09:30:00   >>Mayor Bill Ribble: I'D LIKE TO CALL THE FEBRUARY 5,
09:30:03  2020 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER.
I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE TO PLEASE SET YOUR CELL
PHONES TO THE SILENT MODE.
THAT MEANS IF YOU GOT A VIBRATOR THAT MAKES NOISE, TURN
IT OFF, PLEASE.
OKAY.
WITH US THIS MORNING, WE HAVE PASTOR KEVIN MORRIS FROM
THE HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO PROVIDE THE
INVOCATION.
09:30:15   >> THAT'S OKAY.  WE ALL WORSHIP THE SAME GOD,
PRESBYTERIAN, METHODIST.
>>Mayor Bill Ribble: WE HAVE A CORRECTION HERE, KATHY.
>>Kathleen Hall: THANK YOU.
09:30:25   >>Mayor Bill Ribble: YOU HAVE PROBABLY BEEN CALLED WORSE
THINGS.
09:30:35   >> IRONICALLY, IN KENTUCKY, THAT WAS MY FIRST PASTORATE,
AND ALL MINISTERS WERE BROTHERS.  BROTHER SO-AND-SO.
FRIENDS, BOW YOUR HEADS AS WE PRAY TOGETHER.
09:30:47   LOVING GOD, WE THANK YOU.
09:31:09   WE THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL WHO ARE GATHERED HERE THIS
09:31:12  MORNING.
09:31:12   THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY AND ABUNDANT BLESSINGS.
09:31:16   THANK YOU FOR LIFE ITSELF.
09:31:19   FOR THE MEASURE OF HEALTH WE NEED TO FULFILL OUR
09:31:23  CALLINGS, FOR SUSTENANCE, AND FOR FRIENDSHIP.
09:31:28   THANK YOU FOR THE ABILITY TO BE INVOLVED IN USEFUL
09:31:31  VILLAGE WORK.
09:31:35   AND FOR THE HONOR OF BEARING APPROPRIATE
09:31:36  RESPONSIBILITIES.
09:31:41   IN THE SCRIPTURES, YOU HAVE SAID THAT CITIZENS OUGHT TO
09:31:44  OBEY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES SINCE YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED
09:31:50   THOSE TO PROMOTE PEACE, ORDERING AND JUSTICE.
THEREFORE, WE PRAY FOR OUR MAYOR, FOR THE VARIOUS LEVELS
OF THE VILLAGE OFFICIALS, AND IN PARTICULAR FOR THIS
ASSEMBLED COUNCIL.
I’M ASKING THAT YOU WOULD GRACIOUSLY GRANT THEM WISDOM TO
GOVERN AMID CONFLICTING INTERESTS AND ISSUES OF OUR
TIMES.
A SENSE OF THE WELFARE AND TRUE NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE, A
KEEN THIRST FOR RIGHTeousNESS.
CONFIDENCE AT WHAT IS GOOD AND FITTING, THE ABILITY TO
WORK TOGETHER IN HARMONY, EVEN WHEN THERE’S HONEST
DISAGREEMENT.
AND LORD, GIVE THEM PERSONAL PEACE IN THEIR LIVES AND JOY
IN THEIR TASK.
I PRAY FOR THE AGENDA SET BEFORE THEM THIS MORNING.
GIVE THEM ASSURANCE OF WHAT WOULD PLEASE YOU AND WHAT
WOULD BENEFIT THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN AND AROUND OUR
BELOVED VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
SO BE IT, AMEN.
>>Mayor Ribble: AMEN.
>> BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL.
>>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.
[ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]
>>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL ROLL?
>>Howard Levitan HERE.
>>Jon McLain HERE.
>>Kathy Hall COUNCIL MEMBER BOESCH APPEARS TO BE ABSENT.
>>Nick Batos HERE.
>>Kathy Hall COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON IS ON AN EXCUSED
ABSENCE.
>>Katy Errington HERE.
BEFORE WE DO THE AGENDA, I WANT TO COMMENT ON AN ACTIVITY
WE HAD YESTERDAY WHILE WE HAVE A CROWD.
WE HAVE THIS MORNING WITH US OFFICER A.J. THAYER, FROM
THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE, WHO WAS THE SRO AT ESTERO HIGH
SCHOOL.
I JUST WANT TO MENTION YESTERDAY, WE HAD A TOUR OF THE
FACILITY HERE AT ESTERO, THE NEW SOUTHERN SUBSTATION FOR
THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE.
WE HAD 80 PEOPLE SHOW UP.
IT WAS A GREAT TOUR.
I THOUGHT CAPTAIN, BLAKE LEE DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB
SHOWING US AROUND AND GIVING US DETAILS.
PROBABLY SOME INFORMATION WE DIDN’T NEED TO HAVE.
BUT IT WAS INTERESTING, WELL DONE.
THE REASON I MENTIONED THE ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL, THEY
SHOWED UP YESTERDAY FROM THE ROTC COLOR GUARD TO DO THE
COLORS AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR TOUR AND PLACED A FLAG.
I CALLED THE PRINCIPAL THIS MORNING TO THANK HIM FOR
SENDING THOSE FOLKS OVER THERE.
NICK HAD GOTTEN AHOLD OF THE PRINCIPAL ON FRIDAY.
IT WAS A LAST-MINUTE THING, BUT THEY RESPONDED VERY WELL
AND WERE COOPERATIVE.
I WANTED TO PUBLICLY THANK THOSE FOLKS FOR DOING THAT.
NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CHANGES TO
THE AGENDA?
>> MAYOR, I'D LIKE TO WITHDRAWAL ITEM 6B.
THAT'S A CHANGE ORDER THAT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY DEPENDING
UPON HOW LONG THE PROJECT GOES.
OUR HOPE IS TO AVOID CHANGE ORDERS WHEREVER POSSIBLE AND
RATHER THAN ANTICIPATE THIS, I'D LIKE TO BRING IT BACK
WHEN AND ONLY IF IT IS NECESSARY.
Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
ANY OTHER DELETIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA?
COULD I HAVE A MOTION MADE INCLUDING THE 6B CHANGE.
>> SO MOVED.
>> SECOND.
>> Mayor Ribble: PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
Howard Levitan: AYE.
Jon McLain: AYE.
Kathy Hall: COUNCIL MEMBER BOESCH IS ABSENT.
Nick Batos: AYE.
Kathy Hall: COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON IS ABSENT.
Katy Errington: AYE.
Mayor Ribble: AYE.
WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON
THE AGENDA.
ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK?
I HAVE THREE.
NOLAN ROLLINS IS FIRST FOLLOWED BY ED WEIL.
GOOD MORNING.
NOLAN ROLLINS.
17 YEAR ESTERO RESIDENT.
A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO I WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE ESTERO
FOREVER FOUNDATION.
YOU ASKED ME TO COME BACK AND GIVE A REPORT.
I'M HERE TO GIVE A VERY BRIEF REPORT FOR THIS PARTICULAR
EVENT UPCOMING FEBRUARY 20, WHICH IS SORT OF THE KICKOFF
CELEBRATION FOR THE FOUNDATION FOR THE COMMUNITY.
PEOPLE KEEP ASKING ME, WELL, HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE TO
RAISE TO BE SUCCESSFUL?
HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE TO COME FOR YOU TO BE SUCCESSFUL?
THOSE ARE NOT OUR MEASURES OF SUCCESS.
WE HAVE THREE GOALS FOR THIS PARTICULAR EVENT.
09:36:37 NUMBER ONE, WE WANT IT TO BE ONE OF THE BEST EVENINGS
09:36:40 THAT PEOPLE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE.
09:36:42 THE FINEST MEAL THAT THE GRANDEZZA HAS TO OFFER.
09:36:46 BILLY DEAN AND DAWN BIRCH, THE FINEST ENTERTAINMENT
09:36:48 ESTERO HAS, DANCING, SINGING, GREAT INTERACTION WITH
09:36:54 FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS IS OUR FIRST GOAL, JUST HAVE A
09:36:57 GREAT TIME.
09:36:57 THE SECOND GOAL IS TO LEARN ABOUT THE FOUNDATION.
09:37:01 TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS, ANYTIME SOMETHING IS NEW,
09:37:05 THERE IS ALSO MISINFORMATION AND MISCOMMUNICATION.
09:37:08 IT'S UNAVOIDABLE, BUT WE WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING ABOUT
09:37:11 THE FOUNDATION AND IF A HUNDRED PEOPLE SHOW UP AND THEY
09:37:14 LEARN ABOUT THE FOUNDATION AND THAT’S ALL THAT HAPPENS,
09:37:16 WE’LL CONSIDER THAT A GREAT SUCCESS, BUT THE THIRD GOAL
09:37:20 WOULD BE TO GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO MAKE A
09:37:22 DONATION TO OUR OWN COMMUNITY, OUR VILLAGE FOUNDATION FOR
09:37:27 PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE THAT WOULD NEED PUBLIC FUNDING,
09:37:32 AND THAT WILL BE VERY LOW KEY -- NO RAFFLES, NO AUCTIONS,
09:37:36 NO PRESSURE, NO AUCTIONEER IS GOING TO WALK AROUND AND
09:37:41 GET IN YOUR FACE AND CHALLENGE YOU TO BEAT SOMEBODY ELSE
09:37:44 IN THE ROOM.
09:37:45 IT WILL BE A LOW-KEY OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO
09:37:48 DONATE TO THE FOUNDATION.
09:37:49 THE UPDATE AS OF TODAY, WE HAVE 87 TICKETS SOLD.
09:37:55 WE'RE TWO WEEKS AWAY TOMORROW.
09:37:58 90% OF ALL FUNDRAISING EVENTS, SUCH AS THIS, NEVER
09:38:03 GENERATE MORE THAN $100,000.
09:38:07 USUALLY IT'S SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 30 AND 70 THOUSAND
09:38:10 DOLLARS.
09:38:18 BEFORE THE EVENT, BEFORE GIVING PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
09:38:18 COMMIT, WE ALREADY HAVE $78,000 COMMITMENTS.
09:38:19 IF WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE EVENT IT IS ALREADY A
09:38:22 SUCCESSFUL KICKOFF.
09:38:24 I WANT TO INVITE EVERYONE HERE TO COME AND BE A PART OF
09:38:27 THIS.
09:38:27 WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.
09:38:29 FOR THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING -- THERE ARE PROBABLY MORE
09:38:33 PEOPLE WATCHING THE LIVESTREAMING OF THIS MEETING THAN
09:38:36 ARE IN THE ROOM.
09:38:37 CALL 800-555-0202.
09:38:40 AND IF YOU CALL WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES --
09:38:43 SERIOUSLY, GO TO ESTEROFOREVERFOUNDATION.ORG.
09:38:49 WE WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME TOGETHER.
09:38:52 HOPE TO SEE EVERYBODY THERE.
09:38:54 THANKS.
09:38:54 >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
09:38:55 THANK YOU, NOLAN.
09:39:01 >>Kathy Hall: ED WEIL, FOLLOWED BY JACK MEEKER.
THAT WAS A FUN EVENT YESTERDAY.
I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL IN EVERY WAY YOU DO.
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW THIS BUT ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL HAS THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF ATHLETES AND TEAMS, ATHLETIC TEAMS AMONG THE 14 HIGH SCHOOLS.
WE'RE ONE OF THE TOP THREE.
SO THE SUPPORT OF THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US.
AS A GIRLS' SOCCER COACH, ASSISTANT COACH, I WANT TO INVITE YOU TO THE SEMIFINALS, THE DISTRICTS, WHICH IS TONIGHT AT 7:00.
WE PLAY LELY.
AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL GO ON TO PLAY NAPLES, I THINK, ON FRIDAY.
I HOPE YOU WILL COME OUT AND SUPPORT US.
WE SCORED OVER 100 GOALS, AND WE'RE RANKED NUMBER 36th IN THE STATE.
THANK YOU.
Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
Kathy Hall: JACK MEEKER.
I'M HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP.
I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO HELP PRESERVE EDISON FARMS, THE PROPERTY ACROSS THE STREET FROM OUR VILLAGE ON I-75.
I KNOW IT'S OWNED AND PURCHASED BY THE 2020 PROGRAM, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN IT'S PRESERVED.
I DON'T TRUST WHAT'S HAPPENING.
I THINK WE HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO PRESERVE IT IF WE ANNEX THIS PROPERTY INTO ESTERO.
IF WE CAN ANNEX PROPERTY AT ONE END OF COCONUT ROAD FOR DEVELOPMENT, WHY CAN'T WE ANNEX THIS PROPERTY FOR PRESERVATION.
THERE'S A LOT OF PRESSURE ON LAND AND THIS IS SIX SECTIONS, OVER 600-ACRES PER SECTION.
YOU DO THE MATH.
IT'S A BIG PIECE OF LAND.
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE A TENDENCY TO SWAP LAND FOR THIS PIECE FOR THAT PIECE.
THERE IS A BIG TEMPTATION FOR DEVELOPERS.
THEY NEED THIS AND THAT.
I THINK WE HAVE A BETTER CHANCE IF IT IS UNDER CONTROL OF YOU PEOPLE, PEOPLE THAT WE TRUST THAT ARE CLOSE TO US THAN BEING IN CONTROL WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
THEY ARE NOT TIME LIMITED LIKE YOU ARE.
PEOPLE THERE MAY BE OKAY RIGHT NOW, BUT THAT DOESN'T GUARANTEE ANYTHING IN THE FUTURE.
IF WE HAVE THIS LAND UNDER OUR CONTROL THROUGH THE ANNEXATION PROCESS, WE HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO PRESERVE
IT, PRESERVE IT THE WAY IT IS, OPEN SPACES FOR THE ANIMALS, THE BIRDS.
I DON'T THINK WE NEED ANYMORE RECREATION.
I THINK WE HAVE A WONDERFUL FACILITY HERE IN ESTERO RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO US.
WE HAVE BALL FIELDS, AND WE HAVE UNDEVELOPED LAND THAT CAN BE USED.
SO WE'RE NOT PUTTING ANYBODY OUT BY PRESERVING THIS LAND THE WAY IT IS.
SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.
>>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, JACK.
NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS THE CONSENT AGENDA.
DO ANY OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES?
HEARING NONE, I'D ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.
JON, SECONDED BY KATY ERRINGTON.
LITTLE SLOW THIS MORNING, LITTLE SLOW.
BABYSITTER IS WAITING FOR US TO GET HOME HERE.
OKAY.
I WILL MOVE THAT ITEM AS APPROVED.
NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 6A.
THE NEXT ITEM IS THE AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NUMBER EC 2017-28.
STEVE, DO YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE THIS ITEM?
THIS IS A CHANGE ORDER TO THE AGNOLI, BARBER & BRUNDAGE CONTRACT.
THEY ARE PRIME CONSULTING ENGINEER THAT IS HANDLING THIS PROJECT.
BECAUSE THE DELIVERY DATE FOR THE PROJECT IS LONGER THAN ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED IN THEIR CONTRACT, THE ADDITIONAL DAYS ON THE JOB FOR THE ENGINEER AND THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OVERSEEING THE PROJECT IS EXTENDED.
THE REQUEST HERE IS TO ADD $96,900 TO THEIR CONTRACT AMOUNT SO IT WILL NOT EXCEED $853,624 FOR LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND OVERSIGHT AND ENGINEERING OVERSIGHT.
THIS COMES TO YOU WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL.
AS MENTIONED EARLIER, OUR FONDEST HOPE IS NOT TO HAVE CHANGE ORDERS ON THIS PROJECT.
YOU DO HAVE A RESERVE ON THIS PROJECT OF $800,000.
THIS WOULD COME OUT OF THAT RESERVE.
SO, THE MONEY IS IN THE BUDGET AND AVAILABLE.
DAVID WILLEMS, OUR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OVERSEEING THE PROJECT IS HERE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.
>>Mayor Ribble: I USUALLY DON'T MAKE COMMENTS UNTIL COUNCIL MAKES THEIR COMMENTS BUT I WILL PULL SENIORITY AND OBJECT TO THIS CHANGE ORDER.
IT SEEMS TO ME -- I'VE BUILT SEVERAL HOUSES IN MY DAYS
MOVING AROUND THE COUNTRY AND NOTHING IS WORSE WHEN THE BUILDER COMES TO YOU WITH A CHANGE ORDER AFTER THEY ALREADY BID THE PROJECTS WITH THE SPEC, KITCHEN, LANDSCAPING, EVERYTHING ELSE AND THEY COME IN AND SAY WE MISSED THAT AND THIS, AND CHANGE ORDERS CAN GET OUT OF CONTROL.

