VILLAGE OF ESTERO COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026, 9:30 A.M.

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9:30:30AM [SOUNDING GAVEL]
9:30:32AM >>Mayor Ribble: I WOULD NOW LIKE TO CALL THE
9:30:34AM NOVEMBER 18, 2026, 9:30 A.M. VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING TO
9:30:42AM ORDER.
9:30:42AM I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE TO PLEASE SILENCE THEIR CELL
9:30:45AM PHONES.
9:30:45AM IF YOU COME UP TO THE PODIUM TO SPEAK, PLEASE SPEAK INTO THE
9:30:49AM MICROPHONE.
9:30:49AM THANK YOU.
9:30:49AM FOR OUR INVOCATION TODAY, WE HAVE PASTOR GRACE BROOKS FROM
9:30:53AM ESTERO CHURCH.
9:30:55AM PASTOR GRACE, GOOD MORNING.
9:30:57AM THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.
9:30:58AM >> THANK YOU.
9:31:00AM LET'S PRAY.
9:31:00AM FATHER, I THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THIS MORNING.
9:31:03AM I THANK YOU FOR EACH ONE REPRESENTED HERE.
9:31:05AM I THANK YOU THAT YOU GIVE WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT.

9:31:08AM THANK YOU FOR THE COMMITMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
9:31:11AM MAY YOU BLESS THIS VILLAGE AND WATCH OVER IT AS THEY DO THE
9:31:14AM BUSINESS AND THE WORK THAT THEY NEED TO DO.
9:31:15AM I THANK YOU, LORD.
9:31:17AM ANOINT THIS TIME.
9:31:18AM IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.
9:31:20AM >>Mayor Ribble: AMEN.
9:31:21AM THANK YOU.
9:31:21AM WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND FOR THE PLEDGE.
9:31:24AM [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]
9:31:41AM TODAY, I AM HAPPY TO RECOGNIZE ANOTHER ONE --
9:31:50AM >>Carol Sacco: MAYOR, I HAVE TO CALL ROLL.
9:31:54AM >>Mayor Ribble: HERE.
9:31:55AM >>Jeff Hunt: HERE.
9:31:57AM >>Jon McLain: HERE.
9:31:59AM >>Lori Fayhee: HERE.
9:32:01AM >>Rafael Lopez: HERE.
9:32:03AM >>Jim Ward: HERE.

9:32:03AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: HERE.
9:32:05AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, CAROL.
9:32:06AM AS I WAS SAYING, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE JOSEF FLOREK, ONE OF
9:32:10AM OUR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS FROM ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL.
9:32:13AM IF JOSEF AND HIS FAMILY WOULD PLEASE COME FORWARD.
9:32:16AM TODAY, WE ALSO HAVE REPRESENTING THE HIGH SCHOOL, ASSISTANT
9:32:35AM PRINCIPAL MR. BRIGHTMAN, AND FROM THE DISTRICT, WE HAVE THE

9:32:40AM NEWLY ELECTED NEW CHAIRPERSON OF THE LEE COUNTY SCHOOL
9:32:44AM BOARD, MR. RIBBLE.
9:32:46AM CONGRATULATIONS, MR. RIBBLE.
9:32:49AM [APPLAUSE]
9:32:49AM IN RECOGNITION TO ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL, JOSEF FLOREK: THE
9:33:01AM VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO PROUDLY RECOGNIZES
9:33:04AM JOSEF FLOREK AS STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
9:33:09AM ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE, LEADERSHIP, AND
9:33:13AM COMMUNITY SERVICE.
9:33:14AM JOSEF MAINTAINS AN IMPRESSIVE 3.85 UNWEIGHTED GPA AND 5.01
9:33:22AM WEIGHTED GPA WHILE PURSUING THE PRESTIGIOUS AICE DIPLOMA.
9:33:28AM HE HAS COMPLETED DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES THROUGH FLORIDA
9:33:33AM SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
9:33:36AM WITH PLANS TO PURSUE A DEGREE IN AEROSPACE OR OCEAN
9:33:40AM ENGINEERING.
9:33:41AM A FOUR-YEAR STATE SWIMMING QUALIFIER AND REGIONAL MEDALIST,
9:33:47AM JOSEF RECENTLY HELPED LEAD ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL TO FIRST PLACE
9:33:51AM AT THE REGION 3-2A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.
9:33:56AM THAT IS A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT.
9:33:58AM HE QUALIFIED FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN FOUR EVENTS AND
9:34:03AM SERVES ON THE FLORIDA SWIMMING ATHLETIC COMMITTEE WHILE
9:34:07AM PARTICIPATING WITH THE GULF COAST SWIM TEAM.
9:34:10AM BEYOND ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS, JOSEF IS ACTIVE IN THE
9:34:15AM HEALING ROOTS AND PICKLEBALL CLUBS, VOLUNTEERS WITH
9:34:19AM CHILDREN'S SECURITY AT HIS CHURCH, AND SUPPORTS LOCAL

9:34:22AM FAMILIES THROUGH THE FK YOUR DIET CHRISTMAS CHARITY EVENT.
9:34:27AM THROUGH HIS DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP, HUMILITY AND COMMITMENT
9:34:32AM TO EXCELLENCE, JOSEF IS AN OUTSTANDING ROLE MODEL AND A
9:34:36AM WONDERFUL REPRESENTATIVE OF ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL AND THE
9:34:41AM VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
9:34:43AM PRESENTED ON THIS 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.
9:34:47AM CONGRATULATIONS, JOSEF.
9:34:49AM >> THANK YOU.
9:34:49AM [APPLAUSE]
9:34:55AM >>Mayor Ribble: NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS THE APPROVAL OF THE
9:35:58AM AGENDA.
9:35:58AM DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE
9:36:02AM AGENDA?
9:36:02AM SEEING NONE, MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA?

9:36:06AM COUNCILMAN HUNT AND SECOND BY COUNCILMAN LOPEZ.
9:36:11AM MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
9:36:14AM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.
9:36:15AM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
9:36:17AM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.
9:36:19AM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.
9:36:19AM >>Jim Ward: AYE.
9:36:21AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.
9:36:22AM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
9:36:23AM MADAM CLERK, DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA
9:36:28AM ITEMS?

9:36:29AM >>Carol Sacco: WE HAVE NONE, MAYOR.
9:36:30AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
9:36:31AM NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS OUR CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH IS THE
9:36:37AM OCTOBER 28, 2026 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.
9:36:41AM DO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE ANY COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, OR
9:36:45AM ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS?
9:36:46AM SEEING NONE, MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES?
9:36:52AM COUNCILWOMAN FAYHEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WARD.
9:36:59AM MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
9:37:01AM >>Jim Ward: AYE.
9:37:03AM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.
9:37:05AM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.
9:37:06AM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
9:37:08AM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.
9:37:08AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.
9:37:09AM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
9:37:10AM THANK YOU.
9:37:13AM THAT BRINGS US TO OUR FIRST AGENDA ITEM, RESOLUTION NUMBER
9:37:17AM 2026-27, BUDGET AMENDMENT NUMBER 2.
9:37:22AM MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE READ THE TITLE OF THIS
9:37:25AM RESOLUTION?
9:37:27AM >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION 2026-27, A RESOLUTION OF THE
9:37:30AM VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, APPROVING
9:37:31AM THE SECOND BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 25-26 AND
9:37:37AM PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

9:37:38AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
9:37:39AM STEVE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS, PLEASE?
9:37:41AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MADAM MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF
9:37:43AM COUNCIL.
9:37:43AM AS THE COUNCIL IS AWARE, WE KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THE BUDGET
9:37:47AM THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR, WHICH ENSURES THAT WE GO THROUGH
9:37:52AM OUR AUDIT PROCESS MOST OF THE TIME WITH VERY FEW, IF ANY,
9:37:57AM COMMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE AUDIT.
9:37:59AM WE ALSO THEN MAINTAIN A HIGH RESERVE AMOUNT, WHICH HAS
9:38:06AM RESULTED IN A TRIPLE-A BOND RATING FOR THE SECOND TIME.

9:38:09AM WHAT WE DO AS PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS IS BRING BACK TO
9:38:15AM THE COUNCIL VARIOUS AMENDMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
9:38:18AM AND THIS IS A FAIRLY TYPICAL AMENDMENT THAT WE DO JUST AFTER
9:38:22AM THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET WHERE WE ADJUST OUR RESERVE
9:38:25AM AMOUNTS.
9:38:27AM IN THIS CASE, OUR NEED FOR RESERVE IS ACTUALLY GOING DOWN
9:38:32AM BECAUSE OF THE LOWER AMOUNTS IN OUR BUDGET, BUT WE ARE NOW
9:38:38AM HOLDING CASH IN EXCESS OF $15 MILLION, WHICH EXCEEDS THE
9:38:43AM REQUIRED RESERVE AMOUNT OF $7,618,000.
9:38:47AM SO THIS ADJUSTS THE BUDGET THROUGH THOSE NUMBERS, AND WE'LL
9:38:54AM BRING BACK ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS AS WE KEEP TRACKING THE
9:39:00AM ONGOING PROCESS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
9:39:01AM WHERE WE'RE AT FINANCIALLY IN TERMS OF OUR PROGRESSION
9:39:08AM THROUGH THE YEAR IS THAT WE'RE CLOSING OUT TWO MAJOR
9:39:14AM PROJECTS.

9:39:15AM THE FIRST IS THE FIRST PHASE OF THE SPORTSPARK WHICH SHOULD
9:39:22AM BE CONCLUDED BY ABOUT THE SECOND WEEK IN DECEMBER.
9:39:26AM WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO THEN IS MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF OUR
9:39:29AM BILLS ARE PAID FOR PHASE ONE AND WE'RE FULLY EXPECTING THAT
9:39:35AM WE'RE GOING TO CONCLUDE THAT PROJECT WITH A FUND BALANCE IN
9:39:40AM THAT PROJECT.
9:39:41AM THE SECOND PROJECT THAT WE'RE CONCLUDING IS THE EAST
9:39:46AM BROADWAY -- SORRY, EAST CORKSCREW LANDSCAPE PROJECT, AND
9:39:51AM THAT PROJECT WILL BE DONE PROBABLY AFTER THE FIRST OF THE
9:39:54AM YEAR.
9:39:55AM WE'LL CLOSE THAT OUT, BALANCE THE BOOKS AGAIN, AND IF NEED
9:39:58AM BE, WE'LL COME BACK TO THE COUNCIL WITH ANOTHER AMENDMENT.
9:40:01AM SO THAT WILL THEN KIND OF CLEAR THE DOCKET OF PROJECTS AND
9:40:10AM MAJOR OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS.
9:40:14AM AND IN THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, WE'LL COME BACK TO THE VILLAGE
9:40:17AM COUNCIL READY TO GO ON THE NEXT MAJOR PROJECTS WE HAVE,
9:40:23AM WHICH THE UTILITY EXTENSION PROJECTS AND PHASE TWO OF THE
9:40:27AM SPORTSPARK.
9:40:28AM THAT'S WHERE WE'RE AT IN TERMS OF BUDGET SUMMARY.
9:40:30AM THIS AMENDMENT IS ONE OF SEVERAL THAT WE'LL HAVE DURING THE
9:40:33AM YEAR.
9:40:33AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, STEVE.
9:40:35AM ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?
9:40:37AM MR. WARD.
9:40:38AM >>Jim Ward: STEVE, ON THE THIRD PAGE, THERE IS A

9:40:42AM CLASSIFICATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES.
9:40:44AM ARE THOSE GRANTS THAT WE RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE ORIGINAL
9:40:50AM BUDGET?
9:40:51AM >>Steven Sarkozy: YES.
9:40:52AM >>Jim Ward: SECOND QUESTION, ON ALMOST THE LAST PAGE OF THE
9:40:57AM AMENDMENT, THERE IS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF 3.7 MILLION.

9:41:03AM I'M WONDERING WHAT THAT IS.
9:41:07AM >>Steven Sarkozy: I CAN'T TELL YOU OFF HAND, BUT -- I DON'T
9:41:10AM WANT TO SAY HERE WITHOUT TALKING TO THE FINANCE STAFF.
9:41:15AM >>Jim Ward: IF YOU CAN GET BACK TO ME ON THAT, I APPRECIATE
9:41:17AM THAT.
9:41:17AM >>Steven Sarkozy: ABSOLUTELY.
9:41:18AM WE'LL FORWARD THAT TO YOU AND COPY ALL THE COUNCIL.
9:41:22AM >>Mayor Ribble: IS THAT IT, MR. WARD?
9:41:24AM >>Jim Ward: YES.
9:41:25AM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
9:41:26AM DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
9:41:28AM >>Carol Sacco: NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO E-COMMENTS.
9:41:31AM >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.
9:41:32AM IN THAT CASE, MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION
9:41:35AM 2026-27?
9:41:37AM COUNCILMAN McLAIN AND A SECOND, COUNCILMAN LOPEZ.
9:41:43AM MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
9:41:46AM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.
9:41:48AM >>Jon McLain: AYE.

