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**APPROVED BY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 18, 2017**

**FINAL ACTION AGENDA/MINUTES**

**Village of Estero  
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle  
Estero, FL 33928  
Village Council Meeting  
December 20, 2016 9:30 a.m.**

- 1. OPENING EXERCISES:** (Includes call to order, roll call, pledge of allegiance, announcements, proclamations, and ceremonial presentations)

**Call to Order:** 9:31 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Mayor Batos.

**Invocation:** Offered by Pastor Doug Warren from Gulf Coast Presbyterian Church.

**Roll Call:** 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 Steve Sarkozy, Village Attorney Burt Saunders, Assistant to Village Manager Kyle Coleman, Finance Director Lisa Roberson, and Executive Assistant to Village Manager Carol Sacco.

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS:**

**Motion:** Move to approve the agenda.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Ribble

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Brown

**Action:** Approved the agenda.

**Vote:**

**Aye:** Unanimous

**Nay:**

**Abstentions:**

### 3. ACTION ITEMS:

- (a) Interlocal Agreement By and Between Lee County and the Village of Estero – Ownership, Jurisdiction, Operation, and Maintenance of Certain Roads

Village Manager Sarkozy provided information regarding minor modifications made to the agreement and spoke to the Village's responsibility related to ditches. He also reviewed the county's denial that Corkscrew Road west of US 41 was a county-maintained road; for purposes of this document, the county has conveyed to the Village all of their rights, responsibilities, and obligations, as well as a quit claim deed. He added that, under Florida State statute, there are a number of roads within each jurisdiction where ownership of a road is in question and the Village would be dealing with that for some time. He noted that Village Attorneys Burt Saunders and Derek Rooney negotiated final language of the agreement.

Councilmember Wilson inquired whether only surface water management and animal services would remain intact at the level previously agreed to. Village Manager Sarkozy responded that was correct. Mayor Batos conveyed appreciation to Councilmembers Ribble and Boesch, as well as Village Manager Sarkozy, for all of the work involved with the agreement.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Motion:** Move to approve the Interlocal Agreement which formally transfers all responsibilities from the County to the Village effective January 7, 2017.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Ribble

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Wilson

**Action:** Approved the Interlocal Agreement which formally transfers all responsibilities from the County to the Village effective January 7, 2017.

**Vote:**

Aye: Unanimous (roll call)

Nay:

Abstentions:

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

### 5. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Ribble: Provided a report on the Estero High School Culinary Program fundraiser that he attended on December 19, 2016. He also suggested role of Council liaison as a future workshop item.

Vice Mayor Levitan: Commented on the end of year financial report and stated that he was amazed how the Village ran under "Government Lite." He also conveyed thanks to the volunteers on the Planning and Zoning Board and Design Review Board.

Councilmember Errington: Provided information regarding a recent seminar she attended at FGCU concerning rising sea level and suggested a Council workshop on the topic. She echoed Vice Mayor Levitan's comments and spoke regarding the Estero High School Culinary Program fundraiser.

Councilmember Boesch: Commented regarding a report from Ed Weil related to parks and suggested a meeting with Mr. Weil and his group. He addressed concerns raised regarding possible conflicts of interest related to Village Attorney Saunders, due to recently being elected to the Collier County Board of Commissioners, and suggested that the Council discuss the matter. He offered positive comments regarding the great team effort in order to accomplish approval of the Interlocal Agreement.

Councilmember Wilson: Shared that it was a pleasure to serve on a Council where one of the biggest challenges was building reserves and making important decisions on what the Village would do with the surplus, which was not common in his previous experience as a Councilmember elsewhere. He reported that he accepted the liaison position with Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and would keep the Village Council up to date with issues that impact Estero.

Mayor Batos: Discussed his memorandum related to capital improvements through possible stimulus grants, wayfinding sign plan, and SUNTrails, topics of discussion at the December meetings of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which he attended. He noted that, in the past, the MPO looked at projects that were "shovel ready" and suggested that Council ask staff to prepare a list of projects to be considered for submittal to the MPO, in the event a stimulus plan became available. The items he suggested were: repaving of Estero Parkway, sidewalk project on Estero Parkway, all repaving work recommended in the FGCU report, and any other roads that staff or Council could add.

Regarding the wayfinding sign plan, Mayor Batos reported that the MPO was permitted to use money left over from a TIGER grant to have wayfinding signs placed around the county; Estero will be receiving some of them. The Council will be asked to pass a resolution allowing the placement of the signs and possibly agreeing to future sign maintenance. Representatives of the MPO will be attending a Council meeting early next year to make a presentation and ask for Council input and approval of a resolution.

Mayor Batos noted that he received a call from Bonita Springs Mayor Peter Simmons requesting that both Councils collaborate on SUNTrails. Peter O'Flinn, City of Bonita Springs District 4 Councilmember, provided insight regarding SUNTrails and spoke to the shared strategies for the future, including protecting land, the DR/GR, higher design standards, inter-connectivity, and multi-modal bicycle trails. He stated that there have been large sums of money given for inter-coastal bike connectors and other elements. He believed that this would be a great thing for all to investigate collectively and thoroughly. He reiterated that the Bonita Springs City Council would like to meet with the Village of Estero Council.

Discussion ensued regarding endorsement of the concept of working with the Bonita Springs Council and scheduling a workshop. It was suggested that, as this moved forward, a Village Council liaison be appointed to work with a Bonita Springs Council liaison and report back to each Council, so that the responsibility did not fall on the Village's limited staff.

There was Council consensus for the Village Manager to arrange a joint workshop for the topic of SUNTrails.

6. **VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

7. **VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT:** None.

A motion to adjourn was duly made and passed.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** 10:03 a.m.

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: Kathy Hall  
Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

By: Nicholas Batos  
Nicholas Batos, Mayor