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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 17, 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: 9:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Boesch.

Invocation: Pastor Nicholas Weston from River of Life Assembly of God.

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 Attorney Burt Saunders, Assistant to Village Manager Kyle Coleman, Finance Director Lisa Roberson, Community Development Director Mary Gibbs, Development Review Manager Walter McCarthy, and Village Clerk Kathy Hall.

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

Village Attorney Saunders requested that agenda item 5 (d) Big Cypress Basin Boundary be continued to the next Council meeting.

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as amended, continuing agenda item 5 (d) Big Cypress Basin Boundary to the next Council meeting.

Motion by: Vice Mayor Ribble

Seconded by: Councilmember Errington

Action: Approved the agenda as amended, continuing agenda item 5 (d) Big Cypress Basin Boundary to the next Council meeting.

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous

Nay:

Abstentions:

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Joe Miceli, Rookery Drive, anti-fracking legislation; urged Council to support the legislation.

George Molnar, conveyed appreciation for the Village placing a barrier on East Broadway.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

(a) January 3, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion by: Councilmember Levitan

Seconded by: Councilmember Batos

Action: Approved the Consent Agenda.

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous

Nay:

Abstentions:

5. ACTION ITEMS:

(a) Resolution No. 2018-01 A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Approving the Tidewater Phase 3 Replat; and Providing an Effective Date

The title of Resolution No. 2018-01 was read by Village Clerk Hall. Village Manager Sarkozy spoke briefly regarding the relatively routine nature of plat approval.

Development Review Manager McCarthy provided a brief description of the replat which is part of the Tidewater subdivision located within University Highlands; the replat is required prior to conveyance of any of the 118 subdivided lots. Mr. McCarthy noted that the plat meets the technical requirements of Chapter 177, Part I, Florida Statutes and the requirements of Administrative Code 13 – 19; the plat has been reviewed by the Village Attorney and meets legal requirements; the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the replat on January 16, 2018.

Public Comment: None.

Council Questions or Comments: None.

Motion: Move to adopt Resolution No. 2018-01.

Motion by: Councilmember Wilson

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Ribble

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2018-01.

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous (Roll Call)

Nay:

Abstentions:

- (b) Resolution No. 2018-02 A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Approving the Estero Grande Subdivision Plat; and Providing an Effective Date

The title of Resolution No. 2018-02 was read by Village Clerk Hall. Village Manager Sarkozy provided a brief introduction.

Development Review Manager McCarthy provided information that the plat is to configure the property to create nine tracts and is required prior to conveyance of any of the subdivided tracts. He also noted that the plat meets the technical requirements of Chapter 177, Part I, Florida Statutes and the requirements of Administrative Code 13 – 19; the plat has been reviewed by the Village Attorney and meets legal requirements; the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the replat on January 16, 2018.

Questions or Comments: Councilmembers Levitan and Batos addressed concern regarding Homeowner's Association documents as related to percentage of expenses for maintenance of roads, preserve areas, and water management system, and whether there were provisions in the homeowner documents/management documents that require every owner to abide by the Pattern Book as a deed restriction.

Steve Hagenbuckle, Managing Partner, TerraCap Management, LLC, responded that it is an agreed upon formula; ownerships are based on a pro rata size of each tract share. The multi-family tract represents approximately 65.15%; for the front two commercial parcels, one represents 18.66% and the other represents 16.19%. He noted that the percentages are reviewed and agreed upon by the groups. If someone wants to change something, for example a change to the color palette or materials, the associations have an architectural review that has to be in total alignment with the Pattern Book which will be incorporated into the declarations as the guidelines to be followed.

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Move to adopt Resolution No. 2018-02.

Motion by: Councilmember McLain

Seconded by: Councilmember Errington

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2018-02.