9:41:49AM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.
9:41:51AM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.
9:41:52AM >>Jim Ward: AYE.
9:41:53AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.
9:41:54AM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
9:41:55AM NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS ITEM 7B, RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-28,
9:42:04AM ADOPTING PROCEDURE TO CREATE REGISTRY OF ZONING SERVICE
9:42:09AM PRIVATE PROVIDERS.
9:42:11AM MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION.
9:42:13AM >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION 2026-28, A RESOLUTION OF THE
9:42:16AM VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, COMPLYING
9:42:19AM WITH THE LEGISLATIVE MANDATE TO CREATE A REGISTRY OF PRIVATE
9:42:22AM PROVIDERS TO SUPPLEMENT CERTAIN ZONING AND PLAT APPLICATION
9:42:25AM REVIEW FUNCTIONS; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR
9:42:29AM SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
9:42:31AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
9:42:32AM STEVE, WOULD YOU INTRODUCE THIS, PLEASE?
9:42:34AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
9:42:36AM THIS COMES TO YOU AS A REQUIREMENT FROM RECENTLY APPROVED
9:42:39AM FLORIDA LEGISLATION.
9:42:42AM I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO OUR VILLAGE ATTORNEY FOR A BRIEF
9:42:47AM EXPLANATION AND THEN ALSO HAVE MARY GIBBS COMMENT ON THIS AS
9:42:52AM WELL.
9:42:52AM >>Robert Eschenfelder: THANK YOU, MANAGER.
9:42:54AM MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THIS IS AS A RESULT OF THE CHAPTER LAW

9:43:03AM THAT WAS PASSED THIS PAST LEGISLATIVE SESSION.
9:43:06AM IT SORT OF FOLLOWS ON THE SAME THEME THAT THE LEGISLATORS

9:43:09AM HAD THE PAST THREE OR FOUR YEARS OF ENCOURAGING IN THE
9:43:14AM POLICY OF THE STATE PRIVATE PROVIDERS TO INSPECT THINGS,
9:43:18AM REVIEW PLANS, AND NOW WE'RE DOWN TO THIS WHERE THEY ARE SORT
9:43:24AM OF INSISTING THAT PRIVATE PROVIDERS BE AT LEAST AN
9:43:27AM OPPORTUNITY IN SOME APPLICATION TYPES FOR ZONING TYPE
9:43:33AM REVIEWS, THAT THE LEGISLATION EFFECTIVELY REQUIRES US TO
9:43:38AM ESTABLISH THIS REGISTRY.
9:43:40AM SO ONCE YOU ALL ADOPT THE PROCEDURE, DIRECTOR GIBBS -- SHE'S
9:43:45AM ALREADY BEGUN THE WORK OF RECRUITING FOLKS, BUT WE'LL PUT
9:43:50AM TOGETHER THE REQUIRED TWO FIRMS OR FOUR PROVIDERS,
9:43:54AM INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS WHERE AN APPLICANT COULD COME IN AND
9:43:58AM SAY, LOOK, IF I -- IF YOU ARE TOO BUSY, STAFF, TO DO THIS,
9:44:02AM AND I'M IN A HURRY TO GET IT DONE, I CAN USE THESE PRIVATE
9:44:06AM PROVIDERS AT THE RATES THAT THEY ARE LISTING AND THEY WILL
9:44:10AM STAND IN FOR STAFF EFFECTIVELY.
9:44:13AM AND SO THE PRIVATE PROVIDERS ARE COMPENSATED BY THE VILLAGE,
9:44:20AM BUT AS THE RESOLUTION INDICATES, WE HAVE A FEE RESOLUTION
9:44:25AM THAT ALLOWS FOR ANY OF THOSE TYPES OF COSTS FOR USE OF
9:44:29AM OUTSIDE FOLKS TO BE RECOUPED TO THE VILLAGE FROM THE
9:44:32AM APPLICANT PENNY FOR PENNY.
9:44:34AM SO WE'RE NOT REALLY PAYING FOR ANYTHING.
9:44:37AM IT'S MORE JUST THAT THE PROVIDER WOULD BE DOING THE WORK AS
9:44:41AM OPPOSED TO IN-HOUSE STAFF DOING THE WORK.

9:44:43AM BUT JUST SO THAT YOU AND THE AUDIENCE CAN BE REASSURED,
9:44:49AM BECAUSE COUNCIL MEMBER McLAIN DID CALL ME YESTERDAY AND
9:44:52AM ONE OF HIS QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AS TO WHAT'S BEING
9:44:56AM REVIEWED, THIS ONLY APPLIES TO VERY MUNDANE, THE FACTORS
9:45:04AM THAT ARE TO BE APPLIED ARE WHOLLY OBJECTIVE.
9:45:07AM THERE'S NO JUDGMENT THAT GOES INTO IT.
9:45:09AM ANYTHING THAT WOULD GO TO THE PLANNING DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
9:45:11AM OR ANYTHING THAT WOULD COME TO THIS COUNCIL ISN'T EVEN
9:45:15AM SUBJECT TO THIS REGIME.
9:45:16AM IT'S VERY SMALL, MINOR STUFF THAT GETS ADMINISTRATIVELY
9:45:19AM APPROVED.
9:45:21AM PLATS, REPLATS, THOSE SORT OF THINGS THAT NOW DON'T COME TO
9:45:24AM YOU ANYMORE.
9:45:25AM WITH THAT SAID, IT IS AN OBLIGATION.
9:45:28AM WE HAVE TO HAVE IT IN PLACE BY JANUARY 1.
9:45:31AM THAT'S WHY IT IS BEFORE YOU NOW.
9:45:33AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
9:45:34AM >>Steven Sarkozy: MARY, ANY COMMENTS?
9:45:40AM >>Mayor Ribble: GOOD MORNING, MARY.
9:45:41AM >>Mary Gibbs: I THINK ROB DID A GREAT JOB EXPLAINING IT.
9:45:44AM THE ONLY THING I MIGHT ADD, SOME EXAMPLES.
9:45:47AM THE WAY IT IS STRUCTURED, IT'S THINGS THAT ADMINISTRATIVELY
9:45:49AM WOULD BE DONE BY STAFF, HE MENTIONED PLATS, FOR EXAMPLE,
9:45:52AM WHICH THE LEGISLATURE ALREADY CHANGED.

9:45:55AM WE DO LIKE A MINOR ZONING VARIANCE, SETBACKS LESS THAN A

9:46:00AM FEET, YOU KNOW, FOR MOBILE HOMES, THINGS LIKE THAT THAT
9:46:03AM DON'T GO TO PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.
9:46:05AM THEY ARE VERY MINOR, AND WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, OUR STANDARDS
9:46:07AM THAT WE HAVE TO REVIEW BY.
9:46:09AM EVEN THOUGH THE LEGISLATURE IS MAKING US DO THIS TO HELP
9:46:14AM WITH TIME FRAMES, OUR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS ARE PRETTY
9:46:17AM FAST.
9:46:17AM SO I DON'T SEE LIKE A LOT OF PEOPLE NEEDING TO USE THIS.
9:46:21AM BUT WE HAVE TO GET IT IN PLACE BY JANUARY 1.
9:46:25AM >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCILMAN HUNT.
9:46:26AM >>Jeff Hunt: MARY, IS THIS PRIMARILY OF THE NEED ASSOCIATED
9:46:29AM WITH RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES?
9:46:32AM >>Mary Gibbs: IT COULD BE EITHER.
9:46:34AM USUALLY THE PLATS ARE COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES AND
9:46:38AM SUBDIVISIONS.
9:46:39AM IT COULD APPLY TO RESIDENTIAL.
9:46:41AM THEY DON'T REALLY LIKE PROVIDE ANY MUCH DIRECTION.
9:46:47AM IT COULD BE ANYTHING.
9:46:48AM BUT I THINK LIKE WHERE THE BUILDING PERMITS, YOU HAVE THE
9:46:52AM PRIVATE PROVIDER THEY USE ON LARGE PROJECTS, THE WAY THE
9:46:56AM ZONING IS STRUCTURED, IT IS REALLY VERY SMALL ITEMS.
9:47:01AM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
9:47:04AM >>Jon McLain: I MAINLY HAVE A COMMENT, I GUESS, ABOUT WHAT'S
9:47:07AM NEXT.
9:47:07AM I GUESS I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED OF OUR STATE LEGISLATORS

9:47:13AM PUTTING THIS -- IT'S NOT REALLY A BIG ONUS ON THIS, BUT IT
9:47:16AM APPEARS TO BE THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO OPEN THE DOOR FOR MORE
9:47:25AM DEVELOPMENT AND LITTLE LESS CONTROL MAYBE ON OUR END IN
9:47:29AM HERE.
9:47:30AM I JUST WONDER WHAT IS THE NEXT THING THAT OUR STATE
9:47:34AM LEGISLATORS ARE GOING TO PASS THAT I DON'T SEE A LOT OF
9:47:37AM PURPOSE.
9:47:38AM I MEAN, THE VILLAGE -- AND THIS IS A STATEWIDE PROGRAM -- SO
9:47:41AM THE VILLAGE, I THINK WE HAVE THE STAFF THAT DOES A GREAT JOB
9:47:44AM IN DOING THIS.
9:47:45AM BUT NOW IT'S BEEN SECOND GUESSED TO A CERTAIN EXTENT.
9:47:50AM IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE, WE WANT TO BRING IN OTHER OUTSIDE
9:47:54AM PEOPLE.
9:47:54AM I THINK THAT SHOULD BE A CONCERN TO CITIES AND VILLAGES AS
9:47:58AM TO OUR LEGISLATORS TAKING AWAY, I THINK, HOME RULE, THAT I
9:48:03AM KNOW THE FOLKS ARE ALWAYS WORKING ON.
9:48:07AM THIS SEEMS TO BE ANOTHER PART MOVING FORWARD ON THAT.
9:48:10AM THAT'S ONLY A COMMENT.
9:48:11AM I THINK IN TALKING WITH OUR ATTORNEY, WE'VE GOT THIS
9:48:16AM COVERED.

9:48:17AM NO COST.
9:48:18AM IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT IS A BIG ISSUE.
9:48:19AM BUT I THINK WE'VE GOT TO BE WATCHING FOR THE FUTURE AND
9:48:23AM DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR LEGISLATORS THAT WE HAVE SOME OPEN
9:48:27AM DISCUSSIONS ON THAT.

9:48:29AM >>Robert Eschenfelder: WELL, THERE WILL BE, COUNCIL, AND I
9:48:31AM THINK SOME OF YOU, IF NOT ALL OF YOU, HAVE PROBABLY ALSO
9:48:34AM HEARD IT THROUGH YOUR OWN INDEPENDENT POLITICAL CHANNELS,
9:48:37AM BUT IT IS NO SECRET THAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT
9:48:40AM THERE WILL BE A COMPLETE REWRITE OF CHAPTER 163, WHICH IS
9:48:45AM THE PLANNING ACT THAT CAME INTO EFFECT I THINK IN '80 OR
9:48:49AM '81.
9:48:50AM MY CRYSTAL BALL SAYS THAT THAT COMPLETE REWRITE, WHICH DEALS
9:48:57AM WITH COMP PLANS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODES, IS GOING TO NOT
9:49:01AM BE IN FAVOR OF HOME RULE AND KEEPING ESTERO ESTERO.
9:49:07AM IT'S GOING TO BE IN FAVOR OF PUSHING DEVELOPMENT.
9:49:09AM AS YOU ALL ARE OUT THERE AS ELECTED OFFICIALS INTERACTING
9:49:13AM WITH OUR LOCAL DELEGATION, I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE THE
9:49:16AM FIGHT THIS SESSION.
9:49:18AM THIS LITTLE INCURSION INTO WHO REVIEWS, I THINK THAT COULD
9:49:22AM BE A CAMEL'S NOSE UNDER THE TENT.
9:49:25AM BUT I THINK THE BIGGER THING IS, WHAT ARE OUR STANDARDS EVEN
9:49:27AM GOING TO BE?
9:49:28AM DO WE AS A LOCAL COMMUNITY -- AND THIS GOES TO ALL FLORIDA
9:49:32AM LOCAL COMMUNITIES -- GET TO CONTINUE TO PICK WHAT OUR LOOK
9:49:34AM AND FEEL IS GOING TO BE LIKE?
9:49:35AM >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCILMAN McLAIN, YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN
9:49:40AM ME EVERY MONDAY MORNING WHEN I'M ON THE CALL HEARING ABOUT
9:49:44AM THE NEW BILLS THAT ARE BEING PRESENTED BY OUR LEGISLATORS.
9:49:48AM MR. ESCHENFELDER DOES A GOOD JOB OF SENDING ME -- SENDING US

9:49:53AM UPDATES OF WHAT THE POSSIBLE BILLS ARE, WHAT MIGHT BE
9:49:56AM CHANGED, WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.
9:50:00AM WE'LL HEAR WELL IN ADVANCE SO THAT WE CAN ADVOCATE FOR OR
9:50:05AM AGAINST WHATEVER THEY PROPOSE.
9:50:08AM >>Jon McLain: I MAY JOIN YOU FOR SOME OF THOSE.
9:50:11AM IF YOU THROW ENOUGH STUFF UP ON THE WALL, RIGHT, IT MAKES
9:50:16AM CONFUSING LANDSCAPE FOR REAL THOUGHTFUL THINKING ABOUT WHAT
9:50:22AM ARE THE RIGHT INITIATIVES THAT ARE GOING TO BE MEANINGFUL
9:50:26AM FOR ALL OF FLORIDA RESIDENTS AND SPECIFICALLY HERE IN
9:50:29AM ESTERO.
9:50:31AM I CAN IMAGINE THERE IS A LOT OF DISCUSSION AND A LOT OF
9:50:34AM CONVERSATION THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANY REAL CONCLUSIONS, BUT
9:50:37AM IT'S ON THE WALL AND IT'S HARD TO TRACK WHICH ONE IS GOING
9:50:42AM TO REALLY BE ON THE FINAL AGENDA AND VOTING AND HOW IT'S
9:50:45AM GOING TO IMPACT US.
9:50:46AM I RECOGNIZE YOU SPENDING THE TIME TO DO THAT EVERY MONDAY,

9:50:50AM SO THANK YOU.
9:50:52AM >>Mayor Ribble: AS THE BILLS COME UP, YOU CAN GO ON THE
9:50:55AM WEBSITE WHERE YOU CAN TRACK THE BILL AND WATCH WHAT HAPPENS
9:50:57AM TO IT AS IT GOES THROUGH THE PROCESS.
9:50:59AM BUT THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT UP.
9:51:01AM ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
9:51:03AM IN THAT CASE, MAY I HAVE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION NUMBER --
9:51:09AM >>Carol Sacco: EXCUSE ME, MAYOR.
9:51:11AM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

9:51:12AM >>Carol Sacco: NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO E-COMMENTS.
9:51:14AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
9:51:14AM MAY I HAVE A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION 2026-28 PLEASE?
9:51:20AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: MAYOR, I'LL MAKE THE MOTION.
9:51:21AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, VICE-MAYOR.
9:51:23AM SECOND?
9:51:23AM COUNCILMAN LOPEZ.
9:51:24AM WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
9:51:26AM >>Jim Ward: AYE.
9:51:27AM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.
9:51:29AM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.
9:51:30AM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
9:51:31AM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.
9:51:32AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.
9:51:33AM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
9:51:34AM NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS 7C, RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-29,
9:51:41AM SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF COUNTY VETERANS CLINIC.
9:51:45AM MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION?
9:51:48AM >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION 2026-29, A RESOLUTION OF THE
9:51:52AM VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA,
9:51:53AM SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF THE LEE COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS
9:51:56AM CLINIC IN CAPE CORAL; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR
9:51:59AM SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
9:52:01AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
9:52:02AM STEVE, WOULD YOU INTRODUCE THIS, PLEASE?

