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APPROVED BY COUNCIL

APRIL 2, 2024

VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Village of Estero Council Chambers

9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle

Estero, FL 33928

March 19, 2025 9:30 a.m.

1. OATH OF OFFICE: Honorable Judge Rachael Loukonen Twentieth Judicial Circuit

Joanne Ribble – District 1

Jeff Hunt – District 2

Jim Ward – District 6

2. CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Pastor Mobley Calvary Chapel Gulf Coast

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Joanne Ribble - District 1, Councilmember Jeff Hunt- District 2, Councilmember Jon McLain - District 3, Councilmember Lori Fayhee – District 4, Councilmember Rafael Lopez - District 5, Councilmember Jim Ward - District 6, and Vice Mayor George Zalucki - District 7.

Also present

Village Manager Steve Sarkozy, Village Attorney Robert Eschenfelder, Community Development Director Mary Gibbs, Public Works Director David Willems, Deputy Village Clerk Tammy Duran, and Village Clerk Carol Sacco.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Motion: Motion to elect Vice Mayor Ribble as Mayor.

Motion by: Councilmember Ward

Action: Elected Vice Mayor Ribble as Mayor.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.

Nay:

Abstentions:

4. ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Nominated for Vice Mayor was Councilmember Ward and Councilmember Zalucki. Councilmember Ward declined the nomination.

Motion: Motion to elect Councilmember Zalucki as Vice Mayor.

Motion by: Councilmember Lopez

Action: Elected Councilmember Zalucki as Vice Mayor.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.

Nay:

Abstentions:

5. RECOGNITION

(a) Resolution No. 2025-05 Councilmember Larry Fiesel

(b) Key to City Councilmember Larry Fiesel

A consensus to accept this Resolution 2025-05 as formal record.

Presented by Mayor Ribble.

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmembers Zalucki and Ward

Adjourn to Light Reception at 9:56 am and Convene at 10:22 am

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS

Motion: Motion to approve agenda.

Motion by: Councilmember McLain

Seconded by: Councilmember Fayhee

Action: Approved agenda.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.

Nay:

Abstentions:

7. PROCLAMATION

- (a) Jim Gilmartin/Engage Estero

Councilmember McLain presented the Proclamation.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) February 19, 2025 Village Council Meeting Minutes
(b) Financial Report for Month ended January 2025

Motion: Motion to approve consent agenda.

Motion by: Councilmember Lopez

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Zalucki

Action: Approved consent agenda.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.

Nay:

Abstentions:

10. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS DEFERRED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

11. ACTION ITEM

- (a) Resolution No. 2025-03 Hands Free Cell and devices

A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, In Support of Legislation Requiring Hands-Free Cell and Handheld Device Use While Driving; Providing for Severability and for an Effective Date.

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Council Questions or Comments
Councilmember McLain

Public Comments
None

Motion: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-03.

Motion by: Councilmember McLain
Seconded by: Councilmember Ward

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2025-03.

Vote: (Roll Call)
Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.
Nay:
Abstentions:

(b) ECO Historic Planning Study Request for Proposal (RFP) 100225

Staff Presentation/Comments
Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager
Mary Gibbs, Community Development

Council Questions or Comments
Councilmember McLain, Lopez, Ward, and Vice Mayor Zalucki

Public Comments
None

Motion: Motion approve the ranking of firms for RFP 100225 Eco-Historic Planning Study and authorize the Village staff to negotiate an agreement with the top ranked firm which will return and be approved by Council at a later date.

Motion by: Councilmember Fayhee
Seconded by: Councilmember Lopez

Action: Approved the ranking of firms for RFP 100225 Eco-Historic Planning Study and authorize the Village staff to negotiate an agreement with the top ranked firm which will return and be approved by Council at a later date.

Vote: (Roll Call)
Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.
Nay:
Abstentions:

(c) Vulnerability Assessment Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 100125

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager
David Willems, Public Works Manager

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmember McLain

Public Comments

None

Motion: Motion to approve the ranking of consultant firms for RFQ 100125, authorize the Village manager to negotiate an agreement with the top ranked firm which will return and be approved by Council at a later date, and if an agreement cannot be reached with the top ranked firm authorize Village Manager to enter into negotiations with the 2nd ranked firm.

Motion by: Vice Mayor Zalucki
Seconded by: Councilmember Lopez

Action: Approved the ranking of consultant firms for RFQ 100125, authorize the Village manager to negotiate an agreement with the top ranked firm which will return and be approved by Council at a later date, and if an agreement cannot be reached with the top ranked firm authorize Village Manager to enter into negotiations with the 2nd ranked firm.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.

Nay:

Abstentions:

(d) Estero SportsPark Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Request for Proposals (RFP) 100625

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmember Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble

Public Comments

None

Motion: Motion to approve the ranking of Construction firms for RFP 100625, authorize the Village Manager to negotiate an agreement with the top ranked firm which will return to Council for final approval, and if

agreement cannot be reached with top ranked firm authorize the Village Manager to enter into negotiations with the 2nd ranked firm.

Motion by: Councilmember Hunt

Seconded by: Councilmember Lopez

Action: Approved the ranking of Construction firms for RFP 100625, authorize the Village Manager to negotiate an agreement with the top ranked firm which will return to Council for final approval, and if agreement cannot be reached with top ranked firm authorize the Village Manager to enter into negotiations with the 2nd ranked firm.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.

Nay:

Abstentions:

(e) Grant Management CDBG-DR Critical Infrastructure Support

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmember McLain and Mayor Ribble

Public Comments

None

Motion: Motion to approve Supplemental Task Order and Grant Management Services Agreement with Hagerty Consulting, Inc. to assist the Village In CDBG-DR Critical Infrastructure (Broadway Avenue West) Program Management Support and authorize Village Manager or delegate staff to execute a contract and task order.

Motion by: Councilmember Lopez

Seconded by: Councilmember Fayhee

Action: Approved Supplemental Task Order and Grant Management Services Agreement with Hagerty Consulting, Inc. to assist the Village In CDBG-DR Critical Infrastructure (Broadway Avenue West) Program Management Support and authorize Village Manager or delegate staff to execute a contract and task order.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.

Nay:

Abstentions:

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmembers Ward, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Vice Mayor Zalucki,, and Mayor Ribble

Consensus by Council to submit letters to Secretary Duffy of the US Department of Transportation in support of continued US DOT programming and funding for active transportation particularly through the build program, safe streets and roads for all the active transportation infrastructure investment program, reconnecting the communities pilot program and neighborhood access and equity programs.

13. VILLAGE ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

14. VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Adjourn Regular Session at 11:18 am and Convene Workshop Items at 11:18 am

15. WORKSHOPS

(a) Traffic Study

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager
David Willems, Public Works Director

Presentation/Information by

Leah Holmes, P.E., Johnson Engineering

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.

Public Comments

None

16. ADJOURNMENT at 11:57 am

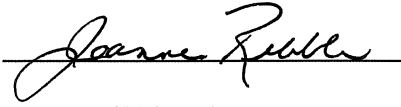
Motion by Councilmember Ward

ATTEST:

By: 

Carol Sacco, CMC, Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: 

Joanne Ribble, Mayor

(td/CS)

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