



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
Agenda**

**Village Hall
21500 Three Oaks Parkway,
Estero, FL**

**Wednesday, May 20, 2015
1:30 p.m.**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 3. **ROLL CALL**
 4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 5. **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

The public will have an opportunity to speak during each agenda item. Each individual has one opportunity to speak for three minutes per agenda item.

- (A) DISCUSSION – Public Financing of Council Elections
(Councilmember Ribble)
- (B) DISCUSSION – Impact of Future Development on Corkscrew Road
- (C) DISCUSSION – Policy Regarding Gifts and Favors
(Mayor Batos)
- (D) DISCUSSION – Municipal Office Space
(Councilmember Ribble)
- (E) DISCUSSION – Resolution Adopting “Special Rules of Order” for Meetings and Workshops of the Village Council

- (F) DISCUSSION – Resolution Establishing General Rules Regarding the Village Council Agenda and Village Council Meeting Protocols and Procedures
- (G) DISCUSSION – Permanent Village Manager Search (Interim Village Manager)

- 7. **PUBLIC INPUT OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
- 8. **VILLAGE COUNCIL COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- 9. **INTERIM VILLAGE MANAGER'S COMMENTS**
- 10. **VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**
- 11. **ADJOURN**

If you desire to address the Council, please complete a Public Comment Card located on the table in the lobby and return it to the Clerk. Citizens desiring to speak must step up to the podium, state their full name and address and/or whom he or she represents.

ADA Assistance – Anyone needing special assistance at the Council meeting due to a disability or physical impairment, should contact Daphnie Bercher at 239-598-3601, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes:

“If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a recording of the proceeding, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim recording of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Peter Lombardi

From: William Ribble
Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2015 6:02 PM
To: Peter Lombardi
Subject: Fwd: ESTERO: Public Financing of Council Candidates

Peter,
Please review the e-mail below from Nancy Cohen. It may be an agenda item for a workshop when you see fit.
Thanks,
Bill Ribble

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: William Ribble <billyjoa73@gmail.com>
Date: April 19, 2015 at 5:58:30 PM EDT
To: nancy cohen <cohennancyb@mac.com>
Cc: <ribble@villageofesterofl.org>
Subject: Fwd: ESTERO: Public Financing of Council Candidates

Nancy,

**This certainly can be an agenda item for a future "Village Workshop".
I will review your document with the Village Manager and let you know when
it will be scheduled.
In the future, please use my Village e-mail address to comply with the "Sunshine
Laws".**

Thanks,
Bill Ribble

ribble@villageofesterofl.org

239-292-0665

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From: **nancy cohen** <cohennancyb@mac.com>
Date: Sat, Apr 18, 2015 at 3:24 PM
Subject: ESTERO: Public Financing of Council Candidates
To: Bill Ribble <billyjoa73@gmail.com>

Hello Bill,

I realized today that by allowing candidates to fundraise (in their campaigns for office) we could see politics as usual in Estero. By that I mean that if a council candidate takes any amount of

money from a donor, that candidate is very prone to make decisions (i.e.: planning etc.) that would favor his funder. Its human nature to do so.

My suggestion is: public funding of a certain number of flyers (8.4" x 6.5") and 3-4 billboards for each candidate. In addition, the taxpayers should pay for 2-3 moderated public forums. The actual numbers that I just mentioned are just a random suggestion...but the concept is one that I think that we should adopt going forward. Hopefully we could also get the newspapers to do a page or two on each candidate as a public service.

Its important to keep private financing out of our campaigns. Not sure how one could control private cocktail parties at homes but at least the above is a good start to making Estero the kind of community that I want to live in.

Please let me know if there is any traction on this and if i can do anything more to promote the concept. The various people I have spoken to already are in support.

Thanks
Nancy

Cohennancyb@mac.com
239-293-5045 (cell)

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VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 15- _____

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING "SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER" FOR MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, this Village Council of the Village of Estero wishes to establish rules and procedures for the orderly conduct of its meetings.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida

SECTION ONE. The following "Special Rules of Order" are hereby adopted:

(a) Meeting schedule: The regular business meeting and workshops of the Village Council shall be as approved on the Council calendar.

(b) Agenda: Items to be added to the agenda at the start of a regular council meeting are to be limited to emergency items only, those affecting public safety, or time-sensitive items of a major significance affecting Village operations. New business items will be place on the agenda by the Village Manager along with an executive summary or a position paper from the council member requesting the item be placed on the agenda. Submissions must be received by the Village Manager no later than 7 calendar days preceding the meeting. Copies of the final agenda, along with back-up material, will be made available to council members 72 hours prior to the meeting.

(c) Workshops: Workshop sessions are scheduled by the Council as required. The purpose of workshop sessions shall be for general discussion and review of major business matters, such as the budget or long range planning issues. Exceptions will be limited to Advisory Committee administrative matters or informational presentations by the village staff.

(d) Motions: When a motion is proposed and seconded, before any discussion, the Chair will repeat the motion and the names of the council members initiating and seconding the motion. The Chair will then recognize any public speakers that are registered. The public session will then be closed. The council member offering the motion will

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then be given the first opportunity to speak to the motion, followed by other council members wishing to be heard. Voting on resolutions and ordinances shall be by roll call conducted by the Village Clerk.

(e) Advisory Committee reports and special council member assignments: Reports on special assignments or Advisory Committee recommendations must be presented to the Council in session prior to granting interviews to the news media on the subject. Requests for interviews should be deferred until after the Council has been officially informed. Advance copies of Advisory Committee reports will be made available, upon request, in accordance with Florida "Sunshine Laws".