9:52:04AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
9:52:07AM THIS IS AN ACTION THAT WOULD SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF
9:52:13AM GENERALLY THE COUNTY AND A VARIETY OF MUNICIPALITIES, TRYING
9:52:17AM TO GET AN EXPANSION OF OUR VETERANS CLINIC UP IN CAPE CORAL.
9:52:21AM WHILE THIS IS NOT IN THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, WE ALL KNOW THAT
9:52:24AM THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF VETERANS DOWN IN SOUTHWEST
9:52:28AM FLORIDA.
9:52:29AM AND THIS FACILITY WOULD SERVE ALL OF THAT POPULATION.
9:52:32AM WITHOUT HESITATION, WE PUT THIS ON THE COUNCIL FOR COUNCIL
9:52:37AM REVIEW.
9:52:37AM BUT IT SEEMS TO MAKE A LOT OF SENSE.
9:52:40AM EVERY CITY CAN'T HAVE A VETERANS CLINIC, BUT THEY HAVE

9:52:43AM SOMETHING IN THIS REGION THAT'S EASILY ACCESSIBLE.
9:52:48AM SEEMS TO MAKE A LOT OF SENSE.
9:52:49AM SO WE'RE PUTTING THIS OUT THERE.
9:52:52AM WHAT WE WOULD DO, SHOULD YOU PASS THIS, WE WOULD ALIGN WITH
9:52:57AM CAPE CORAL AND OTHERS TO SUPPORT THIS EXPANSION WITH FEDERAL
9:53:03AM DOLLARS INVOLVED.
9:53:04AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
9:53:06AM ANY QUESTIONS?
9:53:06AM CERTAINLY A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT THING TO SUPPORT.
9:53:14AM I HOPE WE CAN ALL SUPPORT IT AND VOTE IN FAVOR OF IT.
9:53:17AM >>Rafael Lopez: I WANT TO SAY, IF I CAN, THAT I AM IN
9:53:20AM SUPPORT OF THIS.
9:53:21AM BEING A VETERAN MYSELF, DR. ALAN WHITE IS IN THE AUDIENCE,

9:53:27AM AND THE VETERANS CLINIC IN CAPE CORAL IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO
9:53:32AM SERVE ALL THE VETERANS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.
9:53:34AM AND THE VETERAN COMMUNITY IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA IS GROWING
9:53:37AM EVERY DAY.
9:53:39AM A HOSPITAL LIKE THAT WOULD BE A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR
9:53:42AM COMMUNITY.
9:53:42AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN.
9:53:43AM IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
9:53:46AM >>Carol Sacco: THERE IS NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO E-COMMENTS.
9:53:49AM >>Mayor Ribble: IN THAT CASE, MAY I HAVE A MOTION, PLEASE?
9:53:51AM COUNCILWOMAN FAYHEE AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LOPEZ.
9:53:54AM MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
9:53:57AM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.
9:53:59AM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
9:54:00AM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.
9:54:02AM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.
9:54:03AM >>Jim Ward: AYE.
9:54:05AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.
9:54:05AM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
9:54:06AM THAT CONCLUDES OUR ACTION ITEMS FOR OUR MEETING.
9:54:15AM WE'LL GO TO COUNCIL COMMENTS NOW BEFORE WE GO ON TO THE
9:54:17AM WORKSHOP.
9:54:17AM DOES ANYONE HAVE ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE VILLAGE?
9:54:20AM >>Rafael Lopez: I JUST WANTED TO GIVE A FEW THANK YOUS.
9:54:25AM WE HAD OUR VETERANS DAY EVENT ON SATURDAY.

9:54:28AM I BELIEVE OUR UNOFFICIAL COUNT WAS 450, BUT I BELIEVE THERE
9:54:32AM WERE MORE.
9:54:32AM I JUST WANT TO THANK A FEW PEOPLE THAT PARTICIPATED.
9:54:37AM EVERY YEAR, VICE-MAYOR ZALUCKI BRINGS THE AMERICAN CLASSIC
9:54:41AM AND MUSCLE CAR SHOW TO THE EVENT, WHICH THOSE CARS ARE
9:54:47AM GORGEOUS.
9:54:47AM THEN WE ALSO HAVE THE MILITARY VEHICLES THAT COME IN.
9:54:52AM CAROL SACCO, CARLA NEBBIA, ROBERT WILEY, AND EVEN RYAN

9:54:58AM EGGLESTON SHOWED UP AND HIS KIDS HELPED PUT UP AMERICAN
9:55:03AM FLAGS.
9:55:03AM THAT WAS REALLY NICE.
9:55:04AM ONE OF THE THINGS WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO DO IN THE LAST COUPLE
9:55:06AM OF YEARS IS INCLUDE THE YOUNGER GENERATION TO COME TO OUR
9:55:11AM VETERANS DAY EVENT.
9:55:12AM WE'VE INCLUDED THE ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL, JROTC ALWAYS
9:55:16AM PARTICIPATES.
9:55:17AM OUR BAND IS NOW PART OF THE SHOW.
9:55:19AM AND THE VOLUNTEERS COME IN AND THEY HELP.
9:55:23AM EVEN THE VOLUNTEERS THAT HIGH SCHOOL KIDS HELPED TO COOK THE
9:55:28AM HOT DOGS.
9:55:30AM TO WATCH THAT WAS MUSIC TO MY EARS.
9:55:32AM AND THE TIDE WATERS VETERANS GROUP, THEY TOLD ME A FEW
9:55:36AM MONTHS AGO, THEY SAID, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET RID OF US.
9:55:39AM WE'RE HERE TO STAY, AND WE'LL BE HERE EVERY YEAR FOR YOU
9:55:42AM GUYS, WHATEVER.

9:55:44AM AND THEN GAIL, ALSO THE ESTERO HISTORICAL SOCIETY HELPS US
9:55:50AM WITH THE NONPROFIT, SETTING UP THE TENT AND EVERYTHING.
9:55:54AM I WANT TO GIVE OUT A THANK-YOU TO EVERYBODY WHO HELPED OUT.
9:55:59AM I KNOW SOME OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOWED UP AND HELPED OUT
9:56:01AM ALSO.
9:56:01AM I REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYBODY HELPING OUT TO MAKE THAT EVENT
9:56:05AM A SUCCESS.
9:56:05AM THANK YOU.
9:56:06AM >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.
9:56:06AM THANK YOU.
9:56:07AM COUNCILMAN McLAIN.
9:56:09AM >>Jon McLain: LAST WEEK ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY, I WAS UP IN
9:56:12AM ST. PETERSBURG.
9:56:12AM I ATTENDED THE FLORIDA GULF COAST TRAIL.
9:56:18AM OUR MANAGER WAS GOING TO GO THERE, BUT HE HAD A LITTLE BIT
9:56:21AM OF AN ACCIDENT, SO I FILLED IN FOR HIM.
9:56:24AM IT WAS PRETTY EYE-OPENING OF AN EVENT.
9:56:27AM THE GULF COAST TRAIL, THE INTENT IS TO RUN IT FROM
9:56:31AM TALLAHASSEE ALL THE WAY DOWN TO KEY WEST, WHICH IS A PRETTY
9:56:38AM AMBITIOUS PLAN.
9:56:39AM AS EVERYBODY KNOWS, THERE ARE TRAILS ALONG THE WAY.
9:56:41AM WHAT THEIR EFFORT IS, HOW DO WE CONNECT ALL THOSE TOGETHER?
9:56:45AM THIS IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN IN A YEAR OR TWO.
9:56:47AM IT'S A LONG-TERM PROJECT.
9:56:50AM BERT WILL BE PART OF THIS TRAIL.

9:56:54AM IN REFERENCE TO THAT AND TO KEEP THIS IN TOP OF MIND FOR
9:56:57AM STEVE AND THE COUNCIL, THEY GAVE ME THIS PLAQUE WHICH
9:57:02AM BASICALLY SAYS THIS SECTION OF TRAIL, WHICH WOULD BE THE
9:57:04AM BERT TRAIL, IS PART OF THE FLORIDA GULF COAST TRAIL.

9:57:07AM SO ALONG THE WAY WE CAN PUT SOME OF THESE SIGNS UP SO PEOPLE
9:57:10AM UNDERSTAND IT AND GET BEHIND THE EFFORTS IN WHATEVER
9:57:13AM COMMUNITY THEY ARE IN TO MAKE THIS CONNECTING.
9:57:17AM I CAN TELL YOU THAT MY EYES AND MY EARS WERE FULL OF IDEAS.
9:57:23AM YOU TALKED ABOUT A BIG TENT.
9:57:26AM THE FLORIDA GULF COAST TRAIL IS THE BIG TENT.
9:57:29AM THE ADVANTAGES OF WORKING WITH THEM AND CHARLES HINES IS ONE
9:57:34AM OF THE TRUSTS FOR PUBLIC LANDS FOLKS THAT I THINK A LOT OF
9:57:36AM YOU DO KNOW, IS PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA GULF COAST TRUST.
9:57:40AM HE'S ALWAYS IN THERE.
9:57:42AM THE ADVANTAGE WE HAVE WITH ASSOCIATING WITH THEM IS THERE IS
9:57:46AM A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF POWER IN THIS GROUP OF HOW TO FINANCE
9:57:51AM THE TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO DO IN THE
9:57:54AM COMING YEARS.
9:57:55AM SO THE CONNECTIVITY FOR THE VILLAGE WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE IS
9:58:00AM GOING TO HELP US SECURE FUNDS AT STATE LEVEL AND EVEN
9:58:03AM FEDERAL LEVEL.
9:58:04AM SO THIS WAS KIND OF THE BEGINNING NOW THAT WE KNOW WE'RE
9:58:07AM BUYING IT HERE IN JANUARY.
9:58:10AM THE WORK IS NOT DONE.
9:58:11AM THE WORK IS PROBABLY JUST STARTING.

9:58:14AM IT WAS A GOOD MEETING TO GO TO.
9:58:16AM I'LL GIVE THIS TO STEVE AFTER THE MEETING.
9:58:18AM PUT IT IN YOUR OFFICE AND LOOK AT IT EVERY DAY AND SAY, HOW
9:58:22AM DO WE MAKE THIS HAPPEN?
9:58:23AM [LAUGHTER]
9:58:24AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN.
9:58:26AM ANYONE ELSE?
9:58:27AM IN THAT CASE, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO THE ROTARY
9:58:30AM WHO JUST CELEBRATED THEIR 25 YEARS, AND CONGRATULATIONS,
9:58:33AM COUNCILMAN LOPEZ, ON A SUCCESSFUL VETERANS DAY.
9:58:36AM I HAVE A SMALL UPDATE ON THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT 41 AND
9:58:41AM PELICAN COLONY BOULEVARD.
9:58:43AM WE GOT A GROUP OF CONCERNED RESIDENTS WHO LIVE RIGHT THERE
9:58:48AM -- OR WHO OWN PROPERTY RIGHT THERE IN THE AREA, AND WE WERE
9:58:52AM ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION AND THE
9:58:57AM PRESIDENT OF THAT ASSOCIATION WHO ARE ACTUALLY RESPONSIBLE
9:59:00AM FOR THE LIGHT.
9:59:02AM NOW THAT WE KNOW THE ENTITY THAT HAS THE ULTIMATE
9:59:07AM RESPONSIBILITY, WE CAN NOW URGE THEM TO MOVE FORWARD MORE
9:59:11AM QUICKLY, AND WE'RE GOING ABOUT DOING THAT RIGHT NOW.
9:59:14AM IT'S NOT GOING TO GET THE LIGHT HERE ANY QUICKER, BUT AT
9:59:19AM LEAST WE CAN URGE THEM TO MOVE MORE QUICKLY AND WE'RE
9:59:22AM WORKING TOWARD THAT END.
9:59:25AM THE OTHER THING IS THE CARDS FOR TROOPS, WHICH 92 FM DOES
9:59:29AM EVERY YEAR.

9:59:30AM I THINK THEY HAD 70,000 CARDS FOR TROOPS LAST YEAR THAT THEY
9:59:34AM COLLECTED JUST IN LEE COUNTY.
9:59:35AM THE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 6.
9:59:39AM I WOULD ASK COUNCIL, PLEASE, IF YOU COULD GET A BOX, WRITE A
9:59:45AM BOX YOURSELF, MAYBE GET A FEW OF THE MEMBERS IN EACH ONE OF
9:59:48AM YOUR COMMUNITIES TO GET TOGETHER WITH A FEW BOXES AND DO A
9:59:50AM CARD-WRITING DAY.
9:59:52AM DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPES.
9:59:54AM DO NOT USE GLITTER OR FOIL, AND NO PERSONAL INFORMATION, BUT
9:59:58AM ALL THE CARDS CAN BE RETURNED TO THE DUNKINS IN ESTERO.
10:00:04AM THERE IS ONE IN THE ESTERO GRANDE OAKS SHOPPING CENTER ON
10:00:08AM BEN HILL, AND THERE IS ONE AT ESTERO TOWN COMMONS ON
10:00:12AM CORKSCREW RIGHT UP THE STREET.
10:00:14AM BOTH OF THOSE DUNKINS WILL ACCEPT THE CARDS FOR TROOPS.
10:00:18AM LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.
10:00:19AM I KNOW THIS IS A VERY LATE START THIS YEAR.
10:00:22AM WE DID ABOUT 3400 LAST YEAR FROM ESTERO.
10:00:24AM LET'S SEE HOW MANY WE CAN GET THIS YEAR.
10:00:30AM THIRD, I LEFT ON YOUR DESK THE FLYER FOR THE PARADE ON
10:00:33AM DECEMBER 5th.
10:00:34AM DON'T FORGET YOUR CANDY.
10:00:36AM THIS YEAR, IT'S GOING TO BE EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER.
10:00:39AM I GO TO MY LAST MEETING TODAY, SO, VICE-MAYOR, I WILL FIND
10:00:44AM OUT WHERE THE LINEUP IS AND HOW YOU GET IN TO THE LINEUP TO
10:00:50AM THE STAGING AREA AS SOON AS I FIND OUT.

10:00:53AM AND, LET'S SEE, SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WILL HAPPEN FROM 10
10:00:57AM TO 2 WILL BE THE CAR SHOW.
10:01:00AM STARTING AT 3:00 WILL BE MANY, MANY ACTIVITIES, DANCE
10:01:05AM RECITALS, MUSIC EXHIBITS, A LOT OF ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS.
10:01:11AM AT 3:30, MOE'S IS HAVING A BURRITO CHALLENGE RELAY, WHERE
10:01:19AM YOU CAN BUILD YOUR BURRITO AND SEE IF YOU CAN BEAT EVERYBODY
10:01:22AM ELSE IN GETTING IT IN A RELAY.
10:01:24AM THAT SHOULD BE FUN.
10:01:25AM THAT STARTS AT 3:30.
10:01:27AM IN THE PARADE WHICH WILL START AT 6:00, FIVE HIGH SCHOOL
10:01:30AM BANDS AND MORE FLOATS THIS YEAR THAN WE'VE EVER HAD IN
10:01:33AM PREVIOUS YEARS.
10:01:35AM THEN IT FOLLOWS WITH THE TREE LIGHTING AND PHOTOS WITH SANTA
10:01:39AM THAT EVENING.
10:01:40AM I HOPE MANY OF YOU CAN GET OUT FOR THE PARADE.
10:01:43AM IT SHOULD BE A REALLY, REALLY FUN EVENT.
10:01:46AM I KNOW WE HAD ALMOST 3,000 PEOPLE IN COCONUT POINT.
10:01:49AM SO BE PREPARED FOR TRAFFIC AND GET THERE IN PLENTY OF TIME
10:01:54AM SO WE CAN GET IN LINE.
10:01:55AM WITH THAT, I KNOW WE'RE NOT DONE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO WISH
10:02:00AM EVERYONE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING, IF WE FORGET AT THE END OF
10:02:03AM THE WORKSHOP.

