LOWERING THE TAX RATE AGAIN.  
6:07:28PM THE LOWEST TAX RATE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.  
6:07:30PM 12 MONTHS OF OPERATING RESERVES, THE LARGEST RESERVES, WE  
6:07:35PM THINK, PER CAPITA IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.  
6:07:41PM ADVANCED MONEY SET ASIDE FOR DEBT PREPAYMENTS AND ALL OF OUR  
6:07:43PM PROJECTS, PAY AS YOU GO WITH MAINTENANCE COSTS FULLY FUNDED  
6:07:48PM AT THE INCEPTION OF EVERY PROJECT.  
6:07:50PM SO WE SUBMIT THIS BUDGET TO YOU WITH A SUGGESTION --  
6:07:55PM RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL.  
6:07:57PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY COUNCIL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?  
6:07:58PM HEARING NONE, HOW ABOUT PUBLIC COMMENTS?  
6:08:03PM >>Kathleen Hall: I HAVE NO ONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS.  
6:08:05PM >>Mayor Ribble: I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

6:08:06PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: SO MOVED.  
6:08:09PM >>Mayor Ribble: NICK BATOS, SECONDED BY KATY.  
6:08:11PM YOUR MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET, I TAKE IT?  
6:08:17PM >> APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.  
6:08:20PM >>Mayor Ribble: I WAS MAKING SURE WHAT OUR MOTION IS.  
6:08:22PM PEOPLE ARE KIND OF SHY UP HERE.  
6:08:23PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: READ THE MOTION BACK.  
6:08:29PM >>Kathleen Hall: IT'S TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2019-17, APPROVING  
6:08:33PM THE BUDGET FOR 2019-2020.  
6:08:35PM >>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.  
6:08:39PM >>Howard Levitan: AYE.

6:08:41PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.  
6:08:42PM >>Jim Boesch: AYE.  
6:08:44PM >>Nick Batos: AYE.  
6:08:45PM >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
6:08:48PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.  
6:08:49PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.  
6:08:50PM THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS RESOLUTION 2019-18, RELATED  
6:08:54PM TO COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2020.  
6:08:56PM WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION?  
6:09:00PM >>Kathleen Hall: RESOLUTION 2019-18, A RESOLUTION OF THE  
6:09:03PM VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY,  
6:09:05PM FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION FOR  
6:09:08PM MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO COUNCIL FOR 2020 AND  
6:09:10PM PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
6:09:12PM >>Mayor Ribble: MR. SARKOZY?  
6:09:14PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, AT  
6:09:16PM THE TIME OF OUR BUDGET ADOPTION, WE ALSO ADOPT MEETING DATES  
6:09:20PM FOR THE ENTIRE FISCAL YEAR -- I'M SORRY, CALENDAR YEAR, FROM  
6:09:26PM JANUARY 2020 THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR.  
6:09:29PM THAT IS PART OF YOUR PACKET.  
6:09:31PM WE TRY TO FOLLOW THIS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, AND WE'LL HAVE  
6:09:35PM SAME MEETING SCHEDULE, TWO MEETINGS A MONTH, AND ADDITIONAL  
6:09:39PM ZONING HEARING, IF NEEDED, AS THEY GO QUITE LONG ON  
6:09:44PM OCCASION.  
6:09:44PM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.

6:09:45PM ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL?  
6:09:46PM PUBLIC SIGNED UP FOR THIS ONE?  
6:09:52PM >>Kathleen Hall: NO ONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.  
6:09:53PM >>Mayor Ribble: ENTERTAIN A MOTION REGARDING 2019-18.  
6:09:56PM JIM WILSON, SECOND BY JIM BOESCH.  
6:10:00PM MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.  
6:10:02PM >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
6:10:03PM >>Nick Batos: AYE.  
6:10:05PM >>Jim Boesch: AYE.  
6:10:06PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.

6:10:09PM >>Howard Levitan: AYE.  
6:10:09PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.  
6:10:10PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.  
6:10:11PM THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS RESOLUTION 2019-19,  
6:10:18PM BEAUTIFICATION GRANT.  
6:10:19PM MADAM CLERK, PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION.  
6:10:23PM >>Kathleen Hall: RESOLUTION 2019-19, A RESOLUTION OF THE  
6:10:26PM VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY,  
6:10:28PM FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OF ESTERO STAFF TO APPLY FOR  
6:10:31PM AND ACCEPT THE BEAUTIFICATION GRANT AND ENTER INTO A  
6:10:35PM BEAUTIFICATION GRANT LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE  
6:10:39PM MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF  
6:10:41PM TRANSPORTATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
6:10:44PM >>Mayor Ribble: MR. SARKOZY.  
6:10:45PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

6:10:48PM AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING FOR THE  
6:10:52PM U.S. 41 MEDIAN LANDSCAPING PROJECT.  
6:10:55PM THAT'S BEEN -- THAT WILL BE LARGELY FUNDED BY F.D.O.T.,  
6:11:00PM \$766,000 COMING FROM THE STATE FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
6:11:05PM WE'RE ACTUALLY THE FRONT OF THAT PROJECT.  
6:11:08PM WE'LL BE DOING THE WORK UNDER CONTRACT, BUT THEN WE'LL BE  
6:11:11PM REIMBURSED BY THE STATE AT A LATER DATE.  
6:11:14PM WE'VE DEVELOPED A GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE.  
6:11:17PM THEY KNOW WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO, AND THEY ALSO AGREE THAT  
6:11:21PM THE BEAUTIFICATION OF THAT CORRIDOR IS IMPORTANT, AND AS A  
6:11:25PM RESULT OF THE GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP IN THE SPIRIT OF  
6:11:30PM GETTING SOMETHING DONE IN A POSITIVE WAY, WE COME TO  
6:11:36PM UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE SOME MONEY AVAILABLE FOR  
6:11:39PM ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPING ON THE SIDES OF THE ROAD, NOT THE  
6:11:42PM MEDIAN, BUT THEY'VE OFFERED UP TWO PROJECTS OF A COUPLE  
6:11:47PM HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS APIECE.  
6:11:48PM ONE WILL BE USED ON THE NORTH, THE OTHER TOWARDS THE SOUTH.  
6:11:51PM THAT WILL MAKE, ALBEIT, A SMALL BUT STILL AN IMPROVEMENT IN  
6:11:58PM THE LANDSCAPING IN THOSE RESPECTIVE AREAS.  
6:12:00PM SO WE'RE PROPOSING THAT WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS.  
6:12:02PM WE'LL BE MAKING A BIG IMPACT ON THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET,  
6:12:07PM AND GRADUALLY OVER TIME WE'LL WORK ON THE EDGES OF THE ROAD  
6:12:12PM OUT TO THE SIDEWALK, BUT THESE ARE TWO GOOD FIRST STEPS PAID  
6:12:16PM FOR --  
6:12:18PM >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCIL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

6:12:20PM KATY.  
6:12:21PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: THAT DOESN'T MEAN JUST GROWING -- OR  
6:12:26PM GRASS MOWING, DOES IT?  
6:12:28PM CAN YOU PLANT TREES?  
6:12:30PM >>Steven Sarkozy: YES.  
6:12:31PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS OF COUNCIL?

6:12:36PM >> I DIDN'T HEAR.  
6:12:37PM WHEREABOUTS WOULD THIS TAKE PLACE, THE TWO PROJECTS?  
6:12:39PM >>Steven Sarkozy: WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT ONE.  
6:12:41PM ONE WILL BE ON THE NORTH.  
6:12:42PM ONE WILL BE TOWARDS THE SOUTH.  
6:12:46PM >> OUR COSTS ARE GOING TO BE ABOUT \$27,000.  
6:12:49PM >>Steven Sarkozy: FOR THE MAINTENANCE.  
6:12:50PM >> THE BENEFIT OF THAT IS IF WE SPEND THOSE DOLLARS, WE CAN  
6:12:53PM GET UP TO \$200,000 WORTH OF GRANTS, 100,000 FOR EACH ONE OF  
6:12:57PM THOSE.  
6:12:58PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: WHAT'S THE TIME DURATION ON THAT,  
6:13:00PM THEN?  
6:13:02PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THE LAST ONE TOOK US A LITTLE OVER A YEAR  
6:13:04PM TO PLAN.  
6:13:05PM IT WILL PROBABLY BE ABOUT THE SAME.  
6:13:07PM I DON'T WANT TO PROMISE ANYTHING.  
6:13:10PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?  
6:13:16PM >> ENTERTAIN A MOTION.  
6:13:17PM >>Mayor Ribble: WE HAVE TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC.

6:13:19PM >>Kathleen Hall: I HAVE NO ONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS  
6:13:21PM TOPIC.  
6:13:21PM >>Mayor Ribble: HOWARD, GO AHEAD.  
6:13:22PM >>Howard Levitan: MOVE THE RESOLUTION.  
6:13:25PM >>Mayor Ribble: KATY IS GOING TO SECOND IT.  
6:13:27PM MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.  
6:13:29PM >>Howard Levitan: AYE.  
6:13:31PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.  
6:13:32PM >>Jim Boesch: AYE.  
6:13:34PM >>Nick Batos: AYE.  
6:13:35PM >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
6:13:37PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.  
6:13:37PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.  
6:13:38PM OKAY.  
6:13:41PM THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM IS APPROVAL OF THE AWARD OF RFB  
6:13:47PM 2019-08, ESTERO PARKWAY ROADWAY AND LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS.  
6:13:56PM MR. SARKOZY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS ONE?  
6:13:57PM >>Steven Sarkozy: I'LL TRY.  
6:13:57PM THE ESTERO PARKWAY IS AT A POINT NOW WHERE WE BID THE  
6:14:01PM PROJECT AND WE'RE WAITING FOR THE FINAL ADOPTION BY THE  
6:14:05PM COUNCIL.  
6:14:06PM THE BIDS HAVE COME IN.  
6:14:07PM THE BID PROCESS WAS CLEAN.  
6:14:11PM WE HAVE GOTTEN FOUR GOOD BIDS, AND WE'RE PRESENTING HERE TO  
6:14:15PM YOU THE LOW BID AND CONSIDERATION OF BOTH THE FINAL

6:14:21PM ADOPTION.  
6:14:23PM OPTION 1 THAT INCLUDES STREETLIGHTS OR OPTION 2 THAT DOES

6:14:26PM NOT AT THIS TIME.

6:14:28PM SO WE'RE ASKING FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION.

6:14:31PM OF COURSE, OUR MISSION ON THIS WAS TO BE TAKING ONE OF THE

6:14:35PM STREETS THAT WE GOT AS A RETURN BACK FROM THE COUNTY THAT'S

6:14:39PM IN NOT GOOD SHAPE, AND CREATING OUT THERE WHAT WILL BE ONE

6:14:44PM OF THE NICEST STREETSCAPES IN OUR COMMUNITY.

6:14:46PM THE QUESTION IS, HOW BEST TO PROCEED?

6:14:49PM WE'RE RECOMMENDING THAT YOU APPROVE THE PROJECT, AND THEN

6:14:52PM YOU GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE OPTION 1 OR OPTION A OR B.

6:14:57PM >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCIL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS?

6:14:59PM JON.

6:15:03PM >>Jon McLain: IT'S BEEN A LONG PROJECT COMING.

6:15:05PM I'VE BEEN AROUND FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS, BUT THE COUNCIL HAS

6:15:09PM BEEN DEBATING ON THIS AND PLANNING ON IT FOR -- I'M BEING

6:15:14PM GENEROUS -- SAYING THREE-PLUS YEARS.

6:15:16PM IT'S PROBABLY BEEN DISCUSSED A LITTLE LONGER THAN THAT.

6:15:19PM I BELIEVE THE DECISION THAT WE ARE MAKING TONIGHT WILL SERVE

6:15:21PM TO ESTABLISH THE CHARACTER OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO NOW AND

6:15:24PM INTO THE FUTURE.

6:15:27PM I HAVE LICENSE PLATE HOLDERS ON MY CAR THAT WERE GIVEN TO ME

6:15:30PM BY A FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBER THAT STATE ESTERO, A VILLAGE WITH

6:15:34PM A VISION.

6:15:35PM I KNOW THAT EACH COUNCIL MEMBER IS DEDICATED TO SUPPORT THIS

6:15:38PM CONCEPT OF A VISION THAT WILL MAKE ESTERO THE BEST PLACE TO

6:15:43PM LIVE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.

6:15:45PM PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS VISION IS TO ENSURE THAT

6:15:49PM WE SET HIGH STANDARDS FOR THE PROJECTS THAT WE UNDERTAKE AND

6:15:54PM FINISH WHAT WE START BEFORE MOVING ON TO OTHER PROJECTS AND

6:15:57PM OTHER PRIORITIES.

6:15:58PM WHEN I BECAME A MEMBER OF THIS COUNCIL IN JUNE OF 2017, I

6:16:03PM SPOKE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF RENOVATING ESTERO PARKWAY.

6:16:07PM I ALSO STATED THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING

6:16:11PM THE PROJECT TO COMPLETION WITH NO REWORK.

6:16:15PM WE ALL HAVE SEEN TOO MANY CIVIC PROJECTS THAT ARE COMPLETED

6:16:20PM AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HERE COMES THE REWORK CREW AND TEAR

6:16:25PM UP THE WORK THAT'S JUST BEEN COMPLETED.

6:16:27PM WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN IN ESTERO.

6:16:32PM I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE EFFECTIVELY COMPLETED THE PLANNING

6:16:35PM STAGE FOR THIS PROJECT, AND WE ARE READY TO BEGIN THE

6:16:38PM IMPLEMENTATION PHASE.

6:16:39PM SO THE DECISION WE HAVE TO MAKE TONIGHT, WE'VE GOT TWO

6:16:44PM DECISIONS.

6:16:44PM WE'VE ALL SEEN THE PLANS FOR ESTERO, AND I BELIEVE WE CAN

6:16:48PM ALL AGREE THAT IT WILL BE A GREAT IMPROVEMENT FROM THE

6:16:51PM CURRENT STATE, FROM A SAFETY STANDPOINT, IT WILL BE

6:16:55PM BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED, AND IT WILL PROVIDE A GREAT PLACE

6:16:58PM FOR PEOPLE TO WALK AND BICYCLE.

6:17:00PM SO THE ISSUE BEFORE US TONIGHT IS STREETLIGHTS OR NO

6:17:05PM STREETLIGHTS.

6:17:06PM I'D LIKE TO MAKE A FEW POINTS THAT SUPPORT THE VOTE FOR

6:17:09PM OPTION 1, WHICH INCLUDES THE STREETLIGHTS FOR THIS PROJECT

6:17:13PM WITH NO FURTHER DELAY.

6:17:15PM THE FIRST POINT BEING, ESTERO PARKWAY IS NOT A NEIGHBORHOOD

6:17:20PM ROADWAY.

6:17:21PM IT'S A REGIONAL EAST-WEST CORRIDOR THAT WILL CONTINUE TO SEE

6:17:25PM INCREASING TRAFFIC LOADS NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE DURING BOTH

6:17:28PM THE DAY AND THE NIGHT.

6:17:30PM WE ALL WANT ESTERO TO BE THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN SOUTHWEST

6:17:35PM FLORIDA, SO LET'S COMPLETE THIS PROJECT WITH THAT IN MIND.

6:17:38PM I ASK YOU, WHAT OTHER CITIES THAT CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS "BEST

6:17:44PM IN CLASS" WOULD NOT PROVIDE PROPER STREET LIGHTING TO

6:17:48PM HIGHLIGHT A BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED, BICYCLE-FRIENDLY, AND

6:17:51PM WALKABLE CORRIDOR SO THAT OUR CITIZENS AND AUTOMOBILES CAN

6:17:55PM USE IT SAFELY BOTH DAY AND NIGHT.

6:17:59PM WHAT OTHER BEST IN CLASS CITY WOULD ALLOW A TRANSPORTATION

6:18:03PM CORRIDOR TO BE A DARK HOLE AS YOU TRANSITION ONTO ESTERO

6:18:08PM PARKWAY FROM 41 TO THREE OAKS?

6:18:12PM WHAT OTHER BEST-IN-CLASS CITY WOULD NOT PROVIDE CITY

6:18:16PM LIGHTING TO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE OFF THE

6:18:19PM PARKWAY TO USE THEIR HIGH BEAMS TO FIND THE ENTRANCE TO

6:18:23PM THEIR OWN COMMUNITY?

6:18:27PM [ LAUGHTER ]

6:18:28PM I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS PROJECT WITH STREET LIGHTING WILL BE

6:18:31PM OVER BUDGET, ABOUT 8.3%, I BELIEVE, WHEN WE INCLUDE A 10%

6:18:37PM CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF ABOUT \$826,000, NOT

6:18:41PM INSIGNIFICANT DOLLARS.

6:18:42PM I THINK IT'S VERY PRUDENT TO HAVE A CONTINGENCY PROGRAM.

6:18:48PM HOWEVER, I ALSO BELIEVE THAT WE CAN DELIVER THIS PROJECT TO

6:18:51PM COMPLETION WITHOUT UTILIZING THE ENTIRE CONTINGENCY AMOUNT.

6:18:55PM I'D LIKE TO SAY ZERO, BUT I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT'S VERY

6:18:59PM REALISTIC.

6:19:00PM AND WHY DO I BELIEVE THIS?

6:19:01PM I BELIEVE THAT OUR STAFF AND OUR ENGINEERING FIRMS HAVE BEEN

6:19:04PM INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT, HAVE DONE A VERY THOROUGH PLANNING

6:19:08PM AND DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROJECT, BRINGING IT TO THE CURRENT

6:19:12PM STATE.

6:19:12PM THIS IS NOT AN OVERLY COMPLEX PROJECT, SO THERE SHOULD BE

6:19:18PM FEW, IF ANY, SURPRISES.

6:19:20PM IF THERE ARE, WE WILL UTILIZE A PORTION OF THE CONTINGENCY

6:19:23PM IN RESERVE.

6:19:24PM IF WE DO NOT SEE UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, WE'LL REDUCE THE

6:19:31PM COST OF THE PROJECT CLOSER TO THE BUDGETED AMOUNT.