I HOPE WE DON'T SEND THE WRONG MESSAGE TO THE FIRMS WE WILL BE DEALING WITH IN THE FUTURE THAT YOU CAN GO IN WITH A LOW BID AND WIN AND COME BACK WITH CHANGE ORDERS. THAT'S JUST MY COMMENT.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?

NICK?

>>Nick Batos: I HAVE SIMILAR CONCERNS. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY ARE ASKING FOR MORE MONEY BECAUSE OF LONGER DAYS.

I THOUGHT WHEN WE ISSUED THE CONTRACT WE KNEW WHAT THIS WAS GOING TO TAKE AND HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO DO AND THAT WOULD BE THE SUPERVISION OF IT.

WE SHOULD BE COVERED BY THAT.

EVEN TAKING THAT, THAT'S ONE THING.

THE OTHER THING IS WHY ARE WE INCREASING THE CONTRACT IF IT IS ALREADY -- IF WE ALREADY HAVE MONEY IN A FUND TO COVER THE MISCELLANEOUS, OR THE INCREASES THAT MAY OCCUR.

WHY CAN'T IT COME OUT OF THAT MONEY?

OUT OF THAT 10% OR WHATEVER --

>> It is. THAT'S WHERE IT COMES FROM.

>>Nick Batos: SO WE'RE NOT INCREASING THE OVERALL PRICE.

>> The project is not changing.

>> Any draw off of that contingent account will come back to the village council, even if it is within the total budget.

>>Nick Batos: OKAY.

CAN YOU JUST ANSWER ME WHY, THOUGH, THEY ARE ASKING FOR MORE MONEY WHEN WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN -- THE CONTRACTOR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE.

>>Steve Sarkozy: THIS IS NOT FROM THE CONTRACTOR.

>>Nick Batos: THEY WERE BIDDING UPON BASED ON WHAT THE CONTRACTOR WAS --

>>Steve Sarkozy: NOT DIRECTLY.

THEIR CONTRACT WAS EXECUTED OVER A YEAR AGO BEFORE THE PROJECT WAS REALLY DESIGNED AND WAY BEFORE THE CONTRACTOR WAS SIGNED UP.

THIS IS, THIS WAS SOMETHING NOT INCLUDED.

THIS SPECIFIC CONSTRUCTION SERVICE WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONTRACT AND THAT'S WHY WE ARE COMING FORWARD TO HAVE THEM HELP DURING THE INSPECTION OF THE PROJECT.
IT'S JUST HARD TO UNDERSTAND, THOUGH.

IF YOU ARE GIVING US A CONTRACT TO WATCH OVER THE

CONTRACTOR, HOW CAN YOU GIVE THAT CONTRACT OUT BEFORE WE

KNOW WHAT THE CONTRACT IS?

HOW CAN THEY BID ON A PRICE BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEY

WERE HAVING TO SUPERVISE?

THAT'S WHY IT IS COMING TO YOU NOW.

IT IS AFTER THEY KNOW WHAT THE CONTRACTOR IS DOING IS WHY

WE ARE BRINGING THAT FORWARD.

I GUESS YOU ARE FEELING THE SENSE -- WE JUST APPROVED

THIS CONTRACT A MONTH OR SO AGO.

I THINK WHEN THE CHANGE ORDERS ROLL IN THAT QUICKLY AFTER

WE -- WE TALKED ABOUT ESTERO PARKWAY 2, 2 1/2 YEARS.

I THINK WE EXPECTED WHEN WE CAME TO A FINAL VOTE WE HAD

THE FINAL NUMBERS.

I GUESS WHAT WE ARE ASKING GENERALLY FROM STAFF IS IN A

GOVERNMENT LITE ENVIRONMENT YOU ARE GOING TO ISSUE

CONTRACTS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE FINAL NUMBERS

WHEN WE MAKE A FINAL DECISION.

>>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS.

WE'RE ALL DISAPPOINTED SEEING THE CHANGE ORDERS.

I HAVEN'T DONE A LOT OF THESE PUBLIC-TYPE CONTRACTS, BUT

IT SEEMS ABB WHEN THEY WERE WORKING THROUGH THE PLANS

THAT THEIR POST SERVICES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THERE.

I CAN SEE THERE MAY BE EXCEPTIONS ON THIS, BUT IT LOOKS

LIKE HEY, WE DUMPED A PLAN ON US AND NOW YOU WANT US TO

INSPECT THE WORK WE DESIGN.

IT SEEMS LIKE A PORTION OF THESE COSTS COULD HAVE BEEN

COVERED ON THE INITIAL BID THEY MADE TO US.

>>David Willems: WE WILL MAKE SURE IN THE FUTURE THAT IS

THE CASE ON ALL CONTRACTS.

>>Howard Levitan: I THINK STEVE INDICATED PART OF THIS

MAYBE THE TIMING ON THIS.

IT LOOKS LIKE IT IS MOVING REASONABLY WELL AT THIS POINT.

NOBODY KNOWS -- WE KNOW THE CONTRACT END DATE IS THE END

OF THE YEAR, BUT IF THEY FINISH EARLIER WOULD THESE FUNDS

BE EXPENDED?

WE ARE NOT SPENDING THESE MONEYS UP FRONT.

WE ARE DOING IT AS WE GO ALONG.

IN FACT, IF THE CONTRACT IS SHORTER THESE FUNDS WILL NOT

BE NEEDED.

YOU ARE JUST LOOKING FOR PERMISSION TO GO TO THE MAXIMUM

LEVEL.

>>David Willems: THAT IS CORRECT.

IT IS NOT A LUMP SUM CONTRACT BUT HOW LONG IT TAKES TO

GET THEM DONE.

>>Jon McLain: I DO THINK PART OF THIS 96,000 IS THE

LANDSCAPE PLANS AND I DID TALK TO DAVID ABOUT THIS.
TO ME, THAT PORTION COULD MAKE THIS QUALITY PRODUCT THAT WE'RE EXPECTING, ENSURE WE ARE DELIVERING ON THIS. AS WE GO THE EXCAVATION OF LAND AND IRRIGATION, AND ALL OF THIS STUFF, I THINK IT IS WORTH WHILE HAVING A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT TO DESIGN THIS, TO MAYBE RELOCATE A TREE OR TWO TO MAKE SURE IT IS DONE ACCORDING TO THE PLAN. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE INSPECTIONS GOING ON ALONG THE WAY, SOMETIMES IT MAY BE BETTER TO MOVE A -- PLANS ARE ONE THING BUT MAYBE MOVE IT AROUND. I'M IN SUPPORT OF THAT BUT ABB PART, YOU KNOW, IT BOTHERS ME. NOT SAYING WE CAN DO MUCH ABOUT IT AT THIS POINT BUT I THINK WE NEED TO ADDRESS THAT IN THE FUTURE.

>>David Willems: UNDERSTOOD.

>>Vice Mayor Errington: LISTENING TO THE FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE DID NOT APPROVE IT?

>>David Willems: IT WOULD BE ME DOING THE WORK PROBABLY. YOU WOULD HAVE TO DO IT?

>> I WOULD THINK SO, YES.

>>Katy Errington WHERE'S CAROL?

>>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL?

IS ANYONE SIGNED UP FROM THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK TO THIS ITEM?

I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION REGARDING THIS AGENDA ITEM.

MOTION TO APPROVE IT.

KATY'S GOING TO SECOND IT.

>>Mayor Ribble MADAM CLERK, CALL THE ROLE.

>>Kathy Hall COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON IS ABSENT.

>>Nick Batos YES.

>>Kathy Hall COUNCIL MEMBER BOESCH IS ABSENT.

>>Jon McLain AYE.

>>Howard Levitan AYE.

>>Katy Errington AYE.

>>Mayor Ribble: NO.

ALL RIGHT.

NEXT ITEM WE ARE POSTPONING 6B.

NEXT ITEM IS ITEM C CONSIDERATION FOR A LIEN MITIGATION FROM WAYNE AND MAXINE SCHNEIDER.

>> GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS I'M JEFF WRIGHT WITH THE HENDERSON FRANKLIN LAW FIRM. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE SCHNEIDERS, THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

I'VE GIVEN MY BUSINESS CARD TO THE VILLAGE CLERK.

WE ARE HERE AS THE AGENDA ITEM INDICATES REQUESTING A REDUCTION OF A LIEN THAT'S BEEN IMPOSED.
JUST A QUICK BACKGROUND, WE WENT THROUGH A HEARING WITH THIS SPECIAL MAGISTRATE AND AGREE WITH HIS RECOMMENDATION TO SETTLE THE CASE FOR $2,000 PAYMENT. THE REASON IS, WE WENT INTO SOME DETAIL AT THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE HEARING. I'M HAPPY TO PROVIDE DETAIL THIS MORNING BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS IT IS A HOMEOWNER, TAX PAYING RESIDENT HERE. THEY ARE SEASONAL RESIDENTS AND THEY WENT TO GET THEIR AIR CONDITIONING REPLACED. THEY DID IT BY THE BOOK OR SO THEY THOUGHT. THEY HIRED AND PAID A CONTRACTOR 8 TO 10 THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE CONTRACTOR GOT THE JOB DONE BUT NEVER CLOSED OUT THE PERMIT. THEY WEREN'T AWARE OF THAT AND THE NOTICES WERE SENT TO THEIR LOCAL ADDRESS RATHER THAN THEIR NORTHERN ADDRESS. AS A RESULT, WHEN THEY WENT TO CONVEY THE PROPERTY THEY NOTICED THIS LIEN HAD ACCRUED. THEY RIGHT AWAY, WITHIN A MATTER OF HOURS, THEY CALLED THE CONTRACTOR, GOT AN INSPECTION DONE AND GOT IT CLOSED OUT. DURING THE INTERIM, BETWEEN THE TIME THE LIEN WAS IMPOSED AND THE TIME THAT CORRECTIVE ACTION TOOK PLACE, IT WAS ABOUT 500 DAYS AND THE LIEN HAD ACCRUED TO A SIGNIFICANT SUM. WE PRESENTED IT AT THE MAGISTRATE LEVEL AS IF THEY WERE VICTIMS OF A CONTRACTOR GONE BAD. THEY HIRED SOMEBODY BY THE BOOK, GOT THE PERMITS AND EVERYTHING THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO DO. PAID HIM IN FULL AND NOW THEY ARE WILLING TO PAY THE VILLAGE ENOUGH TO MAKE THEM WHOLE AND WE THINK THAT RECOMMENDED AMOUNT IS A FAIR NUMBER AND THAT'S ALL WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FOR IS FAIRNESS TODAY. I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. WE'RE NOT DISPUTING THE VILLAGE'S RIGHT TO COLLECT. THE LIEN SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. WE'RE NOT CONTESTING THAT, BUT WE ARE CONTESTING THAT RELATIVE TO THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY, THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY, I THINK IT IS AROUND 190 IS THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AND FOR $145,000 LIEN THAT IS BASED
ON A VIOLATION, WHERE THERE WAS NEVER REALLY A THREAT TO
THE PUBLIC OR ANY SORT OF SAFETY OR PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT.
THERE WAS NO OFFENSE TO THE PUBLIC, WE FEEL LIKE
$145,000 RELATIVE TO A $190,000 PROPERTY IS EXCESSIVE AND
WE FEEL --
>> I UNDERSTAND THOSE.
THE FIRST TWO OF YOUR DEFENSES DEAL WITH TECHNICAL ISSUES
I WOULD THINK UNDER THE STATUTE.
DO YOU HAVE A COPY OF THE NARRATIVE?
>> YEAH.
I HAVE MY NOTES FROM THE HEARING RIGHT HERE.
I THINK YOU ARE REFERRING TO SOME NOTICE CONCERN BECAUSE
THEY WERE OUT OF STATE.
YOU SAID NO CERTIFIED COPY OF THE LIEN IS AVAILABLE ON
THIS.
THEY ARE REQUIRED UNDER THE STATUTE AND THE SECOND
DEFENSE WAS WE HAVE NOT ARTICULATED THE CODE ENFORCEMENT
UNDER, AS A VILLAGE CODE.
>> UNDERSTOOD.
THERE ARE -- THOSE AIN'T THE HORSE WE ARE RIDING HERE
TODAY.
>>Howard Levitan: NOT THE HORSE YOU WERE RIDING.
>> THOSE ARE TWO ARGUMENTS.
THANK YOU TO MARY FOR PROVIDING ME WITH THE ACTUAL
DOCUMENT I SUBMITTED THERE'S A REQUIREMENT IN THE FLORIDA
STATE THAT STAYS WHEN YOU HAVE A LIEN AND A CERTIFIED
COPY IS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORD IT SHALL THEREAFTER
CONSTITUTE A LIEN.
I HAVE SEEN WHERE YOU LOOK AT THE LIEN AND IT DOESN'T
HAVE A CERTIFICATION OF ANY SORT.
IT IS A TECHNICAL ARGUMENT.
IT'S NOT THE HORSE WE ARE RIDING BUT A COSMETIC THING
THAT SOMEBODY MAY RAISE IN THE FUTURE THAT THERE IS
SUPPOSED TO BE A CERTIFIED LIEN.
>>Howard Levitan: OUR PRACTICE IS NOT TO DO THAT?
[ INAUDIBLE ]
>> MAYBE WE CAN HEAR FROM STANLEY, TOO.
STANLEY, THE GENTLEMAN RAISED A DEFENSE THAT WE DON'T
CERTIFY, FILE A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE LIEN WITH THE
CLERK.
IS THAT THE CASE IN THE NORMAL --
>> NOT A CERTIFIED COPY, NO.
>>Howard Levitan: IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT HE
IS SAYING AND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?
>> NO.
THE STATUTE SAYS -- I'M GOING OFF MEMORY BUT IT IS PRETTY
CLOSE QUOTE, CHAPTER 162, IT SAYS A LIEN MAY BE RECORDED
AGAINST THE PROPERTY AND A CERTIFIED COPY OF A LIEN MAY BE RECORDED AND SHALL THEREAFTER CONSTITUTE A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY.

I think in real life if the next guy comes up and says, my lien wasn't certified, there's an argument back that, well, the statute says may.

So, again that's not the horse we are riding but a technical point we did raise.

>>Howard Levitan: The second is about the fact that there is no specific village code?

>>Yes.

This has come up in a couple of jurisdictions locally where when you look at the notice of violations, so the homeowner breaks the rules and gets a notice of violation.

The jurisdiction of the magistrate is over the village of Estero codes, not state law, not federal law.

So that argument is basically saying that the notice that they received says you violated a building code, 105.1. That's a state law, a technical argument, saying my notice never cited the village code.

>>Howard Levitan: You explained that.

Maybe I can ask a question of Stanley.

Stanley, again, I don't want to belabor the point, but yesterday when I was looking at this to prepare for this hearing, I did a property search at the property appraisers, using the name of the owners of the property. Up pops, lo and behold, the address in Connecticut.

I guess what I'm -- we have had this discussion a couple of times, especially about air conditioner permits because there really isn't, you know, closing out permits seems to be a real problem in Estero with the air conditioning companies.

And we wind up with 156, $146,000 worth of fines or something that can be cured immediately.

You know, we get caught in a situation.

We could easily get the information on where they live and send them a copy of the letter.

I'm troubled by the fact that somebody is going to pay us $2,000 plus costs for an error that we could have easily fixed had we spent, took me 1 1/2 minutes to find it.

The same thing happened with the last one we did with the fella in Bonita Springs.

I'm not going to vote to fine somebody 2,000 bucks when we could have easily solved this problem some place along this process.

That's what I'd like to say.

The other thing, I want everyone listening in Estero to
UNDERSTAND WHEN THEY DO CHANGE OUT THEIR AIR CONDITIONER, WHICH EVERYBODY DOES EVERY EIGHT OR TEN YEARS, YOU HAVE TO GET A PERMIT AND YOU HAVE TO CLOSE OUT THE PERMIT. IF YOUR AIR CONDITIONING COMPANY DOESN'T DO THAT, OR IF THE PERMIT IS HIDDEN IN THE BUSHES SOMEPLACE, WHERE USUALLY THE AIR CONDITIONER IS AND YOU DON'T SEE IT, THIS IS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. YOU ARE RUNNING THE RISK THAT WE ARE GOING TO FINE YOU $2,000, ESPECIALLY, OR MORE -- ESPECIALLY IN THE SITUATIONS WHERE THE EQUITIES AREN'T AS EASY TO FIGURE OUT AS THIS ONE.

>> IF I MAY?

