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**APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

**January 21, 2026**

**VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**Village of Estero Council Chambers  
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle  
Estero, FL 33928**

**December 17, 2025 9:30 a.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Kyle Strom Ocean Church

**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.

**2. LETTERS OF RECOGNITION**

- (a)** Sydney Ghannam, Estero High School
- (b)** Trey Bronson, Bonita Springs High School

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS**

**Motion:** Motion to approve agenda with adding a discussion about the Village Council Meeting on January 7, 2026 during agenda item 10.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Ward

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Fayhee

**Action:** Approved agenda with adding a discussion about the Village Council Meeting on January 7, 2026 during agenda item 10.

**Vote:** (Roll Call)

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

**Nay:**

**Abstentions:**

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Berry Freedman, Engage Estero

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**(a)** December 3, 2025 Village Council Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Motion to approve consent agenda.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Hunt

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Lopez

**Action:** Approved consent agenda.

**Vote:** (Roll Call)

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

**Nay:**

**Abstentions:**

#### **6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS DEFERRED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

#### **7. ACTIONS**

**(a)** 2026 Water Monitoring Contract

**Staff Presentation/Comments**

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

David Willems, Public Works Director

**Council Questions or Comments**

Councilmember McLain and Vice Mayor Zalucki

**Public Comments**

None

**Motion:** Motion to approve award of Contract EC 2022-38 Task Authorization 15 to Johnson Engineering to provide water monitoring services for The Village of Estero for \$199,560, approve a \$19,000 contingency for additional services that may be required to complete the project, and

authorize the Village Manager to sign the STA and other additional implementing documents within the scope of the STA on behalf of the Village of Estero Council.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Lopez

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Fayhee

**Action:** Approved award of Contract EC 2022-38 Task Authorization 15 to Johnson Engineering to provide water monitoring services for The Village of Estero for \$199,560, approve a \$19,000 contingency for additional services that may be required to complete the project, and authorize the Village Manager to sign the STA and other additional implementing documents within the scope of the STA on behalf of the Village of Estero Council.

**Vote:** (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

**(b) Sunny Grove Utility Extension Project Funding**

**Staff Presentation/Comments**

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

David Willems, Public Works Director

**Council Questions or Comments**

Mayor Ribble

**Public Comments**

Katie Berkey, Sunny Grove

**Motion:** Motion to approve the Village of Estero providing \$726,777 towards the design, permitting and construction of the Sunny Grove UEP. This equals 25% of the project cost.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Hunt

**Seconded by:** Vice Mayor Zalucki

**Action:** Approved the Village of Estero providing \$726,777 towards the design, permitting and construction of the Sunny Grove UEP. This equals 25% of the project cost.

**Vote:** (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

(c) Cypress Bend Utility Extension Project Funding

**Staff Presentation/Comments**

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager  
David Willems, Public Works Director

**Council Questions or Comments**

None

**Public Comments**

None

**Motion:** Motion to approve the Village of Estero providing \$557,681.00 towards the design, permitting and construction of the Cypress Bend UEP. This equals 25% of the project cost.

**Motion by:** Councilmember McLain  
Councilmember Fayhee

**Action:** Approved the Village of Estero providing \$557,681.00 towards the design, permitting and construction of the Cypress Bend UEP. This equals 25% of the project cost.

**Vote: (Roll Call)**

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

(d) Broadway Ave. West Safety and Drainage Improvements – Design & Permitting Contract

**Staff Presentation/Comments**

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

**Council Questions or Comments**

Councilmembers Ward, McLain, and Hunt

**Public Comments**

None

**Motion:** Motion to approve award of Contract 26010 to CW3 Engineering to provide design and permitting services for the Broadway Ave West Safety & Drainage Improvements project for \$1,638,631.42, approve a \$163,000 contingency for additional services that may be required to complete the project, and authorize the Village Manager to sign the contract and other additional implementing documents within the scope of the contract on behalf of the Village of Estero Council.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Fayhee

## Councilmember Ward

**Action:** Approved award of Contract 26010 to CW3 Engineering to provide design and permitting services for the Broadway Ave West Safety & Drainage Improvements project for \$1,638,631.42, approve a \$163,000 contingency for additional services that may be required to complete the project, and authorize the Village Manager to sign the contract and other additional implementing documents within the scope of the contract on behalf of the Village of Estero Council.