6:19:34PM THINKING ABOUT DELAYING A DECISION TO INSTALL LIGHTING WILL

6:19:37PM NOT REDUCE OUR FUTURE COSTS BUT WILL ACTUALLY INCREASE THE  
6:19:41PM COST AND MAKE US LOOK LIKE MANY COMMUNITY PROJECTS THAT  
6:19:46PM REQUIRE REWORK AND ULTIMATELY HIGHER COSTS.  
6:19:50PM I'M ASKING MY FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS TO PLEASE JOIN WITH ME  
6:19:54PM IN ALLOWING OUR STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROJECT TO THE HIGH  
  
6:19:57PM STANDARDS THAT WE'VE SET FOR THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO NOW AND  
6:19:59PM IN THE FUTURE, AND BY THAT, I MEAN WE INSTALL STREET  
6:20:03PM LIGHTING ON THE INITIATION OF THIS PROJECT.  
6:20:07PM [ APPLAUSE ]  
6:20:13PM >>Mayor Ribble: JIM.  
6:20:23PM >>Jim Boesch: I'M GOING TO SPEAK ABOUT TAXES AND HOW WE  
6:20:31PM EFFECT THIS WHOLE THING.  
6:20:32PM THE CONCEPT OF LIGHTING, IF WE VOTE FOR THIS HERE, YOU HAVE  
6:20:35PM TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A PRECEDENT.  
6:20:38PM AND WHEN WE SET A PRECEDENT, IT INCONVENIENCE IF YOU GET  
6:20:42PM LIGHTING, EVERY OTHER COMMUNITY AND SO FORTH -- REQUEST  
6:20:50PM LIGHTING.  
6:20:51PM IN YOUR PARTICULAR CASE, WE'RE GOING THROUGH A ROAD PROJECT  
6:20:56PM WHICH WILL REDUCE ACTUALLY THE COST OF LIGHTS.  
6:21:01PM I DISAGREE WITH HONORABLE COUNSEL THAT THIS IS A CASE OF  
6:21:09PM WHETHER WE HAVE LIGHTING OR DON'T HAVE LIGHTING.  
6:21:11PM I THINK IT IS A QUESTION OF HOW WE CAN APPROACH OF THE  
6:21:13PM LIGHTING THAT WOULD BE FAIR TO EVERY RESIDENT IN OUR TOWN.  
6:21:15PM WE'RE NOT JUST SHORT OF A MILLION DOLLARS.  
6:21:20PM MILLION DOLLARS TO PUT LIGHTS IN THE ESTERO PARKWAY.  
6:21:25PM I WENT THROUGH TODAY THINKING WE GO FORWARD WITH LIGHTS  
6:21:32PM HERE, WHAT ELSE IS GOING TO HAPPEN?  
6:21:37PM I ALSO SHOULD MENTION, SURE COUNCILMAN BATOS CAN ATTEST, THE  
6:21:49PM CONCEPT OF PUTTING LIGHTING IN HAS COME ABOUT IN THE BROOKS,  
6:21:55PM THE RESIDENTS ALL AGREEING THAT THEY WOULD PAY FOR THE  
  
6:21:58PM LIGHTING.  
6:21:58PM THEY ALSO PAY FOR THE LANDSCAPING, BY THE WAY, IN THE  
6:22:02PM BROOKS.  
6:22:02PM IF WE PUT THE LIGHTING IN ESTERO PARKWAY, HAVE TO BEGIN  
6:22:11PM REIMBURSING BROOKS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE LIGHTING  
6:22:16PM AS WELL AS THEIR PARTICIPATION --  
6:22:20PM [ SOUNDING GAVEL ]  
6:22:24PM >> THIS IS NOT A DEBATE.  
6:22:25PM >>Mayor Ribble: HANG ON.  
6:22:26PM WE DON'T ALLOW THIS KIND OF COMMENT.  
6:22:28PM WE'RE RESPECTFUL.  
6:22:29PM WE'RE GOING TO LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.  
6:22:32PM YOU SIGNED A CARD, AND WE'RE GOING TO LISTEN.  
6:22:34PM WE'RE NOT GOING TO YELL AT YOU AND SCREAM AT YOU AND  
6:22:36PM DISAGREE OR WHATEVER.  
6:22:37PM WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS BY ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, WHICH

6:22:40PM MEANS THE COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK, AND THEN  
6:22:42PM YOU FOLKS WHO SIGNED CARDS HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK, AND WE'RE  
6:22:46PM GOING TO BE CIVIL WITH EACH OTHER.  
6:22:47PM AND WE'RE ALL GOING TO BE FRIENDS AFTER THIS IS OVER.  
6:22:49PM BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT?  
6:22:50PM THIS IS ONLY ONE TINY ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
6:22:53PM WE'RE GOING TO HAVE HUNDREDS OF ISSUES.  
6:22:54PM SO WE CAN'T GET DIVIDED OVER AN ISSUE.  
6:22:57PM SO PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL TO COUNCILMAN BOESCH.

6:23:00PM GO AHEAD, JIM.  
6:23:02PM >>Jim Boesch: FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE TO ADDRESS HOW WE WILL  
6:23:04PM WORK WITH THE BROOKS IN TERMS OF THEIR PROGRAM, DEPENDING ON  
6:23:10PM WHAT THEIR POSITION IS.  
6:23:11PM IF WE DO IT ON COCONUT ROAD, WE SHOULD DO COCONUT ROAD ON  
6:23:18PM THE OTHER SIDE THAT GOES DOWN THROUGH TO THE COLONY AND DOWN  
6:23:23PM TO THE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DOWN IN THAT AREA.  
6:23:30PM THEN WE HAVE TO LOOK AT CORKSCREW.  
6:23:32PM THEY WILL HAVE A MAJOR REMAKE OF THAT WHOLE THING THERE.  
6:23:37PM CERTAINLY, THEY ARE THE FIRST ONES THAT ARE GOING TO SAY,  
6:23:39PM WAIT A MINUTE, THE LIGHTS UP ON ESTERO PARKWAY, WE HAVE A  
6:23:45PM BIGGER PROJECT HERE, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET LIGHTS HERE.  
6:23:48PM THAT WOULD BE TWICE AS COSTLY AS WHAT WE HAVE.  
6:23:55PM THEN SANDY LANE, YOU HAVE IT ON ESTERO PARKWAY THEY ARE  
6:24:01PM GOING TO SAY, WAIT A MINUTE, ON ESTERO PARKWAY, SANDY LANE  
6:24:05PM SHOULD HAVE.  
6:24:05PM CORKSCREW ROAD SHOULD HAVE IT.  
6:24:06PM WEST AND EAST BROADWAY SHOULD HAVE IT.  
6:24:09PM IF YOU ADD THEM ALL UP, YOU'RE GOING TO FIND OUT THERE'S  
6:24:12PM ABOUT 18 DIFFERENT SECTIONS THAT WILL BE REQUESTING LIGHTS  
6:24:18PM IN THE CITY.  
6:24:19PM LOOK AT A MILLION DOLLARS AND PROBABLY THE LEAST EXPENSIVE  
6:24:23PM BECAUSE WE'RE DOING THE ROADS ALREADY, PROBABLY LOOKING AT A  
6:24:25PM BILL OF \$25 MILLION TO PUT LIGHTS IN THROUGHOUT ESTERO.  
6:24:31PM NOW, THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO APPROACH THIS.

6:24:35PM IF PEOPLE WANT TO HAVE LIGHTS IN THEIR AREA, THERE IS A  
6:24:40PM THING CALLED MSTU WHERE THEY SET THAT UP, AND THE  
6:24:44PM COMMUNITIES ALL PARTICIPATE TOGETHER IN THE COST FOR THAT  
6:24:48PM LIGHTING AND THE COST FOR THE MONTHLY CHARGES FOR LIGHTING,  
6:24:52PM HOWEVER IT'S SET UP.  
6:24:53PM AND ALSO THE MAINTENANCE OF IT, BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO HAVE A  
6:24:57PM CONTRACTOR MAINTAINING THE LIGHTS.  
6:25:00PM WE DON'T HAVE A TOWN GARAGE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, SO WE'D  
6:25:04PM HAVE TO CONTRACT WITH A CONTRACTOR TO DO THE LIGHTING.  
6:25:08PM THERE'S NO REASON, I WOULDN'T THINK, ALL OF YOU GET TOGETHER  
6:25:12PM AND SET UP AN MSTU, LIKE TO HAVE LIGHTING, THE COST,  
6:25:16PM WHATEVER THE COST COMES UP TO, AND WE COULD HAVE A

6:25:19PM DISCUSSION AND THEN ALL THE COMMUNITIES ALL JOIN TOGETHER  
6:25:25PM AND THE COST WOULD PROBABLY BE VERY MINIMAL IN TERMS OF THE  
6:25:31PM OVERALL YEARLY COST FOR IT.  
6:25:36PM IT WOULD BE A CHANCE FOR US TO SAY TO THE RESIDENTS, FIRST  
6:25:40PM OF ALL, THE BROOKS DOES IT THIS WAY.  
6:25:42PM ESTERO PARKWAY DOES IT THIS WAY.  
6:25:45PM IF YOU WANT LIGHTING IN YOUR COMMUNITY, IF YOU'RE WILLING TO  
6:25:49PM FORM MSTU, WE CAN DO THAT AND SET UP THE LIGHTING.  
6:25:53PM IF YOU'RE NOT, ALL OF THE OTHER ONES DO IT THAT WAY, AND WE  
6:25:57PM SHOULD LOOK AT THAT.  
6:25:58PM \$25 MILLION BOND TOGETHER, NOT A BOND, BUT A PROGRAM TO BUY  
6:26:11PM THE PROPERTY ON CORKSCREW ROAD, AND WE OWE THAT OVER A  
6:26:16PM TEN-YEAR PERIOD OF TIME.

6:26:18PM IN THE CITY, WE HAVE PROBABLY ONE OF THE BEST RATINGS OF  
6:26:21PM ALL.  
6:26:21PM IF YOU START PUTTING PROJECTS OUT AND NOW IT'S GOING TO BE  
6:26:28PM -- ON YOUR CREDIT RATING.  
6:26:30PM MOST IMPORTANT, IF WE GO THROUGH 20, 25 MILLION DOLLAR  
6:26:34PM PROJECT, THEN IT'S GOING TO BE AN INCREASE IN TAXES.  
6:26:37PM AND I DON'T THINK THERE'S A COUNCIL MEMBER HERE THAT WOULD  
6:26:41PM ENTERTAIN THE CONCEPT, INCREASED TAXES, BECAUSE IT WILL  
6:26:48PM AFFECT EVERYBODY IN TOWN, AND THEN EVERYBODY IS GOING TO  
6:26:51PM SAY -- I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.  
6:26:56PM THIS IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE.  
6:26:59PM IF THE COMMUNITIES ALL GET TOGETHER, I THINK YOU'LL FIND IT  
6:27:05PM VERY REASONABLE AND WE CAN GO FORWARD, DISCUSS THIS AGAIN IN  
6:27:13PM TWO WEEKS AND DECIDE WHERE WE'RE GOING TO GO.  
6:27:16PM IT SETS A PRECEDENT.  
6:27:20PM YOU SAY THAT THIS DOESN'T -- JUST BECAUSE THE REST DON'T  
6:27:26PM HAVE IT, I CHALLENGE YOU TO SIT UP HERE AND BE IN ANOTHER  
6:27:32PM DISTRICT, AND WHEN YOUR PEOPLE COME IN THAT DISTRICT AND SAY  
6:27:35PM WE WANT TO HAVE LIGHTS IN OUR AREA, SAY TO THEM, OH, NO, YOU  
6:27:39PM CAN'T HAVE IT.  
6:27:41PM ESTERO PARKWAY CAN HAVE IT, YOU CAN'T HAVE IT.  
6:27:43PM I CHALLENGE YOU TO THINK ABOUT THAT AS WE ADDRESS THIS  
6:27:46PM PROJECT.  
6:27:47PM TALKING ABOUT BIG MONEY, AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOW WE CAN  
6:27:55PM RESOLVE THIS SO IT CAN BE A QUESTION IF YOU REALLY WANT IT,

6:28:00PM SET UP AN MSTU AND GET THE ATTORNEYS TO ALL WORK TOGETHER  
6:28:06PM AND YOU CAN HAVE THE LIGHTING AND WE COULD ALSO SAY TO ANY  
6:28:09PM OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU DO THE SAME THING THAT ESTERO  
6:28:11PM PARKWAY DID.  
6:28:12PM THEY WANTED THE LIGHTING.  
6:28:14PM THEIR COMMUNITIES GOT TOGETHER, AND IF YOU WANT LIGHTING,  
6:28:18PM YOU HAVE TO DO THE SAME THING.  
6:28:19PM THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS.

6:28:21PM THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME -- [INAUDIBLE] -- JUST REMEMBER,  
6:28:35PM OUR ATTORNEY CAN TELL YOU THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IF ONE  
6:28:40PM NEIGHBOR HAS IT, THEY CAN ASK FOR IT, ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD  
6:28:44PM COULD ASK FOR IT, AND WE WOULD BE PROBABLY LEGAL OBLIGATION  
6:28:48PM TO PROVIDE IT.  
6:28:49PM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.  
6:28:50PM NIP OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?  
6:28:51PM HOWARD?  
6:28:52PM >>Howard Levitan: I HAVE A LITTLE DIFFERENT APPROACH TO THIS  
6:28:58PM DILEMMA.  
6:28:58PM MY CONCERN IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT.  
6:29:01PM I DON'T DISAGREE WITH JIM BOESCH ON THAT POINT ABOUT THAT  
6:29:06PM BECAUSE THERE WILL BE -- I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S COMING  
6:29:08PM FROM THE BROOKS, BUT I THINK THERE WILL BE CONCERNS IN OTHER  
6:29:13PM AREAS.  
6:29:13PM IF THEY GET IT, WHY CAN'T WE HAVE IT?  
6:29:15PM AND I THINK THAT ULTIMATELY LEADS TO PROBLEMS.

6:29:21PM I DON'T KNOW ABOUT WHETHER MSTU IS THE RIGHT APPROACH OR  
6:29:23PM NOT.  
6:29:24PM MY CONCERN IS, THIS IS THE FIRST CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR  
6:29:28PM CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THAT THE VILLAGE HAS DONE.  
6:29:31PM THIS IS ALMOST A \$10 MILLION PROJECT, NINE PLUS THE  
6:29:35PM CONTINGENCY.  
6:29:35PM MY CONCERN IS THAT NO MATTER HOW GOOD CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS  
6:29:40PM -- AND I DID CONSTRUCTION LAW FOR A LOT OF YEARS -- NO  
6:29:43PM MATTER HOW GOOD THE DOCUMENTS ARE, THE PLANS AND  
6:29:45PM SPECIFICATIONS, THERE ARE UNSEEN CONDITIONS UNDERNEATH THE  
6:29:48PM GROUND.  
6:29:48PM WE CAN DO BORINGS FOREVER, AND WE CAN STILL WIND UP  
6:29:52PM UTILIZING THE CONTINGENCY OR MAYBE HAVING A TOTAL OVERRUN.  
6:29:56PM WE JUST DON'T KNOW THAT.  
6:29:59PM WE SEPARATED THIS INTO OPTION A AND OPTION B ORIGINALLY WHEN  
6:30:03PM WE WERE FIRST TALKING ABOUT ESTERO PARKWAY FOR A REASON.  
6:30:07PM AND THAT REASON WAS THAT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE AN EITHER-OR.  
6:30:11PM IT CAN BE A WIN.  
6:30:15PM SO MY POINT IS, LET'S GET THE CONSTRUCTION DONE.  
6:30:18PM LET'S FIND OUT WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE UNFORESEEN  
6:30:21PM CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MIGHT COST US MORE MONEY AND A COST  
6:30:24PM OVERRUN, AND LET'S BE FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE ABOUT THIS AND  
6:30:28PM DETERMINE, YEAH, WE CAN DO THIS ON BUDGET AND NOW LET'S LOOK  
6:30:32PM AT OPTION TWO, THE STREETLIGHTS, AND THAT GIVES US PLENTY OF  
6:30:40PM TIME TO LOOK AT THE SPECS FOR THE STREETLIGHTS, WHICH WE  
  
6:30:42PM HAVEN'T DONE YET, TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE CAN DO THE WHOLE  
6:30:48PM THING.  
6:30:49PM BECAUSE IT MAY MAKE SENSE TO DO THAT AND MAYBE WE CAN FIGURE  
6:30:52PM OUT A WAY TO MAKE IT FAIR TO ALL THE RESIDENTS IN TERMS OF

6:30:56PM WHETHER THEY GET LIGHTS OR DON'T GET LIGHTS OR WHO TAKES THE  
6:30:59PM MAINTENANCE OF IT, FOR EXAMPLE.  
6:31:02PM THAT'S ANOTHER ASPECT THAT WE HAVEN'T TALKED ABOUT.  
6:31:04PM SO MY THOUGHT WOULD BE THAT WE DEFER THAT, THAT WE WOULD  
6:31:10PM ELECT OPTION 2, I GUESS, TONIGHT, TO GO FORWARD WITH THE  
6:31:14PM ROAD, AND LET'S PICK A PERIOD OF TIME THAT WE CAN TALK ABOUT  
6:31:18PM PLANS AND SPECS ON THE LIGHTS AND THE MSTU CONCEPT AND ALL  
6:31:23PM OF THE OTHER ISSUES THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE LIGHTS, WHICH  
6:31:25PM WE REALLY HAVEN'T SPENT A WHOLE LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT  
6:31:29PM AND MAKE A SUBSEQUENT DECISION ABOUT THAT WHEN WE KNOW WHAT  
6:31:31PM THE FINANCES ARE GOING TO BE, WHAT THE REAL TRUE COST OF  
6:31:36PM THIS ROAD IS GOING TO BE.  
6:31:37PM I DON'T THINK THAT SHOULD UPSET ANYBODY.  
6:31:39PM WE'RE NOT SAYING YES.  
6:31:40PM WE'RE NOT SAYING NO.  
6:31:41PM WE'RE SAYING, LET'S LOOK AT IT WHEN WE HAVE MORE  
6:31:45PM INFORMATION.  
6:31:45PM I THINK THAT MAKES FISCAL SENSE.  
6:31:48PM >>Mayor Ribble: NICK.  
6:31:48PM >>Nick Batos: I WOULD LIKE TO ADD ONE THING TO THAT.  
6:31:51PM I'M IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH YOU, HOWARD, BUT I THINK IT

6:31:54PM ALSO SHOULD BE BROUGHT UP THAT I DON'T THINK THAT IF THIS IS  
6:31:57PM POSTPONED TILL A LATER DATE THAT IT WOULD INVOLVE RIPPING UP  
6:32:04PM WHATEVER WE'VE DONE.  
6:32:05PM WE SAW ON U.S. 41 WHERE THEY WERE ABLE TO PUT IN LIGHTS  
6:32:08PM ACROSS THE ROAD BY DOING DIRECTIONAL BORING, AND I THINK OUR  
6:32:13PM STAFF HAS SAID THIS WOULD BE THE CASE IN HERE SO WE WOULDN'T  
6:32:18PM HAVE TO RIP UP THE STREET TO DO THIS.  
6:32:21PM WE COULD DO IT BY THIS DIRECTIONAL BORING --  
6:32:25PM >> PUT ALL THE WIRES IN ANYWAY.  
6:32:28PM >> NO.  
6:32:29PM >> NO.  
6:32:30PM >>Steven Sarkozy: ORIGINALLY, THE IDEA WAS TO PUT CONDUIT IN  
6:32:33PM THERE.  
6:32:34PM BUT NOT KNOWING EXACTLY WHERE THE LIGHT STANDARDS ARE GOING  
6:32:36PM TO GO, IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU JUST DO DIRECTIONAL  
6:32:39PM BORING THAT CAN PINPOINT, POINT TO POINT TUBING AFTER THE  
6:32:43PM FACT WITHOUT DISRUPTION OF THE SURFACE.  
6:32:47PM >>Nick Batos: JUST TO FINISH UP, I REALLY AGREE WITH JOHN  
6:32:52PM THAT IDEALLY OUR VISION IS TO HAVE EVERYTHING WE CAN  
6:32:56PM POSSIBLY HAVE.  
6:32:57PM WE WANT THAT FOR EVERYBODY.  
6:32:58PM WE REALLY ARE STILL A VERY NEW COMMUNITY.  
6:33:01PM WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS COMING UP.  
6:33:02PM WE REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO TAKE  
6:33:05PM ON.