AT THE HEARING IN JANUARY WITH THE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE, THAT ADDRESS WAS NOT ON THE SYSTEM. IT HAD THEIR LOCAL ADDRESS HERE OF SEAGROVE COURT. THAT WAS CHANGED BETWEEN JANUARY AND NOW. >>Howard Levitan: AT ANY POINT IN THE PROCESS -- I'M NOT TRYING TO BE CRITICAL, A MINUTE'S RESEARCH WOULD HAVE POPPED UP THE RIGHT ADDRESS.

I'M NOT TRYING TO BE CRITICAL. THESE ARE OUR CITIZENS. I THINK WE HAVE TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP AND TRY TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS OPPOSED TO JUST, YOU KNOW, FINING THEM. >> WAS IT AVAILABLE TO YOU BEFORE, OR NO?

WHEN I WOULD GO TO THE TAX ROLLS IT WOULD SHOW UP AS 20031 SEAGROVE COURT 1408 AS OWNER AND RESIDENT. HE SENT ME THEIR ADDRESS IN AN E-MAIL. >> IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE. OPPOSED TO DOING THE ADDRESS YOU DO THE NAME AND THE NAME POPS IT UP BECAUSE THEN IT SHOWS ALL OF THE DIFFERENT -- THIS FELLA HAPPENED TO OWN TWO PROPERTIES OR SHOWS UP IN THE RECORDS AS TWO SEPARATE PROPERTIES. SAME THING HAPPENED THE LAST TIME. THE LAST FELLA FROM BONITA SPRINGS THAT NEEDED A TRANSLATOR OWNED TWO PROPERTIES AND COULD HAVE EASILY BEEN NOTIFIED.

>>Mayor Ribble: YOU WANT TO COMMENT ON THAT? >> I DON'T WANT TO GET TOO FAR BOGGED DOWN BECAUSE WE HAVE OTHER AGENDA ITEMS. >>Mayor Ribble: HOWARD BRINGS UP GOOD POINTS IT MAYBE SOMETHING WE CAN LEARN FROM.

IT IS HORRIBLE TO HAVE FINES AGAINST YOU. ON THE OTHER HAND, I CAN NAME FIVE PROPERTIES OVER MY WAY THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN FINED HEAVILY FOR NOT BEING IN COMPLIANCE BUT -- >> I THINK IT IS WORTH THE TIME AND DISCUSSION IF COUNCIL DIRECTS.

WE WILL LOOK AT HOW WE HANDLE THOSE CODE ENFORCEMENT
10:02:45  PROCESSES.
10:02:46  WHAT’S IMPORTANT IN THE LARGER OVERVIEW IS LOOKING AT
10:02:50  EXACTLY HOW MANY CASES WE HAVE OUTSTANDING RIGHT NOW,
10:02:57  WHAT OUR ERROR RATE MAYBE AND LOOKING AT THE OVERALL
10:03:01  PICTURE, HOW LARGE OF A PICTURE DOES IT CONSTITUTE.
10:03:06  EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE MAYBE AN ADDITIONAL FIVE MINUTES OF
10:03:11  RESEARCH COULD EASILY DISCOVER WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.
10:03:14  WHEN YOU COMPOUND IT BY HOW MANY ARE OUTSTANDING, I DON’T
10:03:17  KNOW IF STANLEY’S A ONE-MAN BAND IN THE DEPARTMENT.
10:03:20  I DON’T KNOW.
10:03:23  >>Mayor Ribble: WE ARE GOVERNMENT LITE.
10:03:25  >> IF YOU ARE LOOKING AT OVERHAULING THE PROCESS TO
10:03:27  EXPEDITE AND SOLVE THESE ISSUES YOU MAY BE LOOKING AT
10:03:31  HIRING EXTRA STAFF IF ONE MAN CANNOT GO THROUGH ALL OF
10:03:34  THESE CASES AND SPEND THE TIME NEEDED TO LITERALLY TRACK
10:03:39  DOWN EVERY PROPERTY OWNER THAT HAS AN OUTSTANDING
10:03:42  VIOLATION.
10:03:42  I KNOW IT SEEMS ON AN INDIVIDUAL BAY CASE, CASE-BY-CASE,
10:03:46  A SMALL SUM OF TIME WHEN YOU COMPOUND IT BY HOW MANY
10:03:50  CASES ARE OUTSTANDING YOU LOOK AT SIGNIFICANT MAN HOURS
10:03:53  THAT ONE PERSON IS A HEAVY LOAD.
10:03:55  I DON’T KNOW IF THAT IS THE CASE.
10:03:56  I'VE NOT LOOKED IN TO IT.
10:03:58  IF THE COUNCIL WANTS US TO LOOK AT THAT PROCESS AND MAYBE
10:04:02  SUGGEST SOME STRUCTURAL REFORMS, WE CAN DO THAT.
10:04:08  BUT JUST THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND.
10:04:10  >>Mayor Ribble: HOW MANY CASES DO YOU HAVE OUTSTANDING
10:04:12  NOW?
10:04:13  >> I HAVE NO IDEA TO BE HONEST.
10:04:17  >> I’D SAY A HUNDRED OR LESS.
10:04:19  >>Mayor Ribble: 100 OR LESS.
10:04:20  WE OUGHT TO LOOK AT THIS AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.
10:04:24  OKAY.
10:04:24  ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?
10:04:28  IS ANYONE SIGNED UP FROM THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK?
10:04:32  I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION REGARDING THIS AGENDA ITEM.
10:04:36  >>Howard Levitan: I MOVE REDUCE THE FINE TO ZERO PLUS THE
10:04:40  COSTS LISTED TO $221.
10:04:42  >>Mayor Ribble: SECOND THAT MOTION?
10:04:45  >>Nick Batos: I WILL SECOND IT.
10:04:47  >>Mayor Ribble: NICK SECONDED IT.
10:04:49  CALL THE ROLL.
10:04:50  >>Howard Levitan: AYE.
10:04:57  >>Jon McLain: NO.
10:04:59  >>Kathy Hall: COUNCIL MEMBER BOESCH IS ABSENT.
10:05:02  >>Nick Batos: AYE, SORRY.
10:05:03  >>Mayor Ribble: YOU’RE BATOS.
10:05:06  >>Vice Mayor Errington: AYE.
10:05:10  >>Mayor Ribble: AYE. EVERY ONE IS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE
10:05:17  AS WE GO ALONG.
10:05:17  BEAR WITH US.
10:05:18  WE SEEK YOUR KNOWLEDGE FOR SURE.
10:05:20  OKAY.
10:05:22  WE WILL TAKE COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.
10:05:26  ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK FOR THIS?
10:05:29  >>Kathy Hall: NO ONE SIGNED UP.
10:05:31  >>Mayor Ribble: NOW COUNCIL MEMBERS IF ANYONE HAS
10:05:33  UPDATES.
10:05:34  NICK, WE WILL START WITH YOU.
10:05:35  ANY UPDATES FOR US?
10:05:37  >>Nick Batos: NO UPDATES.
10:05:38  >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:05:39  KATY.
10:05:41  >>Vice Mayor Errington: COUPLE THINGS.
10:05:43  I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE ESTERO CROSSING HEARING WE HAD
10:05:47  LAST WEEK.
10:05:50  I JUST WANT TO MENTION THAT HOW A VOTE MAKES A REAL
10:05:56  DIFFERENCE IN WHAT HAPPENS IN ESTERO, ANY PLACE.
10:06:01  I NOTICED ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, GOING BACK
10:06:06  AND LOOKING AT THE MINUTES, THAT THE VOTE ENDED 3-3.
10:06:12  IT MADE ME THINK ABOUT IF ONE PERSON HAD VOTED FOR THAT
10:06:16  TO GO THROUGH THEN WHAT A DIFFERENCE IT WOULD HAVE MADE
10:06:20  THERE AT CORKSCREW ROAD AND THE INTERSTATE I-75.
10:06:26  WITH WHAT HAPPENED, THE WAY THE HEARING CAME TO US, IT
10:06:32  WAS A BETTER DEAL FOR ALL OF THE RESIDENTS THERE AND FOR
10:06:35  ESTERO BECAUSE THE HOTEL WAS TAKEN OUT.
10:06:39  THE APARTMENTS WERE REDUCED IN SIZE.
10:06:43  THE HEIGHT WAS REDUCED.
10:06:45  SO THAT, THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, I HOPE IN THE
10:06:49  FUTURE, WILL REALLY STUDY EVERYTHING VERY, VERY CAREFULLY
10:06:56  BECAUSE IF THEY HAD NOT AND THEN ONE PERSON WAS MISSES,
10:07:00  SO THIS IS VERY CRITICAL.
10:07:03  IT COULD HAVE BEEN A MAJOR CONCERN FOR US IN WHAT WOULD
10:07:07  HAVE HAPPENED ON THAT PROPERTY.
10:07:08  SO WE HAVE A MUCH BETTER DEAL BY IT BEING TIED AND THEN
10:07:14  COMING TO THE COUNCIL.
10:07:15  I'M APPRECIATIVE OF THAT.
10:07:17  I'M SURE THE RESIDENTS ARE, TOO.
10:07:20  THE LANDSCAPING ON U.S. -41, I HOPE WE HAVEN'T SIGNED THE
10:07:24  FINAL DOCUMENT ON THE PLANTS.
10:07:29  THOSE LILIES LOOK KIND OF SICK.
10:07:31  THEY NEED TO BE TAKEN UP.
10:07:33  THEY AREN'T HEALTHY LOOKING.
10:07:35  WE DON'T HAVE ANY MULCH YET FROM -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S
10:07:38  GOING ON BUT THE LILIES ARE SAD.
10:07:43 I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY GOT THOSE, BUT I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T
10:07:46 SIGNED ANYTHING SAYING WE APPROVED THEM.
10:07:49 >> NO, WE HAVEN'T.
10:07:50 WE ACTUALLY HAVEN'T EVEN PAID THE CONTRACTOR ANYTHING
10:07:53 YET.
10:07:53 THEY HAVEN'T SUBMITTED A BILL.
10:07:56 FOR THAT PROJECT, THERE'S TWO YEARS OF MAINTENANCE BY THE
10:08:00 CONTRACTOR.
10:08:01 SO AFTER THEY FINISH THE PROJECT, WHICH GETS EVERYTHING
10:08:04 INSTALLED, EVERYTHING IS LIVING AND LOOKING GOOD, THEY
10:08:07 HAVE THE MULCH DOWN AND ALL THE IRRIGATION, WE HAVE TWO
10:08:11 YEARS THEY WILL BE MAINTAINING IT WHICH MEANS ANYTHING
10:08:14 THAT DIES OR DOESN'T MEET THE STANDARDS HAS TO BE
10:08:17 REPLACED.
10:08:17 SO WE HAVE TWO YEARS OF THAT.
10:08:21 >>Vice Mayor Errington: THE LILIES ARE HALF DEAD.
10:08:25 >> THEY WILL PROBABLY BE REPLACED.
10:08:27 >>Vice Mayor Errington: THEY NEED TO BE REMOVED AND I
10:08:28 DON'T KNOW WHY IT HAS BEEN THREE WEEKS AND THEY HAVEN'T
10:08:31 PUT DOWN MULCH YET.
10:08:33 IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND CHECKING ON THAT, BUT THOSE LILIES
10:08:36 ARE VERY UGLY.
10:08:38 ACTUALLY, THEY LOOK LIKE THEY PLANTED HALF DEAD STUFF IN
10:08:41 THERE.
10:08:51 >>Mayor Ribble: WHAT ELSE?
10:08:52 >>Vice Mayor Errington: THAT'S IT, MAYOR.
10:08:55 >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
10:08:56 JON, YOU HAVE A COMMENT?
10:08:59 >>Jon McLain: YES, WE TALKED ABOUT ESTERO PARKWAY.
10:09:02 IT IS MOVING ALONG PRETTY WELL.
10:09:05 HOWEVER, I HAVE RECEIVED A FAIR AMOUNT OF PHONE CALLS AND
10:09:07 COMMENTS FROM FOLKS ALONG ESTERO PARKWAY.
10:09:12 WHEN TRAFFIC IS DOWN TO ONE LANE, UNFORTUNATELY OUR FOLKS
10:09:16 ARE USING ESTERO PARKWAY CONTINUE TO DRIVE AT 50 TO
10:09:21 50-PLUS MILES AN HOUR ON THERE.
10:09:25 WE ARE WAITING FOR AN ACCIDENT TO HAPPEN.
10:09:27 I TALKED TO STEVE YESTERDAY, THE VILLAGE MANAGER.
10:09:31 WE SHOULD POST THAT THIS IS A CONSTRUCTION ZONE AND
10:09:35 HOPEFULLY WE COULD REGULATE THE SPEED TO IMPROVE THE
10:09:41 SAFETY OF BOTH THE WORKERS AND THE PEOPLE THAT USE THAT
10:09:45 ROAD.
10:09:45 I'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU LOOK INTO THAT AND SEE WHAT WE CAN
10:09:48 DO.
10:09:51 >> CAN I JUMP IN ON THAT?
10:09:53 >>Mayor Ribble: SURE.
10:09:54 >> I THINK A CALL FROM THE OFFICE, THE MAYOR, MYSELF, CAN
10:09:59 PUT UP ONE OF THOSE SIGNS ON WHEELS, CONSTRUCTION ZONE.
10:10:03 >>Mayor Ribble: WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO.
DO WE HAVE TO TAKE ACTION?
ISN'T THAT SOMETHING WE HAVE TO CHANGE?
>> WE CAN CHANGE THAT.
>> Mayor Ribble: YOU GUYS CAN JUST DO THAT?
HOW ABOUT 20?
>> NO.
WE HAVE TO NEGOTIATE NOW.
>> Mayor Ribble: ANYTHING ELSE, JON?
>> Jon McLain: NO, THAT'S IT.
>> Mayor Ribble: I HAVE TWO THINGS.
ONE IS DISAPPOINTING THING.
I WILL ASK THE FOLKS IN THE ROOM TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE
LEGISLATORS.
WE PUT IN FOR A $2.2 MILLION GRANT FROM THE STATE TO DO
OUR PASS AND OUR RIVER IMPROVEMENTS OVER THERE TO GET OUR
NEW VILLAGE PURCHASE GOING.
I WAS LED TO BELIEVE WE WERE IN GOOD SHAPE GETTING THAT.
THEN I FIND OUT YESTERDAY, BURT WAS UP IN TALLAHASSEE,
AND HE CALLED AT 3:00 AND TOLD ME IT IS NOT ON THE DOCKET
AND SAID THE ONLY MONEY GOING -- DID WE LOSE THE SOUND
HERE OR IS EVERYONE STILL -- THE ONLY MONEY THAT WILL BE
ALLOTTED ARE WATER IMPROVEMENT CASES WHERE IT HAS
SOMETHING TO DO WITH CLEAN WATER.
SO, THIS PROJECT IS MORE OF A PARK TYPE OF THING.
WE STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY REQUEST FROM THE STATE ANSWER
SINCE WE HAVE BEEN A VILLAGE.
THIS IS OUR FIRST ONE.
KYLE COLEMAN HAS WORKED HARD ON THIS AND WE HAVE HAD A
LOT OF COMMITMENTS FROM LEGISLATORS.
I'D APPRECIATE YOU FOLKS REMINDING YOUR FAVORITE
LEGISLATOR THAT YOU ARE A VOTING MEMBER OF THE ESTERO
COMMUNITY AND YOU SUPPORT OUR PARK IMPROVEMENT AND HOPE
WE CAN MOVE THIS THING ALONG IN A FUTURE SESSION.
>> ESPECIALLY THOSE LEGISLATORS RUNNING FOR SOMETHING.
>> Mayor Ribble: EXACTLY.
ESPECIALLY ONES WE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN PRIVATE FUNDS TO
WHICH IS REALLY UPSETTING, ESPECIALLY THAT I WASN'T EVEN
NOTIFIED.
I HAD TO COUNT ON OUR ATTORNEY TO STICK HIS BEAK INTO
THIS YESTERDAY.
THAT WAS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTING.
OTHER THAN THAT, WE WILL MOVE ALONG.
THAT'S IT FOR COUNCIL COMMENTS.
MATT, DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS AS OUR ATTORNEY?
>> MATTHEW ROEPSTORFF: NOTHING TO REPORT.
>> Mayor Ribble STEVE.
>>Steve Sarkozy JUST A QUICK COMMENT.
THE COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY ARE AWARE THAT THE HAPPEHATCHEE
CENTER HAS BEEN DEEDED TO THE VILLAGE FOR FREE.

SO WHAT HAD BEEN A PROBLEM WITH THE HAPPEHATCHEE CENTER

2.5 ACRES BISECTING THE PART WE PURCHASED SOUTH OF THE

RIVER AND NORTH OF CORKSCREW IS NO LONGER AN ISSUE.