10:02:04AM IF THERE'S NOTHING ELSE FROM COUNCIL, MR. ESCHENFELDER, DO
10:02:10AM YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR US?
10:02:11AM >>Robert Eschenfelder: NO, MA'AM, I DO NOT.

10:02:12AM >>Mayor Ribble: MR. SARKOZY, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING?
10:02:15AM >>Steven Sarkozy: NO, MA'AM.
10:02:16AM >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.
10:02:16AM THEN I WILL ADJOURN THIS MEETING AND MOVE ON TO THE
10:02:19AM WORKSHOP.
10:02:19AM THE FIRST THING WE HAVE IS THE RIVER OAKS COCCOLOBA CHAPTER
10:02:32AM OF THE FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY.
10:02:37AM STEVE, WOULD YOU PLEASE INTRODUCE THIS?
10:02:39AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
10:02:41AM AS MANY OF YOU WILL RECALL, ABOUT SEVEN YEARS AGO, I THINK
10:02:47AM IT WAS -- SIX YEARS AGO, WE PURCHASED THE 10-ACRE PROPERTY
10:02:52AM BEHIND THE CASCADES AND THE COUNTRY CREEK, ALSO ABUTTING THE
10:03:04AM PROJECT TO THE EAST.
10:03:05AM I'VE FORGOTTEN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD.
10:03:08AM THIS TEN ACRE PARCEL HAD BEEN ZONED BY THE COUNTY PRIOR TO
10:03:11AM OUR INCORPORATION FOR ABOUT 40 TOWNHOMES.
10:03:16AM IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PARCEL TUCKED IN THE BACK OF THESE
10:03:20AM COMMUNITIES, AND THOSE 40 UNITS WOULD HAVE BEEN BUILT RIGHT
10:03:23AM ON THE RIVER AND WOULD HAVE DECIMATED THE NATIVE VEGETATION
10:03:28AM THAT'S IN THIS -- ON THIS PARCEL.
10:03:30AM THE VILLAGE PURCHASED THAT FOR $1.2 MILLION.
10:03:36AM AND THE QUESTION WAS, HOW DO WE STEP UP AND MAINTAIN THE
10:03:40AM PROPERTY AND STILL MAINTAIN OUR GOVERNMENT-LIGHT APPROACH TO
10:03:44AM OPERATIONS?
10:03:44AM THE WHOLE FOCUS OF GOVERNMENT LIGHT IS TO KEEP OUR OPERATING

10:03:48AM EXPENSES LOW SO THAT WE CAN FUNNEL TAX REVENUE INTO PROJECTS
10:03:54AM THAT BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS AS WE GROW THIS COMMUNITY.
10:03:58AM WE STRUCK A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIVE GROWTH PROTECTION
10:04:08AM GROUP THAT STEPPED IN AND TOOK OVER THE DAY-TO-DAY
10:04:12AM MAINTENANCE OF THAT ENTIRE PARK.
10:04:15AM IN MY OPINION, THEY HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB.
10:04:18AM WE STILL HAVE EXPENSES, OF COURSE, AS WE MAINTAIN THE
10:04:21AM PROPERTY, BUT WE'RE PAYING THEM A NOMINAL AMOUNT ON A
10:04:26AM MONTHLY BASIS.
10:04:28AM AND THEY ARE KEEPING THE PARK OPEN AT SELECTED TIMES DURING
10:04:33AM THE WEEK AS WELL AS REMOVING THE INVASIVES AND ALSO
10:04:37AM ADMINISTERING A $2.5 MILLION STATE GRANT THAT WE HAVE TO
10:04:42AM IMPROVE THE TRAILS AND THE BRIDGE OVER THE NORTH BRANCH OF
10:04:48AM THE RIVER AND SO FORTH.
10:04:49AM THEY ARE DOING A LOT OF THEIR WORK BY UTILIZING VOLUNTEERS.
10:04:55AM SO THIS IS AN UPDATE BY THE COCCOLOBA CHAPTER OF THE FLORIDA
10:05:02AM NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY.
10:05:05AM IT'S A TONGUE TWISTER.

10:05:06AM AND THEIR LOCAL DIRECTOR IS MARLENE RODAK, WHO IS OUT THERE
10:05:11AM OFTEN.
10:05:11AM I THINK YOU ALL KNOW HER, A REAL ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY.
10:05:17AM MARLENE IS A RESIDENT OF ESTERO AND ONE OF OUR GREAT
10:05:20AM VOLUNTEERS.
10:05:20AM WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, I CHANGE IT OVER TO MARLENE.
10:05:23AM >>Mayor Ribble: WELCOME.

10:05:25AM GOOD MORNING, MARLENE.
10:05:25AM THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.
10:05:27AM >> SO AS STEVE SAID, I'M MARLENE RODAK.
10:05:30AM I AM THE LEAD VOLUNTEER FOR THIS PROJECT.
10:05:34AM AND TODAY I HAVE KYLIE CHARLES WITH ME.
10:05:37AM KYLIE IS AN FGCU SENIOR, AND SHE IS ONE OF OUR INTERNS FOR
10:05:42AM THIS SEMESTER.
10:05:42AM GETTING READY TO GRADUATE SOON.
10:05:47AM AS THE VILLAGE MANAGER SAID, THIS IS THE PROJECT BOUNDARY.
10:05:58AM IT IS ABOUT 12 OR 13 ACRES WITH THE NORTH BRANCH OF THE
10:06:02AM ESTERO RIVER DIVIDING THE PROPERTY.
10:06:05AM IT'S A SCRUBBY UPLAND PLANT COMMUNITY.
10:06:10AM WE DO HAVE A LOT OF GOPHER TORTOISES THERE.
10:06:15AM BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED ACCESS, IT WAS UNSUITABLE FOR
10:06:20AM DEVELOPMENT.
10:06:21AM THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO PURCHASED THE TEN ACRE PARCEL, THAT
10:06:28AM RECTANGLE, IT PURCHASED FOR 1.2 MILLION.
10:06:32AM THAT CLOSED ON MAY 13, 2022.
10:06:35AM WE SIGNED AN MOU, A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, WITH THE
10:06:41AM VILLAGE.
10:06:41AM THE COCCOLOBA CHAPTER SIGNED THAT MEMORANDUM OF
10:06:45AM UNDERSTANDING IN JULY OF '22, AND WE'VE BEEN MANAGING THAT
10:06:49AM PROPERTY SINCE.
10:06:49AM WE ARE AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.
10:06:53AM WE DON'T HAVE A PAYROLL.

10:06:54AM SOME OF THE BENEFITS THAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR WITH THIS
10:07:00AM PROJECT ARE FLOOD PROTECTION, A HUB FOR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY,
10:07:06AM DEMONSTRATION GARDENS TO PROMOTE THE USE OF NATIVE PLANTS IN
10:07:12AM NEIGHBORHOODS AND LANDSCAPES, HOMEOWNER LANDSCAPES.
10:07:14AM AND SOME OF THE HURDLES THAT WE'VE HAD ARE HURRICANE IAN AND
10:07:24AM CLEANING UP THAT DAMAGE.
10:07:25AM SO THERE WERE EXTRA THINGS THAT GOT IN OUR WAY THERE.
10:07:30AM SO FOR OUR PRESENTATION TODAY, WHAT I'M HOPING TO DO IS TAKE
10:07:35AM A HUMMINGBIRD'S APPROACH TO SEE WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON WITH
10:07:39AM THIS PROPERTY.
10:07:40AM SO THIS IS US BEING HUMMINGBIRDS.
10:07:43AM WE'RE LOOKING DOWN ON THE PROPERTY.
10:07:45AM AND THIS WAS THE PROPERTY WHEN WE STARTED IN THERE.
10:07:49AM YOU CAN SEE IT'S PRETTY DENSE.

10:07:51AM PRETTY GREEN.
10:07:53AM FEW CLOUDS.
10:07:54AM MOST OF THAT FOLIAGE IS INVASIVE EXOTICS.
10:08:02AM SO WE HAD QUITE A JOB AHEAD OF US.
10:08:04AM SO AS WE STARTED IN HERE, YOU CAN START TO SEE SOME OF THE
10:08:09AM CLEARING, WHERE WE'RE PULLING SOME OF THOSE INVASIVES OUT OF
10:08:13AM THERE.
10:08:14AM WE HAD A HEARTY GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS WHO LEAPED INTO ACTION.
10:08:19AM WE SURVEYED, MAPPED, FLAGGED GOPHER TORTOISE BURROWS.
10:08:24AM HAULED TIRES OUT, HAULED DEBRIS OUT AND A LOT MORE.
10:08:27AM WE DID MECHANICAL AND CHEMICAL INVASIVE CONTROL.

10:08:31AM IT WAS SWIFT AND THOROUGH.
10:08:33AM WE ESTABLISHED ELECTRICAL SERVICE OUT AT THE SOLAR WELL
10:08:39AM PUMP, AND THE RESULTS WERE PRETTY DRAMATIC.
10:08:45AM IF YOU SAW THE PROPERTY BEFORE AND AFTER, IT WAS ASTOUNDING.
10:08:50AM SO THIS WAS IMMEDIATELY AFTER HURRICANE IAN, AND WE HAD
10:08:54AM QUITE A BIT OF CLEANUP TO DO FROM THAT AS WELL.
10:08:56AM WE SEE MORE LAND THROUGH THERE NOW.
10:09:03AM WE'RE COMPLETING THE INVASIVES CONTROL.
10:09:07AM AND ALTHOUGH WE'RE ABLE TO REMOVE AND GRIND UP THE INVASIVES
10:09:16AM ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE RECTANGLE, ON THE EASTERN SIDE IT
10:09:21AM WASN'T ACCESSIBLE AT ALL BY EQUIPMENT.
10:09:22AM IT WAS ONLY ACCESSIBLE BY PEOPLE.
10:09:27AM SO IT WAS ALL HAND CREWS THAT WENT IN THERE AND TRIED TO
10:09:32AM CLEAR THAT OUT.
10:09:33AM THE EXOTIC TREATMENT LEFT A LOT OF DEAD WOOD IN THAT AREA IN
10:09:40AM ADDITION TO THE OVERGROWTH.
10:09:43AM THIS IS FEBRUARY OF 2024.
10:09:50AM LIFE CONTINUED ON THE PROPERTY.
10:09:52AM IN THE BACKS OF OUR MIND, THOUGH, WAS THIS, EXCESSIVE FUEL
10:09:56AM LOAD ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY.
10:09:58AM THERE WAS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF DEAD WOOD AND A TREMENDOUS
10:10:02AM AMOUNT OF OVERGROWN SAW PALMETTOS.
10:10:07AM TYPICALLY, LAND LIKE THIS WOULD HAVE FIRE RUN THROUGH IT,
10:10:14AM WHETHER IT WAS STARTED BY LIGHTNING OR WHATEVER, AND YOU CAN
10:10:19AM SEE THE PROXIMITY TO THOSE HOMES.

10:10:22AM IT'S NOT NECESSARILY A PLACE WHERE ANY OF US WOULD FEEL
10:10:27AM COMFORTABLE RUNNING A FIRE THROUGH THERE OR ALLOWING A FIRE
10:10:30AM TO CATCH THERE.
10:10:30AM JANUARY OF 2025 WAS A BIG TIME.
10:10:40AM WE HAD THE FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE COME TO OUR RESCUE, AND
10:10:45AM THEY WERE ABLE TO BRING EQUIPMENT IN FOR THE SAKE OF THE
10:10:52AM NEIGHBORS AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
10:10:55AM THEY REALIZED THE DANGER AND REALIZED OUR PREDICAMENT.
10:10:59AM SO THEY WERE ACTUALLY ABLE TO DROP BOARDS DOWN ON THE SOUTH
10:11:03AM END.

10:11:04AM YOU CAN SEE A LITTLE NOTCH THERE WHERE THEY WERE ABLE TO GET
10:11:08AM FORESTRY MULCHING EQUIPMENT IN THERE.
10:11:11AM THEY WENT IN AND MULCHED OUT THAT AREA.
10:11:14AM IT, AGAIN, WAS HORRIBLY DESTRUCTIVE, BUT IT WAS SOMETHING
10:11:18AM THAT HAD TO BE DONE.
10:11:21AM I LIKE TO CALL IT A SAUSAGE-MAKING PROCESS.
10:11:24AM IT WASN'T TOO PRETTY, BUT THE END RESULT WAS WORTH IT.
10:11:29AM SO NOW THIS IS OUR MOST RECENT AERIAL, AND YOU CAN SEE THAT
10:11:38AM IT'S MUCH THINNER WITH THE INVASIVES REMOVED, WITH THE DEAD
10:11:42AM WOOD REMOVED, WITH THE SAW PALMETTOS KNOCKED BACK SOME.
10:11:47AM NOW YOU CAN SEE THAT IT WOULD BE MUCH EASIER FOR GOPHER
10:11:56AM TORTOISES TO FORAGE THROUGH THERE.
10:12:01AM WE'VE ALREADY SEEN A LOT OF DIVERSITY, A LOT OF INCREASED
10:12:05AM DIVERSITY IN THE AREA PLANT-WISE.
10:12:07AM AND WE'RE SEEING A BABY BOOM FOR THE GOPHER TORTOISES.