6:33:05PM AND TO DO SOMETHING THAT WOULD PROHIBIT US FROM DOING  
6:33:09PM SOMETHING ELSE FOR SOME OTHER PORTION, AT THIS POINT, I  
6:33:11PM THINK WE SHOULD KNOW BEST WHAT WE'RE DOING.  
6:33:14PM WE'RE NOT SAYING WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT.  
6:33:15PM I JUST THINK WE HAVE TO REALLY GIVE OURSELVES ENOUGH TIME.  
6:33:18PM BECAUSE IF THIS HAD COME IN AT BUDGET, I THINK I WOULD BE  
6:33:24PM LOOKING AT IT DIFFERENTLY.  
6:33:27PM IT'S A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE'RE SPENDING,  
6:33:29PM \$10 MILLION.  
6:33:31PM >>Mayor Ribble: JON, YOU ALREADY SPOKE.  
6:33:32PM WE ALL GET A SHOT.  
6:33:37PM WE'RE NOT DOING REBUTTALS HERE.  
6:33:39PM GO AHEAD.  
6:33:41PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I REMEMBER SITTING IN THE FIRE  
6:33:44PM DEPARTMENT, FOUR YEARS AGO, THREE AND A HALF YEARS AGO, AND  
6:33:46PM THE COST OF THIS PROJECT WAS \$2 MILLION AND KEPT GOING UP, 5  
6:33:50PM MILLION, 6 MILLION, 7 MILLION.  
6:33:53PM IF WE KEEP WAIVING IT, IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW LONG WE WAIT,  
6:33:57PM IF WE WAIT A FEW MORE YEARS, IT WILL BE \$15 MILLION.  
6:34:00PM SO I SAY LET THERE BE LIGHT, YOU KNOW.  
6:34:07PM [ APPLAUSE ]  
6:34:08PM I AM TOTALLY, TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF DOING IT.  
6:34:13PM IT'S ALMOST LIKE BUILDING A HOUSE.  
6:34:16PM YOU HAVE A BEAUTIFUL HOUSE.  
6:34:18PM YOU HAVE A BEAUTIFUL DRIVEWAY, BUT YOU CAN'T PUT IN THE  
  
6:34:21PM ELECTRICITY.  
6:34:22PM WE NEED -- SURE, IT'S A LOT OF MONEY, BUT I LOOK AT THREE  
6:34:29PM OAKS AND COCONUT ROAD, AND ALL OF YOU ARE KIND OF  
6:34:34PM GRANDFATHERED IN WHEN WE WERE INCORPORATED.  
6:34:36PM AND I DON'T SEE THAT AS A BURDEN THAT WE HAVE TO BEAR RIGHT  
6:34:40PM NOW.  
6:34:40PM MAYBE IN THE FUTURE, BUT NOT RIGHT NOW.  
6:34:42PM THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANY BEARING ON ESTERO PARKWAY.  
6:34:47PM THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS SUPPOSED TO SET US APART FROM  
6:34:53PM OTHER ROADWAYS IN ESTERO.  
6:34:56PM WE'RE SPENDING MONEY ON BRANDING.  
6:34:59PM YOU THINK OF THE BRAND THAT WE CAN CREATE WITH THAT KIND OF  
6:35:03PM ROADWAY.  
6:35:03PM YOU DRIVE THROUGH IT.  
6:35:05PM IT HAS TO BE FUNCTIONAL.  
6:35:07PM IT HAS TO BE A CONVENIENT AND COMFORTABLE.  
6:35:10PM SAFETY IS THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE ON THAT ROAD.  
6:35:14PM SAFETY.  
6:35:15PM [ APPLAUSE ]  
6:35:15PM >>Mayor Ribble: PLEASE, PLEASE.  
6:35:17PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: IT HAS TO BE ATTRACTIVE.  
6:35:19PM IT HAS TO BE SUSTAINABLE, AND IF WE DO ALL OF THIS, WE WILL

6:35:24PM CREATE A DISTRICT THAT WILL HAVE STRATEGY.  
6:35:31PM IT WILL CREATE A MESSAGE THROUGHOUT ESTERO THAT THIS IS A  
6:35:33PM BEAUTIFUL AREA.

6:35:34PM OH, ESTERO PARKWAY.  
6:35:35PM I EVEN TALKED WITH FPL TODAY.  
6:35:39PM I SAID, HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT DOING STREETLIGHTS WITH  
6:35:42PM SOLAR PANELS?  
6:35:44PM AND THEY SAID, WELL, WE HAVE, BUT THERE ARE MUNICIPALITIES  
6:35:50PM IN FLORIDA THAT ARE WORKING WITH FPL SOLAR.  
6:35:53PM FPL, IF YOU DID NOT KNOW IT, THEY ARE GETTING BIG INTO  
6:35:57PM SOLAR.  
6:35:59PM AND THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT THESE LITTLE BENCHES WE PLAN TO  
6:36:03PM HAVE ALONG THE PARKWAY TO SIT AND REST AS YOU'RE WALKING,  
6:36:07PM PUTTING IN LITTLE POSTS THAT HAVE PLACES WHERE YOU CAN STOP  
6:36:10PM AND PLUG IN YOUR -- FOR YOUR IPAD, iPhone, WHATEVER.  
6:36:16PM I DON'T WANT TO APPEAR THAT WE DON'T KNOW MODERN TECHNOLOGY,  
6:36:22PM AND THAT WE DON'T KNOW HOW -- WHAT'S COMING BEFORE US.  
6:36:26PM THIS ROADWAY IS GOING TO HAVE TO DEPICT THE THINKING OF THIS  
6:36:29PM COUNCIL, THAT WE ARE THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX.  
6:36:35PM IT'S EASY FOR US TO SAY NO.  
6:36:39PM I'M NOT GOING TO SAY NO.  
6:36:40PM I DON'T KNOW ABOUT EVERYBODY ELSE, BUT I WANT TO SEE THAT  
6:36:45PM AREA WITH LIGHT BECAUSE WE HAVE HOW MANY UNITS -- HOW MANY  
6:36:51PM BUILDINGS ARE THERE?  
6:36:52PM DAVID, YOU MAY KNOW THIS, THE REEF, HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE  
6:36:59PM HOUSED THERE?  
6:37:00PM IT'S A LOT.  
6:37:00PM SO THEY COME DOWN THE ROAD, AND WHENEVER ESTERO GRANDE IS

6:37:05PM COMPLETED, THERE WILL BE A SPROUTS SUPERMARKET, A TEXAS  
6:37:09PM ROADHOUSE, A STEAKHOUSE.  
6:37:12PM THERE WILL BE LUXURY APARTMENTS.  
6:37:15PM THERE IS A STARBUCKS, A VERIZON.  
6:37:17PM NOW, IF YOU'RE A YOUNG ADULT, AND YOU WANT TO GO WALKING AT  
6:37:25PM NIGHT, ARE YOU GOING TO SEND YOUR DAUGHTER, YOUR  
6:37:27PM GRANDDAUGHTER DOWN THAT ROADWAY THAT'S DARK?  
6:37:31PM I WOULD TELL MINE, DON'T GO.  
6:37:33PM I WANT LIGHT.  
6:37:34PM LIGHT DOES SOMETHING -- IT DOESN'T MAKE IT TOTALLY SAFE, BUT  
6:37:38PM IT DOES HAVE A TENDENCY TO MAKE MAYBE THE BAD ACTORS GO  
6:37:43PM AWAY.  
6:37:44PM I DON'T KNOW.  
6:37:44PM THERE'S NO PROOF IN THAT.  
6:37:45PM BUT I WOULD NOT SUGGEST TO ANYBODY, I WOULDN'T EVEN WANT TO  
6:37:50PM WALK DOWN THAT ROADWAY IN THE DARK.  
6:37:53PM SO I SAY LET THERE BE LIGHT.  
6:37:55PM THERE'S GOT TO BE LIGHT.

6:37:57PM WE HAVE TO HAVE LIGHT ON ESTERO PARKWAY, AND I DON'T WANT TO  
6:38:00PM WAIT.  
6:38:01PM I WANT THIS FINISHED.  
6:38:02PM AND I WANT IT TO BE FINISHED SO THAT THE WHOLE AREA IS GOING  
6:38:05PM TO BE BEAUTIFUL.  
6:38:06PM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.  
6:38:08PM IT'S MY TURN.

6:38:09PM OKAY.  
6:38:09PM PLEASE DON'T CLAP OR BOO.  
6:38:11PM WAIT A MINUTE.  
6:38:12PM I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE GOING TO SPEAK.  
6:38:17PM GO AHEAD.  
6:38:18PM IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK, GO AHEAD.  
6:38:25PM >>Jim Wilson: I THINK I WANT TO REBUT SOME OF THE THINGS  
6:38:27PM THAT MR. BOESCH SAID BECAUSE ESTERO PARKWAY IS A UNIQUE  
6:38:31PM FOUR-LANE DIVIDED HIGHWAY.  
6:38:35PM AND IT IS THE ONLY FOUR-LANE DIVIDED HIGHWAY THAT'S UNDER  
6:38:38PM THE JURISDICTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.  
6:38:40PM THREE OAKS, BEN HILL GRIFFIN, CORKSCREW ROAD ARE ALL UNDER  
6:38:44PM THE JURISDICTION OF LEE COUNTY.  
6:38:46PM EARLIER TONIGHT, I DROVE ON ALL THREE OF THEM, ALTHOUGH THEY  
6:38:49PM ARE NOT COMPLETELY LIT, EVERY ONE OF THEM HAS AT LEAST  
6:38:57PM SECTIONS THAT ARE LIT.  
6:38:57PM THE SECTION THAT RUNS FROM BEN HILL GRIFFIN ACROSS THE  
6:38:59PM BRIDGE, THE SO-CALLED FLYOVER BRIDGE, AND GOES AND CONNECTS  
6:39:03PM TO THE POINT THAT BEGINS WHERE THIS PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION IS  
6:39:05PM GOING TO TAKE PLACE IS LIT.  
6:39:07PM AND I DON'T THINK THERE'S AN MSTU THAT DID THAT.  
6:39:13PM I'M ASSUMING THAT EITHER F.D.O.T. OR LEE D.O.T. OR SOMEBODY  
6:39:16PM DID.  
6:39:17PM WE DIDN'T.  
6:39:17PM I TOTALLY AGREE WITH KATY THAT THE CONCEPT OF US BUILDING A

6:39:25PM ROAD AND NOT LIGHTING IT IS DISGRACEFUL.  
6:39:29PM I CAN'T IMAGINE WHY WE WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.  
6:39:33PM EVEN IF IT MEANS DEFERRING ONE OF THE OTHER PROJECTS THAT'S  
6:39:38PM SITTING ON OUR BIG -- I'M HERE TO GET THE EXTRA MONEY TO DO  
6:39:42PM IT.  
6:39:43PM I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ALL ARE COMING FROM.  
6:39:46PM IT'S TIME TO DO THIS.  
6:39:47PM WE'VE SCREWED AROUND THIS.  
6:39:49PM I'VE BEEN HERE THE WHOLE FOUR AND A HALF YEARS.  
6:39:52PM JON HASN'T.  
6:39:53PM WE'VE BEEN PLAYING WITH THIS THING BLOODY FOREVER.  
6:39:56PM LET'S GET HER DONE.  
6:40:00PM THAT'S MY THOUGHT.  
6:40:01PM >>Mayor Ribble: YOU'RE RIGHT.

6:40:02PM WE HAVE BEEN PLAYING WITH THIS THING FOREVER AND EVER.  
6:40:05PM I CAN REMEMBER FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN WE WERE FIGHTING WITH THE  
6:40:07PM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO GET OUR \$2.1 MILLION, AND THAT TOOK  
6:40:10PM FOREVER.  
6:40:11PM THEN WE GOT THE MONEY, AND THEN EVERY TIME THEY SEE ME,  
6:40:15PM INCLUDING TODAY WITH BRIAN HAMMAN, WHEN ARE YOU FOLKS GOING  
6:40:20PM TO GET OFF THE DIME AND GET THIS DONE UP ON ESTERO PARKWAY?  
6:40:23PM WE DRAGGED THIS OUT.  
6:40:24PM IF YOU REMEMBER, MOST OF WHY YOU FOLKS WERE HERE, WE GOT  
6:40:26PM INVOLVED IN THE ROUNDABOUTS, SO WE LOST TIME IN THE  
6:40:29PM ROUNDABOUTS.

6:40:30PM THEN WE ALL CAME AROUND.  
6:40:32PM WE GOT -- AGREED ON WHAT THE ROAD SHOULD LOOK LIKE AFTER ALL  
6:40:38PM THAT TIME.  
6:40:39PM THEN GUESS WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?  
6:40:40PM BECAUSE I GO TO ALL THE MEETINGS.  
6:40:42PM NEXT WAS THE LANDSCAPING.  
6:40:43PM WE HAD THREE SESSIONS THAT WENT OVER AN HOUR EACH ABOUT  
6:40:46PM PICKING OUT WHICH TREE, WHICH ONES ARE GOING TO FLOWER AND  
6:40:50PM ALL THAT.  
6:40:51PM BUT WE SPENT THE TIME AND WE LOOKED AT IT.  
6:40:55PM NOW, I AGREE WITH MR. BOESCH ON ONE THING, WHEN HE NAMED ALL  
6:40:58PM THE COMMUNITIES, COCONUT ROAD, MY TURN ON COCONUT ROAD, I  
6:41:01PM WANT LIGHTS GOING ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE HYATT.  
6:41:05PM EVEN THOUGH PART IS BONITA SPRINGS.  
6:41:09PM I'M ALL FOR LIGHTS.  
6:41:10PM GUESS WHAT, WE DON'T HAVE A PLAN FOR LIGHTING.  
6:41:12PM DAVID, YOU CAME TO A MEETING ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO AND  
6:41:15PM PROPOSED THAT WE WOULD LOOK AT LIGHTING AND HOW IT'S GOING  
6:41:17PM TO WORK BUT WE NEVER CAME BACK WITH A PLAN.  
6:41:20PM NOW, I'M ALL IN FAVOR OF LIGHTING BUT I'M NOT GOING TO VOTE  
6:41:23PM FOR MOVING THIS THING FORWARD TONIGHT UNTIL WE HAVE THE PLAN  
6:41:26PM OF THE LIGHTING FIXED.  
6:41:27PM YOU'LL GET A VOTE FROM ME POSITIVE ON LIGHTING AFTER WE COME  
6:41:31PM UP WITH WHAT THE LIGHTS WILL LOOK LIKE.  
6:41:33PM ARE THEY GOING TO LOOK LIKE HIGH-TECH LIGHTS, WITH A SEAT

6:41:37PM THERE AND A SOLAR PANEL AND A KID SITTING THERE WITH HIS  
6:41:41PM iPhone OR LOOK LIKE THE LIGHTS ON 41 THAT ARE GOING TO  
6:41:44PM BLAST THE COMMUNITIES AWAY OR LOOK LIKE THE NICE LIGHTS THEY  
6:41:46PM HAVE OVER IN THE BROOKS?  
6:41:48PM WE HAVEN'T DECIDED THAT YET.  
6:41:50PM SO I THINK WE CAN VOTE TONIGHT, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT -- I'M  
6:41:53PM NOT GOING TO VOTE TO APPROVE THE LIGHTING TONIGHT BECAUSE I  
6:41:56PM WANT TO HAVE A PLAN AND I WANT TO HAVE ESTERO LIT.  
6:41:59PM I TOTALLY AGREE WITH JIM WILSON, BUT I WANT TO DO THIS  
6:42:03PM METHODICALLY.

6:42:04PM YOU GUYS GET ONE SET OF LIGHTS.  
6:42:06PM TWO YEARS FROM NOW, DO COCONUT ROAD, ANOTHER SET OF LIGHTS  
6:42:11PM AND AFTER A WHILE A HODGEPODGE.  
6:42:14PM I WANT IT UNIFORM AS WE PROPOSED WHEN WE LOOKED AT OUR  
6:42:17PM BRANDING.  
6:42:18PM THAT'S MOO TWO CENTS.  
6:42:20PM WE HAVE PEOPLE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.  
6:42:22PM GO AHEAD.  
6:42:22PM >>Kathleen Hall: THE FIRST PERSON IS ED MEHMEL, AND ED WILL  
6:42:27PM BE FOLLOWED BY JUDY WERNER.  
6:42:28PM WHEN YOU COME UP, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE  
6:42:32PM RECORD.  
6:42:32PM YOU GET THREE MINUTES EACH.  
6:42:33PM >> THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME.  
6:42:35PM MY NAME IS ED MEHMEL.

6:42:37PM I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOA AT ROOKERY POINT.  
6:42:40PM THIS AFTERNOON I WAS REMINDED BY TWO OF OUR LONG-TERM  
6:42:43PM RESIDENTS THAT WE LOST A RESIDENT ON ESTERO PARKWAY.  
6:42:46PM THE LADY WAS TRYING TO CROSS THE STREET AT NIGHT, AND SHE  
6:42:48PM WAS HIT BY A CAR AND UNFORTUNATELY KILLED.  
6:42:51PM I'VE BEEN TO THESE MEETINGS FOR THE LAST -- I DON'T KNOW --  
6:42:56PM IT SEEMS A WHILE.  
6:43:00PM YOU GUYS HAVE PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO TRYING TO MAKE THIS  
6:43:02PM PROJECT I THINK THE BEST PROJECT THAT WE COULD DO IT.  
6:43:04PM WE'VE TALKED ABOUT BIKE LANES AND WE'VE TALKED ABOUT  
6:43:08PM EXPANDED SIDEWALKS, AND WE'VE TALKED ABOUT OPTIONS THAT WILL  
6:43:13PM IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE USAGE OF THIS ROAD.  
6:43:15PM WELL, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS NECESSARY FOR ALL OF THOSE  
6:43:20PM ENHANCEMENTS ARE STREET LIGHTS.  
6:43:22PM IF WE'RE ASSUMING THAT WE'RE HAVING MORE PEDESTRIANS, IF  
6:43:25PM WE'RE ASSUMING THAT WE'RE HAVING MORE BICYCLISTS, ISN'T IT  
6:43:29PM LOGICAL THAT WE WANT TO MAKE IT SAFER FOR THOSE PEOPLE?  
6:43:31PM AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT IT'S HOT HERE IN THE  
6:43:34PM SUMMERTIME, SO I THINK PEOPLE ARE MORE INCLINED TO WALK  
6:43:37PM EARLY IN THE MORNING OR LATE IN THE EVENING, AND THAT'S WHEN  
6:43:41PM THESE STREETLIGHTS WOULD BE USEFUL.  
6:43:43PM I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN ABOUT, WELL, IF I GET IT ON MY  
6:43:48PM STREET, WHY DON'T YOU GET IT ON YOUR STREET?  
6:43:51PM THIS IS THE STREET THAT THE VILLAGE IS WORKING ON RIGHT NOW.  
6:43:54PM AND WHEN THE VILLAGE GOES TO WORK ON THE NEXT STREET, THEN

6:43:57PM THE VILLAGE CAN MAKE THE DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT  
6:44:00PM STREETLIGHTS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THAT STREET.  
6:44:02PM BUT I THINK YOU GUYS HAVE PUT A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT.  
6:44:05PM WE'RE ALL PAYING A LOT OF MONEY FOR THIS.  
6:44:08PM MY VOTE IS TO DO IT RIGHT.  
6:44:10PM THANK YOU.