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous (Roll Call)

Nay:

Abstentions:

(c) Estero Grande Project – Review of Pattern Book

Village Manager Sarkozy provided a brief introduction. Community Development Director Gibbs provided background information related to the May 31, 2017 Council review of the Pattern Book that did not include specifics of the uses. At that time, Council requested that the Pattern Book be brought back for review prior to vertical construction.

Community Development Director Gibbs noted that staff has been working with the applicant and had issues that they wanted them to change. Ms. Gibbs noted that the applicant made all of the changes that the staff asked them to do including very recent changes. Regarding the commercial building site plan, the Design Review Board asked for installation of raised crosswalks and paver brick. Regarding pedestrian connectivity, staff was comfortable that the applicant has done everything they were asked to do. For the benefit of the public, Community Development Director Gibbs described the purpose of a Pattern Book.

Questions or Comments: Councilmember Errington inquired regarding the term “service station.” She also read a statement for the record detailing the background of the Estero Grande project along with what has been agreed upon. Vice Mayor Ribble noted his disappointment with the lack of information related to a service station/convenience store on page 7 of the Pattern Book. Councilmember Levitan noted the following items that had not been addressed in the Pattern Book: Page 1 - Project Intent - the Pattern Book should not be aspirational as declarations of intent, but rather should be regulatory and detailed enough so that when drawings in a development application are submitted, staff can look back and agree that the drawings are substantially in accordance with the Pattern Book approved by the Council. Page 1 – delete the word “intent”; replace the first sentence to read: “The project known as Estero Grande shall develop...”; last sentence: change the word “goals” to “plans.” Pages 4 and 5 - delete footnotes. Page 6 - make certain that Council was not necessarily agreeing that a drive thru is a complementary use; delete the words “complimentary use” under the heading “Drive thru as a complimentary use.” It was noted that “service station” is on the schedule of uses and has become an entitlement of this developer. Councilmember Levitan agreed with Councilmember Errington that this developer has cooperated in every possible way to make this as good a project as they can. Page 7 – the language has been changed appropriately. Page 8 - revise the language under the top picture to note that there is drive thru and eliminate the language regarding being complementary. Pages 16 and 17 - drawing of the fellow walking down the sidewalk – is that intentional or just a pretty drawing – it shows a safety separation between roadway, gutter and sidewalk, with a raised sidewalk. Councilmember Levitan inquired whether the picture depicted what would be built. Mr. Hagenbuckle responded affirmatively. Councilmember Levitan complimented staff and the developer for the changes made and making this a much better project than what he thought it would be. He noted that he would like to make the changes with the consent of the developer in order to move forward.

Mr. Hagenbuckle agreed to the changes and noted that recent changes have been focused on connectivity and safety. He offered compliments to the Council and staff for the amount of dedicated time spent on this project. He stated that the project is for the greater good of the Village and would be maintaining the integrity of the corner, recognizing that they have to be flexible due to the high visibility intersection.

Councilmember McLain addressed concern regarding potential environmental issues connected to service station and hoped his due diligence would carry over to the service station. Councilmember Errington challenged Mr. Hagenbuckle to think outside the box and be innovative regarding the service station and consider automobile charging stations.

Public Comment:

Vivian Lavis, Breckenridge, spoke to the time and money spent regarding the Estero Grande issues; efforts have been acknowledged and they were not in vain; not against increase in development of the area; number of apartments were reduced; buffer has been included; surface water management system was encouraging. She asked for serious consideration regarding the service station and agreed with Councilmember Errington's statement.

Gary Greene, Breckenridge, representing Breckenridge Board of Directors, appreciated the information brought up by Councilmember Levitan regarding the Homeowner Association documents; requested that the Pattern Book include that the masonry wall will withstand windstorms; and landscaping along the buffer wall with Breckenridge be maintained by Estero Grande in perpetuity. He addressed concern that an opportunity may have been missed to address Section E of the Zoning Resolution as approved by Lee County; the resolution states that the development must be complementary to the neighborhood and believed that the Village would need to address this. Breckenridge disputes that it has been demonstrated that the gas station is compatible with the residential and they believe that the developer is trying to jam as much development as possible on the property. He noted that Breckenridge supported the staff report.