**Vote: (Roll Call)**

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

**(e) Sport Park Status Update and Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Addendum**

**Staff Presentation/Comments**

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

**Presentation/Information by**

Nico Zepp, Suffolk

Trenton Gaskins, Vieste LLC

**Council Questions or Comments**

Councilmembers Ward and McLain

**Public Comments**

None

**Motion:** Motion to authorize the Village Manager to execute GMP Addendum #1 for contract 25029 for Suffolk Construction to complete Phase 1 site work, infrastructure, and road network for the Village Hub in the amount of \$19,517,575 upon the Manager's determination that the exceptions, qualifications and assumptions submitted by Suffolk are acceptable and may be incorporated into the GMP Addendum and authorize the Village Manager to execute all other documents related to proceeding with construction under the approved GMP Addendum.

**Motion by:** Vice Mayor Zalucki  
Councilmember Lopez

**Action:** Authorized the Village Manager to execute GMP Addendum #1 for contract 25029 for Suffolk Construction to complete Phase 1 site work, infrastructure, and road network for the Village Hub in the amount of \$19,517,575 upon the Manager's determination that the exceptions, qualifications and assumptions submitted by Suffolk are acceptable and may be incorporated into the GMP Addendum and authorize the Village

Manager to execute all other documents related to proceeding with construction under the approved GMP Addendum.

**Vote: (Roll Call)**

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

## **8. FIRST READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**(a) First Reading of Zoning Ordinance No. 2025-15, 4741 Broadway Avenue West rezoning**

An Ordinance of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Approving with Conditions a Rezoning from Agriculture (AG) to Residential Single Family (RSF) For A 0.34+/- Acre Triangular Parcel Located at 4741 Broadway W, East of Estero River Heights and the Existing 100-Foot FPL Right of Way and West of Cranbrook Harbor; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

**Staff Presentation/Comments**

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Mary Gibbs, Community Development Director

**Council Questions or Comments**

None

**Public Comments**

None

**Motion:** Motion to pass first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-15 and set second reading and public hearing for January 21, 2026.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Ward

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Hunt

**Action:** Passed first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-15 and set second reading and public hearing for January 21, 2026.

**Vote: (Roll Call)**

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

**(b) First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-17 Amending Land Development Code**

An Ordinance of the Village of Estero, Florida, Creating § 5-414 (Regarding Perimeter Landscape Buffers) and Amending § 2-502 (Regarding Site Development Obligations) of the Village Land Development Code; Making

Related Findings; Providing for Severability, Codification, and an Effective Date.

**Staff Presentation/Comments**

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager  
Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

**Council Questions or Comments**

Councilmembers Hunt and Ward

**Public Comments**

Clark McKenzie, Estero

**Motion:** Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-17 on first reading and to schedule a second reading and public hearing for January 21, 2026.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Lopez

**Seconded by:** Vice Mayor Zalucki

**Action:** Adopted Ordinance No. 2025-17 on first reading and to schedule a second reading and public hearing for January 21, 2026.

**Vote:** (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

**9. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:**

- (a) Second reading Ordinance No. 2025-16 Creating § 26-1 and Amending § 26-19 of the Village Code Related to Special Assessments

An Ordinance of the Village of Estero, Florida, Creating § 26-1 and Amending §26-19 of the Village Code Related to Special Assessments; Making Related Findings; Providing For Severability, Codification, and an Effective Date.

**Staff Presentation/Comments**

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager  
Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

**Council Questions or Comments**

None

**Public Comments**

None

**Motion:** Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-16.

**Motion by:** Vice Mayor Zalucki

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Hunt

**Action:** Adopted Ordinance No. 2025-16.

**Vote:** (Roll Call)

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

**Nay:**

**Abstentions:**

## **10. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion:** Motion to cancel the January 7, 2026 Village Council Meeting.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Lopez

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Ward

**Action:** Cancelled January 7, 2026 Village Council Meeting.

**Vote:** (Roll Call)

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

**Nay:**

**Abstentions:**

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

## **11. VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None

## **12. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT**

None

## **13. ADJOURNMENT at 10:36 am**

Motion by Councilmember Lopez

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Carol Sacco, CMC, Village Clerk

Joanne Ribble, Mayor

(td/CS)

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