6:44:12PM >>Kathleen Hall: JUDY WARNER FOLLOWED BY JEANNE DONATI.  
6:44:21PM >> GOOD EVENING.  
6:44:22PM MY NAME IS JUDY WERNER, CURRENTLY THE TREASURER OF THE  
6:44:28PM RESERVE AT ESTERO AND HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OUR  
6:44:31PM COMMUNITY SINCE OUR TURNOVER IN 2014.  
6:44:35PM I REMEMBER SITTING WITH STEVE SARKOZY IN 2014 OR EARLY '15  
6:44:45PM TALKING ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL ROAD EXPANSION AND HOW IT WAS  
6:44:51PM GOING TO HAPPEN WITHIN A YEAR OR LESS.  
6:44:53PM WHOOPS.  
6:44:54PM [ LAUGHTER ]  
6:44:54PM OBVIOUSLY THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN.  
6:44:56PM I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IT'S GOOD THING IT DIDN'T  
6:45:03PM HAPPEN THAT QUICKLY BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T HAVE WORKED AS WELL  
6:45:06PM AS I THINK WHAT WE HAVE NOW.  
6:45:09PM HOWEVER, IT'S TIME TO CUT BAIT OR TO DO SOMETHING.  
6:45:15PM IT'S TIME TO FINISH THE PROJECT.  
6:45:21PM IF FINISHING THE PROJECT MEANS PUTTING IN THE LIGHTS NOW AND  
6:45:25PM COMING UP WITH A PLAN FOR THE REST OF THE COMMUNITIES LATER,  
6:45:28PM THE REST OF THE ROADS, I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO.

6:45:32PM WE'VE SEEN LIGHTING CHANGE OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS  
6:45:38PM SIGNIFICANTLY.  
6:45:39PM IN SEVERAL YEARS, IT'S GOING TO CHANGE AGAIN, AND IT'S GOING  
6:45:43PM TO CHANGE AGAIN.  
6:45:44PM YOU CAN'T JUST HAVE, THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO  
6:45:47PM EVERYWHERE AND SAY, OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO STICK WITH THIS NOW  
6:45:53PM BECAUSE WE VOTED ON IT.  
6:45:55PM YOU NEED TO DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO KEEP PEOPLE IN A  
6:46:02PM POSITION WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE TO TURN ON THEIR HIGH BEAMS  
6:46:05PM TO FIND THEIR COMMUNITY, AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT  
6:46:09PM TAKING A STROLL AT NIGHT.  
6:46:12PM IF YOU GO OUT THERE NOW, IT'S LIKE GOING THROUGH A CAVERN.  
6:46:23PM IT IS SO DARK.  
6:46:24PM SO I PLEAD WITH YOU, PLEASE, THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE INCLINED  
6:46:29PM TO VOTE AGAINST THAT, TO VOTE FOR IT.  
6:46:32PM AND I THANK YOU.  
6:46:36PM >>Kathleen Hall: JEANNE FOLLOWED BY JIM.  
6:46:40PM >> HI.  
6:46:40PM MY NAME IS JEANNE DONATI.  
6:46:41PM I LIVE AT 20029 CASCADE ISLE BOULEVARD.  
6:46:48PM I'M TALKING TONIGHT ABOUT THE LIGHTS ON ESTERO PARKWAY.  
6:46:51PM I'VE LIVED ON ESTERO PARKWAY SINCE 2004.  
6:46:55PM AND WHEN I MOVED THERE, I WAS TOLD THAT ESTERO PARKWAY WAS  
6:46:58PM GOING TO BE THE GATEWAY TO ESTERO.  
6:47:00PM AND THAT THAT ROAD WILL BE THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION WHEN

6:47:06PM PEOPLE CAME, AND THERE WOULD BE WIDER ROADS, MORE LIGHTS,  
6:47:10PM AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY LIGHTS.

6:47:12PM WE HAVE SEVERAL COMMUNITIES THAT EXIT ON ESTERO PARKWAY.  
6:47:15PM WE ALSO HAVE A LARGE BOX STORE THAT HAS AN EXIT, A BAR THAT  
6:47:19PM HAS AN EXIT, A GROCERY STORE THAT'S GOING TO COME.  
6:47:22PM A STEAK RESTAURANT AND SEVERAL APARTMENTS OPPOSITE ON 41  
6:47:26PM THAT ARE COMING TO ESTERO PARKWAY.  
6:47:30PM THERE ARE THREE CHURCHES, A SCHOOL, AND NURSERY SCHOOL THAT  
6:47:34PM ALSO USE ESTERO PARKWAY.  
6:47:35PM WHY ARE WE PUTTING MORE TREES ON ESTERO PARKWAY IF YOU DON'T  
6:47:39PM WANT TO PUT THE LIGHTS?  
6:47:41PM I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD PUT MORE TREES AND NOT PUT  
6:47:45PM LIGHTS.  
6:47:46PM BECAUSE IF YOU PUT MORE TREES AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PUT  
6:47:48PM THE LIGHTS, IT'S GOING TO BE EVEN DARKER THAN IT IS RIGHT  
6:47:50PM NOW.  
6:47:52PM IF YOU'RE TRYING TO SAVE MONEY, I'D RATHER SEE THE LIGHTS  
6:47:55PM AND TRY TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TREES YOU'RE GOING TO PUT ON  
6:47:57PM ESTERO PARKWAY.  
6:47:58PM START LOOKING AT THE LANDSCAPING AND REDUCE THE COST OF  
6:48:00PM THAT.  
6:48:01PM THANK YOU.  
6:48:06PM >>Kathleen Hall: JIM COP, FOLLOWED BY MARC GAGNON.  
6:48:15PM >> DEAR COUNCIL MEMBERS, MR. MAYOR, AND MS. VICE-MAYOR,  
6:48:22PM THANKS FOR LETTING ME TALK HERE TODAY.

6:48:26PM MY NAME IS JIM COP.  
6:48:28PM I LIVE IN THE CASCADES AND I AM THE HOA TREASURER AND  
6:48:32PM FILLING IN AS THE INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT THERE AS WELL.  
6:48:34PM I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I'M STANDING IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY  
6:48:38PM DISCUSSING THE SAME TOPIC AS WE DID OVER A YEAR AGO, ESTERO  
6:48:42PM PARKWAY.  
6:48:42PM THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO WAS THE START OF THIS PROJECT SEVERAL  
6:48:48PM MONTHS AGO, AND AFTER A LONG, DRAWN-OUT DEBATE ABOUT  
6:48:52PM RESURFACING THE ROAD, I BELIEVE, AS OTHERS IN THIS ROOM, IN  
6:48:57PM MEETING AFTER MEETING THAT THE PLAN WAS FINALLY FINALIZE AND  
6:49:00PM THE VILLAGE WAS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH MUCH-NEEDED REPAVEMENT  
6:49:05PM OF THE ROAD.  
6:49:06PM AND NOW IT SEEMS THE COUNCIL HAS DROPPED THE BALL AGAIN.  
6:49:10PM NOTHING HAS STARTED AND NOW WE HAVE AN INQUISITION AS TO  
6:49:14PM WHETHER OR NOT LIGHTING SHOULD BE INSTALLED ON ESTERO  
6:49:16PM PARKWAY.  
6:49:16PM THE INITIAL PLAN, WHICH WAS PASSED BY YOU OVER A YEAR AGO,  
6:49:23PM INCORPORATED STREETLIGHTS.  
6:49:24PM NOW THIS HAS TURNED INTO A COMEDIC PERFORMANCE, AND IF IT  
6:49:28PM WASN'T SO SAD IT WOULD BE HILARIOUS.  
6:49:31PM IT'S FUNNY THAT THE SOUTH END OF ESTERO HAS PRISTINE  
6:49:34PM ROADWAYS, WELL-LIGHTED, WELL-DEFINED, AND WELL TAKEN CARE  
6:49:39PM OF.  
6:49:39PM THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THIS VILLAGE IS IN TOTAL DISARRAY.

6:49:42PM ESTERO PARKWAY'S ROAD SURFACE IS MORE THAN WORN DOWN IS

6:49:49PM UNSIGHTLY AND COLLECTS PUDDLES OF WATER AFTER RAINS WHICH

6:49:53PM PRESENT DANGERS OF HYDROPLANING, AND WE ARE STILL HERE

6:49:57PM TALKING ABOUT LIGHTING.

6:49:57PM WHICH WHEN YOU MADE THE DECISION TO RECONSTRUCT ESTERO

6:50:02PM PARKWAY, INCORPORATE IT, AND YOU DID INCORPORATE LIGHTING IN

6:50:05PM YOUR PROPOSED PLAN, WHAT HAPPENED?

6:50:09PM IF, IN FACT, IN MY LIFETIME, IF THIS ROAD IS EVER COMPLETED,

6:50:15PM AND IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE AS BEAUTIFUL AS ESTERO BOASTED IT

6:50:18PM ABOUT BEING, THEN IT WOULD BE CONDUCIVE AND ATTRACTIVE TO

6:50:21PM ALL THOSE LIVING ALONG ESTERO PARKWAY, LIKE THE RESERVES,

6:50:24PM LIKE BELLE LAGO, LIKE OSPREY COVE, LIKE THE ROOKERY AND THE

6:50:29PM CASCADES TO BRING THESE RESIDENTS OUT TO ENJOY TO WALK THIS

6:50:35PM AREA DURING THE EVENING HOURS.

6:50:36PM PLUS, WITH ALL THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS ON 41 NEAR THIS

6:50:39PM PARKWAY, WALMART, RUSTY'S, YOU'VE GOT THE TEXAS ROAD HOUSE

6:50:46PM AND THE 7-ELEVEN GAS STATION ON ESTERO PARKWAY AND ALL OF

6:50:50PM THE APARTMENT COMPLEXES NOW IN THIS AREA WITH THE TRANSIENT

6:50:54PM POPULATION THAT GOES ALONG WITH IT, WHY WOULDN'T YOU WANT

6:51:00PM LIGHTING TO PROTECT YOUR CITIZENRY?

6:51:01PM ADDED LIGHTING WILL IMMENSELY HELP THE OLDER DRIVERS IN THIS

6:51:06PM AREA TO NAVIGATE THE NARROW CAR LANES AND HAVE DICTATED FOR

6:51:13PM THIS ROAD TO BE NORMALLY 12-FOOT LANES DOWN TO 11-FOOT LANES

6:51:18PM WITH A MAMMOTH BIKE PATH OR BIKE LANE INCLUDED OF SEVEN

6:51:22PM FEET.

6:51:23PM IT IS A FACT LIGHTING WILL PROVIDE SAFETY TO THE PEDESTRIAN

6:51:28PM AS WELL AS BIKE RIDERS WHILE IMPROVING THE SENSE OF SECURITY

6:51:31PM FOR THE CITIZENS AND PROVIDE BADLY NEEDED AESTHETICS ON THIS

6:51:34PM END OF ESTERO.

6:51:35PM THANK YOU.

6:51:43PM >>Kathleen Hall: MARC GAGNON FOLLOWED BY JoANN LUCE.

6:51:47PM >> MARC GAGNON.

6:51:49PM INTERIM PRESIDENT OF THE CASCADES.

6:51:51PM I JUST WANT TO LOOK AT THIS THING FROM A 30,000-FOOT VIEW.

6:51:55PM WE HAVE DONE THIS MARVELOUS JOB OF REDESIGNING A PIECE OF

6:52:01PM OUR BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE.

6:52:04PM WE HAVE SHRUNK OUR LANES DOWN BY A FOOT FOR CARS IN ORDER TO

6:52:09PM EXPAND SEVEN FEET -- SEVEN FEET WITH A BUFFER FOR BICYCLES.

6:52:13PM IT'S A WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL CONCEPT.

6:52:16PM IT INVITES BICYCLES IN.

6:52:18PM IT SAYS, HEY, THIS IS PART OF THE BIG PLAN FOR SEVEN -- I

6:52:21PM THINK IT'S 72 MILES OF BICYCLE AND WALKING TRAILS THAT WE

6:52:25PM HAVE PLANNED.

6:52:27PM IT'S A GREAT PLAN.

6:52:28PM YOU'RE GOING TO BRING MORE BICYCLE TRAFFIC IN HERE, BUT

6:52:32PM YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LIGHT THE ROAD.

6:52:35PM THAT'S LUDICROUS.  
6:52:36PM I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY ANYBODY WOULD EVEN CONSIDER THAT.  
6:52:42PM I UNDERSTAND THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ON IT.  
6:52:45PM \$770,000 IS A LOT OF MONEY.  
6:52:47PM WE ALREADY LOST ONE PERSON FROM THE ROOKERY TRYING TO CROSS  
  
6:52:51PM THE STREET IN THE DARK.  
6:52:52PM WHAT IF WE BUILD THIS BEAUTIFUL MONUMENTAL THING AND WE  
6:52:57PM DON'T PUT LIGHTS ON IT AND WE HAVE ANOTHER DEATH ON THAT  
6:53:01PM HIGHWAY?  
6:53:02PM WHAT HAPPENS THEN?  
6:53:03PM MORGAN AND MORGAN?  
6:53:04PM WHO ARE THEY GOING TO GO AFTER?  
6:53:07PM REALLY, THIS IS A LITIGIOUS SOCIETY WE LIVE IN.  
6:53:11PM ASK OUR LAWYER.  
6:53:12PM WHAT WOULD HAPPEN THERE?  
6:53:13PM YOU THINK FOR ONE MINUTE THEY WOULDN'T COME AFTER SOMEBODY,  
6:53:16PM HEY, YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIGHT THIS THING AND YOU  
6:53:18PM DIDN'T DO THAT.  
6:53:19PM YOU'LL SPEND THAT 770 ANYWAY.  
6:53:22PM IN MY ESTIMATION, IT'S A THREE-QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLAR  
6:53:27PM MISTAKE IF YOU DON'T PUT LIGHTS ON THIS PART.  
6:53:31PM PLEASE DO IT.  
6:53:32PM MAKE THE DECISION FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS, NOT FOR  
6:53:36PM THE BOTTOM LINE.  
6:53:38PM PLEASE.  
6:53:38PM THANK YOU.  
6:53:40PM >>Kathleen Hall: -- LEWIS.  
6:53:42PM JoANN WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JACK MEEKER.  
6:53:48PM >> COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GUESTS, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY  
6:53:51PM TO SHARE MY CONCERNS REGARDING THE PROPOSAL FOR ESTERO  
  
6:53:55PM PARKWAY.  
6:53:55PM MY NAME IS JOANN LUCE.  
6:53:58PM I LIVE IN THE CASCADES.  
6:54:00PM I READ THE NEWS PRESS ARTICLE WITH GREAT INTEREST AND NEW  
6:54:06PM DISBELIEF REGARDING THE SUGGESTED PLANTINGS OF 1200 TREES  
6:54:09PM AND 57,000 AQUATIC VEGETATIONS ON OUR NEARLY TWO-MILE ROAD.  
6:54:16PM 1200 TREES.  
6:54:21PM THE PLAN TO ME APPEARS FINANCIALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY  
6:54:29PM EXTRAVAGANT.  
6:54:31PM AS I UNDERSTAND THE PROPOSED SEVEN FEET WIDE BIKE LANE WILL  
6:54:36PM REDUCE THE ACTUAL ROAD WIDTH BY OVER A FOOT ON BOTH SIDES OF  
6:54:39PM THE ROAD.  
6:54:40PM I GUESS THAT IS CORRECT FROM WHAT THE GENTLEMAN BEFORE ME  
6:54:45PM SAID.  
6:54:46PM HAVING LARGE OAK TREES WHICH DO DROP NUMEROUS ACORNS AND  
6:54:56PM HAVE LARGE ROOTS WOULD SEEM OUT OF PROPORTION WITH THE

6:54:58PM NARROW ROAD WIDTH, NOT TO MENTION LARGE, IF A LARGE TREE IS  
6:55:03PM BLOWN DOWN IN A STORM, WHICH WOULD SNAG TRAFFIC FOR HOURS.  
6:55:07PM I DON'T BELIEVE THAT BEAUTIFYING THE ROAD WOULD SLOW DOWN  
6:55:16PM TRAFFIC.  
6:55:17PM I THINK ONCE YOU SEE A BEAUTIFUL TREE, YOU'RE -- WHOA, LOOK  
6:55:22PM AT THAT, AND SOMEBODY IS GOING TO RAM YOU FROM THE BEHIND.  
6:55:27PM I'D JUST SAY, WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?  
6:55:29PM THIS IS A MAJOR, MAJOR PATHWAY, YOU KNOW, ROADWAY.  
6:55:33PM SO I DON'T BELIEVE HAVING 12,000 OR 1200 TREES AND 57,000

6:55:40PM AQUATIC PLANTS ARE GOING TO SLOW PEOPLE DOWN, IF THAT WAS  
6:55:44PM THE INTENTION.  
6:55:45PM BESIDES, SO MANY OF THE COMMUNITIES HAVE LARGE, BEAUTIFUL  
6:55:55PM TREES ALREADY GROWING ON THE SIDES OF THE ROAD.  
6:55:59PM I DON'T KNOW WHERE THESE TREES WOULD BE PLANTED, EXCEPT FOR  
6:56:03PM A FEW PLACES WHERE THE CHURCHES ARE AND MAYBE SOME OTHER  
6:56:07PM PLACES.  
6:56:08PM I WOULD PREFER FOCUSING ON STREET LIGHTING FIRST.  
6:56:14PM WHY INSTALL VEGETATION INITIALLY IF IT HAS TO BE REMOVED IF  
6:56:22PM AND WHEN LIGHTING IS INSTALLED?  
6:56:24PM THAT'S LIKE PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE.  
6:56:27PM I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THE PLAN IS, WHAT'S COMING FIRST,  
6:56:30PM BUT AS WAS MENTIONED, FPL HAS TO BE INVOLVED WITH THIS ALSO  
6:56:34PM WITH ALL THE CABLES AND PIPES THAT ARE GOING TO BE  
6:56:36PM INSTALLED.  
6:56:37PM I THINK SAFETY WITH A WELL-LIT ROAD SHOULD BE OUR MAIN  
6:56:45PM CONSIDERATION.  
6:56:46PM FINALLY, IF WE REMEMBER JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO, THE COUNCIL  
6:56:51PM IN ITS WISDOM, SPURRED ON THE NEARLY UNANIMOUSLY SENTIMENT  
6:56:56PM OF THE RESIDENTS, PURCHASED THE 60 PLUS ACRES ON THE CORNER  
6:56:59PM OF 41 AND CORKSCREW.  
6:57:01PM IF WE LIMIT THE GLAMORIZATION OF THE ROAD, WE COULD APPLY  
6:57:06PM MUCH OF THIS MONEY FOR THE ESTERO PARKWAY LIGHTING AND THE  
6:57:10PM NEW WONDERFUL PARCEL WHICH WOULD REQUIRE DESIGN, USAGE, AND  
6:57:16PM CONSTRUCTION FOR ALL RESIDENTS, THAT AREA WOULD BE THE

6:57:20PM SHOWCASE FOR ESTERO.  
6:57:22PM THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.  
6:57:25PM >>Kathleen Hall: JACK MEEKER FOLLOWED BY DON FOSS.  
6:57:38PM >> THANK YOU.  
6:57:39PM I HOPE IT'S NOT TWO STRIKES AND YOU'RE OUT.  
6:57:41PM I DO SUPPORT THE IMPROVEMENTS.  
6:57:52PM I'VE BEEN HERE 16 YEARS NOW.  
6:57:55PM I'VE LIVED LONGER HERE THAN ANY OTHER PLACE, IN THE SAME  
6:57:58PM HOUSE.  
6:57:59PM I ALSO GO OUT ABOUT 6:00 IN THE MORNING TO McDONALD'S, AND  
6:58:05PM I WILL TELL YOU COMING DOWN THREE OAKS PARKWAY, THERE ARE A  
6:58:10PM LOT OF BIKE RIDERS, AND I THINK THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THOSE

6:58:16PM STREETLIGHTS I THINK WOULD SAVE LIVES.  
6:58:18PM IT SAVES A LOT OF LIVES, BECAUSE THE BIKERS, YOU KNOW, THEY  
6:58:22PM ARE CONCENTRATING ON GETTING TO CLASS OR WHEREVER THEY ARE  
6:58:26PM GOING.  
6:58:26PM THEY ARE NOT WATCHING THE TRAFFIC AS MUCH AS THEY SHOULD BE.  
6:58:31PM IF YOU'RE GOING TO LANDSCAPE THIS, WHICH I HOPE YOU DO, IT'S  
6:58:37PM BEST TO GET THAT UNDERGROUND WORK DONE FIRST.  
6:58:39PM DON'T TRY TO LANDSCAPE IT AND THEN DIG IT UP AGAIN AND WRECK  
6:58:45PM THE TREES AND OTHER PLANTS BY PULLING WIRES THROUGH.  
6:58:50PM THAT'S VERY COST INEFFECTIVE.  
6:58:51PM YOU WIND UP DOING THE JOB TWICE.  
6:58:53PM AND I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WANTS TO PAY FOR THAT TWICE.  
6:58:57PM I UNDERSTAND SAVING MONEY.

