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**APPROVED BY COUNCIL
MARCH 16, 2016**

FINAL ACTION AGENDA/MINUTES

**Village of Estero
21500 Three Oaks Parkway
Estero, FL 33928
Village Council Workshop
February 24, 2016
Immediately Following Council Meeting**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 11:07 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Nick Batos - District 6, Vice Mayor Howard Levitan - District 2, Councilmember Bill Ribble, District 1, Councilmember Donald Brown - District 3, Councilmember Katy Errington - District 4, Councilmember Jim Boesch - District 5, and Councilmember Jim Wilson - District 7.

Also present: Village Manager Steve Sarkozy, Village Attorney Burt Saunders, and Village Clerk Kathy Hall.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Move to approve the agenda.

Motion by: Councilmember Brown

Seconded by: Councilmember Boesch

Action: Approved the agenda.

Vote:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstentions:

4. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

(A) Council Compensation Discussion

Councilmember Wilson introduced the topic and referred to an email from Village Attorney Saunders dated February 5, 2016 that stated, pursuant to the Village Charter, the Council had authority to increase or decrease the compensation of Village Council members; however, if the Council took action to change the level of compensation, the salary could not be adjusted until after the first day after the next regular municipal election. Councilmember Wilson spoke to the time commitment, assignments, and high level of Council involvement.

Questions or Comments by: Councilmembers Boesch, Ribble, Brown, Errington, Wilson, Vice Mayor Levitan, and Mayor Batos.
Discussion included monthly compensation and benefits of five local municipalities; limitations to future potential candidates; obtaining public feedback; and government light.

Public Comment:

Charles Dauray, Chairman, College of Life Foundation
Ed Weil, Rookery Point resident
Patty Whitehead, Estero resident
William Williams, Cascades resident
Don Eslick, ECCL

There was Council consensus to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance. Village Attorney Saunders stated that he would prepare an ordinance for the second or third meeting in March.

8. PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

9. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmember Ribble provided an update regarding the completion date of the new Village Hall. Village Manager Sarkozy provided information regarding furniture delivery and IT staff work, and noted that public meetings would continue at the Estero Fire Rescue administration building until approximately March 23.

Councilmember Errington spoke to the problems related to the Lake Okeechobee releases.

10. VILLAGE ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

None.

11. VILLAGE MANAGER COMMENTS:

None.

12. ADJOURN: 12:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: Kathy Hall
Kathy Hall, MMC
Village Clerk

By: Nicholas Batos
Nicholas Batos
Mayor