IT IS COMPLETELY ASSIMILATED INTO THE VILLAGE CONTROL.

WE ARE GOING THROUGH THAT SITE AND GRADUALLY TURNING OVER

THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TO THE VILLAGE.

THE HAPPEHATCHEE CENTER HAS BEEN GREAT TO WORK WITH,

MAINTAINING THEIR ONGOING PROGRAMS SO THERE'S CONTINUITY

WE WILL GO THAT SITE AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS AND GOING TO

THE STRUCTURES ON THE PROPERTY THAT WE PURCHASED THAT ARE

STILL THERE, THEY ARE DILAPIDATED.

THERE'S REALLY NO VALUE THERE.

BUT THEY ARE A NUISANCE IN THE LOCATION.

SO WE JUST WANTED TO KEEP YOU UPDATED.

>>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, STEVE.

WE WILL NOW ADJOURN THE REGULAR SESSION AND CONVENE FOR

OUR WORKSHOP.

HOWARD, DO WE NEED A BREAK OR CAN WE KEEP MOVING?

>>Howard Levitan: GO AHEAD.

>>Mayor Ribble: WE WILL KEEP MOVING.

THE FIRST IS WILLIAMS ROAD WEST.

AN UPDATE.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

THIS IS NOT TOTALLY BUDGETED FOR CONSTRUCTION BUT OUR

ATTEMPT IS TO BRING FORTH DESIGNS AND GET READY TO DO

PROJECTS WHEN AND IF FUNDING OCCURS.

SO THIS IS REALLY A DESIGN REPORT THAT WILL PROVIDE YOU

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE UPCOMING CAPITAL

IMPROVEMENT PROCESS.

I WILL TURN IT OVER TO DAVID WILLEMS, OUR POLITIC WORKS

DIRECTOR FOR PRESENTATION.

>>David Willems: BRIEFLY, I WILL SUMMARIZE THE

PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND GO OVER THE REFINEMENT OF THAT

DESIGN AND PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION FOR WHAT DESIGN TO

MOVE FORWARD WITH AND PROVIDE AN OPINION, A PROBABLE COST

FOR THOSE IMPROVEMENTS.

AFTER COUNCIL HEARS THIS AND IF EVERYTHING LOOKS GOOD TO

MOVE FORWARD, I THINK THE NEXT STEP FOR US WOULD BE TO

MEET WITH THE COMMUNITIES.

SOME OF THEM WE HAVE ALREADY MET WITH, AROUND THE

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, BUT MEET WITH ALL OF THE

COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE ACCESS ON WILLIAMS ROAD TO EXPLAIN

WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO.

MAKE SURE WE GET THEIR INPUT AND ADDRESS THAT IN THE

FINAL DESIGN.

AFTER WE GET THAT INPUT, THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO DO A

FINAL DESIGN FOR THE PROJECT AND MOVE TO PERMITTING.
Daniel Schrader is here and he will go over the design and what they have done so far to get to the recommended preliminary design.

I'm Daniel Schrader. I'm with Aim Engineering and I have my co-workers with me here and our team in Tampa helped us with the project, as well.

So, just a quick overview of the area.

Again, this is at U.S. -41 and Williams Road.

Got the Hertz office there and the Life Care Center.

Numerous complaints from the exit of the Walgreens.

People are making an illegal left hand turn to get to the U.S. -41 intersection.

People who are making a legal right hand turn are forced to make a U-turn along Williams Road in the first property that makes sentence sense do that is Life Care Centers so they are making U-turns in there.

Due to the close proximity of the driveway of Walgreens and the Williams Atlantic Gulf Road to U.S. -41, you get some stacking issues.

And left out from the Williams Atlantic Gulf is blocked as it sticks up past the Life Care Center during peak hours.

We are looking to make improvements to that intersection. Per the scope, we came up with four original concepts that we took to the residents and brainstormed and refined.

So as we walk through these four initial concepts, you'll see how they develop and both impact. They kind of start simple with minimal impacts and as they progress more impacts and costs and provide additional improvements.

The first one, the traffic separator, blocks that left illegal turn from the Walgreens, but then it also does not allow for a left turn from Atlantic Gulf.

There is a disadvantage there.

This also does not solve the problem of the U-turns happening in the Life Care Center.

The turn lane is extended from 150 feet to 250 feet.

So it does help with the stacking issues but not totally solving them.

Another benefit of this particular concept is you are only impacting one parcel, the West Bay Golf Club Center with the right of way impacts.

As we progress to the next one.

Mayor Ribble: Can I talk to you a second on that one?

A quick question.

Do we know that there's a requirement to have a left turn...
OFF OF ATLANTIC GULF BOULEVARD IN THEIR ZONING?

ANYONE LOOKED AT THAT?

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ZONING PER SE BUT THEY OWNERS HAVE EXPRESSED BECAUSE THEY SHOW HOMES IN THE FUTURE.

MAYBE IN THE FUTURE WHEN THE WEST BAY GETS BUILT OUT AND THEY ARE NOT SHOWING HOMES AS MUCH, THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AND MAYBE THERE IS A CVS THERE OR SOMETHING.

EVEN THEN I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THE NEW PROPERTY OWNER WOULD NOT WANT TO LIMIT THE ACCESS TO THEIR SITE.

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I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE SUGGESTION -- WE WILL CHECK THAT.

LOOK AT THE ZONING. AS PART OF THE MEETING, WE DID MEET WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

WE MET WITH BEST BAY CLUB. THE MAIN CONCERN OF THAT LEFT OUT IS WHILE IT WAS BEING USED AS A SALES CENTER.

THEY EXPECT ONCE WEST BAY CLUB IS SOLD OUT IT IS NOT A SALES CENTER ANYMORE IT WOULDN'T BE AS CRITICAL TO THEM.

WE WILL LOOK AT THE ZONING TO CONFIRM THAT.

IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FROM A TRAFFIC STANDPOINT AND YOU WILL SEE AS WE GO THROUGH THE PRESENTATION SOME OF THE CHALLENGES WITH THAT, BUT FOR THE FRONTAGE ROAD TO BE TO THE GREATEST EXTENT USABLE BY THE PARTNERS.

THERE WOULD BE BENEFITS TO ALLOWING THAT TO HAPPEN.

IDEALLY THAT'S NOT THE BEST LOCATION.

YOU WILL SEE THAT AS WE GO THROUGH THERE.

I CAN FIND BETTER LOCATIONS AND TOUCH ON THE CHALLENGES WITH THAT IMPROVEMENT.

YES.

SOME OF THE FIRST CONCEPTS YOU WILL SEE WE PRETTY QUICKLY DISMISSED BECAUSE IT DOESN'T REALLY HELP VERY MUCH AS COMPARED TO THE OTHER CONCEPTS, IF THAT MAKES SENSE.

THE NEXT CONCEPT, BUILDING OFF THE FIRST, YOU STILL GET THAT EXTENDED TURN LANE AND STACKING ISSUES ARE HELPED.

AND THIS ADDS AN ALLOWANCE FOR A U-TURN INSTEAD OF USING THE LIFE CARE CENTER YOU CAN USE THE U-TURN PROVIDED HERE.

THE DOWNSIDE IS NOW YOU ARE IMPACTING FOUNTAIN LAKES AND YOU HAVE TO MITIGATE FOR THAT SOMEWHERE.

THE NEXT CONCEPT, BUILDS EVEN FURTHER BY HAVING A CONNECTION ROAD FROM WILLIAMS ROAD TO THIS FOUR-WAY INTERSECTION.

SO THEN, THIS IS SOLVING THE PROBLEM WITH THE LEFT TURN BLOCKING AT WILLIAMS ATLANTIC GULF.

YOU CAN NOW HAVE A LEFT TURN AT THIS FOUR-WAY INTERSECTION PUSHED MUCH FURTHER AWAY FROM THE PREVIOUS LEFT TURN AND FURTHER AWAY FROM U.S. INTERSECTION AS
AND THIS FOURTH CONCEPT INCORPORATES A ROUND ABOUT AT THIS LOCATION.

THE MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THIS INTERSECTION WOULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED AND THEN THE DOWNSIDE OF THE CONCEPT IS THAT YOU ARE NOW ADDING IMPACTS, RIGHT OF WAY IMPACTS TO THE THIRD PARCEL WHICH WOULD BE THE LIFE CARE CENTER.

SO JUST KIND OF GOING THROUGH THE DESIGN PROCESS AGAIN, ONCE WE DID THE INITIAL FOUR CONCEPTS, WE MET WITH THOSE THREE PROPERTY OWNERS TO GET THEIR FEEDBACK.

THEY SEEM TO REALLY GRAVITATE TOWARD THE FOURTH OPTION, THE ROUNDABOUT OPTION.

SO WE TOOK THAT, DID MORE REFINING WITH THEM AND THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO WITH DAVID AND PRESENTED TO THE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR PERMITTING FEASIBILITY.

WE UNDERSTOOD, PRESENTED -- WE UNDERSTAND THERE MIGHT BE SOME MITIGATION CREDITS BECAUSE THERE IS DISRUPTION TO THE CONSERVATION AREA.

SO, THE LEFT SIDE, THE ACCESS ROAD GOING FROM WILLIAMS ATLANTIC GULF TO THE ROUNDABOUT INTERSECTION, THE FOUNTAIN LAKES SIDE IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL OR WETLAND AREA BUT THE RIGHT SIDE IS ACTUAL CONSERVATION AREA.

SO, WE UNDERSTOOD THAT IF WE ARE HAVING MITIGATION CREDITS, MAYBE THERE IS A FACTOR WE MAY HAVE TO ADD ON TO THAT.

AND WE WANTED TO DISCOVER WHAT THOSE COST IMPACTS WOULD BE.

AT THIS TIME, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT WANTED TO STRONGLY COMMUNICATE THAT THEY ARE -- THEY WOULD DISCOURAGE ANY DISRUPTION TO CURRENT CONSERVATION AREAS WHATSOEVER.

SO I KIND OF ASK FOR CLARITY IF IT IS AN ABSOLUTE NO AND CAN'T SAY ABSOLUTE NO BUT YOU WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH A BIG APPEAL PROCESS.

IT WOULD BE A VERY UPHILL BATTLE.

TRY TO STAY AWAY FROM IT THE BEST YOU CAN.

SO, WITH THAT FEEDBACK, WE DEVELOPED WHAT WE ARE CALLING CONCEPT 4A WHICH WE WILL LOOK AT IN A SECOND.

THIS IS THE CONCEPT WE ARE GOING TO SUMMARIZE AS THE FAVORITE CONCEPT IN OUR MEMORANDUM SUMMARY.

WE TOOK THAT CONCEPT, 4A, TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS WITH THE FEEDBACK FROM THE DISTRICT, FURTHER REFINEMENT BACK AND FORTH FOR THEM AND WHAT DAVID WILLEMS WITH THE VILLAGE AND THEN WE WOULD IMPLY IMPACTS, RIGHT OF WAY IMPACTS AND CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATES.

BEFORE THAT CONCEPT PROJECT, I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE GRAPHIC ON THE BOTTOM, CALLED CONCEPT 5.

IT WASN'T PART OF OUR SCOPE, BUT I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT...
AND WE WILL SUMMARIZE IN THE MEMORANDUM, AS WELL THAT
ALTHOUGH YOU WILL SOLVE A LOT OF THE PROBLEMS WITH THE
TURN LANES, LEGAL LEFTS AND THE U-TURNS AND THE LIFE CARE
CENTER, YOU DO HAVE THE EXISTING STACKING ISSUE THAT'S
PROBABLY NOT GOING TO BE SOLVED UNTIL YOU MAKE
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE U.S. -41 WILLIAMS ROAD INTERSECTION.
HERE'S AN EXAMPLE OF WHERE YOU CAN ADD AN EASTBOUND
THROUGH LANE AND EXTEND IT THROUGH TO WILLIAMS ROAD.
SO, DEFINITELY YOU DON'T WANT TO SPEND A BUNCH OF MONEY,
DO A ROUNDABOUT AND HAVE STACKING ISSUES THROUGHOUT THE
ROUNDABOUT.
THAT WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE.
HERE'S CONCEPT 4A.
JUST A COUPLE OF KEY THINGS TO HIGHLIGHT.
BEFORE WE LOOK AT IT IN MORE DETAIL.
YOU HAVE THE ELIMINATION OF THAT ROAD THROUGH THE
CONSERVATION AREA TO ACCOUNT FOR THE DISTRICT'S
DIRECTION.
YOU HAVE A LITTLE SPLIT IN THE TURN LANE SO THAT THE WEST
BAY CLUB CAN MAKE A LEFT, BUT IT'S POSITIONED ENOUGH THAT
YOU CAN'T MAKE AN ILLEGAL LEFT TURN OUT OF WALGREENS.
>> WHY DIDN'T YOU MAKE AN ILLEGAL LEFT TURN.
IT LOOKS TO ME TO BE PRETTY SIMPLE.
>> YEAH, IT'S -- THERE'S A TRAFFIC DIVIDER THERE.
THERE'S NO LEFT TURN SIGN.
>> THERE'S A NO LEFT TURN SIGN NOW.
IT DOESN'T STOP ANYBODY FROM DOING IT.
>>Vice Mayor Errington: THAT'S RIGHT.
>> I LOOKED AT THIS AND THOUGHT IT WAS REALLY GREAT, NOW
BLOCK THE MEDIAN AND WE ARE HOME.
I THINK THAT'S NOT GOING STOP ANYONE FROM MAKING AN
ILLEGAL LEFT TURN.
>> SO THAT LITTLE, THAT'S KIND OF A YELLOW -- I HAVE A
POINTER HERE.
THIS IS LIKE AN ACTUAL CONCRETE BARRIER THEY WOULD HAVE
TO --
>> BUT THERE'S A GAP, RIGHT NEXT TO IT.
THEY COME OUT THERE AND THEY JUST DO A U' Y.
>> JUST TO THE LEFT THERE IS A GAP.
>> THEY WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A RIGHT TURN.
>> IN THE PURPLE.
THERE'S A GAP.
AM I LOSING IT?
>> CAN THEY GO THROUGH THAT?
>> THEY COULD POTENTIALLY MAKE A RIGHT TURN AND THEN MAKE
A LEFT TURN.
SO, YOU KNOW, I GUESS THERE'S NO PERFECT SOLUTION TO HAVE
THIS RIGHT-LEFT MAINTAINED AS DIRECTED BY THE WEST BAY
I think this is a concept. I think what we were trying not to do when it is built is to cut off West Bay Club from making that left because the whole reason that business is there is to serve the club which is West.

What I would envision happening, if we move -- if the council decides to move forward this, this could easily be a phased type of project where you maybe don't do anything here until the West Bay Club isn't doing business there and they don't have to make the left.

So you build the roundabout and the median eventually goes all the way through.

That's a commercial building. I can almost guarantee you whatever use is in that building they will want to make a left hand turn.

There are people that live there from West Bay.

>> That's a commercial building.

That's the same with the Walgreens.

People from Walgreens want to make a left but it is not a permissible use.

>> It was specifically not permitted that way.

It is clearly, if you look at the zoning, that was a right in, right out.

It is set up for right in and right out.

It is just that people don't participate in the law.

It is also not allowed to make a left hand turn coming down Williams in to Walgreens, but they do that all the time.

A lot of this stuff at Walgreens will get cleared up when we get a traffic light on the north end of this development, when North Point gets developed.

That's the only traffic light that will relieve some of this problem.

That's a couple of years, maybe more away.

I just don't see us -- I think we have to look at the rights of the West Bay Club.

It's not just the West Bay Club.

That services the church, as well and the Honda dealer and you can go all the way down to the racetrack.

That's a reverse that goes to Fountain Lakes entrance.

It services a lot of businesses.

You may be able to satisfy West Bay Club for a time but the next guy complains I have church people that come from West Bay.

They want to get home.

We don't want to send them out to 41.

That's not a solution, a timing solution.
WE REALLY HAVE TO, YOU KNOW, EITHER ALLOW IT OR NOT.

I GUESS YOU ARE PROPOSING TO ALLOW A LEFT TURN OUT OF ATLANTIC GULF BOULEVARD.

>> WITH THIS CONCEPT.

Howard Levitan: DUE TO STACKING LANES THAT MAKES NO SENSE.

I'M WONDERING WHETHER THIS IS NOT THE BEST SOLUTION.

>> MAYBE EVEN TO CLARIFY, TOO, IN THE SUMMARY MEMORANDUM, ONE THING I WANT TO STRESS TO THE DESIGN PHASE ENGINEER IS THAT THIS IS REALLY A DESIRED CONCEPT.

STILL PURSUE THIS AND TRY TO GET THIS PERMITTED THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA BECAUSE THE DYNAMIC AND OPINION COULD CHANGE.