6:59:01PM I'M IN THE SAME BOAT.  
6:59:02PM I'M ON THE CDD IN THE BROOKS.  
6:59:04PM WE HAVE LANDSCAPING THERE, AND WE HAVE STREET LIGHTING  
6:59:07PM THERE.  
6:59:08PM IT'S ALL PAID FOR BY THE CDD.  
6:59:10PM WHICH IS OUR RESIDENTS.  
6:59:12PM SURE, YOU'RE GOING TO GET COMPLAINTS FROM TIME TO TIME IN  
6:59:17PM BUDGET, WHICH IS NATURAL.  
6:59:19PM BUT IT'S ALSO VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP THIS COMMUNITY  
6:59:24PM LOOKING NICE.  
6:59:25PM IT IMPRESSED ME WHEN I GOT THE RIDE HOME FROM THE AIRPORT  
6:59:29PM THE OTHER DAY, DRIVERS LIKE COMING DOWN THREE OAKS, I LIKE  
6:59:37PM TO SHOW THE AREA OFF.  
6:59:39PM HOW BEAUTIFUL THIS AREA IS.  
6:59:41PM WITH THE LANDSCAPING AND THE STREETLIGHTS, HE SAID IT'S A  
6:59:46PM SHOWCASE.  
6:59:48PM I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE BUY INTO WHEN WE MOVE HERE.  
6:59:50PM SO I'D LIKE TO KEEP THAT GOING.  
6:59:52PM THANK YOU.  
6:59:58PM >>Kathleen Hall: DON FOSS AND THEN JOE MICELI.  
7:00:06PM >> DON FOSS FROM THE RESERVES.  
7:00:08PM THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING ME HERE.  
7:00:09PM I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING HERE EARLIER IN OTHER MEETINGS  
7:00:12PM TALKING ABOUT THE ESTERO PARKWAY BECAUSE IT'S BEEN A HOT  
7:00:15PM SUBJECT IN MANY PEOPLE'S MINDS AND VOICES.

7:00:19PM RIGHT NOW, IT'S PRETTY MUCH A DONE DEAL AS FAR AS WHAT  
7:00:25PM YOU'RE PLANTING AND PUTTING IN THERE.  
7:00:27PM I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU, YOU'RE PUTTING SO MANY PLANTS IN THE  
7:00:30PM AREA, THE PLANTS THAT ARE WATER TOLERANT OR DROUGHT TOLERANT  
7:00:35PM AND LETTING THEM GROW IN THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, WHILE  
7:00:38PM IT'S A GREAT THOUGHT, WE HAVE A MANICURED LOCATION HERE IN  
7:00:43PM ALL OF OUR RESERVE PROPERTY.  
7:00:46PM IT LOOKS REAL NICE IN THE ROAD.

7:00:48PM YOU DRIVE UP.  
7:00:49PM YOU CAN SEE THE BEAUTIFUL TREES.  
7:00:51PM THE PLANTS LOOK SICK.  
7:00:54PM PRUNE THEM, REPLACE THEM, BUT WE WANT THE PROPERTY TO LOOK  
7:00:57PM REALLY NICE AND PICTURESQUE.  
7:01:01PM WHAT'S GOING IN THERE IN THE SWALES SCARES ME.  
7:01:05PM I ALSO HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT AFTER BEING THROUGH THE  
7:01:09PM WONDERFUL HURRICANE AND THE ROADS FLOODED, I NOTICED THAT  
7:01:13PM THE PITCH IS HORRIBLE ON THE ROAD.  
7:01:15PM I HAVE NOT SEEN ANYTHING ABOUT THE PITCH BEING CHANGED TO  
7:01:17PM ELIMINATE THAT FLOODING.  
7:01:18PM HOPEFULLY SOMEBODY IS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.  
7:01:21PM IF THE WATER DOESN'T GET OFF THE ROAD, DOESN'T GET IN THE  
7:01:24PM SWALES AND GET DOWN TO THE ESTERO CREEK, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE  
7:01:27PM A BIG FLOODING AREA OVER HERE AGAIN WHICH NOBODY WANTS TO  
7:01:31PM HEAR THAT AGAIN.  
7:01:32PM LITTLE THINGS.

7:01:35PM ONE OTHER THING THAT I'VE NOTICED IS THE SWALE AND THE  
7:01:39PM SIDEWALKS ARE FLOPPING.  
7:01:41PM AND BY DOING THAT, WE HAVE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS PUT IN THE  
7:01:45PM PROPERTY IN ORDER TO SPRAY THE GRASS AND CUT IT FOR THE  
7:01:50PM VILLAGE.  
7:01:51PM NICE LITTLE THING WE'RE DOING WITH YOUR COOPERATION.  
7:01:53PM WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CUT OFF THOSE LINES IN ORDER TO ALLOW  
7:01:57PM THE PROCESS TO BE PUT IN THERE, THE SIDEWALKS, TO REPLACE  
7:02:01PM THE SWALES.  
7:02:02PM THAT'S GOING TO PUT ANOTHER ADDITIONAL COST ON TO THESE  
7:02:07PM COMMUNITIES TO TAKE CARE OF THAT AND FIX IT.  
7:02:10PM I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY PLANS.  
7:02:11PM IT WOULD BE NICE TO PUT PLANS IN THERE TO EITHER PUT THE  
7:02:14PM SPRINKLERS BACK IN AND LET US CONNECT TO THEM FOR YOU OR  
7:02:18PM SOME MONETARY IMPROVEMENT TO CUT DOWN THE EXISTING COST ON  
7:02:23PM THE HOAs.  
7:02:24PM I'LL LET YOU GO.  
7:02:25PM I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.  
7:02:29PM >>Kathleen Hall: JOE MICELI FOLLOWED BY GEORGE FUNDAL.  
7:02:36PM >> MR. MAYOR, COUNCILMEN, AND COUNCILWOMAN, THANK YOU FOR  
7:02:44PM YOUR PRESENTATIONS HERE AND EVERYTHING.  
7:02:46PM I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF.  
7:02:47PM FIRST, I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH EVERY ONE OF YOU UP HERE  
7:02:54PM WHO FEEL THAT WE SHOULD NOT PUT THE LIGHTING ON.  
7:02:56PM I SUPPORT EVERY PERSON FROM THE COMMUNITY IN THEIR COMMENTS

7:03:04PM WHAT THEY'RE SAYING BECAUSE THAT IS THE SITUATION.  
7:03:07PM ED MEHMEL -- I ALSO LIVE IN ROOKERY, AND I SHOULD HAVE  
7:03:10PM IDENTIFIED MYSELF, I'M JOE MICELI -- PRESENTED THE VERY SAD  
7:03:15PM TRAGEDY THAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT.

7:03:17PM FIRST, I HAVE TO THANK COUNCILMAN McLAIN.  
7:03:23PM YOU EXPRESSED EVERYTHING VERY SUCCINCTLY AND PROFESSIONALLY,  
7:03:27PM AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT.  
7:03:28PM VICE-MAYOR ERRINGTON, YOUR ANALOGY OF THE HOUSE WAS REALLY  
7:03:34PM SPOT ON.  
7:03:36PM HOW CAN WE JUSTIFY BUILDING A HOUSE WITHOUT PUTTING  
7:03:40PM ELECTRICITY IN THERE?  
7:03:41PM THAT IS CLEARLY NEGLIGENT.  
7:03:42PM AS THE GENTLEMAN JUST BEFORE ME SAID, WE HAVE TO THEN PULL  
7:03:46PM THE HOUSE DOWN AND REWIRE IT.  
7:03:49PM THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN OVER HERE IF WE DO NOT PUT  
7:03:53PM THIS LIGHTING NOW.  
7:03:59PM ANYTIME YOU RETROFIT SOMETHING, IT COSTS MORE.  
7:04:01PM MR. MAYOR, YOU'RE RIGHT.  
7:04:02PM WE HAVE BEEN HERE A LONG TIME TRYING TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE.  
7:04:05PM AND I WAS GOING TO TALK ABOUT MAKING SURE THE CONTRACTOR  
7:04:11PM DOES THE ROADWAY RIGHT AND ALL THIS KIND OF STUFF.  
7:04:13PM BUT HEARING THE COMMENTS, I HAVE CHANGED MY OPINIONS ABOUT  
7:04:17PM WHAT I'M SAYING.  
7:04:18PM COUNCILMAN WILSON, I STILL TEACH NIGHT CLASSES.  
7:04:25PM I GET HOME AT NIGHT WHEN I'M TEACHING ABOUT 11:00.

7:04:29PM I COME OVER THE BRIDGE, WHICH IS LIT, AND THEN RIGHT THERE  
7:04:34PM AT THREE OAKS, IT'S TOTAL PITCH BLACK.  
7:04:37PM YOU MAY GET THE LIGHTS FROM THE GAS STATION THERE, AND MAYBE  
7:04:41PM FROM THAT STORAGE SHED, BUT LOOKING DOWN THAT ROAD, YOUR  
7:04:45PM EYES REALLY HAVE TO ADJUST TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON DOWN  
7:04:49PM THERE.  
7:04:50PM OKAY?  
7:04:50PM SO I CAN SPEAK FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCES, COMING HOME LATE  
7:04:55PM AT NIGHT WHAT GOES ON.  
7:04:57PM FINALLY, OF COURSE, STEVE SARKOZY, OUR WONDERFUL VILLAGE  
7:05:02PM MANAGER, YOU JOGGED THE MEMORY BANK.  
7:05:05PM SO CONCERNED ABOUT THE MONEY, AS YOU KNOW, I SPOKE OUT WHEN  
7:05:11PM WE BOUGHT THOSE 64 ACRES.  
7:05:14PM IF YOU WANT TO GET THE MONEY, REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU TO  
7:05:19PM PLANT OUT THERE AND THEREFORE YOU WILL HAVE ALL THE MONEY  
7:05:21PM YOU NEED.  
7:05:23PM THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.  
7:05:25PM CIAO.  
7:05:26PM ARRIVEDERCI.  
7:05:31PM >> WE'RE BACK TO DOPE AGAIN, HUH?  
7:05:33PM [ LAUGHTER ]  
7:05:41PM >>Kathleen Hall: GEORGE FOLLOWED BY ADELE.  
7:05:47PM >> GOOD EVENING, MR. MAYOR, COUNCIL, THANK YOU FOR THE  
7:05:52PM OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK OVER HERE.  
7:05:54PM I AM ALSO IN FAVOR OF THE LIGHTING, VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF

7:05:58PM THE LIGHTING.  
7:06:01PM WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE IS A RECONSTRUCT ON THIS PROJECT, AND  
7:06:04PM YOU'RE LEAVING OUT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF IT.  
7:06:08PM NOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK IS IMPORTANT IS THERE'S  
7:06:13PM BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT THE FIVE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE  
7:06:17PM DIRECT ACCESS TO ESTERO PARKWAY.  
7:06:19PM THERE ARE 2245 RESIDENCES, MOST OF THESE ARE SINGLE-FAMILY.  
7:06:27PM I DID NOT COUNT ALL OF THE APARTMENTS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF  
7:06:33PM THE 7-ELEVEN, WHICH IS QUITE A NUMBER.  
7:06:37PM IF YOU GO DOWN THREE OAKS TOWARD THE COLLEGE, YOU HAVE ALL  
7:06:40PM THE NEW APARTMENTS OVER THERE.  
7:06:42PM ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE RUNNING BACK AND FORTH ON THIS ROAD.  
7:06:45PM AND AS WAS MENTIONED, YOU'RE COMING FROM A GLARING LIGHT ON  
7:06:50PM BOTH ENDS INTO A TUNNEL.  
7:06:53PM SO I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY FOOLISH NOT TO INCORPORATE THE  
7:06:58PM LIGHTING.  
7:06:58PM IT WAS MENTIONED ABOUT DIRECTIONAL BORING AFTERWARDS, AFTER  
7:07:02PM THE FACT.  
7:07:02PM I USED TO WORK CONSTRUCTION.  
7:07:06PM IT'S A LOT MORE EXPENSIVE, RIGHT, STEVE?  
7:07:10PM >> THERE'S MORE ADDITIONAL COST, YES.  
7:07:12PM >> IT WILL ALSO RUE AN LOT OF THE PLANTS BECAUSE YOU'LL BE  
7:07:15PM CUTTING OFF THE ROOTS.  
7:07:16PM AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, I THINK THE NUMBER I HEARD WAS 2.7  
7:07:25PM MILLION FOR LANDSCAPING.

7:07:30PM THAT'S AN AWFUL A LOT OF MONEY AND AWFUL A LOT OF TREES TO  
7:07:33PM PUT OUT THERE.  
7:07:35PM MAYBE WE SHOULD ADJUST THAT A LITTLE BIT AND ALLOW SOME  
7:07:38PM MONEY TO PUT THE STREET LIGHTING IN.  
7:07:40PM THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT, FOLKS.  
7:07:46PM >>Kathleen Hall: ADELE AMICO FOLLOWED BY RALPH WILLIAMS.  
7:07:56PM >> GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY.  
7:07:57PM MY NAME IS ADELE AMICO.  
7:07:59PM I LIVE AT OSPREY COVE.  
7:08:02PM I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT 16 YEARS IN ESTERO.  
7:08:04PM MY FIRST PROPERTY COMMUNITY I LIVED IN WAS STONEYBROOK WHEN  
7:08:08PM THERE WAS NO STREETLIGHT.  
7:08:09PM COMING FROM BOSTON, I KNEW HOW TO GET ACROSS THERE PRETTY  
7:08:12PM DARN FAST BECAUSE I HAD TO PUT MY DRIVING SKILLS IN.  
7:08:15PM THE REASON THEY HAVE A STREETLIGHT THERE IS THERE WAS A  
7:08:18PM FATALITY AND THE POPULATION GREW.  
7:08:20PM NOW THAT I'M ON ESTERO PARKWAY AND LIVE IN OSPREY COVE, MY  
7:08:25PM CONCERN, NUMBER ONE, IS SAFETY.  
7:08:27PM I AGREE WITH EVERYBODY BEHIND ME.  
7:08:31PM IT IS A HUGE PROBLEM.  
7:08:33PM THEY LABEL IT THE BLACK HOLE, BECAUSE AS THIS GENTLEMAN  
7:08:37PM SAID, AS SOON AS YOU HIT THAT AREA, IT IS SO BLINDING THAT I

7:08:42PM HAVE TO PUT MY HIGH BEAMS ON.  
7:08:46PM I FEEL REALLY BAD THAT I HAVE TO DO THAT TO THE OTHER  
7:08:48PM PEOPLE, BUT I'M SORRY BECAUSE I CAN'T SEE.

7:08:50PM THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO REALLY TAKE -- THE BIG  
7:08:53PM PICTURE HERE IS SAFETY.  
7:08:54PM IT IS A MAJOR THOROUGHFARE, ESTERO PARKWAY.  
7:08:57PM IT'S NOT SANDY LANE.  
7:08:59PM IT'S NOT COCONUT ROAD.  
7:09:00PM IT'S A MAJOR THOROUGHFARE.  
7:09:03PM WE HAVE A DESTINATION HERE CALLED MIROMAR MALL.  
7:09:08PM PEOPLE COME HERE.  
7:09:09PM WE HAVE FGCU.  
7:09:11PM AND THAT ROAD BRINGS A LOT MORE TRAFFIC THAN THE 2200  
7:09:15PM RESIDENTS HE WAS TALKING ABOUT.  
7:09:16PM I CAN GUARANTEE YOU, A LOT OF PEOPLE ON THE ROAD IN THE  
7:09:19PM MORNING ARE NOT RESIDENTS THAT ARE LIVING IN THE AREA.  
7:09:21PM THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE USING THAT AS A COMMUTE ROAD.  
7:09:23PM AND IT IS THE FOUR LANES.  
7:09:25PM AND THERE WAS ONE OTHER PERSON THAT ALSO THERE WAS A  
7:09:27PM FATALITY, AND IT WAS A YEAR AGO THIS PAST DECEMBER, AND IT  
7:09:31PM WAS OVER BY WALMART WHEN SHE WAS CROSSING OVER.  
7:09:33PM IT'S NOT DESIGNATED AS A CROSSWALK.  
7:09:40PM SO WE DO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY WHERE AND WHEN YOU DO CROSS  
7:09:43PM OVER.  
7:09:44PM BUT IT WAS HORRIBLE.  
7:09:45PM I DON'T WANT IT TO LOOK LIKE -- WE DEFINITELY HAVE TO GET  
7:09:51PM THE LIGHTING IN THERE, BUT I'M LOOKING AT THE NUMBER,  
7:09:53PM \$997,000 AND THEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT YOU WANT TO GET BIDS

7:09:57PM TO GET A BETTER IDEA WHAT THE ACTUAL COST IS GOING TO BE.  
7:10:00PM I WANT TO THANK YOU, STEVE, FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU'RE  
7:10:03PM DOING AND YOUR TEAM.  
7:10:04PM SO I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT FIGURE CAME FROM, BECAUSE NOW WE  
7:10:08PM HAVE TO COME BACK AND READDRESS THAT ONE MORE TIME.  
7:10:11PM THE OTHER THING I WANTED TO MENTION IS, IT IS A HUGE CAPITAL  
7:10:19PM IMPROVEMENT AND THIS WILL BE YOUR LEGACY.  
7:10:21PM IT'S GOING TO BE YOUR SIGNATURE.  
7:10:23PM IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE DO IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME.  
7:10:26PM SO I'M GOING TO LEAVE YOU WITH THAT I STRONGLY FEEL THIS  
7:10:29PM VOTE QUALIFIES AS A VOTE OF POLITICAL PRAGMATISM AND NOTHING  
7:10:33PM OTHER THAN THAT, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FINALLY MAKE  
7:10:36PM THAT DECISION AND WE NEED TO DO IT NOW.  
7:10:39PM AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
7:10:42PM >>Kathleen Hall: RALPH WILLIAMS FOLLOWED BY STUART MARRONE.  
7:10:46PM >> HELLO, EVERYBODY.  
7:10:56PM FOLLOWING PASTOR MARK'S WORDS, I JUST SAID A QUICK PRAYER TO  
7:10:57PM MYSELF ASKING FOR WISDOM, GUIDANCE, AND COURAGE.