10:12:12AM SO SPEAKING OF THE GOPHER TORTOISES, GOPHER TORTOISES ARE A
10:12:18AM KEYSTONE SPECIES.
10:12:20AM THEY HAVE BEEN ELEVATED TO AN ENDANGERED STATUS.
10:12:25AM THEY CREATE BURROWS THAT CREATE HABITAT FOR UP TO 350 OTHER
10:12:30AM SPECIES.
10:12:31AM SO WHEN WE LOSE THESE TORTOISES AND THEIR BURROWS, WE LOSE
10:12:38AM THAT HABITAT FOR UP TO 350 OTHER SPECIES, AND THAT'S A BIG
10:12:42AM LOSS.
10:12:42AM SO, NOW, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FROM OUR HUMMINGBIRD VIEW TO
10:12:51AM OUR GOPHER TORTOISE VIEW.
10:12:53AM THIS WAS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT.
10:12:59AM HERE WE HAVE PHILIP AND MARY LEE, THEY ARE CLEANING UP THE
10:13:05AM AREA.
10:13:06AM PHILIP HAS AN INVASIVE CARROT WOOD IN HIS HANDS.
10:13:09AM I HAVE A LITTLE TAG SHOWING WHERE AN OAK TREE IS.
10:13:12AM WE'RE GOING TO FOLLOW THE OAK TREE OVER THE YEARS.
10:13:15AM SO NOW YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE THAT OAK TREE A LITTLE BIT
10:13:22AM BETTER, AND WE HAVE AN FGCU STUDENT NAMED McKENZIE, AND
10:13:27AM SHE'S PULLING OUT THESE 20-FOOT OR SO CARROT WOOD TREES BY
10:13:32AM THE ROOTS WITH THAT TOOL AND FEELING PRETTY EMPOWERED.
10:13:37AM SO WE'RE CONTINUING TO MAKE PROGRESS HERE.
10:13:46AM WE CAN SEE THE OAK TREE EVEN BETTER NOW.
10:13:49AM WE CAN SEE SOME CLEARING AROUND IT, BUT THIS IS PRETTY HARD
10:13:53AM MANUAL WORK, AS YOU CAN IMAGINE.
10:13:55AM IT WAS ALSO THE DEAD OF SUMMER.

10:13:58AM SO WE CALLED IN REINFORCEMENTS.
10:14:02AM WE HAVE A FORESTRY MULCHER COME IN, AND WE HAD HAND CREWS OF
10:14:06AM FIVE TO SIX PEOPLE.
10:14:07AM WE WERE ABLE TO GET IN THERE AND REALLY REMOVE THOSE
10:14:14AM INVASIVES AND CLEAR OUT SOME SPACE.
10:14:17AM AND THEN, OF COURSE, ONCE WE CLEARED OUT THAT SPACE, WE WERE

10:14:21AM ABLE TO REPLANT.
10:14:25AM THIS IS A GROUP OF FGCU STUDENTS, AND THEY ARE REPLANTING
10:14:28AM UNDER THAT SAME OAK TREE WHICH NOW IS LIBERATED FROM ALL THE
10:14:33AM INVASIVES.
10:14:34AM SO WE'RE DONE WITH OUR GOPHER TORTOISE VIEW.
10:14:38AM NOW WE'LL LOOK AT THE DOLLARS AND CENTS.
10:14:41AM WE HAD SEVERAL -- WE HAD SOME FINANCIAL HELP IN ADDITION TO
10:14:46AM THE VILLAGE.
10:14:50AM WE WORKED WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL
10:14:53AM RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE.
10:14:54AM WE RECEIVED SOME EMERGENCY MONEY FOR HURRICANE IAN CLEANUP.
10:15:01AM THAT WAS $17,705.
10:15:03AM WE ALSO HAVE A CONSERVATION GRANT FOR THAT PROPERTY, FOR THE
10:15:08AM EASTERN PART OF THAT PROPERTY.
10:15:10AM THAT'S BEEN A FIVE-YEAR GRANT THAT PAYS ABOUT 4,000 A YEAR.
10:15:16AM WE HAVE ONE MORE YEAR AT THAT, AND THAT COULD VARY, BUT WE
10:15:21AM THINK THAT MIGHT DOUBLE.
10:15:23AM AND GO ANOTHER FIVE YEARS.
10:15:26AM OF COURSE, WE HAD THE FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE.

10:15:29AM THEY BROUGHT IN THAT FORESTRY MULCHER AND SPENT QUITE A BIT
10:15:33AM OF TIME THERE CLEANING UP THAT PART OF THE PROPERTY.
10:15:36AM THEY DID THAT AT NO CHARGE.
10:15:38AM I BELIEVE THEY HAD SOME GRANT MONEY TO PROTECT HOMES AROUND
10:15:45AM NATURAL AREAS.
10:15:46AM AND THEN THE VILLAGE MANAGER SUGGESTED WE, THROUGH THE
10:15:51AM VILLAGE, RECEIVED THAT $2.5 MILLION TO IMPROVE THE
10:15:56AM INFRASTRUCTURE OF THAT LAND.
10:15:59AM SO WE DO HAVE NURSERY SALES ON THE PROPERTY.
10:16:04AM THE NURSERY SALES HAVE BEEN A LITTLE SLOW SINCE WE MOVED
10:16:07AM THIS PROJECT FROM BONITA UP TO ESTERO.
10:16:11AM PART OF THAT IS JUST BECAUSE THE PROJECT IS SO LARGE, AND WE
10:16:15AM HAVE SO MUCH TO DO.
10:16:16AM THAT NURSERY SALES HAVE JUST BEEN A BIT LOWER.
10:16:22AM THEY ARE INCREASING NOW, ESPECIALLY IN THE LAST FOUR WEEKS,
10:16:29AM BUT THEY ARE SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN IN 2021 WHEN IT WAS
10:16:33AM $30,000.
10:16:36AM THAT WAS ACTUALLY CLOSER TO $40,000 BECAUSE WE GAVE THE
10:16:41AM NAPLES CHAPTER OF THE FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
10:16:45AM ONE-QUARTER OF THE SALES TO SUPPORT THEM.
10:16:49AM VOLUNTEERS.
10:16:55AM SO PROJECT TO DATE TO PRESENT, WE'VE HAD HUNDREDS AND
10:16:59AM HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS THROUGH THAT PROPERTY.
10:17:03AM THEY CAN BE FNPS MEMBERS, FGCU STUDENTS, THEY CAN BE
10:17:08AM NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEERS.

10:17:09AM THIS YEAR WE'VE HAD 738 FGCU STUDENT HOURS WORTH ABOUT
10:17:16AM $25,700.

10:17:17AM PROJECT TO DATE, 3,814 VOLUNTEER HOURS, WORTH ABOUT 133,000.
10:17:28AM AND THAT'S THE TOTAL -- I'M SORRY.
10:17:34AM I MESSED THAT UP.
10:17:35AM THAT'S TOTAL FOR THIS YEAR IS 3,800 TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS,
10:17:43AM INCLUDING THE STUDENTS.
10:17:44AM PROJECT TO DATE, 4,548 FGCU STUDENTS WITH A VALUE OF
10:17:50AM 158,617.
10:17:55AM PROJECT TO DATE, 19,328 HOURS FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF $674,152.
10:18:05AM WHICH IS PRETTY SIGNIFICANT.
10:18:11AM I THINK THAT'S PRETTY AMAZING MYSELF.
10:18:14AM AND IT'S PROBABLY A LITTLE CONSERVATIVE BECAUSE WE DON'T
10:18:18AM ALWAYS CAPTURE ALL THE HOURS.
10:18:19AM AND THAT IS, OF COURSE, BASED ON THE CURRENT FLORIDA
10:18:25AM VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOUR VALUE OF $34.88.
10:18:30AM PICTURES.
10:18:37AM WE HAVE VOLUNTEERS.
10:18:40AM PICTURES OF VOLUNTEERS.
10:18:41AM THESE ARE SOME OF OUR FAVORITE INTERNS HERE.
10:18:43AM WE HAVE CHRISTOPHER AND MAYA WHO WERE OUR FIRST AND SECOND.
10:18:49AM MAYA AND HER FATHER PLANTING A TREE.
10:18:52AM THE VOLUNTEERS DO GET TO PLANT A PROJECT WHILE THEY ARE
10:18:56AM THERE.
10:18:56AM KYLE WAS OUR INTERN LAST YEAR, AND THEN WE HAVE KATE AND HER

10:19:03AM SISTER -- OR KYLIE AND HER SISTER KATE THIS YEAR.
10:19:06AM AND HERE THEY HAVE DISCOVERED A RING NECK SNAKE THAT THEY
10:19:11AM SEEM TO BE HAPPY ABOUT.
10:19:13AM RANDA UP IN OUR UPPER LEFT IS WORKING WITH A STUDENT WHO
10:19:22AM CHOSE TO BRING HER MOTHER WITH HER BECAUSE HER MOTHER REALLY
10:19:25AM ENJOYED WORKING IN THE LAND LIKE THAT.
10:19:28AM THESE ARE JUST SOME OF OUR VOLUNTEERS.
10:19:30AM BELOW THAT IS PIERCE WHO DUG THIS SEMITRUCK TIRE OUT OF THE
10:19:36AM RIVER BY HEAVY AND PROUDLY ROLLED IT DOWN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.
10:19:40AM AVA, WHO BUILT THIS POND, TAKES A MEDITATIVE MOMENT.
10:19:46AM SOME OF THE KIDS AND SOME OF THE DIRT THAT WE END UP WITH.
10:19:51AM AND THEN IN THE LOWER RIGHT-HAND CORNER IS OUR BELOVED BOB
10:19:55AM AND HIS DAUGHTER KATY.
10:19:57AM BOB IS 84 YEARS OLD.
10:19:59AM HE'S BEEN COMING OUT THERE AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK FOR
10:20:04AM FOUR YEARS OR SO.
10:20:06AM LIKES TO BRING HIS DAUGHTER AND BROUGHT HIS SISTER YESTERDAY
10:20:12AM OR SUNDAY.
10:20:13AM I CAN'T REMEMBER.
10:20:14AM MORE PICTURES.
10:20:17AM WE HAVE RYAN WITH A SCARLET SNAKE, AND JUST SOME OF OUR
10:20:28AM VOLUNTEERS WORKING.
10:20:29AM KYLIE IS DOWN THERE WITH BOB IN THE BOTTOM ROW.
10:20:32AM A LOT OF FGCU STUDENTS.

10:20:34AM UP IN THE UPPER RIGHT IS KYLIE'S SISTER KATE.

10:20:38AM SHE LOOKED DOWN AND SAW THIS GREEN LINK SPIDER ON HER ARM.
10:20:43AM NORMALLY SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN PRETTY UPSET BY THAT, BUT IT
10:20:48AM DOESN'T MUCH FAZE HER.
10:20:50AM OKAY, COLLABORATIONS, WE TRY TO COLLABORATE WITH A LOT OF
10:20:54AM PEOPLE.
10:20:54AM HERE WE HAVE DR. ROTZ'S HYDROLOGY/GEOLOGY CLASS WAS OUT WITH
10:21:04AM ABOUT 30 STUDENTS.
10:21:05AM THE INTERNS WERE THERE TO HELP.
10:21:06AM THEY CLIMBED DOWN INTO THE RIVER AND THEY WERE DOING MANUAL
10:21:10AM CALCULATIONS FOR THE USGS MONITORING SITE.
10:21:14AM THEY WERE COLLECTING REAL DATA AND THEN COMPARING IT TO THE
10:21:17AM AUTOMATED DATA.
10:21:18AM I THINK THAT WAS A PRETTY GOOD USE OF THE PROPERTY.
10:21:22AM ON THE RIGHT, WE HAVE FGCU WOW DAYS AND VOLUNTEER DAYS.
10:21:29AM WE DO THOSE PRETTY REGULARLY.
10:21:31AM WE CAN TAKE UP TO 30 STUDENTS AT A TIME.
10:21:34AM WE GENERALLY HAVE A VOLUNTEER LEADER RATIO OF MAYBE ONE --
10:21:41AM MAYBE TWO STUDENTS TO EVERY ONE VOLUNTEER.
10:21:43AM SO IT'S A VERY INTENSIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE MORE THAN A
10:21:51AM PRODUCTIVE EXPERIENCE FOR THE PROPERTY.
10:21:52AM MORE EVENTS, WE HAD THE LEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS OUT
10:22:00AM THERE.
10:22:01AM ABOUT 30 OF THE MASTER GARDENERS WERE OUT THERE DOING
10:22:05AM EXERCISES TO LEARN ABOUT NATIVE PLANTS IN THE DEMONSTRATION
10:22:08AM GARDENS.

10:22:09AM WE HAD DR. HATTAWAY'S PLANT ID CLASS OUT THERE TEACHING THE
10:22:18AM ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS HOW TO BETTER ID NATIVE PLANTS
10:22:22AM SO THAT THEY CAN DO A BETTER JOB PROTECTING THEM.
10:22:25AM HIS BOOK IS THERE, TOO.
10:22:28AM LET'S SEE, WE HAD CISMA WEED WRANGLE.
10:22:37AM FORAGING WORKSHOPS.
10:22:38AM WE'RE GETTING MORE AND MORE BIRDERS OUT THERE.
10:22:41AM WE'VE HAD GARDEN CLUBS.
10:22:43AM WE RECENTLY DID AN OFF-SITE NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY AT THE
10:22:51AM ESTERO RIVER PARK.
10:22:53AM USING THIS PROPERTY, WE PROVIDED A PLANT SALE LAST WEEKEND
10:22:58AM AT CORKSCREW SHORES FOR THEIR SHARE THE LANDSCAPE EVENT AT
10:23:03AM THEIR DEVELOPMENT.
10:23:05AM AND THEN RECENTLY WE ALSO HELPED THE GROVE PLANT THEIR
10:23:11AM ROUNDABOUT WITHIN THEIR DEVELOPMENT WITH NATIVE PLANTS.
10:23:14AM WE LAID THAT OUT AND WORKED WITH THEIR INSTALLER TO GET THAT
10:23:19AM INSTALLED.
10:23:20AM SOME OF THE NATURE SHOTS, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU COULD SEE THAT
10:23:25AM LITTLE TINY GOPHER TORTOISE UP THERE.
10:23:29AM THAT WAS A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.

10:23:31AM SO WE'VE JUST HAD ANOTHER BABY BOOM IN THE AREA.
10:23:35AM THORN BUGS, MUSHROOMS, ONE OF OUR FAVORITE GREEN LINK
10:23:39AM SPIDERS.
10:23:40AM ON THE RIGHT THERE IS A DEAD PALM TREE THAT HAS A SCREECH
10:23:44AM OWL NESTING ABOVE A RED BELLIED WOODPECKER.