THIS REALLY DOES SOLVE ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT YOU ARE BRINGING UP OF HAVING A LEFT TURN INTO THAT STACKING MOVEMENT AND THEY CAN STILL WORK THEIR WAY AROUND AND MAKE THE LEFT TURN OUT OF WALGREENS AND ALL OF THAT.

SO, LIKE I WAS SAYING, I DO WANT TO STILL REPRESENT THIS AS -- WE WANT TO DOCUMENT THE DISTRICT'S OPINION AND NOT DISMISS THAT, BUT -- WHICH IS WHY WE DID DEVELOP CONCEPT 4A AS SOMETHING THAT COULD WORK IF THEY ARE STILL MAKING IT NOT PERMITABLE AT THIS TIME.

>> YOU HAVE TO GET NUMBER FOUR APPROVED BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?

Howard Levitan: YEAH.

>> NUMBER 4 AT THIS TIME THEY WOULD BE OBSTINATE TO PERMIT DISRUPTION TO THE CONSERVATION AREA, WHICH IS WHY MAYBE YOU DO A 4A WITH A PHASED APPROACH AND BUILD THE ROAD OR DIFFERENT THINGS AT DIFFERENT TIMES.

>> Number 4 at this time they would be obstinate to permit disruption to the conservation area, which is why maybe you do a 4A with a phased approach and build the road or different things at different times.

Vice Mayor Errington: GO AHEAD.

>> I DON'T TRAVEL THAT ROAD REGULARLY.

>> HOW FAR DOES THE BACKUP GO BACK, YOU KNOW, WHEN IT IS CONGESTED?

>> YES.

>> BACKS UP THAT FAR?

>> YEAH, IT'S HUGE.

THIS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THIS PART OF ESTERO.

>> THE REASON, THE QUESTION, I'M LOOKING AT THAT ROUNDABOUT AND YOU HAVE THE LIFE CARE CENTER UP THERE.

I'M NOT SURE THE VALUE OF THE ROUND ABOUT JUST LOOKING AT IT.

>> THE VALUE IS SO THAT PEOPLE CAN GO EAST.

SO THEY CAN HAVE A CHANCE TO TURN AROUND AND GO EAST.

NOW WITH THE ROUNDABOUT, YOU PULL IN THAT CARE CENTER, ILLEGALLY AND DRIVE THROUGH THE PARKING LOT AND COME BACK OUT.
IT ALLOWS THE PEOPLE FROM THE WALGREENS SHOPPING CENTER THAT HAVE TO MAKE THE RIGHT A WAY TO MAKE A U-TURN IN A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY INSTEAD OF DOING THE U-TURN IN THE LIFE CARE CENTER.

IT WILL BE A HUGE SHIFT IN THE LIFE CARE CENTER TO GET OUT AT ALL BECAUSE THE STACKING IS BACKED UP.

EVEN THE ROUNDABOUT WON’T SOLVE THAT.

IF IT IS BACKED UP THROUGH THE ROUNDABOUT IT WILL NOT HELP.

THE CONCEPT WAS TO IMPROVE THE U.S. -41 INTERSECTION.

PART OF THE REASON THERE’S THE BACKUP IS THE LEFT TURN LANE ON TO GO NORTH ON U.S. -41 IS EXTREMELY SHORT.

GO AHEAD.

Nick Batos: I HAVE THREE QUESTIONS.

ONE, THERE ARE MANY INTERSECTIONS THAT WE ALL GO TO THAT YOU COME TO -- IN THIS CASE IT WOULD BE COMING DOWN WILLIAMS AND GOING TOWARDS 41 AND YOU WOULD WANT TO MAKE A U-TURN, GO THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION AND MAKE A U-TURN AND GO DOWN.

YOU SEE IT HAPPENING VIA COCONUT, THREE OAKS, WHEN YOU GET TO CORKSCREW.

THIS ONE YOU CAN’T.

IT IS TOO NARROW.

YOU NEED A FOUR-LANE ROAD TO MAKE A U-TURN AND WITH IT BEING TWO LANE, THAT’S WHY YOU HAD TO DO A BULB OUT TO MAKE THE SECOND.

Nick Batos: THE SECOND OR THIRD QUESTION IS, SAY IF WE DON’T ALLOW THEM TO COME OUT OF THAT EXIT ON WALGREENS.

MAKE THEM GO TO THE LIGHT TO THE NORTH OF THAT.

THERE ARE MANY PLACES IT’S NOT CONVENIENT BUT YOU HAVE TO GET TO IT.

BUT THE LIGHT TO THE NORTH --

I PRESENTED THAT CONCEPT.

IT WASN’T WELL RECEIVED BY THE WEST BAY GROUP.

RECEIVED AT ALL.

Nick Batos: THE OTHER PLAN THAT YOU HAVE THAT SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DOESN’T WANT, THAT ONE, THAT’S GOING TO ENTAIL BUILDING A ROAD, OF COURSE.

IT’S GOING TO ENTAIL THE MITIGATION AND THAT’S EVEN IF THEY LET YOU DO IT.

COULD THAT BE A RAISED ROAD WHERE IT WOULD BE ON PILARS,

AND NOT AFFECTING THE --

EVEN IF IT WAS A RAISED ROAD, THE WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WOULD REQUIRE YOU TO MITIGATE FOR THE WETLANDS UNDER THE ROAD.
10:34:23   >>Nick Batos: AT THE SAME LEVEL?
10:34:25   >> I WOULD THINK SO.
10:34:26   THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE VEGETATION THERE.
10:34:28   IT WILL BE COMPLETELY SHADED.
10:34:34   WE WOULD HAVE TO TALK TO AN ECOLOGIST ABOUT THAT BUT
10:34:37   THERE WOULD BE SOME IMPACT.
10:34:39   >> WHERE'S THE LINE OF THE CONSERVATION LAND?
10:34:42   THE RED LINE?
10:34:43   >> THE BLACK LINE HERE.
10:34:45   SO IT WOULD BE THIS AREA.
10:34:46   THIS BLACK LINE.
10:34:48   >> OKAY.
10:34:49   SO YOU ARE ONLY ON A FRACTION -- YOU ARE ONLY
10:34:54   AFFECTING -- BUT YOU ARE AFFECTING PRESERVED LAND.
10:34:58   THAT'S A ZONING ISSUE, NOT A SOUTH FLORIDA WATER
10:35:02   MANAGEMENT ISSUE.
10:35:05   IT MAYBE WETLANDS TOO.
10:35:07   >> IT IS SOUTH FLORIDA, TOO.
10:35:09   IT IS WETLANDS THERE IS NO CONSERVATION EASEMENT.
10:35:13   WITH THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT THE GOVERNING BOARD HAS TO
10:35:17   ALLOW YOU TO CHANGE IT.
10:35:27   >>Vice Mayor Errington: I LOOK AT THOSE WETLANDS AS
10:35:29   NEEDING TO BE PRESERVED.
10:35:36   >>David Willems: THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THE OTHER CONCEPT
10:35:38   WHERE THE WETLAND IS NOT IMPACTED.
10:35:42   >>Vice Mayor Errington: HOW MANY ACRES DO YOU THINK ARE
10:35:44   THERE, TEN?
10:35:47   >> I THINK IT IS LESS THAN THAT.
10:35:49   THAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF THIS ONE, YOU HAVE NO IMPACTS TO
10:35:53   THE CONSERVATION AREA AND VERY SMALL IMPACTS TO THE
10:35:56   FOUNTAIN LAKES WETLAND ENVIRONMENTAL AREA.
10:36:02   >>Nick Batos: ONE MORE THOUGHT.
10:36:04   INSTEAD OF ALL OF THIS YOU ARE PLANNING HERE, IF WE WERE
10:36:06   ABLE TO -- I HAVE HAD A CONVERSATION A COUPLE OF YEARS
10:36:11   AGO WITH THE OWNERS OF THE REHAB FACILITY THERE.
10:36:16   THEY SEEM VERY WILLING TO WORK WITH THE VILLAGE.
10:36:26   IF THEY WERE TO GIVE US OR WE WERE TO BUY ENOUGH LAND ON
10:36:30   THEIR FRONT FROM THE EASTERN PORTION WHERE IT COMES OUT
10:36:33   OF WALGREENS TO WHERE THE ENTRANCE IS, ENOUGH TO PUT A
10:36:37   LANE OF TRAFFIC IN, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW IT SEEMS TO BE JUST
10:36:42   GRASS IN THAT AREA.
10:36:43   SO CARS COMING OUT OF WALGREENS WOULD TRAVEL, IF THEY
10:36:46   WANTED TO GO WEST -- EAST, THEY WOULD TRAVEL DOWN THAT
10:36:52   AND MAKE THE TURN AT A HALF A ROUNDABOUT.
10:37:01   >>David Willems: IT LOOKS LIKE JUST GRASS BUT THAT IS
10:37:04   THEIR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.
10:37:07   >>Nick Batos: ALL RIGHT.
10:37:07   SORRY.
David Willems: WE DID LOOK AT THAT AT THE BEGINNING AS A POTENTIAL CONCEPT, BUT THEY HAVE TENSION FOR THEIR WATER MANAGEMENT SO WE WOULD HAVE TO COMPENSATE FOR THAT SOMEWHERE ELSE.

CAN THAT BE DONE WITH A PIPE?

David Willems: NO.

IT WOULD HAVE TO BE STORAGE OF SOME SORT.

IT IS A VOLUME NOT A CONVEYANCE.

Mayor Ribble: WHAT WERE YOU SAYING, JON?

Jon McLain: THERE ARE THREE EXIT LANES GOING EAST.

IS THERE ANY OPPORTUNITY OR BENEFIT TO TRY TO GET FOUR LANES AT THAT POINT AND THAT WOULD ALLOW, OBVIOUSLY QUICKER MOVEMENT ON 41 OR CONTINUING ON TO WILLIAMS.

IS THAT SOMETHING THAT COULD BE ENGINEERED IN.

OBVIOUSLY THERE MIGHT BE RIGHT OF WAY ISSUES IN THERE BUT WOULD FOUR LANES, LEFT, RIGHT, STRAIGHT AND ALL, WOULD THAT HELP TO BACKUP THE CONGESTION WHERE WOE WOULDN'T NEED THE ROUNDABOUT AND ALL OF THAT.

IT MIGHT BE CHEAPER.

IT DOESN'T TAKE CARE OF THE LEFT OUT OF WALGREENS.

I THOUGHT WE WERE IN AGREEMENT, THERE'S NO RIGHTS TO HAVE A LEFT TURN OUT OF WALGREENS OR LEFT TURN INTO WALGREENS.

YOU HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO STOP IT.

I UNDERSTAND THAT.

I GUESS WHAT I'M SAYING IS WHICH LANE STACKS THE MOST?

I THOUGHT IT WAS THE LEFT TURN LANE THAT STACKS THE MOST THAT CAUSES THIS PROBLEM.

SO, IF WE WERE GOING TO PUT AN EXTRA LANE IN, WE SHOULD PROBABLY PUT AN EXTRA LEFT -- I DON'T THINK THAT THROUGH TRAFFIC IS A PROBLEM.

THAT WOULD BE A PART OF THE DESIGN STUDY.

THEY WOULD HAVE DO TRAFFIC COUNTS RIGHT THERE.

ABSOLUTELY.

THE REASON THERE IS A CONFLICT WITH THE LEFT TURN OUT OF WALGREENS IS BECAUSE IT'S COMING IN TO A STACKED LANE THAT'S TRYING TO GO LEFT AND IT CAN'T.

IT IS BLOCKING UP EVERYTHING IN THE INTERSECTION.

HOWARD, GOING BACK TO YOUR ORIGINAL QUESTION ABOUT THE ZONING -- AS I WAS LOOKING AT THIS, THE ONLY REAL SOLUTION THAT I CAN SEE IS DON'T ALLOW THE LEFT OUT FROM THE SALE CENTER.

Howard Levitan: I AM WONDERING IF WE GO BACK TO THE 4A SLIDE, RIGHT WHERE YOU MOVE THE OPENING DOWN A LITTLE TO THE WEST TO MAKE IT REALLY DIFFICULT TO GET OUT OF WALGREENS.

BECAUSE FOR MOST OF THE TIME AT THIS INTERSECTION, IN TERMS OF THE TIME OF DAY, THERE ISN'T A PROBLEM.
YOU COULD MAKE ALL SORTS OF TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS WITHOUT CAUSING A SAFETY PROBLEM.

BUT AFTER 3:00, IT'S REALLY A PROBLEM.

I DON'T KNOW.

WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT OUR RIGHTS ARE TO STOP ATLANTIC GULF BOULEVARD LEFT TURNS.

THAT'S GOING TO BE A REAL CHALLENGE TO GET OUT OF THERE ANYWAY.

IT'S ALWAYS A CHALLENGE, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT IS STACKED.

THE ISSUE IS THEY MAY HAVE RIGHTS THAT WE WOULD BE TAKING AWAY.

THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT.

IF I HAD MY DRUTHERS, I'D CLOSE UP THE PURPLE LINE AND NOT WORRY ABOUT IT.

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER -- AND I THINK THE CHURCH WOULD OBJECT TO THAT ON THEIR SATURDAYS AND SUNDAY MORNINGS, PEOPLE FROM WEST BAY WANT TO GET HOME AND DON'T WANT TO GO OUT ON 41 TO DO IT.

THE IDEA HERE IS IT WOULD BE A DIFFICULT U-TURN HERE.

WHEREAS IF YOU INTRODUCE THE ROUNDABOUT, HOPEFULLY IT IS A SMOOTHER MOVEMENT TO MAKE A RIGHT TURN.

WE WILL CONFIRM WHAT ATLANTIC GULF BOULEVARD HAS AS FAR AS RIGHTS.

IT IS DEFINITELY A SAFETY ISSUE.

YOU TYPICALLY DON'T HAVE INTERSECTIONS LIKE THAT, THAT CLOSE TO U.S. -41 BECAUSE MAKING THAT MANY TURNING MOVEMENTS IN THAT SHORT OF A DISTANCE IS A SAFETY ISSUE.

THAT'S REALLY WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO FIX IS THE SAFETY ISSUE.

NICK.

ONE LAST ONE.

I'M JUST GUESSING NOW.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU MOVE THE ROUNDABOUT TO THE OTHER ENTRANCE?

TO WHICH ENTRANCE?

WALGREENS.

IT'S TOO CLOSE TO 41.

TOO CLOSE TO THE INTERSECTION.

THAT WOULD BE A REAL NIGHTMARE.

ONE THING WE CAN'T HAVE WITH THE ROUNDABOUT, IF YOU HAVE TRAFFIC THAT BACKS UP THROUGH THE ROUNDABOUT, IT BASICALLY LOCKS UP THE WHOLE ROUNDABOUT.

IF WE DO A ROUNDABOUT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THE LIGHT IS ABLE TO GET THE TRAFFIC OUT.

BECAUSE IF 41 BLOCKS IT UP TOO MUCH, IT WILL FOUL UP THE WHOLE ROUNDABOUT.

SO WHAT'S THE OUTCOME OF TODAY'S
DISCUSSION, DAVID?

>>David Willems: I THINK WE WILL CONFIRM WHAT WE CAN DO WITH ATLANTIC GULF BOULEVARD, IF IN FACT WE ARE ABLE TO CLOSE IT, THEN I THINK WE PROCEED WITH THE DESIGN AS IT IS.

WE WILL LET COUNCIL KNOW WHATEVER THAT OUTCOME IS.

>>Mayor Ribble: YOU HAVE THAT INFORMATION BY NEXT MEETING?

>>David Willems: YES. I SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO.

>>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

>> I KNOW THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE PEOPLE THAT WILL SPEAK WILL WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING FOR BIKE SAFETY IN THAT AREA, ESPECIALLY WERE YOU TO CHANGE THE LANE.

IF YOU SHIFT THE BIKE LANE TO THE SOUTH AND MAKE IT NEXT TO THE SIDEWALK ON THE LEFT TURN PORTION, THEN THEY HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET FROM THE SIDEWALK, WHICH IS ONLY ON THE NORTH SIDE, TO THAT POINT.

SO, IT GETS DICEY FOR BIKES.

>> YES.

ALL OF THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED.

WE KNOW THERE ARE ISSUES WITH ESPECIALLY BIKES COMING ACROSS 41 FROM THE EAST.

THAT'S NOT ACCOMMODATED IN THIS BUT IT WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE NEXT PHASE WHICH WOULD BE THE DESIGN.

THE BIKE PED MASTER PLAN WERE GOING AT THE SAME TIME TO A CERTAIN DEGREE.