7:11:00PM IF MY VOICE CRACKS A LITTLE BIT, I'M NOT A PUBLIC SPEAKER.  
7:11:03PM I RESPECT ALL OF YOU FOR BEING PUBLIC FIGURES.  
7:11:05PM LET ME START BY SAYING, MYSELF AND A TEAM OF A FEW OTHER  
7:11:12PM FOLKS, I GUESS, A 20-YEAR CONTRACTOR VETERAN THAT KNOWS ALL  
7:11:16PM ABOUT DIRECT BORING AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS THAT INSTALLS  
7:11:20PM POSTS AND POLES FOR LEE COUNTY AND TOY MANUFACTURER WHO  
7:11:25PM LIVES IN LEE COUNTY AND CURRENTLY AT THE ESTERO COAST GUARD  
  
7:11:29PM FACILITY RIGHT NOW, THE THREE OF US CAME TOGETHER NOT TOO  
7:11:32PM LONG AGO AND WE CREATED A COMMERCIAL SOLAR LIGHTING SOLUTION  
7:11:36PM TO SOLVE SOME PROBLEMS IN ARCADIA, FLORIDA, FOR PEOPLE THAT  
7:11:40PM HAVE OFF-THE-GRID LIVING THAT ARE COMPLETELY SOLAR IN THAT  
7:11:44PM RANGE.  
7:11:44PM AND BECAUSE OF THE TIES TO THE MANUFACTURING PLANT AND ALL  
7:11:47PM THAT THAT WE UTILIZE FOR COMPONENTS, THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL  
7:11:51PM WAS IMPRESSED ENOUGH THAT WE'RE INSTALLING LIGHTS AT THEIR  
7:11:55PM BUS STOPS FOR SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU HEARD IN THE NEWS,  
7:11:58PM RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY.  
7:11:59PM AND WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF THAT.  
7:12:00PM AND BECAUSE WE'RE WORKING WITH THE CITY, WE'VE CREATED SOME  
7:12:06PM COMMERCIAL, MUNICIPAL SOLAR LIGHTS THAT USE THE SAME HOUSING  
7:12:09PM THAT THE FORWARD-LOOKING CITIES LIKE DUBAI AND OTHER PLACES  
7:12:12PM ARE USING THAT ARE JUST STATE-OF-THE-ART THAT LOOK  
7:12:17PM RIDICULOUSLY MODERN.  
7:12:18PM THEY CAN BE CONSERVATIVE.  
7:12:20PM THEY MEET ALL OF THE STANDARDS FOR STREET LIGHTING THAT  
7:12:23PM EVERYBODY WOULD EXPECT, BUT THEY CAN BE INSTALLED FOR  
7:12:28PM SOMETHING LIKE \$2,000 PER LOCATION.  
7:12:30PM AND THEY ARE SUSTAINABLE AND LIKE ONE OF THE COUNCILWOMEN  
7:12:36PM HAD SAID, FPL, THIS IS HERE AND NOW.  
7:12:39PM THINGS LIKE SOLAR SOLUTIONS.  
7:12:42PM I GUESS I JUST WANTED TO ASK, YOU KNOW, I FEEL LIKE THE  
7:12:46PM COMMUNITY IS FEELING LIKE YOU ALL ARE DECIDING LIGHTS OR NO  
  
7:12:49PM LIGHTS.  
7:12:50PM I FEEL LIKE I HEARD EVERYBODY SAY THEY WANT LIGHTS.  
7:12:52PM I FEEL LIKE EVERYBODY SAID WHETHER THEY VOTE RIGHT NOW TO  
7:12:55PM HAVE LIGHTS OR FIND A MORE THOUGHTFUL SOLUTION.  
7:12:57PM I FEEL LIKE ALL OF YOU HAVE SAID YOU WANT LIGHTS FOR THE  
7:12:59PM BEAUTIFUL PROJECT.  
7:13:00PM I DON'T KNOW THAT EVERYBODY ELSE HEARD IT THAT WAY, BUT I  
7:13:03PM SURE DID, AND I RESPECT IT.  
7:13:05PM IF YOU HAVE TO PASS NOW TONIGHT ON PASSING THIS WITH OR  
7:13:10PM WITHOUT LIGHTS, I WOULD ASK YOU CONSIDER PASSING IT WITHOUT  
7:13:13PM LIGHTS, BUT THAT YOU LEAVE OPEN THESE BETTER SOLUTIONS THAT  
7:13:16PM YOU'VE ALL TALKED ABOUT, BECAUSE THEY ARE THERE, AND THEY  
7:13:18PM ARE THERE BY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT HAVE DEVELOPED  
7:13:22PM SOLUTIONS THAT I THINK YOU OUGHT TO CONSIDER.

7:13:23PM I THINK YOU CAN HAVE A SOLUTION THAT'S CLOSER TO TWO OR  
7:13:26PM THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCE,  
7:13:30PM VERSUS ONES THAT ARE CLOSER TO A MILLION.  
7:13:31PM YOU CAN HAVE THE LIGHT AND YOU CAN BE IN THE BUDGET.  
7:13:33PM I FEEL LIKE YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE SEEN THAT SOLUTION.  
7:13:37PM I WANT TO OFFER TO INSTALL ONE AT A LOCATION OF YOUR CHOICE,  
7:13:42PM PROOF OF CONCEPT, LET THE COMMUNITY LOOK AT IT AND SEE IF IT  
7:13:46PM MAKES SENSE FOR YOU.  
7:13:47PM I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT OFFER.  
7:13:48PM ALL THE THINGS YOU SAID ABOUT WANTING A LIGHT BUT WANTING TO  
7:13:51PM BE PRUDENT.

7:13:53PM WANTING A LIGHT NOW, CONSIDERING SOLAR.  
7:13:54PM I AGREE WITH ALL OF YOU, FRANKLY, I JUST WANT TO PUT UP SOME  
7:13:59PM OFFER THAT YOU GUYS CAN LOOK AT A CONCEPT EVEN AND BE MORE  
7:14:01PM INFORMATIVE.  
7:14:02PM I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND SPENDING WITHOUT  
7:14:07PM LIGHTS.  
7:14:07PM I THINK YOU ALL HAVE SAID YOU WANT LIGHTS ONE WAY OR  
7:14:10PM ANOTHER.  
7:14:10PM I RESPECT THAT.  
7:14:15PM >>Kathleen Hall: STUART MARRONE FOLLOWED BY BILL CARR.  
7:14:20PM >> I'M STEWART MARRON.  
7:14:23PM I'M NEW TO THE VILLAGE.  
7:14:24PM I'VE ONLY BEEN HERE ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF.  
7:14:27PM LAST JANUARY.  
7:14:28PM MY FIRST VISIT TO YOU GUYS WAS LAST TIME WITH THE ROUNDABOUT  
7:14:32PM ISSUE.  
7:14:32PM THIS IS MY SECOND TIME HERE.  
7:14:34PM IT'S A GOOD EXPERIENCE, AND I LIKE IT.  
7:14:38PM I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M IN FAVOR OF THE LIGHTS.  
7:14:40PM I THINK SAFETY IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT.  
7:14:42PM I THINK THE LIGHTS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE LANDSCAPING.  
7:14:45PM I THINK THAT THE LANDSCAPING CAN COME AFTER THE LIGHTS, BUT  
7:14:50PM SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY.  
7:14:53PM I MEAN, YOU GOTTA THINK ABOUT IT.  
7:14:55PM I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH MR. BOESCH'S STATEMENT THAT WE

7:15:00PM SHOULD HAVE COMMUNITIES' INPUT, WHAT KIND OF LIGHTS,  
7:15:07PM WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO.  
7:15:08PM I WANT THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE WHERE LIGHTS GO.  
7:15:12PM I DON'T WANT SOME AD HOC GROUP OF FIVE OR SIX COMMUNITIES  
7:15:16PM DECIDING WHERE LIGHTS GO IN THE COMMUNITY.  
7:15:18PM THEY MIGHT CHOOSE LIGHTS THAT ARE VERY DIFFERENT THAN THE  
7:15:20PM REST OF THE COMMUNITY LIGHTS.  
7:15:23PM YOU PEOPLE HERE ARE HERE FOR EVERYBODY AND TO WATCH OVER THE  
7:15:27PM LIGHTS FOR EVERYBODY.  
7:15:28PM AND THE SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY OF EVERYBODY.

7:15:31PM THAT'S IT.  
7:15:32PM THANK YOU.  
7:15:34PM >>Kathleen Hall: BILL CARR FOLLOWED BY JANE MORAN.  
7:15:45PM >> GOOD EVENING.  
7:15:45PM I'M BILL CARR FROM RIVERWOODS PLANTATION ON WEST BROADWAY.  
7:15:51PM I'VE LISTENED WITH CONCERN, WITH ALL OF THE COMMENTS THAT  
7:15:55PM HAVE BEEN MADE THIS EVENING, INCLUDING, OF COURSE, YOUR OWN  
7:15:59PM COMMENTS, AND I THINK -- I THINK MOST OF YOU ARE ON BOARD.  
7:16:05PM YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO SAY IT.  
7:16:07PM SOME OF YOU DO.  
7:16:08PM YOU COME OUT AND YOU SAY WHAT YOU WANT, WHICH IS GOOD.  
7:16:11PM BUT I DEFINITELY ADVOCATE FOR OPTION ONE, TO INSTALL THE  
7:16:19PM ROADWAY LIGHTING NOW.  
7:16:20PM THE TRAFFIC ON ESTERO PARKWAY IS INCREASING AND WILL  
7:16:22PM CONTINUE WITH CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT.

7:16:24PM THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THIS PARKWAY ARE WELL RESERVED, AND I  
7:16:28PM SUGGEST WILL PROVIDE THE PROVIDED MOBILITY FOR PEDESTRIANS,  
7:16:32PM BICYCLISTS, AND THE VEHICLES.  
7:16:36PM THANKFULLY, YOU ADVOCATED FOR DESIGNATED AND DESIGNATED BIKE  
7:16:43PM LANES, WIDER PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS AND VEHICLE LANES.  
7:16:46PM THAT WAS ONE OF YOU WHO SAID HE WOULD BE ADAMANT THAT WE  
7:16:52PM MUST HAVE THOSE BIKE LANES.  
7:16:54PM I REMEMBER THAT.  
7:16:55PM MY CONCERN IS, AND I SUGGEST IT WOULD BE TOTALLY REMISS IN  
7:17:02PM THE INTEREST OF SAFETY TO ALL USERS TO IMPROVE THIS PARKWAY  
7:17:07PM WITHOUT INSTALLING STREET LIGHTING.  
7:17:09PM THIS ROAD WILL EASILY ACCOMMODATE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC IN THE  
7:17:14PM DAYLIGHT AND EVENING HOURS BETWEEN THREE OAKS AND U.S. 41.  
7:17:18PM HOWEVER, LIGHTED STREETS OFFER INCREASED VISIBILITY DURING  
7:17:22PM NON-DAYLIGHT HOURS FOR DRIVERS, BICYCLISTS, AND PEDESTRIANS.  
7:17:27PM PLUS THE FACT, WE DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT, BUT AS SOME  
7:17:31PM HAVE MENTIONED, PEOPLE GO FOR WALKS AT NIGHT.  
7:17:33PM IT'S DARK.  
7:17:35PM WE HAVE ENOUGH ISSUES SOMETIMES WITH CRIME THAT WE DON'T  
7:17:38PM HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THAT.  
7:17:39PM SO I SUGGEST NOW IS THE TIME TO APPROVE THE STREET LIGHTING  
7:17:45PM RATHER THAN DELAYING INSTALLMENT FOR FUTURE TIME AND IN THE  
7:17:48PM LONG RUN WILL BE LESS COSTLY.  
7:17:52PM SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT.  
7:17:53PM THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7:17:55PM >>Kathleen Hall: JANE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY RICK TARRON.  
7:18:03PM >> GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.  
7:18:05PM IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE.  
7:18:09PM THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TALK THIS AFTERNOON ABOUT THE PARKWAY,  
7:18:14PM AND I WOULD LIKE TO JUST CONCENTRATE FOR A MOMENT ON LIGHT.  
7:18:19PM IF YOU ALL RECALL, THERE IS A VERY OLD BOOK AND IT SAYS IN

7:18:22PM THE BOOK ON THE SECOND DAY THERE SHALL BE LIGHT.  
7:18:25PM SO I DON'T THINK WE BETTER POSTPONE IT.  
7:18:27PM I THINK WE BETTER PUT IT IN WITH THE CONSTRUCTION.  
7:18:30PM I THINK THAT WE'VE NOT TALKED ABOUT THE TYPE OF  
7:18:36PM STREETLIGHTS.  
7:18:36PM EVERYBODY JUST TALKS ABOUT LIGHTS.  
7:18:38PM AND THERE ARE SO MANY KINDS OF LIGHT.  
7:18:42PM IT'S SUCH A CREATIVE, EXPANDING, NEW WORLD OF LIGHTING  
7:18:47PM BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY NEW TECHNOLOGICAL BREAKTHROUGHS.  
7:18:51PM SO THERE'S WAYS TO HAVE LIGHT TO ILLUMINATE THE PARKWAY SO  
7:18:57PM THAT LOTS OF THINGS ARE ACCOMPLISHED.  
7:19:01PM NOT JUST A LIGHT POURING DOWN SO THAT CARS CAN SOMEWHAT SEE  
7:19:06PM EACH OTHER, THAT'S DREADFUL LIGHTING.  
7:19:08PM AND THE BROOKS DOESN'T HAVE THAT HIGH LIGHTING LIKE YOU HAVE  
7:19:12PM ON 41, BUT IT'S SOFT LIGHTING, AND IT'S ONE RECOMMENDATION I  
7:19:20PM WOULD MAKE.  
7:19:21PM BUT YOU HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE ON BIKES.  
7:19:24PM THEY ARE GOING TO BE WALKING.  
7:19:27PM THAT IS PREMIER STREET ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE TOWN.

7:19:31PM WE WANT TO BE NOTED FOR HAVING AN AESTHETIC PARKWAY,  
7:19:36PM AMENABLE TO ALL WHO USE IT, AND USE IT SAFELY.  
7:19:40PM I THINK THE VEGETATION NEEDS TO HAVE GROUND UPLIGHTING AS  
7:19:46PM WELL.  
7:19:46PM YOU KNOW, THESE BULBS WILL LAST 50,000 HOURS, SOME OF THEM.  
7:19:51PM SO I DON'T THINK IT'S OUT OF QUESTION TO EVEN THINK ABOUT  
7:19:56PM OUT OF THE BOX, WHERE CAN YOU PUT LIGHTING BESIDES POURING  
7:20:00PM IT DOWN, IT'S SO OPPRESSIVE, BUT IT CAN BE MADE SO  
7:20:05PM BEAUTIFULLY AND EXPAND THE WIDTH OF THE PARKWAY TO HAVE THE  
7:20:08PM SHRUBBERY LIT, THE PATHWAYS LIT FOR THE BIKES AND SO FORTH.  
7:20:12PM I DON'T MEAN STRIP LIGHTING THAT YOU SEE ON AN AIRPLANE BUT  
7:20:18PM HAVE ENOUGH LIGHT THAT YOU CAN SEE THE PATHWAY AND PEOPLE  
7:20:20PM CAN SEE EACH OTHER ON THE PATHWAY AND PEOPLE CAN'T HIDE  
7:20:23PM BEHIND THE BUSHES.  
7:20:24PM THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
7:20:26PM THANK YOU, JON McLAIN, FOR ALL YOUR WORK ON THIS.  
7:20:31PM >>Kathleen Hall: RICK TARRON FOLLOWED BY RICK PRICE.  
7:20:36PM >> GOOD EVENING.  
7:20:37PM IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO SPEAK TO ALL THE COUNCIL MEMBERS.  
7:20:39PM I LOVE YOU GUYS.  
7:20:41PM I'M A PROUD MEMBER OF ESTERO AND THE RESERVE AT ESTERO.  
7:20:46PM I JUST KNOWING THE DENSITY OF POPULATION AND THE WAY THAT  
7:20:53PM THIS TOWN HAS GROWN AND IS CONTINUALLY GROWING EXPONENTIALLY  
7:20:58PM WITH CORKSCREW ROAD AND ALL OF THE NEW PROJECTS DOWN THERE,  
7:21:02PM EVERYBODY IS COMING DOWN CORKSCREW ROAD FROM CORKSCREW

7:21:06PM SHORES AND ALL THE OTHER WILD BLUE COMMUNITIES.  
7:21:10PM AND THEY ARE USING ESTERO PARKWAY AS A SHORTCUT.

7:21:15PM I SEE EXPONENTIALLY JUST THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC AND JUST  
7:21:19PM VEHICULAR USE WHERE I THOUGHT I WAS MOVING TO SUBURBIA  
7:21:24PM COUNTRY, IT HAS CHANGED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.  
7:21:28PM I APPRECIATE IT.  
7:21:29PM I DON'T WANT TO LIVE ANYWHERE ELSE, BUT I DO WANT TO GET IT  
7:21:33PM RIGHT AND BETTER TO GET IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME THAN SPEND  
7:21:38PM MONEY AFTER DOING IT HAPHAZARDLY.  
7:21:43PM IT HASN'T HAPPENED HAPHAZARDLY.  
7:21:46PM I WANT TO BE PROUD OF THE COMMUNITY.  
7:21:48PM KNOWING WHAT HAPPENED ON 41 WHEN THEY REBUILT THE ROAD OVER  
7:21:51PM THE ESTERO RIVER, IT TOOK FOUR YEARS FOR LIGHTING TO GET PUT  
7:21:55PM UP THERE AND FINALLY LIT UP.  
7:21:57PM SO LET'S DO IT RIGHT.  
7:21:59PM GET IT DONE, BECAUSE YOU HAVE THREE MORE EAST-WEST ROADS IN  
7:22:04PM THE COMMUNITY.  
7:22:05PM YOU'VE GOT COCONUT ROAD.  
7:22:07PM YOU'VE GOT CORKSCREW, AND YOU'VE GOT ESTERO PARKWAY.  
7:22:10PM NOW YOU'RE GOING TO START WORKING ON ESTERO PARKWAY -- UH,  
7:22:17PM CORKSCREW PARKWAY IN NOVEMBER.  
7:22:18PM WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN?  
7:22:23PM THIS IS GOING TO BE THE MOST CONTENTIOUS SEASON THAT WE'VE  
7:22:29PM EVER ALL LIVED HERE.  
7:22:31PM I PRAY FOR ALL OF YOUR WISDOM AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

7:22:37PM JOHN, THANK YOU.  
7:22:39PM APPRECIATE IT.  
7:22:40PM >>Kathleen Hall: CHRIS PRICE.  
7:22:47PM >> GOOD EVENING.  
7:22:48PM I'M CHRIS PRICE.  
7:22:49PM I'M A RESERVE AT ESTERO HOA PRESIDENT.  
7:22:54PM I LIKE MANY OF THE FOLKS HERE ARE PROLIGHT, ANTI-DARKNESS,  
7:22:57PM IF YOU WILL.  
7:22:57PM I THINK YOU'RE HEARING FROM ALL OF US TONIGHT NOT BECAUSE  
7:23:00PM WE'RE AFFILIATED HAVING LIGHT ON THE ROADWAY BECAUSE IT  
7:23:04PM BENEFITS OUR COMMUNITY, BUT IT'S BECAUSE WE TRAVERSE THE  
7:23:08PM ROAD EVERY DAY, EVERY MORNING AND EVERY EVENING AND WE KNOW  
7:23:10PM WHAT THE BENEFIT OF LIGHT WOULD BE.  
7:23:12PM WE VOTED ON A BUDGET, OR YOU ALL VOTED ON A BUDGET TONIGHT  
7:23:15PM TO REDUCE TAXES, YET HERE WE ARE ARGUING OVER A MODEST  
7:23:20PM INCREASE IN A MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.  
7:23:23PM I'D HATE TO SEE US GALLOP FORWARD WITH OUR SHOES TIED  
7:23:30PM TOGETHER.  
7:23:30PM WE'RE ALSO HERE TONIGHT TO CONSIDER THE FOLKS THAT AREN'T  
7:23:34PM HERE SPEAKING.  
7:23:34PM AND THOSE ARE THE FOLKS THAT ARE WALKING, DRIVING, AND  
7:23:37PM BIKING ON ESTERO PARKWAY AS WE SIT HERE TONIGHT.  
7:23:39PM WE HAVE THE OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM TODAY AND  
7:23:43PM FOR ALL OF US IN THE FUTURE.