10:23:48AM SO YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU SEE ON THE PROPERTY, BUT IT'S ALL
10:23:52AM GOOD.
10:23:53AM HERE WE HAVE A STATE BUTTERFLY, THE ZEBRA LONG WING AND A
10:23:57AM COUPLE OF GOPHER TORTOISES.
10:24:00AM IT'S NOT GOING TO START.
10:24:12AM THIS WAS A VIDEO SHOWING THREE BOBCATS.
10:24:15AM SO WE'VE ALSO HAD A POPULATION EXPLOSION OF MAMMALS.
10:24:20AM BOBCATS AND BABY RABBIT, LITTLE BUNNY FACTORIES ALL THROUGH.
10:24:30AM OVERALL, WE'VE BEEN REALLY PLEASED WITH THE PROJECT, AND WE
10:24:33AM HOPE YOU ARE, TOO.
10:24:36AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, MARLENE.
10:24:38AM THAT WAS VERY INTERESTING.
10:24:39AM THAT SHOWED WHAT HARD WORK YOU'VE BEEN DOING OVER THE YEARS.
10:24:43AM TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF HARD WORK.
10:24:44AM THANK YOU FOR THAT.
10:24:46AM ANY COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL?
10:24:47AM VICE-MAYOR.
10:24:50AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: THANK YOU.
10:24:51AM MARLENE, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING
10:24:53AM OVER THERE.
10:24:55AM IT DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED.
10:24:57AM KYLIE, THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING.
10:24:58AM I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.
10:25:02AM WHERE DO YOU ENVISION THIS PROJECT IN A YEAR, TWO YEARS,
10:25:06AM THREE YEARS, WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING LONG TERM FOR THIS?

10:25:10AM DOES YOUR GROUP TALK ABOUT THAT?
10:25:13AM >> YES, AND WE'VE TALKED WITH THE STAFF ABOUT THAT AS WELL.
10:25:17AM THIS IS SOMETHING TOTALLY UNIQUE THAT DOESN'T EXIST
10:25:26AM ELSEWHERE THAT I KNOW OF IN THIS AREA.
10:25:29AM WHAT WE HAVE IS DEMONSTRATION GARDEN.
10:25:32AM SO WE CAN TAKE NATIVE PLANTS AND WE CAN PLANT THEM OUT AND
10:25:37AM WE CAN SHOW THE BENEFITS TO WILDLIFE IN THAT.
10:25:40AM SO WHEN YOU WALK ON TO THIS PROPERTY, YOU'RE GOING TO SEE
10:25:46AM SOMETHING THAT YOU DON'T SEE ELSEWHERE.
10:25:48AM YOU'RE GOING TO SEE BUTTERFLIES.
10:25:49AM YOU'RE GOING TO SEE GOPHER TORTOISES.
10:25:52AM YOU'RE GOING TO SEE ALL THESE SIGNS OF LIFE OF WHAT THIS
10:25:55AM AREA ACTUALLY LOOKED LIKE BEFORE.
10:25:57AM BUT IT ALSO HAS A LOT OF PLANTS THAT ARE NATIVE BUT DON'T
10:26:01AM NECESSARILY GROW IN THIS AREA, BUT THEY ARE VERY SUITABLE
10:26:05AM FOR GROWING IN YARDS AND NEIGHBORHOODS.

10:26:09AM AND THEY ARE REALLY SUITABLE FOR COMPETING AGAINST EXOTIC
10:26:15AM PLANTS, AND THEY CAN PROVIDE FOR WILDLIFE WHERE EXOTIC
10:26:19AM PLANTS AREN'T PROVIDING FOR WILDLIFE.
10:26:21AM THESE GARDENS DON'T JUST -- WE DON'T JUST MAKE THEM AND THEY
10:26:28AM ARE THERE.
10:26:28AM THEY TAKE FIVE OR SIX YEARS TO BUILD UP AND COME INTO THEIR
10:26:35AM OWN.
10:26:35AM SO WE'RE JUST STARTING TO GET THERE.
10:26:37AM SO NOW WE CAN TAKE PEOPLE THROUGH THESE GARDENS AND THEY CAN

10:26:42AM SEE THE TRUE BEAUTY OF THE NATIVE PLANTS AND TRULY WHAT THEY
10:26:48AM CAN DO.
10:26:48AM THEN WE CAN GET NATIVE PLANTS RIGHT INTO THEIR HANDS THROUGH
10:26:54AM THE NURSERY.
10:26:55AM WE FOUND THAT WE USED TO CALL IT -- WE GET PEOPLE ALL GEEKED
10:27:02AM UP THROUGH OUTREACH ABOUT NATIVE PLANTS AND THEN ALL OF A
10:27:05AM SUDDEN THEY LEAVE AND THEY CAN'T FIND NATIVE PLANTS.
10:27:08AM SO THEY END UP AT BIG BOX STORES AND THEY ARE BUYING PLANTS
10:27:12AM THAT AREN'T NATIVE.
10:27:13AM SO WE'RE TRYING TO CLOSE THAT GAP AND GET THAT NATIVE PLANT
10:27:17AM IN THEIR HANDS RIGHT AWAY.
10:27:19AM WE BALANCE THAT NURSERY OUT WITH NOT COMPETING WITH
10:27:26AM FOR-PROFIT NATIVE PLANT NURSERIES.
10:27:30AM WE'RE JUST THERE TO FILL THAT GAP AND TO TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT
10:27:34AM NATIVE PLANTS.
10:27:34AM THEN WE DON'T CARE WHERE THEY BUY THEM BECAUSE WE NEED THOSE
10:27:40AM FOR-PROFIT NATIVE PLANT NURSERIES TO STAY IN BUSINESS AND TO
10:27:45AM PROFIT.
10:27:45AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: THANK YOU.
10:27:47AM THANK YOU FOR THAT.
10:27:47AM JUST A COUPLE OF OTHER QUESTIONS.
10:27:49AM HOW DO YOU CURRENTLY INTERACT WITH THE PUBLIC?
10:27:51AM LET'S SAY SOMEBODY WANTS TO COME VISIT AND THEY PULL UP.
10:27:56AM IS THERE A METHOD -- OR WHAT IS THE PROCESS OF INTERACTING
10:27:59AM WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT MIGHT NOT BE PART OF YOUR

10:28:01AM GROUP?
10:28:03AM >> WE SHOVE KYLIE OUT THERE.
10:28:05AM NO.
10:28:05AM [LAUGHTER]
10:28:06AM PEOPLE CAN COME IN.
10:28:08AM OUR NORMAL OPEN HOURS ARE TUESDAYS AND SUNDAYS FROM 9 TO 1.
10:28:13AM DURING THOSE TIMES, THE GATE IS OPEN AND WE'RE OPEN TO
10:28:16AM PEOPLE HIKING OR SHOPPING OR ASKING QUESTIONS OR ANYTHING
10:28:20AM LIKE THAT.
10:28:21AM OTHER THAN THAT, WE HAVE WORKDAYS WHERE WE'LL HAVE AN FGCU
10:28:29AM WORK DAY OR OTHER WORKDAYS DURING THE WEEK TO PICK UP
10:28:31AM SPECIAL PROJECTS OR ANYTHING.

10:28:32AM WE HAVE -- JUST THIS LAST WEEK, SALESFORCE.COM WAS E-MAILING
10:28:40AM ABOUT HAVING A CORPORATE-TYPE RETREAT, VERY SMALL, BUT A
10:28:45AM CORPORATE EVENT TO COME OUT AND DO VOLUNTEER WORK FOR TEAM
10:28:49AM BUILDING OR WHATEVER.
10:28:50AM WE DID NOT, QUOTE, LAND THAT.
10:28:54AM THEY CHOSE ANOTHER SITE, BUT I THINK WE'LL BE CONSIDERED IN
10:29:01AM THE FUTURE.
10:29:01AM AS FAR AS FGCU, THERE IS A REAL NEED FOR GETTING PEOPLE --
10:29:09AM GETTING THOSE STUDENTS OUT IN THE FIELD.
10:29:14AM EVEN KYLIE'S SISTER SAID -- YOU KNOW, THEY ARE GRADUATING
10:29:20AM WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES DEGREES.
10:29:22AM THEY SAID THEY GOT ALL THESE PIECES AND PARTS, BUT IT WAS
10:29:26AM REALLY -- IT REALLY WASN'T UNTIL THEIR INTERNSHIP THAT THEY

10:29:29AM WERE ABLE TO PUT IT ALL TOGETHER AND SEE HOW EVERYTHING
10:29:32AM ACTUALLY FIT TOGETHER.
10:29:35AM AND I THINK WE DO SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH OUR INTERNS, AND
10:29:41AM WE DO TRY TO PROVIDE THEM OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THIS, BUT ALSO
10:29:45AM PLANT BUYING TRIPS, AND A LOT OF NETWORKING AND THINGS LIKE
10:29:50AM THAT.
10:29:52AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: OKAY.
10:29:52AM THANK YOU.
10:29:54AM IT'S GREAT.
10:29:54AM I WROTE DOWN THE HOURS.
10:29:55AM THAT WAS ONE OF MY QUESTIONS.
10:29:57AM HOW DO VOLUNTEERS SIGN UP?
10:29:59AM HOW DO THEY FIND OUT ABOUT YOU?
10:30:02AM IS THERE A WEBSITE THAT THEY CAN GO TO TO MAYBE ENGAGE WITH
10:30:05AM YOU TO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME AND GET INVOLVED?
10:30:10AM >> WE DO HAVE A WEBSITE, AND IT DOES PROVIDE INFORMATION.
10:30:13AM WE DO WORK DIRECTLY THROUGH THE FGCU SERVICE LEARNING
10:30:18AM OFFICE.
10:30:20AM THE REALITY IS, WE'RE BUSY PEOPLE, AND WE DON'T REALLY DO --
10:30:26AM DO REALLY WELL TAKING APPOINTMENTS AND MAYBE PEOPLE CHANGING
10:30:29AM THEM.
10:30:29AM SO IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER, SHOW UP.
10:30:31AM JUST SHOW UP.
10:30:34AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: MAYBE THAT MESSAGE NEEDS TO GET OUT.
10:30:36AM THANK YOU FOR THAT.

10:30:37AM ONE LAST QUESTION, MAYBE THIS IS FOR STEVE.
10:30:39AM HOW ARE WE MANAGING THE GRANT ALLOCATIONS RIGHT NOW FOR SOME
10:30:42AM OF THOSE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS?
10:30:44AM IS THIS GROUP ALSO INVOLVED IN THAT?
10:30:47AM ARE THEY TAKING A LEAD OR HOW IS THAT WORKING?
10:30:50AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THE VILLAGE IS THE LEAD ON THE
10:30:52AM $2.5 MILLION GRANT WITH THE STATE.
10:30:54AM IT WAS A LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION.

10:30:58AM WE'RE COORDINATING THAT.
10:31:02AM BY MID 2027, NEXT YEAR, WE'LL HAVE THE SERIES OF TRAILS
10:31:08AM THROUGH THE ENTIRE SITE, A BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER, WHICH WILL
10:31:15AM OPEN UP THEN THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY.
10:31:20AM WE'LL HAVE RESTROOM SPACE IN THE PARK AND A PAVILION THAT
10:31:27AM CAN PROVIDE A SHELTER AND KIND OF A STAGING AREA FOR THE
10:31:32AM VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES.
10:31:35AM AND POSSIBLY SOME OTHER SHEDS ON THE SITE JUST TO REMOTELY
10:31:39AM TO KEEP TOOLS SO YOU'RE NOT DRAGGING TOOLS TO THE FAR
10:31:43AM REACHES OF THE SITE.
10:31:43AM WHAT THAT DOES THEN, IS OPEN UP THE ENTIRE SITE FOR THE
10:31:48AM PUBLIC.
10:31:49AM THIS IS ALWAYS INTENDED AS A KIND OF PASSIVE PARK UNDER THE
10:31:54AM MANAGEMENT ARM OF THE NATIVE GROWTH PLANT SOCIETY.
10:31:57AM IT'S KIND OF A -- ONE OF OUR COMMITMENTS TO PRESERVING
10:32:03AM NATURAL AREAS THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN CLEAR CUT FOR THE BENEFIT
10:32:07AM OF THE PUBLIC.

10:32:08AM BEYOND THAT, WE'RE LOOKING FOR OTHER WAYS OF CREATING
10:32:18AM BUILDING SPACE TO HOUSE THE PLANT SALE OPERATION WHICH THEN
10:32:23AM HELPS US EXTEND THAT OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY.
10:32:26AM WE HAVE SOME ISSUES WITH WHERE TO PUT THAT, WITH THE SIZE OF
10:32:33AM THE PROPERTY AND THE FACT THAT A LOT OF IT IS FLOODPLAIN.
10:32:37AM WE CAN'T JUST PLOP DOWN A BUILDING, AND THAT WOULD DETRACT
10:32:41AM FROM THE OVERALL NATURAL AREA.
10:32:47AM THE LOCATIONS WHERE WE WOULD LIKE TO STICK THE BUILDINGS,
10:32:51AM THERE ARE SOME PROPERTY ISSUES THAT WE HAVE WITH CASCADES
10:32:54AM AND COUNTRY CREEK.
10:32:56AM NOTHING OF THEIR DOING.
10:32:58AM IT'S JUST THAT IT'S -- WE DON'T OWN ALL THAT PROPERTY, SO WE
10:33:03AM CAN'T GO PLANNING A BUILDING ON PROPERTY WE DON'T OWN.
10:33:07AM THAT'S WHERE WE'RE AT.
10:33:08AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: ONE LAST THING.
10:33:09AM HOW ABOUT SECURITY?
10:33:10AM THAT COULD BE PART OF POTENTIALLY THE GRANT ALLOCATION.
10:33:13AM ANY SECURITY ISSUES OUT THERE THAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED?
10:33:16AM NO.
10:33:17AM THAT'S GREAT.
10:33:18AM THAT'S ENCOURAGING.
10:33:19AM THANK YOU.
10:33:20AM THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MAYOR.
10:33:22AM >>Jim Ward: MY QUESTIONS WERE BASICALLY ANSWERED.
10:33:24AM THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO.

