

VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING OF APRIL 17, 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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Batos called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

All Council members were present.

AGENDA CHANGES:

Mayor Batos requested consensus to revise the order of the agenda to take up Items 4(B) and 4(C) before taking up Item 4(A). Following brief discussion, the Council members agreed to the change.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

4(A) DISCUSSION – Process for Selecting Candidates for the Planning and Zoning Board and the Design Review Board

Mayor Batos thanked all candidates for their willingness to serve, and offered suggestions for sharing information to be used in the selection process. The individual Council members each described the criteria used to evaluate the candidates; then each provided a list of their selections for the Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) and reasons for endorsement. After each member provided a list of their selections for the Design Review Board (DRB) and reasons for endorsement, discussion took place regarding the method of voting. There was consensus that two blank ballots would be prepared for each Council member, one for the PZB and one for the DRB, to be completed and tallied at the next meeting. The Mayor called for public input; and the following individual came forward:

Estero Community Planning Panel (ECPP) Treasurer, Beverly MacNellis emphasized that some candidates would be better on one Board than on the other.

4(B) DISCUSSION – Website Development Agreement from Papyrus Document and Design, LLC, regarding the Operation and Maintenance of Village Website

Interim Village Manager Peter Lombardi mentioned that this item had been deferred from a previous agenda to allow for additional discussion of the proposal, and noted that the website and email address would soon be “estero-fl.gov”. After Papyrus Managing Partner, Kimberly Daley, spoke briefly about the proposal, Mr. Lombardi stated that the \$500/month site service and maintenance was reasonable; that the goal was to include features that would make the website more user-friendly; and that he recommended

Council approval. Council discussion followed, during which Interim Village Attorney Burt Saunders suggested the addition of the phrase “except as provided by Florida Law” to paragraphs 4 and 8 dealing with confidentiality. Mr. Levitan suggested that the Council approve the proposal as a temporary measure and schedule a workshop discussion of the “ideal” website and a possible Request for Proposals (RFP) for website development. Additional Council discussion ensued regarding a review of the Pinecrest website at a workshop, obtaining an estimate from Ms. Daley of the cost to develop a similar sophisticated website, and the need for information as to what the public wants. Mayor Batos asked the Council members to add desired items to a workshop topic list that would be distributed for discussion and prioritization at a future workshop. There was consensus to authorize Mr. Lombardi to execute the agreement with the requested text addition. The Mayor called for public comment, and the following individual came forward:

Villages at Country Creek resident, George Molnar emphasized the need for an RFP and commented on details of the proposal.

After Ms. Daley responded briefly to Mr. Molnar’s concerns, Mayor Batos thanked her for her help over the years.

4(C) DISCUSSION – Estero Council of Community Leaders (ECCL) Reimbursements

Interim Village Manager Peter Lombardi reviewed the individual invoices for items included on the invoice for \$7,600.26 received from ECCL, including 3 items related to website development; Inaugural Meeting costs of \$1,210.00 for taping, \$90.00 overtime, \$35.00 insurance rider, and \$793.56 to print the programs; \$2,459.20 for the Transition Books prepared and given to Council; and \$2,500.00 for ordinances drafted by Nancy Stroud. Mayor Batos commented that it was appropriate for the Council to reimburse the total costs of \$2,391.06 for the Inaugural Meeting and the \$2,500.00 cost to expedite ordinances; and opined that the charges for Transition Books and website development were costs of the incorporation effort. Following brief Council discussion of the Transition Books, ECCL Finance Director Bob Lienesch explained that 20 copies were printed, 15 were given to Council and to Village staff, and 5 were kept by ECCL; and that the invoice was strictly for the printing costs involved. Mr. Brown and Mr. Wilson agreed that the Village should pay the invoice, which did not include the many hours that were devoted to creating the book. Following confirmation that this would be the final bill, Mr. Lombardi stated that it would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one came forward to offer comments.

COUNCIL/VILLAGE ATTORNEY/VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Council Members’ Comments

Mr. Wilson inquired about progress on an agreement with Lee County regarding coordination with the Village on development orders; and about the status of a possible amendment regarding development orders that had been approved more than five years ago.

Ms. Errington inquired about land clearing at Corkscrew Commons for an apartment project.

Mr. Brown requested, and Mr. Lombardi agreed to provide, a list of developable lands and proposed development uses within Estero. He stated that the Vines-Estero Country Club requested the re-location of road signs, and Mr. Bausch reported that the work was requested at the Transportation meeting.

Mayor Batos mentioned a workshop to assign liaisons with various organizations, and asked Mr. Brown to serve as liaison to Lee Memorial Hospital in the interim to provide Village representation at an upcoming meeting.

Interim Village Attorney's Comments:

Interim Village Attorney, Burt Saunders had no comments to offer.

Interim Village Manager's Comments:

Interim Village Manager, Peter Lombardi, stated that he had sent an email to Mr. Levitan with an opinion from the Lee County Attorney that the County Code Enforcement Hearing Officer could not also serve the Village of Estero. He mentioned that the consideration of alternatives would be brought up as a workshop topic.

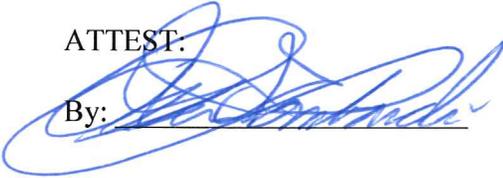
Mayor Batos reminded the members to add to the list of possible workshop topics that would be distributed.

Ms. Errington suggested that development of a hurricane season emergency plan should be added as a workshop item.

ADJOURN

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 3:43 pm.

ATTEST:

By: 

Interim Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: 

Mayor