7:23:44PM I HAVE A 5-YEAR-OLD AND 17-MONTH-OLD AND I'D LIKE TO SEE, IN

7:23:50PM 20 YEARS, THE ROAD TO BE LIT UP AND THEN FOR THE FOLKS TO BE

7:23:53PM WALKING AND BIKING ON THAT ROADWAY, AS YOU ALL INTENDED IT

7:23:57PM TO BE.

7:23:57PM I GUESS WE JUST WANT TO HAVE I THINK WHAT EVERYBODY HERE

7:24:02PM WANTS, WHICH IS THE GOVERNMENT LIGHT MODEL BUT NOT AT THE

7:24:05PM EXPENSE OF GOVERNMENT GREAT.

7:24:07PM GOVERNMENT GREAT MANDATES THAT WE HAVE A GREAT CAPITAL

7:24:10PM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND THIS IS YOUR-ALL'S OPPORTUNITY TO

7:24:13PM SHOWCASE THAT.

7:24:14PM THANK YOU.

7:24:16PM >>Kathleen Hall: I HAVE NO FURTHER CARDS.

7:24:18PM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.

7:24:19PM AT THIS POINT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR OPTION 1 OR

7:24:25PM OPTION 2 FROM COUNCIL.

7:24:28PM >>Jon McLain: I'D LIKE IT TO SEE US GO FORWARD WITH OPTION

7:24:31PM 1, OBVIOUSLY, IN MY STATEMENT I SAID THAT.

7:24:36PM BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT CAME UP

7:24:38PM IN THIS MOTION.

7:24:39PM AND ONE OF THOSE WOULD BE TO CHARGE STAFF WITH THE

7:24:44PM RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS TO EVALUATE THE

7:24:48PM LIGHTING OPTIONS THAT WE HAVE AND THE POTENTIAL COST OF

7:24:52PM THOSE AND COST REDUCTIONS FOR THOSE.

7:24:54PM WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT IMPLEMENTING VALUE ENGINEERING FOR THE

7:25:00PM WHOLE PROJECT.

7:25:01PM I BELIEVE THAT STAFF AND OUR ENGINEERS THAT WE'RE GOING TO

7:25:03PM BE WORKING WITH AND THE CONTRACTOR, AND WE WOULD NEED TO

7:25:07PM INCORPORATE THAT INTO OPTION 1 AS PART OF MOVING THE PROJECT

7:25:12PM FORWARD IN A WAY THAT WE CAN REDUCE COST WHERE IT'S

7:25:15PM APPROPRIATE, BUT WE STILL MAINTAIN THE QUALITY THAT WE'RE

7:25:19PM LOOKING FOR IN THE PROJECT.

7:25:22PM OPTION 1 IS WHAT I'M MAKING A MOTION ON WITH THE ADDITION OF

7:25:27PM WITHIN 60 DAYS HAVE STAFF COME BACK TO US WITH THE DESIGN

7:25:31PM AND A STANDARD THAT WE WANT FOR LIGHTING AND ALSO

7:25:34PM DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HOW VALUE ENGINEERING CAN HELP US FULLY

7:25:40PM IMPLEMENT THIS PROJECT AT A COST THAT HOPEFULLY WILL BE

7:25:43PM LOWER THAN IS CURRENTLY PROJECTED.

7:25:46PM THAT'S MY MOTION.

7:25:49PM >> I WILL SECOND HIS MOTION.

7:25:50PM >> OKAY.

7:25:51PM ANY OTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION FROM COUNCIL?

7:25:59PM >>Jim Wilson: I THINK JON'S COMMENTS CAN TURN THIS INTO A

7:26:01PM WIN-WIN.

7:26:01PM BECAUSE I THINK THE CONSENSUS HERE, CERTAINLY LISTENING TO

7:26:04PM ALL THESE PEOPLE, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY

7:26:07PM HAPPEN AT THE COUNTY, BUT I'M PROUD TO BE A PART OF A

7:26:11PM COUNCIL HERE THAT DOES LISTEN TO PEOPLE.  
7:26:16PM I THINK THEY MADE A BUNCH OF GOOD POINTS ON WHY LIGHTING IS  
7:26:20PM A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE PROJECT.  
7:26:22PM IF WE HAVE TO DINK THIS PROJECT AROUND, IF WE HAVE TO TAKE  
7:26:22PM SOME TREES OUT, IF WE HAVE TO SHUFFLE MONEY AROUND, BUT

7:26:26PM SOMEHOW I THINK WE SHOULD TURN THIS INTO A WIN-WIN.  
7:26:28PM SO I HOPE YOU'LL ALL JOIN JON IN VOTING FOR THE MOTION.  
7:26:38PM >>Jim Boesch: TONIGHT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LIGHTING.  
7:26:41PM COST FOR LIGHTING, EXPENSES ARE GOING TO BE.  
7:26:48PM TALKING ABOUT DOING A VERY, VERY EXPENSIVE PROJECT.  
7:26:51PM I DON'T THINK THERE'S A COUNCIL PERSON HERE WHO CAN TELL ME  
7:26:54PM HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST ANNUALLY FOR ONE STREET, FIVE  
7:26:59PM STREETS, TEN STREETS.  
7:27:00PM I DON'T THINK THERE'S A COUNCIL PERSON WHO CAN TELL THE COST  
7:27:06PM OF MAINTENANCE WHICH I UNDERSTAND SOMETIMES RUNS 25% OR MORE  
7:27:11PM THAN THE COST FOR -- I DON'T THINK I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN A  
7:27:19PM PROJECT WHERE I'M ASKED TO VOTE ON THINGS WHERE THESE THINGS  
7:27:23PM HAVE NOT BEEN BROUGHT UP AND DISCUSSED AND WE'RE VOTING ON.  
7:27:29PM MY POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED.  
7:27:30PM I'M VOTING FOR OPTION 2 WHERE WE CAN SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS  
7:27:35PM ALL THIS AND KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN SO PEOPLE ALL OVER  
7:27:41PM THE VILLAGE CAN SAY, WELL, WHAT IS THE COST OF THAT, HOW  
7:27:44PM MUCH IT IS, CAN WE DO IT IN OUR COMMUNITY, HOW MUCH WILL IT  
7:27:47PM BE AND WE HAVE THE ANSWERS.  
7:27:49PM I DON'T THINK ANYONE HAS THAT ANSWER.  
7:27:53PM >>Mayor Ribble: NICK.  
7:27:54PM >>Nick Batos: A COUPLE OF ISSUES.  
7:27:56PM ONE, I ALSO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT -- I MENTIONED IT TO STAFF,  
7:28:01PM ABOUT THE SWALES AND HOW THAT'S GOING TO LOOK WHEN IT'S  
7:28:06PM GROWN IN A NATURAL STATE.

7:28:08PM WE'VE HAD EXPERTS AND EVERYBODY ELSE SEEMS TO BE COMFORTABLE  
7:28:12PM WITH IT.  
7:28:12PM I JUST SEE WHAT HAPPENS ON 41, AND IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT I  
7:28:16PM THINK IS TERRIBLY ATTRACTIVE.  
7:28:18PM I ALSO THINK THAT EVERYBODY HERE HAS SAID THEY REALLY WANT  
7:28:26PM TO DO THIS, THE COMPLETE LIGHTING, BUT THEY HAVE  
7:28:28PM RESERVATIONS.  
7:28:28PM SOME OF THEM ARE THE COMPLETE COST AND WHAT THE TOTAL COST  
7:28:33PM WILL BE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.  
7:28:34PM THE OTHER INTERESTING THING THAT JUST CAME UP TODAY WAS  
7:28:37PM WHETHER THIS COULD BE DONE IN A DIFFERENT FORMAT WITH SOLAR  
7:28:42PM THAT WOULD BE A LOT LESS EXPENSIVE.  
7:28:44PM AND I THINK THOSE THINGS THAT ARE COMING UP SHOULD BE LOOKED  
7:28:49PM AT AND HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF IT FOR US.  
7:28:52PM AND IF THESE THINGS, FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, WHETHER THE  
7:28:57PM SOLAR OR WENT FOR THE ELECTRICAL, IT DOESN'T PRECLUDE US

7:29:01PM FROM DOING THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE OR THE FAR FUTURE,  
7:29:03PM DEPENDING ON HOW WE GET TO THAT.  
7:29:07PM I THINK THE PRUDENT THING IS TO EXAMINE ALL OF IT AND TAKE  
7:29:11PM ADVANTAGE OF WHATEVER WE CAN AND UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE  
7:29:14PM VOTING ON.  
7:29:16PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IF THIS  
7:29:20PM WERE TO BE SOLAR, THAT ELECTRICAL GOES INTO THE POST ANYWAY  
7:29:25PM BECAUSE YOU NEED -- THERE'S SOME CONNECTION THERE THAT YOU  
7:29:29PM WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF ELECTRICITY.

7:29:31PM BUT AFTER LISTENING TO EVERYONE, I'M DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF  
7:29:36PM GOING AHEAD WITH THIS PROJECT, AND I THINK IT CAN ALL BE  
7:29:41PM WORKED OUT BECAUSE WE HAVE A VERY CAPABLE, HIGHLY QUALIFIED  
7:29:45PM STAFF THAT THEY GET INTO THE NITTY-GRITTY OF EVERYTHING.  
7:29:50PM I AGREE WITH JON, THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT HOW THE  
7:29:55PM REPERCUSSIONS OF EVERYTHING THAT WE'RE VOTING HERE TONIGHT  
7:29:59PM -- ON TONIGHT.  
7:30:00PM THE LESSON THAT I HAVE LEARNED BEING HERE, I DO NOT WANT ANY  
7:30:08PM OF YOU LEAVING AND FEELING LIKE I DID WHEN ALL OF US WENT  
7:30:13PM BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND WE DID LIKE YOU DID,  
7:30:16PM PLEADING WITH THEM, AND THEY VOTED AGAINST US.  
7:30:19PM THAT'S INSULTING.  
7:30:23PM AND SO I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE ARE LISTENING, AND YOU ARE  
7:30:29PM OUR COMMUNITY.  
7:30:31PM WE ARE A PART OF THIS COMMUNITY AND WE WANT TO DO WHAT'S  
7:30:36PM BEST FOR THIS COMMUNITY.  
7:30:37PM I AGREE WITH SAFETY.  
7:30:38PM I AGREE WITH THE LIGHTING.  
7:30:40PM WE NEED TO FINISH THIS.  
7:30:42PM THIS HAS BEEN ON THE CALENDAR FOR ALMOST FIVE YEARS NOW.  
7:30:49PM LET'S DO IT.  
7:30:50PM LET'S GET IT OVER WITH.  
7:30:51PM I'M SURE THAT OUR STAFF CAN WORK OUT -- WE'VE GOT TO HAVE  
7:30:57PM THE CONDUIT TO GO SOMEWHERE UNDERNEATH SO WE DON'T HAVE TO  
7:31:01PM DIG THAT UP.

7:31:02PM WE NEED TO DO THIS.  
7:31:06PM AND I WILL BE REALLY EMBARRASSED TO HAVE TO TELL PEOPLE IF  
7:31:11PM IT DOESN'T PASS TONIGHT BECAUSE I SUPPORT GOING WITH OPTION  
7:31:18PM 1.  
7:31:19PM >>Mayor Ribble: HOWARD, ANY COMMENTS?  
7:31:21PM >>Howard Levitan: I MADE MY COMMENTS.  
7:31:23PM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.  
7:31:24PM I ALSO MADE MY COMMENTS ALSO.  
7:31:26PM THIS PROJECT WAS GOING TWO MILES AN HOUR FOR FOUR YEARS.  
7:31:30PM NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN WE'RE GOING A HUNDRED MILES AN HOUR WHEN  
7:31:33PM WE GET INTO THE LIGHTING.  
7:31:34PM I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU, I'M FOR THE LIGHTING, BUT I WANT TO

7:31:37PM TAKE A LOOK AT OUR OPTIONS AND SEE WHAT THE BEST FIT IS FOR  
7:31:40PM OUR COMMUNITY.  
7:31:41PM SO I'M GOING TO BE A NO VOTE ON THIS, I GOT TO TELL YOU, BUT  
7:31:45PM THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M CLOSING THE DOOR ON THE LIGHTING.  
7:31:48PM AND WHAT'S KIND OF AMUSING TONIGHT -- HANG ON.  
7:31:53PM I'M TALKING.  
7:31:54PM I LISTENED TO WHEN YOU TALKED.  
7:31:55PM WE HAD THREE BIG MEETINGS ON LANDSCAPING.  
7:31:57PM NOW TONIGHT WE HAVE PEOPLE COMING HERE AND THEY ARE  
7:32:00PM CRITIQUING THE LANDSCAPING.  
7:32:01PM IT'S LIKE UNBELIEVABLE.  
7:32:07PM I DON'T AGREE WITH COUNCILMAN ERRINGTON'S COMMENT ABOUT THE  
7:32:12PM COMMUNITY SPEAKING WITH THE LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

7:32:14PM WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT A ROCK MINE.  
7:32:16PM WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WAITING AND BEING METHODICAL AND LOOKING  
7:32:19PM AT OUR OPTIONS ON LIGHTING.  
7:32:20PM THIS ISN'T A CUT AND DRY THING LIKE A ROCK MINE.  
7:32:22PM THAT COMPARISON TO ME DOESN'T FIT.  
7:32:25PM THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS.  
7:32:31PM >>Jon McLain: MAY I HAVE A FOLLOW-UP.  
7:32:32PM >>Mayor Ribble: JON, YOU ALREADY SPOKE ONCE.  
7:32:34PM >>Jon McLain: I DID.  
7:32:35PM THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PROJECT.  
7:32:36PM WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS.  
7:32:38PM LET'S HAVE A DECENT CONVERSATION ON THIS, IF WE CAN.  
7:32:41PM I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.  
7:32:43PM YOU'RE IN FAVOR OF LIGHTING.  
7:32:44PM WE WANT TO EVALUATE OUR OPTIONS ON THAT.  
7:32:46PM WE CAN DO THAT WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME.  
7:32:51PM I'M OKAY -- I WANT TO GET THE PROJECT MOVING.  
7:32:54PM LIGHTING IS NOT FULLY INTEGRATED IN THE PROGRAM.  
7:32:58PM WHAT PERIOD OF TIME WILL IT TAKE FOR STAFF -- WE'RE NOT  
7:33:03PM LOOKING FOR AN EXACT DATE, TO BE ABLE TO FURTHER EVALUATE?  
7:33:06PM WE'VE GOT A BID THAT HAS LIGHTING.  
7:33:09PM LIGHT POLES, HAS A FIXTURE ON IT.  
7:33:11PM WE DON'T PARTICULARLY LIKE THAT MAYBE AT THIS POINT AND WE  
7:33:14PM WANT TO MAKE SURE COUNCIL CAN LOOK AT THOSE --  
7:33:17PM >> YOU DON'T LIKE IT?

7:33:18PM WE HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN IT.  
7:33:21PM >>Jon McLain: I'VE SEEN IT.  
7:33:24PM >>Mayor Ribble: ASKING STAFF --  
7:33:27PM >>Jon McLain: MY MOTION SAYS, LET'S GIVE STAFF 60 DAYS TO  
7:33:30PM COME BACK TO US WITH LIGHT STANDARDS, THE POTENTIAL COST  
7:33:33PM THAT THOSE MIGHT BE, TO KEEP THIS PROJECT MOVING.  
7:33:36PM NOW, THE QUESTION, IS 60 DAYS ENOUGH TIME FOR YOU TO GET  
7:33:41PM BACK TO US AND GIVE US SOME COST?

7:33:48PM >> I'D LIKE 90 DAYS.  
7:33:49PM BURT, WE'VE GOT A LIGHT STANDARD THAT WAS -- IT'S A STANDARD  
7:34:03PM LIGHT POLE.  
7:34:04PM IT PROBABLY IS NOT EXACTLY WHAT WE WOULD LIKE.  
7:34:09PM CAN WE PULL THAT OUT OF THE BID AND SUBSTITUTE SOMETHING  
7:34:14PM ELSE?  
7:34:15PM >>Burt Saunders: CERTAINLY.  
7:34:16PM YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE -- THOSE ARE MINOR CHANGES IN THE  
7:34:18PM OVERALL PROJECT, AND YOU CAN MAKE THOSE CHANGES.  
7:34:21PM THE NUMBER OF TREES, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS DISCUSSED.  
7:34:23PM YOU CAN CHANGE THE LANDSCAPING.  
7:34:25PM YOU CAN CHANGE THE LIGHTING.  
7:34:26PM YOU CAN MAKE THOSE CHANGES.  
7:34:28PM I'M SURE THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE MORE THAN COOPERATIVE TO  
7:34:31PM MAKE ALL THOSE CHANGES.  
7:34:34PM >> TALKING ABOUT CONTRACTUAL CHANGES, NOT TALKING ABOUT OUR  
7:34:37PM VOTE.

7:34:38PM IF SOMEONE IS GOING TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE DESIGN, WE WANT  
7:34:40PM TO MAKE THE CHANGES.  
7:34:42PM >> RIGHT IT WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK HERE.  
7:34:45PM >>Howard Levitan: WE'VE GONE OVER THIS AD NAUSEAM IN TERMS  
7:34:47PM OF THE LANDSCAPING.  
7:34:49PM APPROVED THE LANDSCAPING.  
7:34:50PM WE APPROVED THE DESIGN OF THE ROAD.  
7:34:51PM THE ONLY THING LEFT WAS OPTION B, WHICH IS THE LIGHTS.  
7:34:54PM AND WE'RE ASKING FOR THE SPECS AND DESIGN OF THOSE AND THE  
7:35:00PM ULTIMATE COST OF THAT SO WE CAN APPROVE IT.  
7:35:05PM I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO GET, BUT WE'RE NOT.  
7:35:09PM MY POINT ON THIS BEFORE, JON, WAS THAT WE SELECT OPTION 2,  
7:35:16PM AND WE GO THROUGH THIS.  
7:35:18PM WE ADD IN THE LANGUAGE ON THE 60 DAYS OR 90 DAYS FOR VALUE  
7:35:21PM ENGINEERING AND STREETLIGHT STANDARDS, AND WE COME BACK AND  
7:35:24PM VISIT THE LIGHTS AND MAKE AN UP-OR-DOWN DECISION THEN.  
7:35:29PM WE'RE NOT DECIDING TONIGHT IF WE USE THAT METHODOLOGY.  
7:35:32PM YES, THERE'S GOING TO BE LIGHTS OR, NO, THERE'S NOT GOING TO  
7:35:35PM BE LIGHTS.  
7:35:35PM WE'RE SAYING WE'LL FINALIZE THAT IN 90 DAYS.  
7:35:39PM THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION I WOULD HAVE --  
7:35:44PM >> THAT'S REASONABLE.  
7:35:45PM I UNDERSTAND THAT.  
7:35:49PM BUT IT IS ALSO REASONABLE TO SAY THAT WITHIN 90 DAYS, I WANT  
7:35:52PM TO GET THE PROJECT MOVING.

