

VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF NOVEMBER 13, 2015

The Village of Estero Council Workshop was held on this date at the Estero Fire Rescue District Meeting Room, 21500 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero, Florida.

Present: Mayor Nick Batos - District 6, Vice-Mayor Howard Levitan - District 2, Councilmember Bill Ribble, District 1, Councilmember Donald Brown - District 3, Councilmember Katy Errington - District 4, Councilmember Jim Boesch - District 5, and Councilmember Jim Wilson - District 7.

Also present: Village Manager Peter Lombardi, Village Attorney Burt Saunders, and Village Clerk Kathy Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Batos called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Village Clerk Kathy Hall called the roll; all members were present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Batos removed agenda item 3 (B).

Councilmember Ribble moved approval of the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Brown, called and carried unanimously.

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS

(A) Presentation: Horizon Council Foundation (Councilmember Wilson)

Glen Salyer, Economic Development Director of Lee County and Assistant to County Manager, through a PowerPoint presentation, provided information regarding economic development partnership; Horizon Council; strategic support; commercial corridors; task forces; Horizon Foundation; industrial development authority; economic development office; business development; partnership successes; and success stories.

Council questions and discussion followed related to junior achievement and companies providing help to students in obtaining meaningful part time jobs; economic opportunities; private sector and non-profit contributions to the Horizon Foundation; tourism; Horizon Council membership; and sunshine laws.

Public Comment:

Jim Shields, Grandezza resident, spoke regarding junior achievement.

(B) Economic Development (Mayor Batos) – Agenda item removed by Mayor Batos.

Note: Agenda item 4 (D) was addressed prior to agenda item 4 (C).

(C) Fire Rescue Interlocal Agreements (Vice Mayor Levitan)

Vice Mayor Levitan provided background information regarding the resolutions that were tabled at the July 1, 2015 Council meeting and explained the amendments made to the Interlocal Agreement with Estero Fire Rescue District, noting that there would be amendments to the Interlocal Agreement with San Carlos Fire Rescue District as well. He also noted that there may be a need to adopt an Interlocal Agreement with Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District. Council questions and discussion ensued and Vice Mayor Levitan provided detailed explanation regarding concurrent jurisdiction on impact fees; providing collaboration on rates; and setting an agreement term at 10 years.

Scott Vanderbrook, Chief, Estero Fire Rescue District, stated that setting a 10-year term was acceptable and noted that collection of impact fees would be complicated.

David Cambareri, Chief, San Carlos Fire District, stated that he was aware of the proposed Interlocal Agreements and that he and Chief Vanderbrook had been working together.

Mayor Batos called for public comment and no one came forward.

(D) Potential Northern Section 951 (Mayor Batos)

Mayor Batos provided a brief introduction.

Don Scott, Executive Director, Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), through a PowerPoint presentation, provided information regarding the status of the CR 951 extension. Council questions and discussion followed.

Public Comment:

Jim Shields, Grandeza resident, addressed concern regarding home values as long as the extension remained on the long range plan; it should be removed from the plan.

Jim Varey, Grandeza resident, representing East Corkscrew Coalition and on behalf of Grandeza residents, addressed concern regarding traffic and decline in property values.

Don Eslick, ECCL, provided background information and requested that Council adopt a resolution requesting Lee County MPO remove the portion of proposed CR 951 extension from the 2040 needs plan.

Bill Williams, Vice Chairman, MPO Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), echoed other speakers' comments, requested Council to adopt a resolution to remove the proposed CR 951 extension from the 2040 needs plan, and stated that he would make that action at the December CAC meeting.

Council discussion ensued regarding taking action at the November 18, 2015 Council meeting.

(D) Solid Waste Franchise Fee Agreement Update

Village Attorney Saunders provided information related to the issues with the agreement, including term, how the payout would be made to the Village, and removal of debris during a disaster. Council discussion followed.

Public Comment:

David Cambareri, Chief, San Carlos Fire District, stated that on the emergency management side with disaster cleanup, the county was divided into geographical divisions and they assist with the process. He indicated that there should be no concern that there would be a delay in the cleanup process.

Bill Williams stated that he had experience with these types of agreements, most were 20 year terms, and he supported the Council's efforts.

Village Attorney Saunders indicated that he had sufficient information from Council and would reach out to Lee County.

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Don Eslick, ECCL, provided a report of activities over the last 8 months and spoke to the role of ECCL.

Beverly MacNellis, Marsh Landing resident, provided a reminder regarding the "Light up Estero" event on December 5, 2015 and announced the gala grand opening and showing of the premier film of Mount Key on February 20, 2016.

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Ribble provided information related to the final drawings of the interior work for 9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle and proposals for video recording meetings. He also spoke regarding a scope of services from Joe Minicozzi related to a process resolving some of the land use options in the Village Center. Discussion ensued regarding the proposal and whether to move forward. It was determined that the matter would be placed on the November 18, 2015 Council meeting agenda.

Vice Mayor Levitan spoke regarding meetings with representatives of the new hospital and internal development on a 38 acre site.

Councilmember Errington inquired regarding removal of specific items from the agenda. Detailed discussion followed related to the agenda process and meetings schedule.

Councilmember Wilson offered compliments to the ECCL and stated that he supported the ECCL role concept.

Mayor Batos stated that he believed the Council had accomplished a great deal in the past 8 months.

7. VILLAGE MANAGER COMMENTS

None.

8. VILLAGE ATTORNEY COMMENTS

None.

9. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was duly made, called and carried unanimously.

Mayor Batos adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

By: Kathy Hall

Kathy Hall, MMC
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: Nicholas Batos

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Mayor

Minutes approved as submitted: December 16, 2015