

VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2015

The Village of Estero Council Workshop meeting was held on this date at the Estero Fire Rescue District Meeting Room, 21500 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero, Florida, with the following Council members present:

Nick Batos – Mayor, District 6
 Howard Levitan – Vice-Mayor, District 2
 Bill Ribble - District 1
 Donald Brown - District 3
 Katy Errington - District 4
 Jim Boesch - District 5
 Jim Wilson - District 7

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Batos called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

All Council members were present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Ribble moved approval of the Agenda, seconded by Ms. Errington, called and carried.

Mayor Batos suggested that the Council may ask questions as needed, and the public should hold questions until conclusion of the presentation. There were no objections from Council members.

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

(A) DISCUSSION REGARDING LAND USE BOARDS ORDINANCES AND PROCESSES:

Mr. Levitan narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Planning for Estero Land Use Transition” (copy to be provided on Village website), outlining the background for the proposed composition and the responsibilities of a Planning and Zoning Board and a Design Review Board. After noting that the next step would be to conduct hearings at the April 6, 2015 Regular Meeting, with adoption on April 17, 2015, he distributed and reviewed a proposed process to populate the two boards as soon as possible (copy on file). Following extensive Council discussion, the Mayor called for public input; and the following individuals came forward to speak:

Los Palms resident, Bob Niles
 Estero Community Planning Panel (ECPP) member, Don Eslick
 Breckenridge resident, Gary Green
 Former Estero Design Review Committee (EDRC) Chair, Bill Pysi
 Estero resident, Patty Whitehead
 Estero resident, Jack Ottey

Additional Council discussion ensued regarding items such as time and required meeting dates to complete appointments to both of the boards, the applicant screening process, and board duties.

(B) DISCUSSION REGARDING EX PARTE ORDINANCE

Interim Village Attorney Burt Saunders explained the reasons for changing a portion of the Lee County ordinance that was adopted as part of the package developed with the Village Charter. Council discussion followed. After Mr. Saunders responded to questions from Council members, there was consensus to move forward to public hearings.

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEM

Island Club resident, Donna Pogliano, inquired about an email she had sent.

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

No items were presented by the individual Council members nor by Interim Village Attorney Burt Saunders or Interim Village Manager Peter Lombardi.

7. ADJOURN

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 3:54 pm.

ATTEST:

By: 

Interim Village Clerk

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By: 

Mayor