10:33:25AM WE APPRECIATE IT.
10:33:27AM >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCILMAN HUNT.
10:33:27AM >>Jeff Hunt: QUICK COMMENT.
10:33:29AM MARLENE, HAVING VISITED THE FACILITY ABOUT A YEAR AGO DURING

10:33:32AM A VERY HOT DAY, IT IS A LOT OF HARD WORK AND NOT EASY.
10:33:36AM KYLIE, THANK YOU AND THE TEAM AND EVERYONE FOR BEING OUT
10:33:39AM THERE.
10:33:39AM IT'S NICE TO SEE THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VILLAGE.
10:33:43AM YOU'RE EXECUTING THE PLAN, AND TO THE VICE-MAYOR'S COMMENTS,
10:33:46AM EXPANDING THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE
10:33:49AM COMMUNITY.
10:33:50AM SO I LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THAT.
10:33:52AM >> THANK YOU.
10:33:53AM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
10:33:54AM IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
10:33:56AM >>Carol Sacco: NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO E-COMMENTS.
10:33:58AM >>Mayor Ribble: LADIES, THANK YOU SO MUCH.
10:34:00AM THAT WAS REALLY AN EYE-OPENER PRESENTATION.
10:34:02AM I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO COMING OUT IN THE BEGINNING OF NEXT
10:34:05AM MONTH.
10:34:05AM THANK YOU SO MUCH.
10:34:05AM OUR NEXT WORKSHOP RELATES TO REVIEWING OUR MONUMENT SIGNS,
10:34:14AM PEDESTRIAN WAYFINDING SIGNS, VEHICULAR DIRECTIONAL SIGNS,
10:34:18AM SECONDARY VEHICULAR DIRECTIONAL SIGNS, AND INTERPRETIVE
10:34:23AM SIGNS FOR THE ESTERO VILLAGE CENTER HUB.

10:34:27AM STEVE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS, PLEASE?
10:34:29AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
10:34:31AM AS I MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, WE'RE WRAPPING UP PHASE ONE OF
10:34:35AM THE SPORTSPARK PROJECT.
10:34:37AM AND THE LANDSCAPING, THE FENCE, AND ALL THAT STUFF IS GOING
10:34:39AM IN.
10:34:40AM PART OF THAT PROJECT WITH THE FENCE AND INTERNAL SIGNAGE
10:34:47AM INVOLVES THE DETAILS OF WHAT THE SIGNS LOOK LIKE THEMSELVES.
10:34:51AM THIS IS REALLY THE LAST SHOT WE HAVE AT LOOKING AT THE
10:35:00AM DESIGN DETAILS FOR THE SIGNAGE.
10:35:03AM IT'S KIND OF LIKE SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR PEACE.
10:35:06AM SO THAT'S WHY THIS IS AN UPDATE FOR THE COUNCIL.
10:35:11AM THIS IS ONE OF THE FINISHING TOUCHES THAT WILL BE -- THAT
10:35:16AM THE STYLE OF SIGNAGE THAT WE HAVE NOT ONLY ON THE
10:35:19AM SPORTSPARK, BUT ALSO AT THE REGIONAL STORMWATER PONDS THAT
10:35:26AM WE'RE BUILDING OVER ON THREE OAKS PARKWAY, THE RIVER OAKS
10:35:33AM PROPERTY THAT MARLENE JUST MENTIONED AS WELL AS ESTERO RIVER
10:35:37AM PARK AT THE CORNER OF CORKSCREW AND U.S. 41, PLUS OTHER
10:35:42AM AREAS THAT THE VILLAGE OWNS IN THE FUTURE.
10:35:44AM SO THIS IS KIND OF A BIG DEAL.
10:35:48AM WE THINK WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, BUT IT'S ANOTHER KICK OF
10:35:52AM THE CAN WITH THE COUNCIL.
10:35:53AM THESE SIGNS ARE READY TO BE FABRICATED AND INSTALLED HERE
10:36:04AM WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS.
10:36:06AM I'LL TURN IT OVER TO MICHAEL COMPARATO WHO IS HELPING

10:36:10AM COORDINATE THE PHASE ONE OF THE SPORTSPARK FOR A DESCRIPTION
10:36:15AM OF THE ISSUE HERE.
10:36:16AM MICHAEL?
10:36:18AM >> GOOD MORNING, MAYOR.
10:36:19AM GOOD MORNING, COUNCIL.
10:36:20AM AS YOU'VE SEEN IN YOUR PACKET, WHAT WE TRIED TO DO IS
10:36:24AM INCLUDE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT VISUALS AND TRY TO CONNECT
10:36:27AM DOTS BACK TO THE PATTERN BOOK THAT COUNCIL APPROVED A COUPLE
10:36:30AM OF YEARS AGO TO SOME OF THE CUT SHEETS -- FROM THE
10:36:36AM CONTRACTOR TODAY, AS STEVE'S POINT, WE'RE TRYING TO CLOSE
10:36:38AM OUT PHASE ONE AND PREPARE FOR PHASE TWO.
10:36:40AM THERE ARE REALLY THREE THINGS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS
10:36:44AM YOUR ATTENTION ON AS WE TRY TO GET CONSENSUS FEEDBACK AND
10:36:47AM DIRECTION FROM YOU TODAY AS WE TRY TO EXECUTE ON THIS.
10:36:50AM ONE IS THE ACTUAL ESTERO VILLAGE LOGO ITSELF AND HOW THAT IS
10:36:55AM PRESENTED AND CONSTRUCTED.
10:36:57AM THE SECOND IS THE NAMING CONVENTION OR WHAT GOES ON THE
10:37:04AM SIGNAGE.
10:37:04AM AND THEN THIRDLY, WE'LL KIND OF TIE ALL THIS IN WITH THE
10:37:08AM MONUMENT SIGN AND ORNAMENTAL FENCING THAT'S GOING IN AS WE
10:37:12AM SPEAK.
10:37:13AM THE IMAGE I'VE GOT ON THE SCREEN RIGHT NOW IS AN IMAGE
10:37:16AM CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE'VE GOT IN OUR MONUMENT SIGNS
10:37:19AM THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE CURRENTLY AND THE VARIOUS DIFFERENT
10:37:22AM RIGHT-OF-WAYS ON 41, IMPERIAL, AND THREE OAKS.

10:37:24AM YOU'LL NOTICE AS THAT WAS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED, THE TOP
10:37:28AM HALF OF THE LOGO IS A CUT-OUT LOGO VERSUS A FULL CIRCLE,
10:37:34AM SOLID CIRCLE LOGO.
10:37:36AM THAT'S IMPORTANT AS WE LOOK AT THE CUT SHEETS THAT WE HAVE
10:37:39AM FROM SUFFOLK AND THE DESIGN TEAM.
10:37:44AM THE ALTERNATIVE IS A FULL CIRCLE LOGO THAT IS BACKLIT.
10:37:49AM OUR SIGNS ALONG PARKWAYS NOW ARE GROUND LIT UP TO THE ENTIRE
10:37:53AM MONUMENT, VERSUS A BACKLIT LOGO ITSELF.
10:37:56AM SO ONE OF THE DECISION POINTS TODAY THAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR
10:37:59AM CONSENSUS ON IS WHICH DIRECTION WE WOULD PREFER TO GO AS A
10:38:05AM COUNCIL AS WE IMPLEMENT THE SIGNS AT THE SPORTSPARK AND THE
10:38:12AM VILLAGE CENTER HUB.
10:38:13AM CONSISTENT WITH THAT, THE ORNAMENTAL FENCING IN THE PATTERN
10:38:20AM BOOK -- BEAR WITH ME AS I TRY TO WORK MY WAY THROUGH THE --
10:38:31AM THIS IS A PHOTOGRAPH, A MOCK-UP THAT WE HAD FABRICATED AND
10:38:37AM SET NEXT TO THE TRAILER AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE.
10:38:40AM YOU CAN SEE THE VILLAGE LOGO CUT INTO THE ORNAMENTAL
10:38:44AM FENCING.
10:38:44AM IF I CAN FIND IT, THE PATTERN BOOK --
10:38:56AM >> YOU WANT THE FULL PATTERN BOOK?
10:38:58AM >> NO, JUST THE ONE IMAGE WE EXTRACTED THAT I DON'T SEE UP
10:39:03AM HERE ANYMORE.

10:39:06AM >> WE HAVE A DESK PACKET, MICHAEL.
10:39:08AM >> IN THE DESK PACKET THERE IS AN EXTRACTED SHEET FROM THE
10:39:13AM PATTERN BOOK THAT SHOWS THE ORNAMENTAL FENCING, COLOR

10:39:17AM RENDERING.
10:39:18AM THE MAYOR HAS IT.
10:39:20AM THIS IS VERY CONSISTENT WITH THAT.
10:39:21AM AS YOU DRIVE UP AND DOWN VIA COCONUT, YOU'LL SEE THE COLUMNS
10:39:26AM ARE ALREADY ERECTED AND BEGINNING TO WRAP STONE.
10:39:29AM THE ORNAMENTAL FENCING IS IN FABRICATION ON THE EAST COAST.
10:39:33AM IT WILL BE PAINTED THE COLOR THAT YOU SEE IN THE PATTERN
10:39:37AM BOOK.
10:39:37AM THE FENCING WILL INCLUDE A LOGO IN BETWEEN EACH, VILLAGE
10:39:42AM LOGO.
10:39:46AM >> IT'S NUMBER THREE.
10:40:00AM >>Jon McLain: MICHAEL, ON THE FENCE AND THE LOGO THAT'S
10:40:03AM WITHIN THE FENCE, ARE YOU SAYING THAT'S ALREADY BEING DONE?
10:40:07AM BECAUSE MY OBSERVATION OF THIS FENCING AND EVEN YOUR
10:40:13AM ILLUSTRATION OF SOMEONE RIDING ALONG ON A BIKE, THE LOGO
10:40:17AM DISAPPEARS.
10:40:18AM I THINK THE LOGO, IF IT'S NOT TOO LATE, IT ACTUALLY SHOULD
10:40:23AM BE -- IF YOU LOOK AT THE BARS, THEY ARE, WHATEVER, AN INCH.
10:40:26AM THE LOGO ITSELF IS RELATIVELY FINE DIAMETER COMPARED TO THE
10:40:33AM FENCE.
10:40:34AM I LIKE THE LOGO, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S HEAVY ENOUGH.
10:40:39AM IF THAT IS HALF AN INCH EACH, THEY SHOULD BE ENLARGED TO
10:40:45AM MAYBE ALMOST AN INCH TO MAKE IT MORE PRONOUNCED WHEN YOU ARE
10:40:47AM RIDING BY IT OR LOOKING AT IT.
10:40:49AM IT ALMOST FADES INTO THE FENCE ON THE ILLUSTRATION THAT

10:40:55AM YOU'RE SHOWING THERE.
10:40:57AM TOO LATE FOR CHANGES?
10:40:58AM >> WE CAN CHECK INTO IT TO SEE IF IT CAN BE ENHANCED.
10:41:03AM >>Jon McLain: I DON'T KNOW IN THE OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS
10:41:05AM AGREE WITH THAT OR NOT.
10:41:06AM >>Jim Ward: POSSIBLY PAINT IT IS A DIFFERENT COLOR IN THE
10:41:10AM FENCE, THE LOGO.
10:41:12AM >>Jeff Hunt: CAN IT BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY IN DIFFERENT
10:41:15AM SPOTS?
10:41:15AM WHEN YOU NEED TO KNOW IT IS PART OF THE PARK, I'M RIDING BY
10:41:18AM AND ON 41 LET'S SAY AROUND THE EXTERIOR OF THE PARK, I KIND
10:41:23AM OF WANT IT TO BLEND IN, RIGHT, VERSUS STAND OUT.
10:41:26AM BUT I WANT CERTAIN POINTS OF IT TO STAND OUT, WHERE THE
10:41:29AM ENTRIES ARE, SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
10:41:31AM >> INTERESTING.
10:41:31AM ALSO, KEEP IN MIND, BY THE WAY, THAT THE INTENT HERE,
10:41:35AM VILLAGEWIDE CONSISTENT THING APPLIED, NOT JUST TO VILLAGE
10:41:39AM CENTER, BUT ESTERO RIVER PARK, ESTERO RIVER NORTH, ON THREE

10:41:43AM OAKS.
10:41:44AM WE'RE LOOKING AT HAVING A CONSISTENT LOOK.
10:41:46AM SO WE CAN CERTAINLY TAKE ALL THAT IN CONSIDERATION AS WE
10:41:51AM FABRICATE.
10:41:52AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: QUICK COMMENT.
10:41:53AM THANK YOU, COUNCILMAN McLAIN, FOR BRINGING THIS UP.
10:41:55AM IT'S A GOOD POINT.

10:41:56AM I GUESS MY QUESTION IS, LOOKING AT PAGE 50 HERE WITH THE
10:42:01AM FENCING SHOWN, MICHAEL, THE DESK PACKET PIECE, HOW MANY
10:42:05AM SECTIONS OF FENCE GOES ALONG UNTIL YOU GET A SECTION WITH A
10:42:09AM LOGO?
10:42:11AM >> IT VARIES A LITTLE BIT.
10:42:12AM THEY ARE CENTERED BETWEEN COLUMNS, SO THERE IS A CONSISTENT
10:42:15AM AESTHETIC LOOK THAT'S SYMMETRICAL.
10:42:17AM IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, I BELIEVE THERE ARE SIX SECTIONS,
10:42:21AM AND THEN THE LOGO AND THEN ANOTHER SIX SECTIONS.
10:42:24AM I BELIEVE AT LEAST TWO, IF NOT THREE LOGOS BETWEEN THE FENCE
10:42:28AM POSTS.
10:42:29AM BUT I CAN DOUBLE CHECK THAT TO MAKE SURE.
10:42:31AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: I THINK TO JEFF'S POINT, I THINK IF IT
10:42:34AM IS OVER-PRONOUNCED, IT COULD LOOK A LITTLE GAUDY IF YOU
10:42:38AM START ADDING COLOR.
10:42:39AM BUT I LOVE THE COMMENT YOU MADE, BECAUSE THAT WAS SOMETHING
10:42:42AM I WAS GOING TO BRING UP, WHATEVER WE'RE DOING HERE, I WOULD
10:42:44AM SAY WE SHOULD REALLY STICK WITH THE SAME THEME AS WE LOOK AT
10:42:48AM ESTERO RIVER PARK WITH THAT FENCING.
10:42:50AM >> THAT'S CERTAINLY THE INTENT.
10:42:52AM THE PLANS THAT WERE APPROVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT ORDER FOR
10:42:55AM ESTERO RIVER PARK WERE THE STARTING POINT FOR THE DESIGNS WE
10:42:57AM IMPLEMENTED HERE TO MAKE SURE THERE WAS CONSISTENCY.
10:43:02AM >>Jeff Hunt: YOU OFFERED THE OPTION OF BACKLIT VERSUS UP-LIT
10:43:06AM IN THOSE AREAS THAT NEED TO BE IDENTIFIED.