NOW WE KNOW WHAT THE BIKE PED MASTER PLAN WANTS FOR EACH ROADWAY.

SO EACH PROJECT WE DO WE GIVE THE CONSULTANT A COPY OF THE BIKE PED MASTER PLAN SO THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT IMPROVEMENTS WE ARE LOOKING TO DO.

>> A COUPLE OF CONSIDERATIONS.

THE LIFE CENTER ENTRANCE IS RIGHT HERE AND A LOT OF TIMES RESIDENTS WILL COME OUT IN WHEELCHAIRS AND GET WALKED. SO HAVING MOVEMENTS CLOSE TO ENTRANCE AND THE U-TURNS OCCURRING WASN'T AVAILABLE TO LIFE CARE.

DARGS THE DESIGN PHASE, WE COULD CONSIDER MOVING, SHIFTING THIS ROUNDABOUT FURTHER TO THE WEST, MAYBE MAKING AN ENTRANCE HERE AND SHIFTING THE STACKING PROBLEMS EVEN FURTHER AWAY FROM THE INTERSECTION.

AGAIN, INSTEAD OF SHIFTING THIS MORE TO THE NORTH TO MITIGATE THE FOUNTAIN LAKES CONSERVATION IMPACT, YOU COULD SHIFT IT TO THE SOUTH IF THIS IS TOO CLOSE TO THEIR ENTRANCE.

MORE DETAIL ON THIS SIDE.

WHILE YOU ARE ACQUIRING RIGHT AWAY WE WILL BE DOCUMENTING
TO ACQUIRE ENOUGH RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE CONCERNS MENTIONED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, FUTURE LANES, BICYCLE LANES, FUTURE SIDEWALKS.

GO AHEAD AND GET ALL OF THE RIGHT OF WAY YOU NEED FOR SOLVING THE PROBLEM WHILE YOU ARE AT IT.

THE LAST STEP IS WE DID THE LONG-RANGE FDOT SYSTEM.

OUR TAMPA GROUP WENT THROUGH THIS PROCESS.

IT INCLUDES THINGS LIKE THE CONSTRUCTION COST, CEI, MOBILIZATION OF TRAFFIC BUT DOESN'T CONCERN DESIGN LEVEL

CONSIDERATIONS LIKE EXACT RIGHT OF WAY COSTS AND WHAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL HAPPEN BETWEEN LIFE CARE AND THE VILLAGE, THINGS LIKE THAT.

AGAIN, THAT CONCEPT 4A HAS NO IMPACT TO THE WEST BACONER IS VAGUES AREA AND MINIMAL IMPACTS TO THE FOUNTAIN LAKES AND THEY COULD BE MITIGATED IN THE GREEN SPACE OF THE

ROUNDABOUT.

AGAIN, ONE LAST THOUGHT, WE WILL SUMMARIZE THESE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN A SUMMARY MEMORANDUM THE VILLAGE WILL HAVE AND PASSED ON THOUGH THE DESIGN PHASE ENGINEER.

Mayor Ribble: JON?

Jon McLain: MAYBE I'M NOT GETTING THIS BUT THE TRAFFIC BACKS UP.

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO ELIMINATE THE CHOKE POINT?

IT'S THREE LANES NOW.

IT'S GOING TO BE THREE LANES LATER.

WE HAVE SHORT LIGHTS ON 41.

IT SEEMS LIKE WE NEED TO OPEN THE CHOKE POINT WHICH IS THREE LANES TO FOUR TO GET MORE MOVEMENT OUT OF THERE.

PART OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IS THE LEFT TURN LANE IS BLOCKING THE THROUGH LANE BECAUSE IT IS SO SHORT.

ALL OF THE CONCEPTS WE HAVE HERE EITHER DOUBLE OR MORE THE LENGTH OF THE TURN LANE.

SO YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE REALLY ALMOST EFFECTIVELY AT ONE POINT -- YOU ONLY HAVE ONE LANE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TWO LANES OR THREE LANES BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS BLOCKED.

WE WILL EXPAND THAT SO THAT TWO OR THREE LANES IS A MUCH LONGER DISTANCE WHICH ALLOWS MORE PEOPLE TO MAKE THAT LEFT AND NOT BACK UP THROUGH THE --

Jon McLain: WOULDN'T IT MAKE SENSE TO DOUBLE THE TURN LANE CAPACITY.

David Willems: THAT IS PART OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE DESIGN STUDY TO UNDERSTAND THE NUMBERS, IF IT NEEDS TO BE TWO LANES.

ONE OF THEIR CONCEPTS IS TO DO JUST THAT.

THAT'S WHY THEY DID THIS CONCEPT TO GET PEOPLE THROUGH THE INTERSECTION MORE.

YOU CAN'T -- RIGHT NOW WE CAN'T ADD ANOTHER THROUGH LANE
BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY ONE RECEIVING LANE.
YOU COULD ADD A SECOND LEFT TURN LANE BECAUSE THERE IS THREE RECEIVING LANES THERE.
THAT WILL ALL BE FIGURED OUT AS PART OF THE DESIGN, ABSOLUTELY.

WE HAVE FOUR LANES SHOWN.
WHETHER TWO THROUGH LANES.
WHETHER THESE ARE TWO THROUGH LANES OR MAYBE A LEFT AND A LEFT THROUGH.
WE CAN FIGURE THAT OUT LATER.

COMPLETELY AGREE.
Mayor Ribble: IS ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK FOR THIS?
Kathy Hall: I HAVE ONE PERSON.
GORDON BROWN.

GOOD MORNING.
I'M GORDON BROWN, 2041 PALMETTO DUNES DRIVE IN PELICAN SOUND.
I'M HERE TO ADDRESS THE PERSPECTIVE I APPRECIATE HOWARD'S COMMENTS ON, THAT IS THE PEDESTRIAN AND BIKERS THAT USE THIS INTERSECTION.
THIS INTERSECTION IS OBVIOUSLY A COMPLICATED AND BUSY SECTION FOR PEOPLE TRYING TO GET ACROSS THROUGH AND UP AND NORTH.
LET'S TAKE A BIKER FOR EXAMPLE.
RIGHT NOW, BIKERS GENERALLY LIKE TO STAY OFF OF THIS AREA HERE.
THEY COME THROUGH THIS ROAD, NORTH AND SOUTH.
ALSO, RUNNERS GENERALLY WILL DO THAT, AS WELL.
I WOULD ONLY ASK THAT WHEN A BARRIER IS PUT TO PREVENT THE TRAFFIC TURNS THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO ELIMINATE THAT THERE BE A PEDESTRIAN BREAK AND A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY, EITHER FROM THIS SIDEWALK OVER HERE TO ACCESS THIS ROAD.

THAT WOULD BE TO ACCOMMODATE PRIMARILY PEDESTRIANS.
FOR BIKERS WHO NEED TO GO SOUTH WITH THE TURN AROUND, OBVIOUSLY THAT'S A LITTLE HAZARDOUS BECAUSE I'VE TALKED BEFORE ABOUT TURNAROUNDS, ROUNDABOUTS HOW THEY ARE HAZARDOUS FOR BIKERS, BUT THAT WOULD BE A MEANS FOR THEM TO GO THROUGH.
BUT FOR BIKERS GOING ACROSS 41, WITH THE BARRIER, THAT WILL FORCE THEM ON THE SIDEWALK.
THIS SIDEWALK IS VERY UNUSUAL SIDEWALK WITH VERY SHARP 45-DEGREE TURNS -- OR 90-DEGREE TURNS.
THE POSITIONING OF THE CURB FROM THE WALKWAY OVER 41 IS OFFSET TO THE ACTUAL SIDEWALK.

SO THIS AREA RIGHT HERE IS REALLY NOT DESIGNED WELL FOR A BIKE TO TRAVERSE THIS.
IT IS A LITTLE CONVOLUTED EVEN FOR PEDESTRIANS.
I'D JUST ASK WITH A BARRIER PREVENTING LEFT HAND TURNS HERE -- RIGHT HAND -- I'M SORRY, LEFT HAND TURNS, THAT THE SIDEWALK BE MODIFIED SO IT COMES IN ALIGNMENT WITH THIS WALKWAY. SO THAT YOU HAVE A MORE EFFICIENT MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC, PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE TRAFFIC ALONG THIS WAY. AND THEN THE OTHER IS, AS YOU ARE COMING FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST, THIS LANE RIGHT HERE AND I KNOW THAT YOU ARE REALLY GETTING CROWDED WITH ENOUGH REAL ESTATE TO GET ALL OF YOUR NEEDS IN, BUT RIGHT NOW IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A BIKER TO GET TO THIS LANE IF THERE'S TRAFFIC. THEY ACTUALLY HAVE TO WAIT AND MERGE WITH CARS THAT ARE PASSING THROUGH THIS INTERSECTION. THE ONLY THING I WOULD ASK HERE AND I TALKED ABOUT THIS WITH DAVID WILLEMS IN THE PAST, WHAT WE REALLY NEED HERE IS A BIKE LANE ON THE ROADWAY. SO THAT BIKE TRAFFIC COMING FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST WOULD HAVE ACCESS ALONG HERE. THOSE ARE MY CONCERNS.

I KNOW IT'S A VERY DIFFICULT TASK YOU HAVE TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF THE TRAFFIC THAT'S IN THIS AREA BECAUSE THIS IS REALLY ONLY THE PRIMARY MEANS TO GET ACROSS 41 FOR BIKERS AND PEDESTRIANS AT THIS TIME, IN THIS AREA.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

HI.

I'M RAELIGH ROTHMAN.

I'M FROM WEST BAY, BUT I AM REPRESENTING MYSELF.

I'D LIKE TO COMMEND THE ENGINEERING TEAM FOR ALL OF THEIR WORK.

I UNDERSTAND THIS IS VERY COMPLEX.

A NUMBER OF ISSUES I'M GOING TO BRING UP HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED.

ONE OF THE THINGS I'D LIKE TO ASK IS THAT WE EXAMINE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GO NORTH ON 41.

PEOPLE THAT ENTER THAT INTERSECTION ON WILLIAMS GOING TOWARDS 41 HAVE THE THOUGHT OF CAN I MAKE AN ILLEGAL TURN OR DO I NEED TO GO UP AND MAKE A U-TURN OR TURN LEFT ON 41 INTO HEAVY TRAFFIC AND RISK MY LIFE DOING THAT?

MAYBE A SIMPLE SOLUTION WOULD BE ADDING ANOTHER LIGHT FARTHER NORTH.

I ALSO ASK THAT WE EXAMINE, IN A TEMPORARY SITUATION, TO CHANGE THE TIMING OF THAT INTERSECTION SO THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN MAKE A LEFT TURN OFF OF WILLIAMS NORTH ON TO 41.

OTHER CONCERNS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP.
I would implore you to consider not having a roundabout at the entrance of the senior center but moving it farther west, away from that intersection. I believe you'll find that after you build that roundabout, if you do build that at the intersection, you will find it is a prescription for disaster. I believe there will be some -- with the configuration, with the type of people that go in and out of that facility, you will have an issue with possible, more possibilities of accidents at that place.

I have been asked by some people at the -- in the West Bay area to ask the council and the people who are working on this in the future to consider bike path along Williams, separate from the road. If we do make traffic, to allow traffic to move more easily through Williams, I think you will find, with the biker representing himself, that you will have higher speeds and people paying less attention now they can more freely move throughout that area.

Also, the request that I have been asked is that the people designing this, looking at these studies, add lighting along Williams road. There's been a number of accidents. People driving off the road. Apparently at night it is very difficult to see. Lighting as we have on 41 or something similar to that would be conducive to the overall project.

Thank you.

Mayor Ribble: Okay.

Thank you.

Okay.

[Inaudible]

Once you get one lights you want lights everywhere.

Mayor Ribble: Get them on Coconut road, too.

Anything evidence?

That wraps it up, Steve on that?

Okay.

Next on the agenda is the budget and capital improvement program introduction.

How long is this going to go do you think?

David Willems: 20 minutes.

Mayor Ribble: Do we need a break?

We can hang in.

Do you want a break?

Let's take ten minutes and we will be back at 5 after 11:00.