Councilmember Levitan clarified that Section E of the Zoning Resolution was a finding by the Lee County Board of Commissioners that the project is compatible and the Village does not need to make a determination at a later date.

Richard Tarin, The Reserve, requested that the developer install a sign to indicate what is being developed. He also addressed concern regarding safety along US 41 coming down to Estero Parkway that there was nothing to keep drivers from continuing through the traffic light and enter where the developer is defoliating. He requested that a barrier or guard rail be installed.

Councilmember Batos inquired whether the 8' masonry wall would be solid construction. Community Development Director Gibbs responded that it would be a solid wall and needed to be built to building code standards.

Motion: Move to approve the Pattern Book with the following revisions: (1) Page 1 - Project Intent - delete the word “intent”; replace the first sentence to read: “The project known as Estero Grande shall develop...”; last sentence: change the word “goals” to “plans.” (2) Pages 4 and 5 - delete footnotes. (3) Page 6 - delete the words “complimentary use” under the heading “Drive thru as a complimentary use.” (4) Page 8 - revise the language under the top picture to note that there is a drive thru and eliminate the language regarding being complimentary. Pages 16 and 17 - the drawing of the fellow walking down the sidewalk indicates what will actually be built.

Motion by: Councilmember Errington

Seconded by: Councilmember Levitan

Action: Approved the Pattern Book with the following revisions: (1) Page 1 - Project Intent - delete the word “intent”; replace the first sentence to read: “The project known as Estero Grande shall develop...”; last sentence: change the word “goals” to “plans.” (2) Pages 4 and 5 - delete footnotes. (3) Page 6 - delete the words “complimentary use” under the heading “Drive thru as a complimentary use.” (4) Page 8 - revise the language under the top picture to note that there is a drive thru and eliminate the language regarding being complimentary. Pages 16 and 17 - the drawing of the fellow walking down the sidewalk indicates what will actually be built.

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous (Roll Call)

Nay:

Abstentions:

(d) Big Cypress Basin Boundary

The agenda item was continued until the February 7, 2018 Council meeting.

(e) Recruitment Process for Planning and Zoning Board and Design Review Board Members for Terms Expiring March 31, 2018

Village Manager Sarkozy explained that there are a number of Board Members with expiring terms and provided information regarding the proposed recruitment timeline.

Questions or Comments: Councilmembers Levitan, Batos, Mayor Boesch and Vice Mayor Ribble. Discussion included current members applying; each Councilmember actively recruiting new members; Council consideration of the number of recusals during the past year; importance of getting as many people to apply as possible; extending the date to submit applications to February 13, 2018; conflicts of interest becoming a major concern; preparing a job description for both boards; and staff providing copies of the 2017 recusal forms.

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Move to approve the timeline, extending the deadline for application submittal to February 13, 2018.

Motion by: Councilmember Wilson

Seconded by: Councilmember McLain

Action: Approved the timeline, extending the deadline for application submittal to February 13, 2018.

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous (Roll Call)

Nay:

Abstentions:

(f) Mowing for Village Roadways RFB 2017-07

Village Manager Sarkozy provided an explanation of the next four agenda items which were relatively routine in nature.

Questions or Comments: Councilmember Batos inquired whether P & T Lawn & Tractor Service was the company the Village was currently using. Assistant to the Village Manager Coleman responded that it was not and explained that there were issues with the current mowing contractor; the current contract did not include a clause that a certain amount of notice had to be given to the current contract holder.

