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**APPROVED BY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

FINAL ACTION AGENDA/MINUTES

Village Council Meeting

**Village of Estero Council Chambers
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle
Estero, FL 33928
January 10, 2018 9:30 a.m.**

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

Call to Order: 9:32 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Boesch.

Invocation: Pastor Nolen Rollins from Legacy Church.

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

Also present: Village Manager Steve Sarkozy, Village Land Use Attorney Nancy Stroud, Community Development Director Mary Gibbs, Assistant to Village Manager Kyle Coleman, and Village Clerk Kathy Hall.

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

Motion: Move to approve the agenda.

Motion by: Councilmember Batos

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Ribble

Action: Approved the agenda.

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous

Nay:

Abstentions:

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
4. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01 AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING:**

Ordinance No. 2018-01 An Ordinance of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Adopting the Village of Estero Comprehensive Plan as Provided on Attachment "A" Made a Part Hereof; Providing for Repeal of the Village Transitional Comprehensive Plan; Providing for Transmittal of the Comprehensive Plan to the State of Florida and Other Reviewing Agencies as Required by Statute; Providing for Severability; Providing for Conflicts; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Boesch introduced the hearing; the title of Ordinance No. 2018-01 was read by Village Clerk Hall; in response to an inquiry regarding whether the ordinance had been properly advertised, Village Clerk Hall responded affirmatively.

Community Development Director Gibbs reviewed the background of the process and explained that the Comprehensive Plan included all elements required by the state along with a Community Design sub-element developed particularly for the Village. She also reviewed the information in the packet, which included data and analysis, and explained that the ordinance would be provided to the state along with several other agencies. Community Development Director Gibbs noted that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended transmittal along with a few revisions that have been incorporated into the document: a policy that the Village evaluate the maintenance code to help with property upkeep; and periodic review of roadway conditions in the Transportation Element. Ms. Gibbs spoke briefly regarding the items that were incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan and noted that the definitions would probably have some revisions, in an effort to maintain consistency with the Village Center amendment. In response to Council questions at the previous meeting regarding redevelopment and annexation, Ms. Gibbs pointed out the Plan elements and policies that include redevelopment along with the Intergovernmental Coordination Element that addresses annexation.

Presentation/Information by:

Laura DeJohn, Johnson Engineering, entered the 3-page supplemental items sheet for the record and provided an explanation of the document that included revisions to: Vision; Future Land Use Element; Transportation Element; Housing Element; Conservation & Coastal Management Element; Intergovernmental Coordination Element; Monitoring, Evaluation, and Appraisal of Implementation; and Map Series.

Questions or Comments: Councilmembers Batos and Levitan. Discussion involved the term "sustainability" in the Vision statement as it related to landscaping. Councilmember Levitan noted that the record includes all prior hearings, all of the correspondence from the public and attorneys for developers, along with responses from the Village. He hoped that testimony would not rehash old comments; new things that have come up would be appropriate. Councilmember Errington noted that she and Community Development Director Gibbs received a message late yesterday regarding recreation that would be made part of the record.

Public Comment:

Wayne Arnold, Bonita Springs, representing Templeton Family Trust, owner of Monte Cristo RPD, reiterated concerns regarding density standards.

William Savage, The Island Club, conveyed appreciation to the Village going forward with the Comprehensive Plan and spoke to the value of strong, stable neighborhoods; programs to enhance neighborhood safety; hoped that any new development approvals would take the existing neighborhoods into serious consideration. He also addressed concern regarding new developments and traffic.

Andy Solis, representing Village Partners, LLC, owner of the Estero On The River MPD, summarized what he had addressed at previous hearings regarding creation of "Old Estero" district or area, concern that there are ambiguous terms and CCM-1.5.1 and 1.5.2 relating to wetland jurisdictions and removal of exotics.

Greg Toth, Naples, stated that the purpose of a Comprehensive Plan was to look at the future. He said that the town center concept would not fly; did not believe that the studies that have been done justify the need for additional commercial; Estero does need affordable housing. Mr. Toth addressed concern regarding the Council meeting time and did not believe that meetings at 9:30 a.m. allow for proper public input.

Motion: Move to pass Ordinance No. 2018-01 for first reading and transmittal to the state, with one modification: definitions to be updated prior to transmittal to do two things, (1) make them consistent with what has already been passed in the Village Center amendments last year and (2) to delete any unnecessary definitions.

Motion by: Councilmember Levitan

Seconded by: Councilmember Batos

Questions or Comments: Mayor Boesch addressed the amount of time put into the Comprehensive Plan process including the amount of time put in by Councilmember Levitan. He also complimented staff for their time and believed that the Village had a document worthy of turning into the state. Councilmember Levitan conveyed appreciation to staff for their tireless efforts, as well as appreciation to LaRue Planning, Laura DeJohn, and Land Use Attorney Nancy Stroud. He added that the Plan gave the Village guidance; will be a living document; and was pleased with the results.

Action: Passed Ordinance No. 2018-01 for first reading and transmittal to the state, with one modification: definitions to be updated prior to transmittal to do two things, (1) make them consistent with what has already been passed in the Village Center amendments last year and (2) to delete any unnecessary definitions.

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous (Roll call vote)

Nay:

Abstentions:

5. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Batos: Distributed a status update related to the Lee Health Coconut Point construction; they are on schedule and plan to open by November. He reported that he will be going to a SUN Trail meeting this afternoon in Tallahassee; the hope is to get the CSX trail as a priority.

Councilmember Wilson: Conveyed a special thankyou to resident Donald Corbett for taking time to make the mine manager aware of resident concerns regarding the blasting issues.

Mayor Boesch: Reported that February 2, 2018 was the tentative joint meeting date with Bonita Springs City Council.

6. VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Conveyed appreciation to the Council for repeated attention to the Comprehensive Plan process. He also agreed with previous comments that the staff and consultants worked very hard.

7. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

A motion to adjourn was made and duly passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 10:16 a.m.

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: Kathy Hall
Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

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