(Council recess.)
11:04:18   >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
11:04:18   NEXT WORKSHOP ITEM RELATES TO THE BUDGET AND CAPITAL
11:04:23   IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.
11:04:24   STEVE?
11:04:30   >>Steve Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
11:04:30   THE COUNCIL ASKED FOR A MORE STRUCTURED BUDGET PROCESS
11:04:34   AND ALSO EARLY ACCESS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.
11:04:37   IN RESPONSE TO THOSE CONCERNS, THIS IS THE FIRST
11:04:44   PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR THE COMING YEAR
11:04:46   THAT INCLUDES A LOT OF BACKGROUND MATERIAL THAT WE
11:04:49   HAVEN’T HAD IN THE PAST.
11:04:51   WHAT I’D LIKE TO DO IS BETWEEN KYLE AND I, WE WILL DO A
11:04:56   SHORT PRESENTATION.
11:04:57   THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED, THEN, BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
11:05:01   PROGRAM THAT WOULD BE PRESENTED IN CONCEPT.
11:05:04   WE WOULD THEN GO OUT AND TRY TO GET PUBLIC COMMENTS
11:05:08   REGARDING THE CIP AND BRING IT BACK THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.
11:05:12   I WILL GO THROUGH SOME OF THAT HERE.
11:05:14   THESE ARE THIS TOPICS THAT WE WOULD COVER IN THIS
11:05:21   PRESENTATION.
11:05:26   NEXT SLIDE.
11:05:27   I WILL GO THROUGH THIS IN GREATER DETAIL.
11:05:29   THIS IS THE PROCESS WE ARE RECOMMENDING ON AN ANNUAL
11:05:32   BASIS FOR OUR -- FOR OUR BUDGET.
11:05:36   IT WOULD START OUT EARLY IN THE YEAR WITH A GENERAL
11:05:39   BUDGET WORKSHOP, A CIP WORKSHOP, A PUBLIC FORUM AND THEN
11:05:44   IN THE APRIL/MAY TIME FRAME GET INTO THE CIP AND APPROVE
11:05:51   THE CIP EARLY IN THE PROCESS.
11:05:53   THOSE ARE CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT WOULD HAVE THEIR OWN
11:05:56   BUDGET.
11:05:59   WE ARE ALSO SUGGESTING A COMMUNITY SURVEY AND THEN, AS
11:06:02   YOU HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST, THE JULY PRESENTATION OF THE
11:06:05   BUDGET, COUNCIL RECESS IN AUGUST AND FINAL ADOPTION IN
11:06:10   SEPTEMBER.
11:06:10   SO THIS BECOMES A STANDARD KIND OF CALENDAR.
11:06:14   THERE'S STILL SOME FLEXIBILITY IN HERE, BUT MORE OF A
11:06:18   STANDARD TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW HOW WE WILL MOVE FORWARD
11:06:25   ON THE BUDGET.
11:06:26   I'LL PUT A PLUG IN AT THIS POINT -- IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE
11:06:30   WOULD MOVE TO RIGHT AWAY BUT A BIANNUAL BUDGET MIGHT BE
11:06:35   SOMETHING TO LOOK AT WITH UPDATES PARTICULARLY OF THE
11:06:39   CIP.
11:06:42   THE NEXT STEP IS TO OUTLINE SOME OF THE PRINCIPLES THAT
11:06:47   ARE EMBEDDED IN OUR BUDGET.
11:06:53   MUCH HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT PRINCIPLE-BASED LEADERSHIP, BUT
11:06:57   THESE PRINCIPLES ARE THE REAL SHORT STORY, BUT ARE THE
11:07:00   KEY CONCEPTS THAT GUIDE ARE THE PREPARATION OF THE BUDGET
11:07:04   AND FRAME THE WAY WE OPERATE.
WE HAVE SEVERAL LEVELS OF BUDGET.
YOU HAVE SEEN SOME OF THESE.
THEY HAVE BECOME KIND OF OLD NEWS, BUT FOR THE COMMUNITY
TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHO WE ARE AND THE WAY WE WORK
IS REALLY HELPFUL AND PROVIDES CONTINUITY FROM ONE
COUNCIL TO THE NEXT AS COUNCIL CHANGES.
SO, THE FIRST SET OF PRINCIPLES WE HAVE BEEN LIVING THESE
FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS -- BUT LOW TAXES, LOW LEVELS OF
FULL-TIME STAFF AND HIGH RESERVES.
WE HAVE SPENT A LOT OF TIME EMBODYING THESE THINGS IN OUR
CODES AND THE WAY WE WORK.
PRINCIPLE, SECOND LEVEL IS TRANSPARENCY.
WE ARE VERY OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE.
THAT INCLUDES ON THE INTERNET.
WE HAVE FOCUSED ON QUALITY OVER QUANTITY.
WE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT MAINTAINING THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE
AT A HIGH LEVEL AND THAT HAS BEEN OUR PAST PRACTICE WHERE
AS WE HAVE TAKEN OVER ROADS WE HAVE SET UP MAINTENANCE
ACCOUNTS FOR ALL OF THE ROADS, AS WELL AS DEPRECIATION
RESERVES FOR ALL OF THE ROADS AND OTHER CAPITAL THINGS
THAT ARE UNDER OUR CONTROL.
THEN THE THIRD ELEMENT IS EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE.
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE PROVIDE BUT BECAUSE WE
ARE ALSO USING CONTRACTORS FOR MOST OF OUR PROVISION OF
SERVICES, IT'S GOING TO BE IMPERATIVE THAT WE GO THROUGH
RIGOROUS TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR OUR CONTRACTORS.
SO THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT QUALITY MEANS AND HOW THAT IS
EVIDENCED IN THE COMMUNITY.
THE THIRD LEVEL OF PRINCIPLES AND THERE WILL BE A FOURTH,
AS WELL, THAT IS BEING DEVELOPED RIGHT NOW, BUT THE THIRD
LEVEL THAT IS PAY AS YOU GO.
SO WE HAVE NO PENSION LIABILITIES, BUT IMPORTANTLY AS WE
MOVE FORWARD ALL OF OUR MAINTENANCE IS FULLY FUNDED AND
AS WE DO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS THE INTENT IS THAT
WE ACCRUE FUNDS AND BE ABLE TO PAY CASH FOR OUR MAJOR
PROJECTS.
NOW, THE ONLY PLACE THAT WE HAVE DEVIATED WITH THIS IS
THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY.
BECAUSE THOSE ARE KIND OF GENERATIONAL ISSUES, WE ARE
RECOMMENDING THAT YOU STILL LEAVE FLEXIBILITY FOR
YOURSELVES TO PURCHASE PROPERTY WHEN IT IS NECESSARY AND
DO THAT OVER TIME BECAUSE OFTEN TIMES THE PROPERTY THAT
MAY BE OF INTEREST IS NOT, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T HAVE A LONG
LEAD TIME ON THAT AND YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCRUE FUNDS
FOR THAT PURPOSE.
AND THE OTHER PRINCIPLE UNDER THIS CATEGORY IS THAT WE'RE
VERY APOLITICAL.
WE ARE TRYING TO PROVIDE DATA TO GUIDE OUR DECISION
11:10:06  MAKING, INSTEAD OF WHIPSAWING FROM POLITICAL INTEREST TO
11:10:15  POLITICAL INTEREST BUT KEEP THINGS ON AN EVEN KEEL, ON A
11:10:18  LONG-TERM BASIS SO THAT OUR OPERATIONS ARE VERY STABLE
11:10:24  AND KNOWN TO PEOPLE WELL IN ADVANCE.
11:10:27  >>Mayor Ribble: SO THAT MEANS IF YOU WEAR RED SHIRTS IN
11:10:29  EXCESS WE'RE STILL GOING TO DO THE RIGHT THING BY THE
11:10:32  NUMBERS.
11:10:33  >> YOU ARE GOING TO DO THE RIGHT THING.
11:10:36  WE'RE GOING TO DO THINGS THAT ARE -- MAKE MOST SENSE FROM
11:10:40  A BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE AND ARE READILY UNDERSTOOD BY THE
11:10:45  COMMUNITY ON A LONG-TERM BASIS.
11:10:51  SO YOU ARE AWARE OF THE NEXT SLIDE BUT IT BEARS
11:10:55  REPEATING, THAT GOVERNMENT LITE OPERATIONS IS GREAT IN
11:10:59  TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO HOLD DOWN OUR COSTS, BUT IT DOES
11:11:04  PROVIDE A STRESS TO STAFF.
11:11:05  WE HAVE EIGHT FULL-TIME STAFF AND SIX PART-TIME OR
11:11:09  HALF-TIME STAFF THAT TOTAL 11 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS.
11:11:15  FOR A CITY OF 40,000, YEAR-ROUND POPULATION BALLOONING UP
11:11:21  TO SOMEWHERE AROUND 55,000, THAT'S IT TAKES A SIGNIFICANT
11:11:31  EFFORT BY THE STAFF AND CONTRACTORS TO MAINTAIN
11:11:34  OPERATIONS.
11:11:35  WE LIST THE OTHER CITIES IN THE COUNTY.
11:11:37  JUST FOR PURPOSES OF COMPARISON AND THERE ARE OBVIOUS
11:11:37  DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND OTHER COMMUNITIES.
11:11:50  WE DON'T HAVE POLICE AND FIRE AND ALL OF THE SEPARATIONS
11:11:54  ARE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT BUT YOU CAN SEE A SIGNIFICANT
11:11:59  DIFFERENCE.
11:12:00  I TALK ABOUT OUR CONTRACTORS.
11:12:02  THIS IS SOMETHING WE HAVE COPIED OFF OF WESTIN.
11:12:08  IT IS A GREAT MODEL.
11:12:09  I GIVE THEM CREDIT FOR COMING UP WITH THIS, BUT IT IS
11:12:13  SIMPLY THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AND LISTING THE
11:12:17  CONTRACTORS IN THE CHART ITSELF.
11:12:22  SO, THE GREEN BOXES ARE THOSE BOXES WITH FULL-TIME STAFF.
11:12:28  THE LIGHT GREEN ARE THE PART-TIME POSITIONS, AND THEN THE
11:12:32  WHITE BOXES ARE ALL OF THE CONTRACTORS THAT SERVE THE
11:12:37  COMMUNITY.
11:12:38  I MIGHT ADD, THE NUMBER OF WHITE BOXES IS GOING TO BE
11:12:42  GROWING ON A CONTINUAL BASIS BECAUSE WE WILL GET
11:12:45  ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS AS WE CONTINUE TO GROW AND OUR
11:12:51  SERVICES MATURE.
11:12:52  NOW, WE WILL ALSO BE PERIODICALLY GOING OUT FOR REBIDDING
11:12:58  OF SOME OF THESE.
11:12:59  SO THAT, IN ITSELF, TAKES SOME TIME, BUT WE WILL -- PART
11:13:04  OF WHAT KYLE WILL GET INTO IS MAINTAINING PERFORMANCE
11:13:08  METRICS FOR EACH OF OUR CONTRACTORS AS WE PROVIDE
11:13:11  SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY.
11:13:15  MOVING ON, WE TALKED ALSO ABOUT GOVERNMENT LITE AND WHAT
It means.

We have a continual focus on maintaining a low tax rate and we believe our tax rate is now still the lowest in Southwest Florida.

There's a limit to how low we can go, not only legally but practically.

I would suggest to Council we are fast approaching that bottoming out of the tax rate.

I would hope you would not force us to continue to go too low, but I think we are at a point where it is just basic operations, we're there.

Now, this also then is going to require with a lower tax rate and a limit to how much revenue we have, it's going to stress the organization because this capital improvement program this year is for the first time going to be more stressful for the Village Council, more stressful for the community because you don't have unlimited money.

We are doing our biggest project we can anticipate right off the bat, Estero Parkway.

While we were lining up Estero Parkway, we are doing other master plans, the bike ped plan, the park and open space plan, all that will load up our CIP with potential projects.

That's not unusual for cities to have a long list of capital projects that is going to take a long time to do. Typically cities can have CIP program going out 15 to 20 years.

Even then you may not get to everything, but this year is going to be a little more stressful.

I'm just giving you warning in advance.

There's a lot of good stuff out there we'd love to do and have limits on money.

So that's part of the overview.

We're going to keep coming back to this issue of the principles and further nail that down.

As we look at applying the principles, we're going to need to figure out how to constantly assess our strengths and weaknesses.

The purpose here is to create a performance-based system where we are actually connecting the objectives of our residents to what our spending is.

The question would be how do we do that?

Kyle's going to go through these slides that talk about how we, how we use metrics for the purpose of budgeting.

>>Kyle Coleman: Thank you, Steve.

For the record Kyle Coleman, assistant to the manager.

As Caaff Steve said, the next few slides will be strengths
AND WEAKNESSES BECAUSE THIS WILL BE MORE OF A CONTENTIOUS CIP DISCUSSION IN THE SENSE THERE IS MORE COMPETING PRIORITIES WITH SOMEWHAT LESS AVAILABLE FUNDS.

SO, WE WILL GO THROUGH SOME STRENGTH ANSWER ALSO SOME WEAKNESSES AND THAT’S OUR ATTEMPT TO BE TRANSPARENT SO THAT YOU ARE FULLY INFORMED WHEN YOU GO TO THE CIP PROCESS.

SO, AS WE WILL TRY TO DO WITH ALL OF THESE, THERE’S A COMBINATION OF HARD DATA THAT WE ARE ALSO COMBINING WITH COMMUNITY SURVEYS.

SO, WHEN WE WENT THROUGH AND WE COLLECTED DATA ON THEFT, ON HOMICIDE, ON ASSAULT, ALL OF THE GENERAL CATEGORIES THAT THE FBI INVESTIGATES NATIONWIDE, ESTERO, IF YOU LOOK AT FROM ’15 THROUGH THE END OF ’18, AND WE'RE GETTING THE ’19 DATA NOW.

BUT WE'RE CONSISTENTLY AT ABOUT HALF OF THE PER CAPITA RATE FOR FLORIDA AND THE UNITED STATES.

EVEN WHEN YOU BREAK IT DOWN BY INDIVIDUAL PERSON, WE ARE ABOUT HALF OF THAT RATE.

WHEN YOU ASK PEOPLE WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF ESTERO, THEY SAY IT IS A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE.

FOR EXAMPLE THE HOMICIDE RATE.

WE ARE HALF OF THAT RATE FROM THE TIME WE HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED AND THAT INCLUDES THE OUTLIER OF THE RANDOM EVENT THAT HAPPENED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO.

WE HAD NONE OF THAT IN FOUR OF THE FIVE YEARS WE HAVE BEEN A VILLAGE.

SO, THAT’S SOMETHING THE RESIDENTS FEEL AND IT’S A STRONG PIECE FOR US TO TALK ABOUT AS A VILLAGE THAT WE ARE SUCH A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK.

THE SECOND PIECE, AND IT SHOWS UP CONSISTENTLY HIGH, AS WELL, IS OUR LOCATION.

SO, NOT ONLY IS THERE A LOT OF RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES HERE, BUT THERE’S A LOT OF RETAIL CLOSE BY.

THERE’S FGCU CLOSE BY.

THERE IS K-12 SCHOOLS CLOSE BY.

AND LUCKILY FOR US THAT’S A PRETTY SOLIDLY BUILT IN ADVANTAGE THAT WE HAVE.

LASTLY, OUR EDUCATION.

WE TALK A LOT ABOUT FGCU AND THEY ARE A GREAT ASSET TO HAVE RIGHT ON OUR BORDER, OR RATHER CLOSE TO OUR BORDER.

BUT IF YOU LOOK AT OUR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS, AS WELL, AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, CONSISTENTLY A OR B.

THERE WAS A C SEVERAL YEARS AGO, BUT IF YOU LOOK IN THE AREA WE REALLY DO HAVE SOME OF THE STRONGEST SCHOOLS.

SO, WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AS A YOUNG FAMILY OR TRYING TO FIND SOMEWHERE TO LIVE THESE ARE REAL STRENGTHS.

IT IS A SAFE PLACE, A GREAT PLACE FOR YOUR KIDS TO GO TO.
SCHOOL AND THERE'S PLENTY TO DO CLOSE BY.
SO, THERE ARE SOME CHALLENGES, TOO.
WE WANT YOU TO KNOW WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS SAYING.
SO WHEN YOU GO TO THE CIP YOU FEEL LIKE YOU CAN REPRESENT
YOUR CONSTITUENTS AND KNOW WHERE THEY ARE COMING FROM.
SO, THIS CAME OUT OF OUR VILLAGE BRANDING STUDY THAT WAS
DONE A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO.
THEY DID A REALLY COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SURVEY.
SOME OF THEIR TAKEAWAYS WERE THAT PEOPLE WANT A CENTER,
WHICH IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TOWARDS FOR A COUPLE
OF YEARS NOW, A WALKABLE VILLAGE CENTER.
AND THEN THEY ALSO WANT A LITTLE MORE PROGRAMMING.
I THINK, FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, ONE OF THE HOLDUPS IS WE
DIDN'T HAVE THE ASSETS TO DO THOSE THINGS ON.
AND NOW THAT WE HAVE THE SIGNATURE LAND PURCHASE, THAT'S
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US, AND MAYBE WORKING WITH THE LOCAL
COMMUNITY TO START TO DO SOME OF THESE EVENTS.
IF YOU ASK PEOPLE, A LOT OF THEM TALK ABOUT THE VETERANS
DAY EVENT OR JULY 4th OR LIGHTING UP A CHRISTMAS TREE
AS SOMETHING THEY CONNECT WITH THE VILLAGE, EVEN THOUGH
IT IS A RELATIVELY SMALL PART OF OUR OPERATION.
THE SECOND PIECE IS I THINK WE ARE, YOU KNOW, THIS IS
BEING FULLY TRANSPARENT, WE ARE WORKING THROUGH WHAT DOES
IT MEAN TO BE GOVERNMENT LITE AND HOW DO WE UPHOLD THE
STRONG CUSTOMER SERVICE?
WE NOTICED THAT PEOPLE TENDED TO SCORE HIGHER, THAT THEY
WOULD RECOMMEND SOMEBODY TO LIVE IN ESTERO BUT NOT
NECESSARILY DO BUSINESS WITH US.
WE ARE WORKING ON HOW DO WE IMPROVE THAT.
AN EXAMPLE IS THIS YEAR IN OUR PAST PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET
WE BROUGHT ON A CONTRACTED PROJECT MANAGER.
THE REASON IS IF WE CAN TAKE SOME OF THE LOAD OFF OF OUR
STAFF, THAN OUR STAFF CAN FOLLOW UP ON POTHOLE REQUESTS
FASTER AND THINGS LIKE THAT.
THIS IS PART OF A THEME WE ARE WORKING ON IS CONNECTING
BUDGET REQUESTS WITH DATA.
SO, WE SEE A DEFICIENCY HERE.
THAT'S WHY WE ARE REQUESTING THIS EXTRA FUNDING FOR THE
NEXT YEAR TO ADDRESS IT.
THEN THE LAST PIECE, IS SOMETHING THAT COMES UP QUITE A
BIT IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
AGAIN, THIS IS A REALLY DIFFICULT ISSUE, BUT WE ARE
TRYING TO BE HONEST WHAT PEOPLE ARE GIVING US, RESIDENTS
ARE GIVING US.
YOU KNOW, THERE'S A POTENTIAL FOR AN INFRASTRUCTURE
STRAIN IF PEOPLE ARE COMING TO WORK AND LEAVING AT THE
END OF THE DAY.
IT IS SOMETHING TO CONSIDER AS YOU CONSIDER PROJECTS AND
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES.

THE LAST PIECE, AND WE WILL GET INTO THIS MORE AT THE
NEXT CIP DISCUSSION AND STEVE WILL GET IT TO IN THE
NEXT COUPLE OF SLIDES, AS WELL BUT TO FRAME UP WHERE THE
MAIN FUNDING CATEGORIES ARE, BECAUSE AS YOU WILL SEE,
WHEN STEVE GOES THROUGH IT, THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT
PROJECTS BUT THERE ARE ALSO A LOT OF DIFFERENT SOURCES OF
FUNDS.

THAT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER, TOO.

SOMETIMES PROJECT A IS REALLY COMPETING WITH PROJECTS D
AND E.

NOT NECESSARILY WITH B AND C.

>>Mayor Ribble: CAN YOU GO BACK TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
ISSUE?

>> I DIDN'T THINK THAT WOULD GET PAST YOU.

>> NO, I WILL TELL YOU WHY.

I'D LIKE TO HAVE A WORKSHOP ON THIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

WHAT IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND WHAT IS THE RENT WHAT
LEVEL IS THE RENT CONSIDERED AFFORDABLE AND THEN LOOK AT
THE JOBS IN THE AREA.

I'VE TALKED TO CONTRACTORS, THEY ARE ALL OVER THE BOARD
ON WHAT THEY PAY AN HOUR.

IT'S NOT LIKE THE 13 BUCKS THEY USED TO PAY.

NOW IT IS 25, 26, 28.

IT SEEMS THEY ARE MAKING A DECENT WAGE.