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Move to: (1) Approve award of Request for Bids No. RFB 2017-07, Mowing for Village of Estero Roadways to P&T Lawn & Tractor Service, Inc. to provide mowing services as provided in the contract for a one year period, at the rates listed in the contract (including all Options). (2) Authorize the Village Manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the Village of Estero Council. Grant the Village Manager the authority to renegotiate and execute the renewal of this contract for two additional one year terms under the same terms and conditions, if doing so is in the best interest of the Village of Estero. (3) Should the awarded vendor be unable to perform the specified work to the satisfaction of the Village, authorize the Village Manager to terminate the contract and award the project/contract to the next lowest bidder meeting specifications.

Motion by: Councilmember McLain

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Ribble

Action: (1) Approved award of Request for Bids No. RFB 2017-07, Mowing for Village of Estero Roadways to P&T Lawn & Tractor Service, Inc. to provide mowing services as provided in the contract for a one year period, at the rates listed in the contract (including all Options). (2) Authorized the Village Manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the Village of Estero Council. Grant the Village Manager the authority to renegotiate and execute the renewal of this contract for two additional one year terms under the same terms and conditions, if doing so is in the best interest of the Village of Estero.

(3) Should the awarded vendor be unable to perform the specified work to the satisfaction of the Village, authorized the Village Manager to terminate the contract and award the project/contract to the next lowest bidder meeting specifications.

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous (Roll Call)

Nay:

Abstentions:

(g) Street Light Maintenance RFB2017-05

Village Manager Sarkozy provided a brief explanation.

Questions or Comments: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Move to: (1) Approve award of Request for Bids No. RFB 2017-05, Street Light Maintenance for the Village of Estero to American Infrastructure Services to provide street light maintenance services as provided in the contract for a one year period, at the rates listed in the contract (including all Options). (2) Authorize the Village Manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the Village of Estero Council. (3) Grant the Village Manager the authority to renegotiate and execute the renewal of this contract for one additional one year term under the same terms and conditions, if doing so is in the best interest of the Village of Estero.

Motion by: Councilmember Batos

Seconded by: Councilmember Levitan

Questions or Comments: Councilmembers Levitan, Batos, and Vice Mayor Ribble. Discussion included placing approval of contracts under \$100,000 and within the budget on the Consent Agenda; and fee schedule.

Action: (1) Approved award of Request for Bids No. RFB 2017-05, Street Light Maintenance for the Village of Estero to American Infrastructure Services to provide street light maintenance services as provided in the contract for a one year period, at the rates listed in the contract (including all Options). (2) Authorized the Village Manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the Village of Estero Council. (3) Granted the Village Manager the authority to renegotiate and execute the renewal of this contract for one additional one year term under the same terms and conditions, if doing so is in the best interest of the Village of Estero.

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous (Roll Call)

Nay:

Abstentions:

(h) Miscellaneous Right-of-Way Work RFB 2017-08

Village Manager Sarkozy provided a brief explanation.

Questions or Comments: Councilmember Wilson spoke regarding the Village savings upon assuming the rights-of-way from Lee County.

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Move to: (1) Approve award of Request for Bids No. RFB 2017-08, Miscellaneous Right-of-Way Work to the following vendors: Section A – Pritchard Construction LLC, Section B – American Infrastructure Services, Section D – Pritchard Construction LLC, and Option B – Pritchard Construction LLC to provide miscellaneous right-of-way work on as needed basis as provided in the contract for a one year period, at the rates listed in the contract. (2) Authorize the Village Manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the Village of Estero Council. (3) Grant the Village Manager the authority to renegotiate and execute the renewal of this contract for one additional one year term under the same terms and conditions, if doing so is in the best interest of the Village of Estero.

Motion by: Vice Mayor Ribble

Seconded by: Councilmember McLain

Action: (1) Approved award of Request for Bids No. RFB 2017-08, Miscellaneous Right-of-Way Work to the following vendors: Section A – Pritchard Construction LLC, Section B – American Infrastructure Services, Section D – Pritchard Construction LLC, and Option B – Pritchard Construction LLC to provide miscellaneous right-of-way work on as needed basis as provided in the contract for a one year period, at the rates listed in the contract. (2) Authorized the Village Manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the Village of Estero Council. (3) Granted the Village Manager the authority to renegotiate and execute the renewal of this contract for one additional one year term under the same terms and conditions, if doing so is in the best interest of the Village of Estero.

