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**APPROVED BY COUNCIL  
JUNE 5, 2019**

**FINAL ACTION AGENDA/MINUTES**

**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Village of Estero Council Chambers  
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle  
Estero, FL 33928  
May 15, 2019 9:30 a.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 a.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Councilmember Batos.

**INVOCATION:** Father Tony Gilborges from Our Lady of Light Catholic Community.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Bill Ribble - District 1, Vice Mayor Katy Errington - District 4, Councilmember Howard Levitan - District 2, Councilmember Jon McLain - District 3, Councilmember Jim Boesch - District 5, 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, Public Works Director David Willems, Finance Director Lisa Roberson, and Village Clerk Kathy Hall.

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

Village Attorney Saunders stated that he would be providing the Septic to Sewer report under Agenda Item 9 at the June 5, 2019 Council meeting.

**Motion:** Move to approve the agenda with the revision to Agenda Item 9 continued to the June 5, 2019 Council meeting.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Levitan

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Batos

**Action:** Approved the agenda with the revision to Agenda Item 9 continued to the June 5, 2019 Council meeting.

**Vote:**

Aye: Unanimous (Roll call vote)

Nay:

Abstentions:

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Barbara Saxton, Chair, Friends of River Oaks, “This Place Matters” Estero event on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

(a) May 1, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

**Public Comment:** None.

**Motion:** Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Levitan

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Boesch

**Action:** Approved the Consent Agenda.

**Vote:**

Aye: Unanimous (Roll call vote)

Nay:

Abstentions:

**5. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS DEFERRED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**6. ACTION ITEMS:**

(a) Design Review Board Vacancies

Village Manager Sarkozy provided information regarding the three vacancies on the Design Review Board, noted that two applications were provided to the Council in the packet, and spoke regarding the Council determining whether to appoint the two applicants or continue the search, as well as determining how to proceed with filling the state registered landscape architect position.

**Questions or Comments:** Councilmembers Boesch, Levitan, Wilson, and Errington. Discussion included the difficulty finding applicants; suggestion that Council hold off on appointing Board Members until the Council discussed options at a workshop on advice provided by the expert consultants working on the Village Land Development Code; the Council had an adopted process in case a decision was made by the Board that Council did not agree with; with the exception of a state-registered landscape architect, the Board had sufficient members to function at the present time; the Village also hired a consultant for landscape architecture review and thorough landscape architectural services were being provided through Johnson Engineering; inquiry whether the Council needed to codify the action related to the hiring of the consultant; Council was able to make decisions regarding the level of landscape through review of applicant’s pattern books through zoning decisions; and the need for at least one more Board Member being appointed at this time that would help to notice deficiencies.

Village Attorney Saunders responded that codification was not necessary regarding the action related to hiring the consultant and suggested that the Village continue to advertise the landscape architect opening on the website.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Motion:** Move to suspend applications until such time as the consultants working on the Village Land Development Code provide suggested alternatives on the Design Review Board ordinance in the Fall.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Boesch

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Batos

**Questions or Comments:** Councilmembers Batos, Levitan, Wilson, McLain, and Vice Mayor Errington. Discussion included the possibility of holding the workshop earlier rather than waiting until the Fall; the cancellation of the next Design Review Board meeting due to projects not being ready for the Board's review; qualifications of the members required by the ordinance; the importance of appointing at least one more Board Member; and lack of continuity.

**Action:** Suspended applications until such time as the consultants working on the Village Land Development Code provide suggested alternatives on the Design Review Board ordinance in the Fall.

**Vote:** (Roll call vote)

**Aye:** Councilmembers Levitan, Boesch, Batos, and Mayor Ribble

**Nay:** Councilmembers McLain, Wilson and Vice Mayor Errington

**Abstentions:**

**(b) Council Liaison Appointments**

Village Manager Sarkozy reviewed the process and background related to the liaison appointments list and noted that the list had been reviewed during Council briefings with the Village Manager.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Motion:** Move to approve the Council Liaison Appointments.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Wilson

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Boesch

**Action:** Approved the Council Liaison Appointments.

**Vote:**

**Aye:** Unanimous (Roll call vote)

**Nay:**

**Abstentions:**

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

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

Mayor Ribble: Addressed Congressman Rooney's meeting on water quality issues that he recently attended.

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

(a) Septic to Sewer Process

The report was continued to the June 5, 2019 Council meeting.

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

**Adjourn Regular Session and Convene Workshop**

**11. WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

(a) Estero on the River Update

Village Manager Sarkozy provided a brief introduction. Public Works Director Willems offered a PowerPoint Presentation and explanation of the five secured buildings on the property.

**Questions or Comments:** Councilmembers Levitan, Boesch, Batos, McLain, Vice Mayor Errington, and Mayor Ribble. Discussion included historical significance; whether any of the buildings would be valuable to the Village for recreational or other uses; whether building #5 was used as an office by the Koreshans; remnants under buildings; and posting "no trespassing" signs on the property and buildings.

**Public Comment:**

Bill Carr, Riverwoods Plantation, suggestion that Council consider donating buildings to the Fire Department

(b) Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Update

Village Manager Sarkozy provided a brief introduction.

David Barth, Barth and Associates, offered a PowerPoint Presentation: Interim Draft Report – Existing Conditions and Needs Assessment Summary that included Project Overview; Needs Assessment Findings Next Steps Discussion; Project Objective; Foundational Studies and Government Lite; Barth Associates Approach; Integrated Public Realm; The Public Realm; Existing Parks System Map; Future Framework – No Standards; Needs and Priorities Assessment – A Mixed-Methods, Triangulated Approach; Statistically-Representative Survey; Level of Service Analysis; Interviews and Focus Groups – Priority Needs; Public Open House – Spending Priorities; Needs Assessment Findings and Conclusions; Next Steps; Visioning Workshop.

**Questions or Comments:** Councilmembers Batos, Boesch, Levitan, and Vice Mayor Errington. Discussion included inquiries regarding the survey and whether HOAs were asked if they had indoor fitness centers and indoor pools; performance arts center; gated communities versus non-gated communities; and utilizing facilities within schools through joint use agreements.

**Public Comment:**

Barbara Saxton, The Reserve, addressed concern that the needs of the entire community were not being met by the gated communities.

**(c) Village Website Update**

Assistant to the Village Manager Kyle Coleman provided details of the transparent nature and open government aspect of the Village website. He spoke to the content that was recently taken down from the website due to efforts to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provisions. A PowerPoint Presentation was offered that addressed: Reason for Changes; Impact on Operations; Timeline; and Objectives.

**Questions or Comments:** Councilmembers Levitan, Batos, Boesch, and Vice Mayor Errington. Discussion included an inquiry regarding making a document ADA accessible; whether meeting video streaming needed to be closed-caption; inquiry regarding costs; staff's actions were commendable; quality control; and website security.

**Public Comment:** None.

A motion to adjourn was made and duly passed.

**12. ADJOURNMENT: 11:17 a.m.**

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: Kathy Hall  
Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

By: Bill Ribble  
Bill Ribble, Mayor