SECTION TWO. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon

adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Attest:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: _____
Peter G. Lombardi,
Interim Village Clerk
Custodian of Village Records

By: _____
Nicholas Batos, Mayor

Reviewed for legal sufficiency

By: _____
Burt Saunders, Village Attorney

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 15- _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO ESTABLISHING GENERAL RULES REGARDING THE VILLAGE COUNCIL AGENDA AND VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Estero wishes to establish order in the conduct of its business, and;

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Estero wishes for all citizens to have an equal opportunity to be heard

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida

SECTION ONE. The General Rules and Procedures regarding the Village Council Agenda as outlined on Attachment "A" is hereby approved.

SECTION TWO. The Meeting Protocol and Procedures regarding Village Council meetings as outlined on Attachment "B" is hereby approved.

SECTION THREE. Effective date.

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4 VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA
5 GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES
6 REGARDING
7 THE VILLAGE COUNCIL AGENDA

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9 The printed agenda will be followed in the conduct of the Village Council's
10 business, unless otherwise provided by the Chair. Public Hearings and Appeals
11 will be heard at the time set for them on the agenda, or as soon thereafter as is
12 practical.
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14 **IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL A DECISION**
15 **MADE BY THE COUNCIL ON ANY MATTER**
16 **CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING/HEARING, SUCH**
17 **PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A**
18 **VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING IS**
19 **MADE, TO INCLUDE THE TESTIMONY AND**
20 **EVIDENCE UPON WHICH ANY SUCH APPEAL IS**
21 **TO BE BASED.**
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23 Due to press deadlines, some agenda items are subject to change. If you
24 have any questions, please call the Village Manager's Office at (239) 390-8000.
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26 Where public comment is permitted, any person may appear before the
27 Council at the time the matter is considered and may comment upon filling out a
28 public comment card given to the Village Clerk. At each meeting, time is set
29 aside for any person to address the Council on matters not on the agenda after
30 filling out a public comment card.
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32 Each person who addresses the Council is asked to proceed to a
33 microphone and give his or her name and address. Comment is limited to three
34 (3) minutes unless prior arrangements have been made, or unless allowed by the
35 Chair. Unless otherwise allowed by the Chair, persons wishing to speak a
36 second time must wait until all others wishing to speak for the first time have
37 done so. The Chair shall have the power to place reasonable limitations on
38 debate, subject to the governance by majority of Council.
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40 In quasi-judicial hearings, all witnesses will be sworn and will be subject to
41 cross-examination.
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43 Persons in the audience are requested to refrain from applause, cheering
44 or heckling, so as not to discourage others from exercising their right to speak.
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47 **Attachment "A"**
48 **RESOLUTION NO, 15-_____**
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50 Copies of the agenda are posted on the Village website may be obtained
51 from the Village Clerk's Office, 21500 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero, FL 33928
52 OR, <http://estero-fl.gov/>
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91 APPROVED BY RESOLUTION NO. 15-_____
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1 **Attachment "B"**
2 **RESOLUTION NO, 15-_____**
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4 **VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA**
5 **MEETING PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURES**

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7 **Rules of Order/Parliamentary Procedure**
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9 Robert's rules of Order shall be the reference for parliamentary procedure
10 governing the conduct of Council meetings, consistent with provisions of the
11 Village Charter, ordinances, statutes or other legal requirements. To avoid
12 entanglements over "parliamentary procedure" and the meeting becoming
13 unnecessarily "formal", parliamentary procedure should be invoked only when
14 necessary for the orderly conduct of the meeting. Procedural issues shall be
15 determined by the Chair (Mayor or Vice-Mayor in the Mayor's absence). The full
16 Council shall make appeal of rulings.
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18 **Agenda/Format**
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- 20 1. Call to Order
 - 21 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 22 3. Invocation
 - 23 4. Roll Call
 - 24 5. Proclamations and Expressions of Appreciation
 - 25 6. Approval of Agenda
 - 26 7. Consent Agenda
 - 27 8. Council Business
 - 28 9. Public Input of Non-Agenda Items
 - 29 10. Village Council Comments
 - 30 11. Village Manager's Comments
 - 31 12. Village Attorney's Comments
 - 32 13. Adjournment
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34 **Proclamations and Expressions of Appreciation**
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36 These will be scheduled through the Mayor. This is separate from public
37 comment. It involves committees, organizations, other governmental entities,
38 etc. Unless approved by full Council, presentations should not exceed ten (10)
39 minutes.
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41 **Public Comment**
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43 Public comments can be offered on any subject on the agenda. Speakers
44 will be limited to three (3) minutes.
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47 **Attachment "B"**
48 **RESOLUTION NO, 15-_____**
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50 Item 9 Comments can be offered on any subject not on the agenda and is
51 limited to three (3) minutes.

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53 Speakers are to fill out a public comment card and identify themselves by
54 stating their name(s) and address(es).

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56 Those who wish may submit a written request to address the Council on
57 specific items. The request must be delivered by the deadline for assembly of
58 the agenda. The requesting letter, with supporting information, etc. will be
59 included in Council's agenda packet. The speaker's name and item will be noted
60 in the published agenda. The three (3) minute time limit will still apply to the
61 comments offered.

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63 **Decorum**
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65 Order shall be maintained at each Council meeting. Persons in the
66 audience are to refrain from applause, cheering, heckling or disparaging
67 remarks. The Mayor is hereby empowered to order from the room any citizen
68 who refuses to comply with the rules and regulations outlined herein. No person,
69 other than a member of the Council and the person having the floor shall be
70 permitted to enter any discussion, either directly or through a member of the
71 Council member except through the presiding officer. Members of the Village
72 Council shall not interrupt members of the public in any form or fashion when
73 speaking during public comments.

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