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous (Roll Call)

Nay:

Abstentions:

(i) Landscape Maintenance RFB 2017-06

Village Manager Sarkozy provided a brief explanation.

Questions or Comments: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion: Move to: (1) Approve award of Request for Bids No. RFB 2017-06, Landscape Maintenance for the Village of Estero Roadways to P&T Lawn & Tractor Service, Inc. to provide landscape maintenance services as provided in the contract for a one year period, at the rates listed in the contract (including all Options and excluding Palm Pruning/Tree Trimming due to a scrivener's error). (2) Authorize the Village Manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the Village of Estero Council. (3) Grant the Village Manager the authority to renegotiate and execute the renewal of this contract for two additional one year terms under the same terms and conditions, if doing so is in the best interest of the Village of Estero. (4) Should the awarded vendor be unable to perform the specified work to the satisfaction of the Village, authorize the Village Manager to terminate the contract and award the project/contract to the next lowest bidder meeting specifications.

Motion by: Councilmember Errington

Seconded by: Councilmember Wilson

Questions or Comments: Councilmember Errington commented that this does not include anything on US 41.

Action: (1) Approved award of Request for Bids No. RFB 2017-06, Landscape Maintenance for the Village of Estero Roadways to P&T Lawn & Tractor Service, Inc. to provide landscape maintenance services as provided in the contract for a one year period, at the rates listed in the contract (including all Options and excluding Palm Pruning/Tree Trimming due to a scrivener's error). (2) Authorized the Village Manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the Village of Estero Council. (3) Granted the Village Manager the authority to renegotiate and execute the renewal of this contract for two additional one year terms under the same terms and conditions, if doing so is in the best interest of the Village of Estero. (4) Should the awarded vendor be unable to perform the specified work to the satisfaction of the Village, authorized the Village Manager to terminate the contract and award the project/contract to the next lowest bidder meeting specifications.

Vote:

Aye: Unanimous (Roll Call)

Nay:

Abstentions:

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

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

Vice Mayor Ribble: Received a letter from Michael Norton addressing concern regarding drivers using Coconut Road as a drag strip during the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. as well as getting off the roadway, driving on the lawn causing ruts and scattering trash. He requested that the Village Manager inform the Sheriff's Office for surveillance and extra patrol in the area.

Councilmember Levitan: Commented that staff and he are actively working with the consultant on the Land Development Code project to come up with a price and contract and would be on a Council meeting agenda as quickly as possible.

Councilmember Errington: Conveyed appreciation to Councilmember Batos for attending a recent Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program meeting that she was unable to attend due to the time being changed.

Councilmember Batos: Attended a meeting in Tallahassee with Bonita Springs Deputy Mayor Peter O'Flinn and the MPO Executive Director Don Scott; conveyed appreciation to members of the community sending emails to the Florida Greenway and Trails Council; the 800 letters received from citizens along with letters from Senator Benacquisto, Representative Rodriguez, Lee County Commissioners, and Councils from Bonita Springs and Estero, made a tremendous difference. They were told that it was obvious what the community wanted and acknowledged that the CSX line remained on the SUNTrail list, as well as the loop going over the beach and the opportunity line at Three Oaks and Imperial. He received an email from the head of staff yesterday indicating they were impressed and willing to help.

Councilmember Wilson: Continuing to work with citizen activist regarding the blasting issues and was hopeful for progress.