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE WAGE, THEN I WAS AT A MEETING
IN BONITA SPRINGS TWO YEARS AGO AND THIS THING CAME UP
FROM FOLKS IN THE AUDIENCE, ACTUALLY AT THE SPEAKERS
ASSEMBLY, GARY.

AND A COUPLE OF FOLKS WOULDN'T LET IT GO ABOUT AFFORDABLE
HOUSING.

THEY WERE ASKING QUESTIONS OF THE SPEAKER.

I'M LOOKING AT THESE PEOPLE BECAUSE I IF KNEW WHO THEY
WERE AND WHAT TYPE OF WORK THEIR EMPLOYEES DO.

SOMETIMES EMPLOYERS, YOU KNOW, ESCAPE WHAT THEIR FAIR
SALARIES ARE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AND EMPLOYEE TREATMENT.

ARE PEOPLE LEAVING BECAUSE THEY ARE BEAT UP AND
DISRESPECTED OR ARE THEY LEAVING BECAUSE THEY CAN'T FIND
AN AFFORDABLE PLACE TO LIVE.

I'D LIKE TO LOOK AT THOSE AVENUES AND FORMULAS SO WE CAN
MAKE AN EDUCATED DECISION ON WHAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS
OR SHOULD BE.

>>Kyle Coleman: SURE.

WE'LL DO THAT.

AS WE MOVE FORWARD THEN TO YOUR BUDGET, YOU HAVE SEEN ALL
OF THESE THINGS AND MANY OF THE NEXT FEW SLIDES HERE ARE
BASED IN POLICY THAT WE HAVE TAKEN TO THE COUNCIL AND YOU
HAVE ADOPTED.
THIS ONE IS THE LITIGATION DEFENSE FUND WHICH IS AT ROUGHLY, FROM MEMORY IS $730,000.

THIS IS OVER AND ABOVE WHAT IS PROVIDED BY THE INSURANCE CARRIER FOR CERTAIN ISSUES, BUT THE IDEA IS THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE THE PATSY TO ANYBODY WHO'S TRYING TO BULLY THE VILLAGE LEGALLY THROUGH ANY ISSUE WE MAY HAVE.

WE ONLY HAVE USED THIS FUND ONCE.

IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED WE WOULD USE IT FREQUENTLY BUT IT IS THERE IN THE EVENT THAT COUNCIL NEEDS IT.

ANOTHER RESERVE IS OUR OPERATING RESERVE.

WE HAVE DONE IT BY ORDINANCE AND MADE IT VERY DIFFICULT TO TAP THIS FUND, BUT THIS IS 12 MONTHS OF OUR ANNUAL OPERATING REVENUE IS SET ASIDE IN A DEEP RESERVE.

BY THAT I MEAN IT'S NOT FOR CASH FLOW.

IT'S NOT FOR VARIOUS MINOR USES.

IT IS IN THE EVENT WE HAVE SOME CATASTROPHIC EVENT IN THE VILLAGE THATQUIRES SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY TO CORRECT, A HURRICANE HITTING US AND WE HAVE A LOT OF DAMAGE.

THE WHOLE IDEA OF SETTING THIS UP WAS WE'RE DEVELOPING A NEW COMMUNITY, AND A NEW COMMUNITY GOES ON IN PERPETUITY.

HOW CAN WE MAKE A PRUDENT DECISION UP FRONT THAT CREATE A SOLID FOUNDATION LONG TERM?

THAT'S THE LEGACY THAT EACH OF YOU HAVE FOR YOUR TENURE ON THE COUNCIL.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HOPEFULLY WILL NEVER TOUCH IT, NEVER NEED IT, BUT IT'S THERE AND IF YOU FIGURE ESTERO AT 150 YEARS OLD INSTEAD OF FIVE YEARS OLD, THIS IS QUITE THE FOUNDATION.

SIMILARLY, WE HAVE SET UP FUNDS FOR THE -- AS I MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, THE CAPITAL STOCK THAT WE HAVE.

AS WE TOOK OVER ROADS, WE DID TWO SEPARATE STUDIES.

THE COUNTY DID ONE.

WE DID ONE ABOUT THE CONDITION OF EACH OF THE ROADS WE TOOK OVER.

THESE ARE ROADS THAT DON'T COME UP ON YOUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, BUT WE KNOW THAT ULTIMATELY THEY WILL NEED SOME TYPE OF MAINTENANCE.

THESE ARE LARGER ISSUES, ROADS AND SO FORTH, THAT WILL REQUIRE CERTAIN LEVEL OF FUNDING ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

THAT WILL FLUCTUATE.

SOME YEARS THERE'S GOING TO BE A HEAVY DRAW.

OTHER YEARS A LIGHT DRAW BUT OVER TIME WE SET ASIDE MONEY ANTICIPATING THE GENERAL DEPRECIATION.

SO ON SOME OF THESE CASES YOU'LL SEE THE COLORED BARS THAT ARE ABOVE THE DOTTED LINE.

IN SOME YEARS THERE ARE NO PROJECTS BEING ALLOCATED.

SO, TAKE YOUR ’24, ’25, NOTHING IS EXPENDED.
IN ’21, ’22 OUR EXPENDITURE NEEDS ARE BELOW THE LINE.
OVERALL ON A LONG-TERM BASIS WE HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO
MAINTAIN THESE ROADS, REMEMBERING THAT MOST OF THE
CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS ON THESE ROADS ARE NEEDED ONLY MAYBE
ONCE EVERY 15 TO 25 YEARS.
SO, THERE’S A LONG TIMELINE IN A LOT OF THIS WORK.
THE NEXT ONE IS THE MINOR MAINTENANCE CATEGORY.
SIMILARLY, THIS IS SET UP WITH AN ONGOING ANNUAL AMOUNT
GOING INTO THIS FUND THAT ANTICIPATES WORK ON SOME OF
THESE ROADS AND LANDSCAPE AREAS.
THIS WILL -- THESE FUNDS WILL GROW AS YOU DO ADDITIONAL
PROJECTS.
EVERY TIME WE DO A PROJECT UNDER THE PREMISE AND THE
PRINCIPLE THAT WE MAINTAIN THINGS AT A HIGH QUALITY,
AFTER YOU ARE DONE CONSTRUCTING SOMETHING, WHETHER IT IS
ESTERO PARKWAY OR LANDSCAPE PROJECT OR A PARK, WE WILL
INCREASE THESE ACCOUNTS TO ACCOUNT FOR THE ONGOING
MAINTENANCE OF THE CAPITAL ITEM THAT WE DEVELOP.
AND THEN -- OF COURSE, IF ANY COUNCIL MEMBER WANTS TO GET
INTO THESE DETAILS WE CAN PROVIDE IT FOR YOU.
IT IS PRETTY DRY AND I WON’T PUT IT ON THE SLIDES, BUT
ALL OF THIS IS THE SETUP FOR THE COMING DISCUSSIONS ABOUT
OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.
THESE ARE SOME OF THE FUNDS THAT ARE AVAILABLE.
WE HAVE, OF COURSE, THE GENERAL FUND.
I WON’T GO INTO THAT ONE BECAUSE THAT IS GENERAL
OPERATIONS, BUT THE PARK IMPACT FEE FUND IS AVAILABLE AT
2.5 MILLION.
WE HAVE ROAD IMPACT FEE MONEY AT 9.6 MILLION AND I WOULD
NOTE, WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IMPACT FEES, WE’RE NOT
GROWING A LOT.
YOU ONLY GET THE IMPACT FEES WHEN A NEW PROJECT COMES IN.
SO YOU SPEND THIS MONEY, AND ONCE SPENT THAT FUND IS
GONE.
SO WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL WHERE WE SPEND THIS.
THE GAS TAX FUND IS AN ONGOING ANNUAL AMOUNT THAT IS
AVAILABLE AND THEN YOU ALSO HAVE SET UP A DEBT PREPAYMENT
RESERVE ON THE PURCHASE OF ESTERO ON THE RIVER.
THE IDEA WAS INSTEAD OF GOING THE FULL TERM, 30-YEAR TERM
ON THAT PAYOFF, OR 20 -- WE HAD A LONG-TERM DEBT, INSTEAD
OF A LONG-TERM BASIS, WE COULD PAY IT OFF IN SEVEN YEARS
IF YOU APPLY THE $5 MILLION PLUS ABOUT 1.1 ADDITIONAL
EACH YEAR.
AND YOU CAN CHANGE THAT IF YOU DECIDE THAT THERE ARE
OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT WARRANT SPENDING.
THIS IS THE -- I’M CLOSING IN ON THE PRINCIPLES BECAUSE
WE WILL BE TESTING EACH OF THESE AND ADDING TO EACH OF
THESE.
BUT THIS IS HOW WE ARE BRANDING THIS COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF ITS SEPARATION.
I THINK IT IS A GOOD SUCCESS.
COUNCIL CERTAINLY IS KEY TO ALL OF THIS AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR INDULGENCE AND HELPING US STICK TO THIS APPROACH.
WE'RE HERE FOR ANY QUESTIONS, BUT THIS IS REALLY, AGAIN, THE SETUP TO THE CIP WHICH WILL BE COMING WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH.
>>Mayor Ribble: I WANT TO COMMENT.
I THINK YOU FOLKS DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB WITH THIS.
I REALLY ENJOYED READING THROUGH YOUR BOOKLET HERE.
IT IS ONE OF THE BEST I'VE SEEN.
IT REALLY CAPTURES ALL OF THE GOOD WORK THAT YOU FOLKS HAVE DONE, LISA AND DAVID AND KYLE, THE WHOLE TEAM,
KATHY.
YOU FOLKS HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB PUTTING THIS WHOLE THING TOGETHER.
I CAN'T IMAGINE THERE'S ANOTHER COMMUNITY THAT HAS BETTER DOCUMENTATION THAT TELLS A STORY OF THEIR MUNICIPALITY THAN THIS.
>>Vice Mayor Errington: IT IS BEAUTIFUL.
>>Mayor Ribble: I LIKE THE ETHICS PART IN THE FRONT THAT SPELLS OUT WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT.
SO, GREAT JOB.
>>Vice Mayor Errington: I AGREE.
IT IS A BEAUTIFUL DOCUMENT AND SHOWS WHO WE ARE.
QUESTION, WHAT WOULD BE THE SEGUE IN HOW WE GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF OVERVIEW OF GOING INTO THE BUDGET WORKSHOP IN JANUARY SINCE WE DO IT NOW?
HOW WOULD YOU DO THAT?
>>Steve Sarkozy: EACH JANUARY WOULD BE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR PRESENTATION LIKE THIS.
IT GETS KIND OF ROUTINE BECAUSE YOU WILL BE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE BUDGET BUT WE WILL PROVIDE A QUICK OVERVIEW.
IT'S MORE FOR THE PUBLIC THAN IT IS -- THE COUNCIL IS ALWAYS --
>>Vice Mayor Errington: DOES TIME ALLOW YOU TO DO THAT INSTEAD OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER OR --
>>Steve Sarkozy: WE ARE MOVING EVERYTHING UP, YES, BUT IT IS ALL NECESSARY TO FORMULATE THE BUDGET, WHICH STAFF WORKS ON IN THE -- MOSTLY IN THE APRIL-MAY TIME FRAME.
IT IS PROBABLY THE SAME AMOUNT OF WORK.
IT IS JUST EXTENDING IT OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.
>>Vice Mayor Errington: ARE YOU LOOKING AT DOING IT NEXT YEAR?
>>Steve Sarkozy: WE ARE STARTING IT THIS YEAR, RIGHT NOW.
>>Mayor Ribble: NICK.
>>Nick Batos: I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN GIVE ME THE ANSWER
11:33:22    NOW BUT MAYBE WE CAN GET IT.
11:33:24    DURING YOUR PRESENTATION YOU SPOKE ABOUT CRIMES AND
11:33:27    SAFETY NUMBERS.
11:33:28    AND YOU COMPARED US TO THE STATE.
11:33:32    CAN WE GET A COMPARISON OF US TO THE CITIES AND THE
11:33:36    COUNTIES AS A WHOLE?
11:33:40    >>Kyle Coleman: I THINK WE CAN GET THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE
11:33:43    BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO GET IT BY CITY.
11:33:45    LIKE FORT MYERS AND CAPE CORAL PROVIDE IT BECAUSE THEY
11:33:49    ARE LARGE MUNICIPALITIES AND INCLUDED THIS THE FBI
11:33:53    REPORT.
11:33:53    FOR US WE GET THE WHOLE SOUTH DISTRICT DATA AND PUT IT
11:33:57    THROUGH OUR MAPPING SOFTWARE TO FIGURE OUT ESTERO.
11:34:01    GENERALLY THE COUNTY DOES IT BY DISTRICTS THAT OVERLAP
11:34:03    CITIES.
11:34:04    SO I THINK WHAT WE CAN DO IS I THINK WE CAN OBVIOUSLY GET
11:34:07    OURS.
11:34:08    I THINK WE CAN GET THE FULL COUNTY AND I THINK WE CAN GET
11:34:12    FORT MEYER AND CAPE CORAL.
11:34:15    >>Nick Batos: WHATEVER YOU CAN DO.
11:34:16    I WOULD FIND IT INTERESTING.
11:34:18    THE NUMBERS LOOK GOOD BUT OBVIOUSLY WE DON'T KNOW THE
11:34:22    NUMBER WE ARE USING IS NOT GOOD OR BAD COMPARED TO OUR
11:34:26    NEIGHBORS OR HOW OTHER PEOPLE ARE AROUND US.
11:34:29    >>Kyle Coleman: WE CAN DEFINITELY WORK ON THAT.
11:34:31    WE MAY BE ABLE TO DO THE SAME MAPPING THING WITH OTHER
11:34:36    CITIES AND FIGURE THAT OUT.
11:34:38    >>Steve Sarkozy: IF IT IS HELPFUL, THIS FPLE WILL BREAK
11:34:42    IT DOWN BY CIRCUIT.
11:34:44    WE FALL INTO THE 20th CIRCUIT.
11:34:47    SO YOU CAN ALSO GET IT -- THAT BREAKDOWN.
11:34:53    >>Kyle Coleman: KIND OF REGIONAL.
11:34:55    OKAY.
11:34:57    >>Nick Batos: I THINK WE WOULD COME OUT LOOKING REALLY
11:34:59    GOOD BUT IT IS FOR OUR OWN PURPOSES AND TO PROMOTE THE
11:35:03    CITY.
11:35:04    I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE KNEW THAT.
11:35:08    >>Kyle Coleman: I THINK SO, TOO.
11:35:09    ALL OF THESE REPORTS ARE MEANT TO BE A PRIMER BECAUSE WE
11:35:12    WANT TO GIVE YOU A FULL, REALLY DENSE OVERVIEW OF
11:35:15    EVERYTHING.
11:35:16    SO THERE WOULD BE MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT COMING.
11:35:22    >> I WANT TO TAKE IT ONE STEP FURTHER.
11:35:24    I'D LIKE TO HAVE, TO KNOW IF WE COULD BREAK DOWN THE
11:35:30    GATED AND NON-GATED AREAS.
11:35:32    ANTIDOTALLY, I THINK WE PRETTY MUCH KNOW THE GATES ARE
11:35:39    NOT AS SAFE AS PEOPLE THINK THEY ARE.
11:35:43    THAT WILL HELP US ON ZONING AND NEW DEVELOPMENT SIDE TO
11:35:51 HAVE THAT DATA.
11:35:52 IF YOU LOOK AT THE CRIME STATISTICS AND THE LAST TIME I
11:35:56 LOOKED AT IT, WE LOOKED AT COUNTRY CREEK AND FOUNTAIN
11:35:59 LAKES AGAINST TRUE GATED COMMUNITIES, OPPOSED TO NOT
11:36:04 GATED COMMUNITIES, THERE WERE NO DIFFERENCES.
11:36:09 >>Mayor Ribble: WE NEED A PRESENTATION ON WHAT IS A GATED
11:36:12 COMMUNITY.
11:36:13 >> WORKSHOP.
11:36:20 >>Mayor Ribble: PICKING ON ME AGAIN.
11:36:21 [ INAUDIBLE ]
11:36:22 >> EXACTLY.
11:36:23 >> WE WILL LOOK INTO THAT.
11:36:27 ANYTHING ELSE?
11:36:36 >>Kyle Coleman: NO.
11:36:38 >>Mayor Ribble: STEVE.
11:36:39 >>Steve Sarkozy: THAT'S IT.
11:36:41 >>Mayor Ribble: I WILL OBTAIN A MOTION TO RESERVE.
11:36:45 KATY SECONDS.
11:36:51 ALL RIGHT.
11:36:51 (MEETING ADJOURNED.)
11:36:50

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