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**APPROVED BY COUNCIL
APRIL 5, 2017**

FINAL ACTION AGENDA/MINUTES

**Village of Estero
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle
Estero, FL 33928
Village Council Workshop
March 9, 2017 9:30 a.m.**

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

Call to Order: 9:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Batos.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Nick Batos - District 6, Vice Mayor Howard Levitan - District 2, Councilmember Bill Ribble, District 1, Councilmember Donald Brown - District 3 (via teleconference; left the meeting at 12:23 p.m.), 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, Village Land Use Attorney Nancy Stroud, Community Development Director Mary Gibbs, and Village Clerk Kathy Hall.

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion: Move to approve the agenda.

Motion by: Councilmember Boesch

Seconded by: Councilmember Errington

Action: Approved the agenda.

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous

Nay:

Abstentions:

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Charles Dauray, Estero Historic Preservation Citizens Committee, provided a report of the summary of the work and direction that the committee has gone since July 2015. Mr. Dauray also spoke to the committee's shift in emphasis in identifying historic structures.

3. WORKSHOP ITEM:

- Council Rules of Procedure, Liaison Roles, and Related Organizational Issues

Section 3: Revisions from the February 22, 2017 workshop were reviewed. Discussion ensued regarding Councilmembers participating in meetings and quasi-judicial hearings by telephone. Additional revisions were made to 3 (h) relating to participating by telephone.

Sections 6 and 7: Revisions from the February 22, 2017 workshop were reviewed; further revisions were made to 6 (c) related to agenda supporting documentation, 6 (f) related to placement of subject matter on an agenda, and 7 (b) and (e) related to special meetings and emergency meetings.

Village Land Use Attorney Stroud and Community Development Director Gibbs reviewed suggested revisions to Section 10. Discussion included adding language for speakers' time limits at hearings; revising the last sentence of 10 (g); and adding the words "Land Use" in the first sentence of 10 (i): "...and any recommendations of the Village staff and appropriate Village Land Use Boards."

The meeting went into recess at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 11:14 a.m.

Review of Sections 11 through 17 followed. Discussion included proposed revisions to Section 13 related to role of the Mayor/Vice Mayor, particularly serving as the spokesperson for the Village. In response to an inquiry, Village Attorney Saunders responded that selecting a spokesperson for the Village was a matter of policy and did not violate provisions of the charter. The Village Attorney and Village Manager provided suggestions on rewording 12 (e); at the beginning of the paragraph add "Except where a liaison is appointed, or the Council appoints a spokesperson on an issue..." Mr. Saunders explained that it would leave the Mayor as a spokesperson only where there has not been an appointment of a liaison and would serve as spokesperson only on resolutions, ordinances and policies that have been adopted. Village Manager Sarkozy believed that the wording emphasized the role of liaison and recognized that on some routine issues the Mayor may be questioned and would be able to respond what was done by the Council, as well as keeping the intent outlined in Section 12. Further discussion related to Section 13 involved deleting the words "or the public" from the first sentence of 13 (e) paragraph two and adding the word "social" to the last sentence of 13 (e) paragraph two: "...attendance at non-profit organization social functions, such as the Estero Chamber of Commerce, and other similar social or business sponsored events..."

Section 14: Discussion included relaxed guidelines for Councilmember discussion during workshops and the possibility of expanding the guidelines for public comment.

Section 17: Discussion included liaisons for on-going issues; the May 1 annual appointment schedule and length of appointment; liaison selection process; and sunshine law as it relates to the liaison role. Discussion to be continued at the next workshop.

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

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

Councilmember Errington: Reported that she did not receive notice regarding today's Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program and, therefore, would not be attending; she will also not be able to attend the May 11, 2017 meeting and Mayor Batos will be attending on her behalf.

Mayor Batos: Reported that he will be out of town next Friday and Councilmember Boesch will be attending the MPO meeting on his behalf. Spoke regarding the February 28, 2017 joint workshop with Bonita Springs Council and the request that each Council bring up at a meeting whether to continue with the research on the findings and to appoint a liaison. He stated that he would be asking to be appointed as the liaison and asked that the Village Manager place this on the next Council meeting agenda. He also stated that either he or Councilman O'Flinn would be required to resign from the MPO and that Councilman O'Flinn said that he would be stepping down.

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

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

A motion to adjourn was duly made and passed.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** 12:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: Kathy Hall
Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

By: James R. Boesch
James R. Boesch, Mayor