Mayor Boesch: Announced the third anniversary of the Village celebration, March 16, 2018, 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., at Estero Community Park; games for children at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

The meeting went into recess at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

Adjourn Regular Session and Convene Workshop

10. WORKSHOP ITEMS:

(a) River Oaks Park

Village Manager Sarkozy reviewed that late last year, Barbara Saxton came to the Council requesting a workshop in order to present information regarding River Oaks Park.

Presentation/Information by:

Barbara Saxton, The Reserve at Estero, representing Friends of River Oaks Park
Debi Osborn, Director, Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast

Ms. Saxton offered a PowerPoint Presentation entitled "River Oaks Preserve" and explained that, approximately 4 months ago, the committee along with the help of the Conservation Foundation, decided this area was more appropriately titled River Oaks

Preserve. The PowerPoint Presentation included: image of a tributary that runs to the Estero River; 10-acre parcel of land at the end of East Broadway bordered by Rookery Point, Villages at Country Creek, and Cascades at Estero; Ms. Saxton noted a strip of land that they believe the Village owns; natural beauty of the 10-acre parcel; benefits of a park; photo of a house captioned "House and horses once graced the property" (Ms. Saxton noted that the property owner was agreeable with working with them); USGS Monitoring Station; information regarding flooding from *The Naples Daily News*; studies show creating parks helps fight crime; proposed gate to border the west end of the Village land surrounded by existing neighborhoods with conservation signage stating the preserve is monitored by Friends of River Oaks.

Debbie Osborn continued with the PowerPoint Presentation: Acquiring the Preserve - Ms. Osborn noted that they were currently in discussions with the landowner and that the property is on the market; the effort was to enter into a purchase agreement and fund raising of public and private funds; Managing the Preserve - A Public Private Partnership - owned by the Village, Conservation Foundation will hold perpetual conservation easement, community support for management, and community use.

In conclusion, Barbara Saxton provided a summary and indicated that the list price of the property was \$1.899M.

Questions or Comments: Councilmember Levitan. Discussion included the strip of land that the group believed the Village owns. Village Manager Sarkozy explained that when the Village took over roads, there were a number of drainage ways that were conveyed to the Village. It was noted that the property was zoned Agriculture.

Public Comment:

Joann Susko, President, Board of Directors, The Cascades, not supportive
Tom Borich, The Cascades, not supportive
Rick Fried, the Cascades, not supportive to public access
Edward Mehmehl, Rookery Pointe, not supportive
Charles Planz, The Cascades, not supportive
Tiffany Luongo, representing owner of 10 acres on East Broadway, spoke to benefits
Doug Saxton, The Reserve, in support
William Williams, The Cascades, not supportive
Donna Sutton, The Meadows of Estero, in support of a preserve
Kent Seibert, The Groves, in favor of preserve, but concerned about traffic

Mayor Boesch entered letters from Patricia Fay and Patty Whitehead for the record.

Note: At the February 7, 2018 Council meeting, Councilmember Errington corrected the record to indicate that a letter was also received for the record from Ryan Binkowski, Senior Vice President, Waldrop Engineering.

Questions or Comments: Councilmembers Levitan, Batos, Errington, McLain, Wilson, and Mayor Boesch. Discussion included the year-long effort of the Council to develop the Comprehensive Plan; part of the Comprehensive Plan sets priorities of the Village regarding parks and recreation, preserves, etc.; the number one priority of the land use and recreation element is to develop a master plan for parks and recreation; limited money; the amount of open space in Estero is almost 55%; in listening to the people in favor, if the advantages are helping flood areas, another area that could possibly be

looked at is the 2020 program with substantial amounts of money available; the exact price the property owner wants is not known; take a stand for future generations; performing a short-term study to see if this property would help with flooding; drug problem in that area; safety, health, welfare; waiting to see what the parks master plan is going to be; pretty clear that the neighborhoods are against this; suggestion that the Conservation Foundation research Lee County Conservation 2020; the Village needs to be looking at the other potential land purchases that this competes with. Consensus of the Council was not to study this property and proposal.