7:36:00PM >> I WANT THE COMMITTEE HERE TONIGHT -- OR THE COUNCIL  
7:36:02PM TONIGHT HAS INDICATED, I THINK PROBABLY FIVE FOLKS ARE IN  
7:36:07PM SUPPORT OF LIGHTING.  
7:36:09PM SO IT'S REALLY ONLY -- IF WE SAY WE'RE IN SUPPORT OF

7:36:12PM LIGHTING, LET'S APPROVE OPTION 1 AND CHARGE THE STAFF WITH  
7:36:18PM COMING BACK WITH POTENTIAL COST, THE LIGHT STANDARDS THAT  
7:36:22PM WE'RE GOING FORWARD WITH.  
7:36:24PM IF WE FIND IN 90 DAYS THAT THAT IS TOTALLY OBJECTIONABLE,  
7:36:29PM WHICH I HAVE A HARD TIME DOING, I THINK COUNCIL AT THAT  
7:36:33PM POINT CAN SAY THAT'S NOT ACCEPTABLE.  
7:36:36PM WE'VE GOT TO COME BACK WITH SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO FIT  
7:36:38PM WITHIN OUR BUDGET.  
7:36:40PM >> WHAT'S WRONG WITH DOING IT THE OTHER WAY, JON?  
7:36:43PM >>Jon McLain: BECAUSE I WANT THE CONFIDENCE GIVEN TO THE  
7:36:44PM PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE TONIGHT THAT WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO  
7:36:47PM MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT WITH LIGHTING.  
7:36:50PM WHEN WE DID OUR BUDGET FOR THIS PROGRAM, WHENEVER IT WAS, A  
7:36:54PM YEAR AGO, WE MADE AN EXCEPTION.  
7:36:57PM WE DIDN'T PUT A BUDGET FORWARD THAT SAID IT'S GOING TO  
7:37:00PM INCLUDE LIGHTING.  
7:37:01PM IT SAID, LET'S DO LANDSCAPE AND THE ROAD SURFACE.  
7:37:04PM AND, OH, BY THE WAY, WE'RE GOING TO STICK LIGHTING IN AS A  
7:37:07PM SEPARATE BUDGET ITEM.  
7:37:08PM I'M TIRED OF PLAYING AROUND WITH THIS PROJECT.  
7:37:12PM IT'S TIME FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IT.

7:37:16PM I THINK WE'VE TRIED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN  
7:37:19PM RAISED BY COUNCIL TONIGHT BY SAYING 90 DAYS WE COME BACK.  
7:37:23PM WE HAVE A PROGRAM FOR LIGHTING, SOME COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH  
7:37:27PM IT.  
7:37:27PM WE CAN TWEAK THAT TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, ACCORDING TO OUR  
7:37:31PM ATTORNEY.  
7:37:31PM LET'S MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT OPTION AS OPPOSED TO LEAVING IT  
7:37:35PM IN THE DARK WITH NOT SURE IF WE'RE REALLY GOING TO DO IT.  
7:37:39PM THIS IS ESTERO.  
7:37:40PM WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF WHAT WE'RE DOING.  
7:37:42PM I'M ON THE COUNCIL.  
7:37:43PM I WANT TO BE PROUD OF WHAT WE'RE DOING.  
7:37:45PM I THINK RIGHT NOW BY DIVERTING THIS FOR A FURTHER DATE THAT  
7:37:49PM CONTINUES ON FOR ANOTHER FOUR, FIVE YEARS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.  
7:37:53PM THAT'S MY VOTE.  
7:37:55PM >>Howard Levitan: I'D LIKE TO CALL THE QUESTION.  
7:37:57PM >>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, CALL THE ROLL, PLEASE.  
7:38:00PM >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
7:38:02PM >>Nick Batos: NO.  
7:38:03PM >>Jim Boesch: NO.  
7:38:06PM >>Jon McLain: YES.  
7:38:09PM >>Howard Levitan: NO.  
7:38:11PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.  
7:38:12PM >>Mayor Ribble: NO.  
7:38:14PM THE MOTION FAILS.

7:38:22PM >>Howard Levitan: I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOW-UP MOTION,  
7:38:25PM THAT WE OPT FOR OPTION 2 WITH THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE ABOUT,  
7:38:31PM THAT THE STAFF HAS PROVIDED ABOUT VALUE ENGINEERING AND THAT  
7:38:35PM WE DIRECT THE STAFF TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL STREETLIGHT  
7:38:39PM STANDARDS AND PRESENT POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES TO THE COUNCIL  
7:38:43PM WITHIN 90 DAYS AND COSTS, INCLUDING THE CONCEPT -- INCLUDING  
7:38:52PM MAINTENANCE COSTS, AND INCLUDING A LOOK AT SOLAR POWERED  
7:38:56PM LIGHTS, WHICH THE GENTLEMAN HAS RAISED THAT POSSIBILITY.  
7:38:59PM I THINK THAT WE OUGHT TO MOVE FORWARD.  
7:39:03PM I THINK THAT ULTIMATELY THERE WILL BE SUPPORT FOR THE  
7:39:06PM LIGHTS.  
7:39:08PM AS SOON AS WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE GETTING AND HOW MUCH IT'S  
7:39:11PM GOING TO REALLY COST.  
7:39:12PM >> I SECOND THAT.  
7:39:12PM >>Mayor Ribble: MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMAN LEVITAN.  
7:39:14PM SECOND BY JIM BOESCH.  
7:39:17PM CALL THE ROLL, PLEASE.  
7:39:22PM >>Howard Levitan: AYE.  
7:39:24PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.  
7:39:26PM >>Jim Boesch: AYE.  
7:39:28PM >>Nick Batos: AYE.  
7:39:29PM >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
7:39:32PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.  
7:39:34PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.  
7:39:35PM OPTION 2 PASSES.

7:39:39PM THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS APPROVAL OF THE MASTER  
7:39:45PM INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING DISTRIBUTION FORMULA FOR  
7:39:52PM ALLOCATION OF REVENUE FROM LOCAL OPTION FUEL TAX.  
7:39:55PM STEVE, LET'S TAKE A BREAK FOR A MINUTE.  
7:40:00PM >> TWO MINUTES TO CLEAR THE ROOM.  
7:40:10PM >>Mayor Ribble: STEVE, YOU'RE ON.  
7:41:13PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.  
7:41:15PM THE OPTIONAL ROAD TAX -- SALES TAX ITEM IS BACK ON THE  
7:41:22PM AGENDA.  
7:41:23PM PREVIOUSLY A COUNCIL MEMBER HAD ASKED ABOUT THE  
7:41:26PM MODIFICATIONS IN THE ALLOCATION SCHEDULE THAT'S HERE.  
7:41:32PM WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS THAT THE COUNTY IS TRYING TO COME UP  
7:41:35PM WITH A STANDARD ALLOCATION, ALLOCATING THE AVAILABLE SALES  
7:41:41PM TAX MONEY BY CENTER LINE MILES AND POPULATION.  
7:41:45PM AND YOU SEE IN THIS CHART THAT'S IN YOUR ATTACHMENT,  
7:41:50PM ATTACHMENT 1 IN YOUR PACKET, THAT SEVERAL OF THE COMMUNITIES  
7:41:56PM HAVE DIFFERENT AMOUNTS BEING PAID THAN THE ACTUAL  
7:42:01PM ALLOCATION.  
7:42:01PM AND WHAT'S HAPPENING IS THAT THE COUNTY TRIED TO BALANCE THE  
7:42:08PM CHANGES TO MITIGATE SOME OF THE MAJOR DROPS IN REVENUE FOR  
7:42:14PM SOME OF THE COMMUNITIES.  
7:42:18PM AND ALSO BRINGING TO THE TABLE, SOME OF THE COMMUNITIES,

7:42:22PM PARTICULARLY CAPE CORAL, WHOSE AGREEMENT YET WASN'T FINAL.  
7:42:30PM TO COME EARLY WITH AN AGREEMENT, CAPE CORAL AGREED TO  
7:42:36PM BASICALLY MITIGATE SOME OF THEIR DROP.

7:42:40PM SANIBEL DID THE SAME THING, AND LEE COUNTY COMPENSATED FOR  
7:42:46PM SOME OF THAT IN THEIR SCHEDULE.  
7:42:48PM SO THAT WAS NOT EVIDENT WHEN WE BROUGHT IT FORWARD, BUT IT  
7:42:55PM DOES APPEAR FAIR.  
7:42:56PM ESTERO'S ALLOCATION HAS NOT CHANGED NOR HAS BONITA'S.  
7:43:01PM BUT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE I THINK FOR US TO EXPECT TO  
7:43:05PM GET MORE SIMPLY BECAUSE OF SOME OF THESE OTHER MOVING  
7:43:08PM PIECES.  
7:43:09PM THOSE OTHER MOVING PIECES ARE DONE APPROPRIATELY, IN MY  
7:43:13PM OPINION, AND WE BRING THIS BACK TO YOU WITH A RECOMMENDATION  
7:43:17PM FOR APPROVAL.  
7:43:18PM >> MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE.  
7:43:23PM >>Howard Levitan: I JUST WANT TO COMMENT THAT I THINK AFTER  
7:43:25PM LOOKING AT IT MORE CAREFULLY AND LOOKING AT WHAT THEY ARE  
7:43:27PM REALLY TRYING TO DO TO MITIGATE THE DROPS, I THINK THAT'S  
7:43:31PM FINE.  
7:43:31PM I THINK IT IS FAIR FOR THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD.  
7:43:33PM BUT AFTER THAT, IT SHOULD GO TO THE FORMULA COMPLETELY, THE  
7:43:36PM 50-50 FORMULA.  
7:43:39PM IT MAKES SENSE.  
7:43:39PM >>Steven Sarkozy: WE AGREE.  
7:43:40PM IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE DOING IT THAT WAY.  
7:43:43PM >>Mayor Ribble: WE HAVE A MOTION.  
7:43:44PM ANYBODY ELSE HAVE A COMMENT?  
7:43:46PM MOTION BY JIM.

7:43:48PM SECOND.  
7:43:50PM ANYONE SIGNED FROM UP THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK?  
7:43:52PM >>Kathleen Hall: NO.  
7:43:53PM >>Mayor Ribble: WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.  
7:43:55PM >>Jim Wilson: AYE.  
7:43:57PM >>Nick Batos: AYE.  
7:43:57PM >>Jim Boesch: AYE.  
7:44:00PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.  
7:44:02PM >>Howard Levitan: AYE.  
7:44:03PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: AYE.  
7:44:04PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.  
7:44:05PM THERE'S NO PUBLIC COMMENT, HOW ABOUT COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES.  
7:44:13PM JIM, DO YOU HAVE ANY?  
7:44:16PM >>Jim Wilson: YES, I DO.  
7:44:17PM LAST WEEK, I WAS I GUESS HONORED TO GO AND PRESENT THE  
7:44:23PM VILLAGE REPORT LAST MONTH AT ECCL.  
7:44:27PM AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT OCCURRED TO ME AS I WAS  
7:44:32PM PRESENTING THE REPORT WAS POTENTIALLY THE RELATIONSHIP IS

7:44:37PM BACKWARDS.  
7:44:38PM THE ECCL IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION, BUT WHAT WE'RE DOING  
7:44:42PM NOW, WE, THE VILLAGE GO TO ECCL AND TELL THEM WHAT WE  
7:44:48PM ALREADY DECIDED TO DO AND THEY, IN FACT, ARE AN ORGANIZATION  
7:44:51PM OF VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE A BUNCH OF COMMITTEES THAT ARE OFF  
7:44:55PM DOING STUFF.  
7:44:56PM WHY DON'T WE INVITE -- WHY DON'T WE TURN THIS AROUND?

7:45:00PM WHY DON'T WE INVITE THEM AT LEAST QUARTERLY TO COME HERE AND  
7:45:03PM TELL US WHAT THEIR COMMITTEES ARE DOING BECAUSE THEY ARE A  
7:45:07PM PART OF THE EYES AND EARS TO THE COMMUNITY.  
7:45:09PM DOES THAT MAKE SENSE TO ANY OF THE REST OF YOU?  
7:45:11PM >>Mayor Ribble: I THINK THEY SHOULD COME EVERY MONTH.  
7:45:13PM I THINK THEY SHOULD BE HERE EVERY MONTH.  
7:45:18PM AND WHEN I MEET WITH JIM GILMARTIN, I'M GOING TO GO OVER  
7:45:24PM THAT WITH HIM.  
7:45:26PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: GREAT IDEA.  
7:45:29PM >>Mayor Ribble: IS THAT IT?  
7:45:32PM >>Jim Wilson: THAT COMPLETES MY REPORT.  
7:45:34PM >>Mayor Ribble: NICK.  
7:45:34PM >>Nick Batos: I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO REPORT EXCEPT I'D  
7:45:37PM LIKE TO COMMENT ON THAT.  
7:45:38PM I THINK THE IDEA IS A GREAT IDEA.  
7:45:39PM HOWEVER, THE IDEA OF GOING TO THE ECCL, I THINK IT LETS THE  
7:45:44PM MEMBERSHIP KNOW WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING, EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN  
7:45:47PM DONE OR WHAT WE'RE PLANNING ON DOING SO THEY CAN DISSEMINATE  
7:45:51PM THAT INFORMATION AND IT IS A CONTINUATION OF THE  
7:45:54PM COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK THAT WE'RE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE IN  
7:45:58PM ESTERO.  
7:46:06PM >> PASS.  
7:46:07PM >>Vice-Mayor Errington: I'LL PASS.  
7:46:08PM >> JUST A QUICKIE.  
7:46:09PM ON VETERANS DAY, WE HAD A MEETING THIS WEEK.

7:46:12PM IT'S COMING ALONG VERY WELL, NOVEMBER 6, 11:30 TO I THINK  
7:46:18PM 1:30 OR SO.  
7:46:19PM WE'RE USING THE SAME VOLUNTEERS WE USED LAST YEAR.  
7:46:23PM IT'S REALLY RUNNING VERY SMOOTHLY.  
7:46:26PM WE DON'T HAVE A SPEAKER YET, SO WE'RE LOOKING FOR -- ANYBODY  
7:46:31PM OUT IN THE AUDIENCE OR LISTENING IN, IF THEY KNOW A VETERAN,  
7:46:37PM WE'RE LOOKING FOR A VETERAN THAT IS MAYBE ACTIVE DUTY AT  
7:46:43PM THIS POINT OR JUST RETIRED FROM ACTIVE DUTY IS WHAT WE'RE  
7:46:47PM LOOKING FOR, FOR A SPEAKER.  
7:46:50PM IF ANYBODY HAS A NAME, THEY CAN CALL ME ON THE ESTERO  
7:46:54PM NUMBER, AND I CAN DISCUSS IT WITH THEM.  
7:46:57PM I THINK THAT'S GOING WELL, AND HOPEFULLY HAVE GOOD  
7:46:59PM PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR.  
7:47:02PM >>Mayor Ribble: HOWARD?

7:47:04PM >>Howard Levitan: PASS.  
7:47:04PM >>Mayor Ribble: I'M PASSING AS WELL.  
7:47:05PM BURT?  
7:47:08PM >>Burt Saunders: PASS.  
7:47:09PM >>Mayor Ribble: STEVE?  
7:47:10PM >>Steven Sarkozy: REAL QUICK UPDATE.  
7:47:12PM SEVERAL OF THE STAFF, DAVID AND MYSELF, KYLE, WENT TO BARTOW  
7:47:15PM TO TALK WITH F.D.O.T. ABOUT A NUMBER OF THINGS, BUT IN  
7:47:19PM PARTICULAR THE CORKSCREW AT I-75 PROJECT.  
7:47:21PM AND YOU'LL RECALL ABOUT -- YEARS AGO WE MADE A PITCH TO  
7:47:28PM TRYING TO GET THAT INTERSECTION UPGRADED AS PART OF A  
  
7:47:32PM MAINTENANCE PROJECT WHICH COULD BE DONE WITHIN THE DISTRICT,  
7:47:35PM RATHER THAN AS A CAPITAL PROJECT THAT WOULD REQUIRE A MAJOR  
7:47:40PM ALLOCATION WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR D.O.T.  
7:47:43PM BARTOW, THE HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AGREED.  
7:47:49PM WITHOUT A WHOLE LOT OF PUSH, THEY PUT THAT INTO THEIR  
7:47:53PM MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND THAT WILL START HERE IN  
7:47:55PM NOVEMBERISH.  
7:47:58PM A COUPLE OF YEARS LATER, WE WENT BACK TO THEM AND ASKED IF  
7:48:01PM WE COULD ALSO DO A LANDSCAPING EFFORT.  
7:48:03PM THEY WERE VERY SUPPORTIVE.  
7:48:08PM TURNS OUT THAT THE RELATIONSHIP AND TRYING TO JUST NURTURE  
7:48:12PM THAT PROCESS ALONG, THEY INCLUDED NOW IN THEIR MAINTENANCE  
7:48:17PM BUDGET NOT ONLY THE ROAD WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION, BUT  
7:48:23PM ALSO A MAJOR LANDSCAPING PROJECT COMING ON THE HEALS OF THE  
7:48:27PM ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.  
7:48:28PM SO WE HAVE BEEN TALKING AT ONE TIME, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN FOUR  
7:48:33PM TO SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS.  
7:48:34PM I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY WHAT THE ALLOCATION WOULD BE, BUT I  
7:48:37PM THINK IT'S REALLY GOOD NEWS FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT WE'LL SEE  
7:48:40PM THE UPGRADE OF THAT INTERSECTION, AND THEN ONCE THAT  
7:48:44PM CONTRACTOR IS COMPLETE, THEY'LL COME IN AND DO A MAJOR  
7:48:47PM LANDSCAPE JOB.  
7:48:48PM THEY'VE OFFERED TO WORK WITH US ON THE LANDSCAPE DESIGN, SO  
7:48:53PM WE'LL BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT THEY HAVE IN MIND AND WE'LL REALLY  
7:48:57PM BE ABLE TO DO GOOD THINGS IN THAT AREA AS A MAJOR ENTRY  
  
7:49:01PM POINT INTO ESTERO.  
7:49:04PM >> STEVE, IS IT POSSIBLE WHEN YOU'RE SPEAKING TO THEM ABOUT  
7:49:08PM THAT TO LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF A "WELCOME TO ESTERO"  
7:49:13PM SIGN AS YOU'RE COMING IN?  
7:49:14PM >>Steven Sarkozy: WE TALKED TO THEM ABOUT THAT AND THEY ARE  
7:49:18PM KIND OF TOUCHY BECAUSE OF LIABILITY.  
7:49:20PM I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A BATTLEGROUND OR A DISCUSSION  
7:49:24PM POINT WITH THEM IN THE FUTURE.  
7:49:25PM BUT, YES, IT MAKES TOTAL SENSE THAT THAT BE A "WELCOME TO  
7:49:33PM ESTERO" --

7:49:35PM >>Nick Batos: PUT IT TEN FEET HIGH IN THE TREE.  
7:49:38PM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.  
7:49:39PM MOTION TO ADJOURN?  
7:49:40PM >> SO MOVED.  
7:49:40PM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.  
7:49:41PM MEETING IS ADJOURNED.  
7:49:42PM [ SOUNDING GAVEL ]  
7:49:43PM [ ADJOURNMENT ]

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