(b) Estero Parkway

Village Manager Sarkozy provided a brief introduction.

Ted Tryka, P.E., Vice President/Transportation, Project Manager, Agnoli, Barber & Brundage, Inc. offered a PowerPoint Presentation including: Focus on Roadway Configuration; Three Items of Direction; Existing Conditions and Design Challenges; Current "Rural" Section; Clear Zone Illustration; Typical "Urban" Section; Adding Type F Curb and Gutter to Existing Roadway; Other Options to Reduce the Clear Zone; Current "Rural" Section with Separated Barrier; Roadway Design Options; Median Options; Keep Existing Footprint; Remove Pavement and Re-Purpose it Within the Right of Way.

Michael Wallwork, P.E., President/Transportation Engineer, Alternate Street Design, P.A., continued with the PowerPoint Presentation: Road Concepts with Roundabouts; Two Lane Designs; Four Lane Designs; Roundabouts are not Traffic Circles; Roundabouts in New Jersey; Safety of Roundabout v. Signals.

Questions or Comments: Councilmembers Levitan, Batos, Wilson, McLain, Errington, Vice Mayor Ribble, and Mayor Boesch.

Discussion included bike lane at a roundabout; whether the bike lane was considered a sidewalk as well; clarification of the dashed line on the roundabout diagrams; right-of-way; whether sidewalks would be on both sides of the street at a roundabout; shared pathways; if left-outs were eliminated, would that avoid the need to put roundabouts all the way down Estero Parkway; cost of a roundabout and cost of the project.

Village Manager Sarkozy clarified that the proposals today were some preliminary decisions on the alignment, road configuration including lane widths, curbing, the amount of clear zone to maximize landscaping, and the possibility of a roundabout at one location; after that is determined, Mr. Tyka would estimate the cost and bring back to Council along with some of the other design issues. The next tier of issues would include the pathways on the side(s), landscaping, and ultimately determine some of the enhancements such as lighting. Councilmember McLain further clarified that today Council would be considering use of the 28 feet of roadway; should the lane width be reduced to 10 ½ feet which allows for 7 foot bike lane; a 10 ½ foot lane is narrow and the intent is to slow traffic down; direction from Council was needed in order to begin the engineering process. Another option was to resurface the road and realign the use of the road. Direction was also needed regarding whether the curb should be placed on the inside or outside of the bike lane and the possibility of putting one roundabout into the engineering. Mayor Boesch inquired regarding the sidewalks that have been previously

discussed. Councilmember McLain responded that the intent was to have sidewalks in this project; however, the first consideration from the engineers was for Council to come to an agreement on the design phase of the road which will set up what will be done for sidewalks. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Levitan inquired whether Council could reach consensus on three items: no change to the median, a 10 ½ foot lane width, 7 foot buffered bike lane and one roundabout. Further discussion followed.

Village Manager Sarkozy clarified that Council consensus would be needed for preliminary design and pricing for the 10 ½ foot lane configurations for all four travel lanes, a 7 foot bumpered bike lane on the outside edge, modified barrier design which would allow for flow-through stormwater that alleviates the need for the clear zone, reduces the cost for storm sewer issues and allows for maximized landscaping options, and a single roundabout at the entrance to the Cascades and The Reserve at Estero, with the understanding that if there is a need to cut back on the price, Council could ultimately pull back on the design, which would also require small amounts of right-of-way dedicated to the project. In conclusion, Mr. Sarkozy said that the engineers would come back to the Council with subsequent discussions at workshops to talk about sidewalks, off-road pathways, landscaping, lighting and other elements that Council may want to include in the project, in order to prioritize and obtain cost for a full project. All Councilmembers were in consensus with the exception of Councilmember Wilson.

Public Comment:

Doug Saxton, The Reserve

Barbara Saxton, The Reserve

A motion to adjourn was made and duly passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 1:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: Kathy Hall
Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

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