10:43:09AM TWO QUESTIONS.
10:43:11AM CAN YOU MAKE A RECOMMENDATION, ONE IS MORE VISIBLE THAN THE
10:43:15AM OTHER, AND WHICH ONE IS LESS MAINTENANCE THAN THE OTHER?
10:43:18AM >> WELL, CERTAINLY, THE STATIC, FREE-STANDING LOGO WITH NO
10:43:23AM BACKLIGHTING IS THE LEAST -- HAS THE LEAST ISSUES FROM AN
10:43:27AM OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE PERSPECTIVE.
10:43:28AM IF WE WENT THAT DIRECTION, THOSE WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE STILL
10:43:33AM GROUND LIT, SO THE ENTIRE MONUMENT SIGN WOULD BE VISIBLE
10:43:36AM INCLUDING THE LOGO VERSUS JUST A BACKLIT LOGO.
10:43:41AM >>Jon McLain: I THINK WHAT THE VICE-MAYOR SAID, WE'VE
10:43:43AM ALREADY STARTED.
10:43:44AM I'D HATE TO REINVENT IT WITH BACKLIGHTING.
10:43:47AM I THINK PUT SOME LANDSCAPE LIGHTING AND WE'LL BE CONSISTENT.
10:43:52AM >>Mayor Ribble: RIGHT.

10:43:52AM AND EASIER TO REPAIR, TOO.
10:43:54AM I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO GO TO THE TROUBLE OF HAVING IT
10:43:57AM BACKLIT.
10:43:58AM IF EVERYONE ELSE AGREES.
10:43:59AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: I AGREE.
10:44:01AM COLUMNS LOOK GREAT.
10:44:02AM THE COLOR IS PHENOMENAL OVER AT THE SITE.
10:44:04AM I CAN ENVISION THAT REALLY LOOKING SWEET WITH EVERYTHING YOU
10:44:08AM ARE PUTTING TOGETHER HERE.
10:44:09AM BUT THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS.
10:44:11AM THAT'S WHY IT IS HEALTHY TO TALK ABOUT THIS TODAY.

10:44:12AM APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING IT UP.
10:44:16AM >> FEEDBACK IS VERY IMPORTANT.
10:44:17AM >>Mayor Ribble: MICHAEL, I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO SPEAK TO THE
10:44:20AM DESIGN THAT SUFFOLK HAS GIVEN US VERSUS THE ORIGINAL SIGN WE
10:44:25AM HAVE NOW UP AT THE MONUMENTS THAT ARE LOCATED ON EITHER ENDS
10:44:29AM OF THE VILLAGE.
10:44:30AM THE CIRCLE DESIGN, WE ALREADY HAVE THE OPEN DESIGN ON THE
10:44:37AM FENCE.
10:44:38AM I WOULD PREFER TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THAT OPEN DESIGN WHERE
10:44:42AM THE ENTIRE LOGO ISN'T ENCIRCLED, THE PAGE THAT MICHAEL HAS
10:44:47AM UP NOW, THE ESTERO RIVER PARK SIGN WHERE YOU SEE THE BIRD IS
10:44:51AM NOT ENCLOSED IN A CIRCLE, WHERE THE ESTERO SPORTSPARK SIGN,
10:44:56AM IT IS ENCLOSED IN A CIRCLE.
10:44:58AM I PREFER THAT IT BE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE HAVE ON THE
10:45:04AM FENCE, IF EVERYBODY ELSE THINKS THE SAME.
10:45:07AM >>Jon McLain: YEAH, I AGREE.
10:45:08AM >> GREAT.
10:45:09AM THANK YOU.
10:45:09AM >>Jon McLain: DID WE COME UP WITH A CONSENSUS ON THE SIZE OF
10:45:15AM THE FENCE LOGO?
10:45:17AM I THINK THE SIZE IS OKAY.
10:45:19AM IT'S JUST THE DIMENSION OF IT.
10:45:21AM >> THE THICKNESS OF THE LOGO TO STAND OUT.
10:45:23AM >>Jon McLain: COME OUT THERE TODAY AND HAVE, THIS IS WHAT
10:45:29AM THE COUNCIL WANTS.

10:45:30AM I THINK WE ALL PROBABLY AGREE, WE DON'T WANT TO PAINT IT A
10:45:34AM DIFFERENT COLOR BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT IT TO BE EVERY -- BUT
10:45:38AM I JUST THINK IN MY BACKGROUND EXPERIENCE THAT YOU'VE GOT
10:45:45AM DIMENSION IN HERE IN THE FENCE, AND YOU ARE UNDER PLAYING
10:45:50AM THE LOGO.
10:45:51AM I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE SOMEWHAT BIGGER SO IT'S NOT IN YOUR
10:45:54AM FACE BECAUSE IT IS THE SAME COLOR, BUT AT LEAST YOU CAN
10:45:56AM RECOGNIZE IT AS YOU'RE GOING BY.
10:45:59AM >> TO THICKEN THE LOGO, TO MAKE IT STAND OUT MORE.
10:46:01AM IS THERE CONSENSUS?

10:46:02AM WE CAN CERTAINLY CHECK --
10:46:05AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: YOU WANT IT TO BE PULLED OUT FROM THE
10:46:07AM PLAIN OF THE FENCE?
10:46:09AM >>Jon McLain: NO, I WANT THE INSIDE DIMENSION, THE
10:46:11AM CONSTRUCTION OF THE LOGO, RATHER THAN THE BIRD JUST BEING
10:46:14AM WHATEVER THAT, HALF INCH, MAYBE MAKE IT A LITTLE BIGGER.
10:46:19AM >> IF WE LOOK AT THE MOCK-UP ON SCREEN, I THINK WHAT COUNCIL
10:46:23AM MEMBER McLAIN IS SAYING, THE FOOTPRINT OF THE LOGO ITSELF
10:46:28AM WOULD THICKEN A LITTLE BIT IN WIDTH.
10:46:33AM >>Jon McLain: IT'S NOT OVERPLAYED BY THE VERTICAL BARS.
10:46:36AM GOT TO BE DONE RIGHT.
10:46:40AM >> CONSENSUS, WE'LL GET BACK TO THE FABRICATOR AND SEE IF
10:46:44AM THERE IS STILL AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THAT ADJUSTMENT OR
10:46:47AM NOT.
10:46:47AM >>Mayor Ribble: IT MIGHT BE LOST, DEPENDING ON WHAT KIND OF

10:46:50AM VEGETATION IS PLANTED BEHIND IT OR GROWS BEHIND IT
10:46:53AM EVENTUALLY OVER THE YEARS.
10:46:55AM >> VERY GOOD.
10:46:55AM THAT'S VERY HELPFUL.
10:46:57AM VERY HELPFUL.
10:46:58AM THANK YOU.
10:46:58AM THE SECOND CONSENSUS OPINION AND DIRECTION WE'D LOVE TO HAVE
10:47:05AM IS ON NAMING CONVENTION, AS I MENTIONED.
10:47:08AM IF YOU REMEMBER BACK TO THE PATTERN BOOK, AND I BELIEVE WE
10:47:17AM HAVE THAT NOTATED HERE, THIS SIGNAGE AND ON THE MONUMENT
10:47:22AM SIGN, WHEN WE WERE LOOKING AT THE VILLAGE CENTER AND THE
10:47:26AM VILLAGE CENTER HUB THAT EMANATED OUT OF OUR 2019 OPEN SPACE
10:47:30AM MASTER PLAN, CONSULTANT IDENTIFIED FOUR DEVELOPMENT HUBS
10:47:34AM WITHIN THE VILLAGE, THIS BEING ONE OF THEM.
10:47:36AM AND WE PLAYED OFF OF THAT TO TAKE THE ENTIRE AREA BETWEEN
10:47:41AM RIVER RANCH OVER TO 41 AND CORKSCREW DOWN TO WILLIAMS AS OUR
10:47:45AM VILLAGE CENTER HUB AND PLAYED OFF OF THAT IN KIND OF A
10:47:50AM NAMING HIERARCHY OR CONVENTION, WHERE WE HAD THE VILLAGE
10:47:53AM CENTER TO THE VILLAGE CENTER HUB.
10:47:55AM THAT SAYS WE CONSIDERED OTHER DEVELOPMENT BEYOND JUST THE
10:47:58AM SPORTSPARK AND ENTERTAINMENT CAMPUS, NOT THE LEAST THE
10:48:01AM CURRENT HCA PROPERTY OR NORTH POINT, AS THERE HAS BEEN SOME
10:48:05AM POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY, AND DO WE TIE THIS ALL
10:48:08AM TOGETHER INTO A VILLAGE CENTER?
10:48:09AM DEVELOPMENT -- A NAMING CONVENTION.

10:48:12AM SO BACK THEN, IN THE PATTERN BOOK, WE HAD IDENTIFIED VILLAGE
10:48:17AM CENTER HUB, AND THEN ENTERTAINMENT CAMPUS AND SPORTSPARK
10:48:20AM CAMPUS.
10:48:21AM WE'VE SINCE NAMED THE MAIN BOULEVARD RUNNING THROUGH THE
10:48:24AM SITE AS SPORTSPARK BOULEVARD.
10:48:26AM OFFICIALLY.

10:48:27AM SO THE QUESTION FOR THE TABLE TODAY IS DO WE SIMPLIFY THIS
10:48:34AM AS OF TODAY WITH NO REAL OTHER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY OTHER
10:48:37AM THAN LUMIO ACROSS THE STREET AND SIMPLY REFER TO THE SITE AS
10:48:44AM -- ON OUR MONUMENT SIGN ENTERING OFF OF VIA COCONUT SIMPLY
10:48:48AM AS ESTERO SPORTSPARK.
10:48:50AM AND COMING ONTO SPORTSPARK BOULEVARD FOR THE TIME BEING.
10:48:56AM AND WE CAN CONTINUE TO BUILD ON THE VILLAGE CENTER HUB AS
10:48:59AM FUTURE DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES TO OCCUR AROUND US.
10:49:04AM AS WE FINALIZE THE SIGNAGE AND HANDLE -- AND ALL THE FONTS
10:49:12AM AND LETTERING ON THE SIGNS WHEN THEY GO ON, WE WANT TO MAKE
10:49:14AM SURE WE HAVE COUNCIL CONSENSUS ON WHETHER WE STAY WITH
10:49:17AM VILLAGE CENTER HUB OR WE PIVOT TO A MORE SIMPLE ESTERO
10:49:22AM SPORTSPARK AT THE ENTRY POINT.
10:49:24AM TO THE CAMPUS.
10:49:26AM >>Mayor Ribble: VILLAGE CENTER HUB, ALTHOUGH I LIKE THE
10:49:28AM ORIGINAL CONCEPT OF IT, DOESN'T TELLS YOU WHAT'S IN THERE.
10:49:32AM >> I AGREE.
10:49:34AM >>Jon McLain: THE NAME SHOULD BE WHAT IT IS.
10:49:35AM SPORTSPARK, RIVERPARK, WHATEVER IT IS.

10:49:37AM >>Mayor Ribble: MAYBE WE JUST LOSE THE HUB.
10:49:40AM IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK.
10:49:44AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: I LOVE THE WAY THAT IF WE NAME IN --
10:49:48AM AND THE SIGNS ARE SIMILAR.
10:49:49AM YOU HAVE A RIVERPARK AND YOU HAVE A SPORTSPARK.
10:49:51AM PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO GET THAT CONFUSED AS WE MOVE
10:49:53AM FORWARD.
10:49:56AM >> RIGHT.
10:49:56AM I AGREE WITH THAT.
10:49:57AM >>Jon McLain: NOW, THE LOGO NOW PER THE MAYOR ON YOUR
10:50:00AM ILLUSTRATION HERE, RATHER THAN HAVING THE WHITE CIRCLE
10:50:03AM AROUND IT, JUST EXPAND THE COLOR PORTION OF THE LOGO WHERE
10:50:07AM IT IS NOT A HALO EFFECT.
10:50:08AM >>Mayor Ribble: WHERE IT SAYS ARTWORK ON THAT PAGE THAT
10:50:11AM MICHAEL HAS UP RIGHT NOW, CORRECT?
10:50:13AM >> CORRECT.
10:50:13AM IT WILL NOT BE BACKLIT.
10:50:15AM IT WILL BE A CUT-OUT IN COLOR, BUT THEN THE ENTIRE MONUMENT
10:50:20AM SIGN WILL BE GROUND LIT AS WE HAVE IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAYS
10:50:22AM THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE.
10:50:24AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: I ALSO THINK MOST OF THE COMMUNITY,
10:50:26AM WHEN I SPEAK TO MEMBERS THAT ASK WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE
10:50:29AM AT HIGH 5, I REFER TO IT AS THE SPORTSPARK.
10:50:32AM I THINK THAT'S COMMON NOMENCLATURE.
10:50:36AM >> THAT'S VERY HELPFUL.

10:50:37AM >>Jon McLain: ALL THE BRICK THAT YOU'RE SHOWING, THOSE ARE
10:50:40AM COLOR ILLUSTRATIONS, WILL BE THE SAME AS WHAT WE HAVE IN THE

10:50:43AM ENTRANCE SIGNS ALREADY, THE SAME BRICK.
10:50:45AM >> CORRECT.
10:50:46AM AND IT'S ALL CONSISTENT WITH THE PATTERN BOOK THAT THEY
10:50:50AM FOLLOW.
10:50:50AM THE LAST POINT, AND THIS IS REALLY MORE FOR CLARIFICATION
10:50:55AM THAN ANYTHING ELSE, BUT IF YOU DO HAVE FEELINGS DIFFERENTLY,
10:51:01AM LET US KNOW.
10:51:02AM GIVEN THE TIMING OF THINGS, TO STEVE'S POINT, WE'RE CLOSING
10:51:06AM OUT PHASE ONE WITH SUFFOLK IN DECEMBER.
10:51:12AM AS WE CURRENTLY STAND, PHASE TWO WILL BE PERMITTED AND READY
10:51:17AM FOR CONSTRUCTION I'D SAY MAY 1st.
10:51:21AM DESIGN SCHEDULE RUNS US THROUGH APRIL FOR THE PHASE TWO
10:51:23AM ELEMENTS.
10:51:24AM IF YOU REMEMBER, PHASE 2 PICKS UP JUST PAST THE ROUNDABOUT
10:51:32AM ENTRY AND GOES FURTHER EAST AND DOWN TO OUR EXISTING PARKING
10:51:36AM LOT THAT WILL BE IMPROVED AS PART OF PHASE TWO AS WELL AS
10:51:39AM THE TWO FLEX FIELDS AND, OF COURSE, THE DRIVING RANGE
10:51:42AM IMMEDIATELY TO THE WEST OF THE PARKING LOT.
10:51:44AM SO EFFECTIVELY FOR ANOTHER YEAR OR SO, AS WE DRIVE INTO THE
10:51:50AM SPORTSPARK, WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET TO THE ROUNDABOUT BUT THEN
10:51:54AM HIT CONSTRUCTION AGAIN, AT LEAST THROUGH THE VAST MAJORITY
10:51:57AM OF 2027.
10:51:58AM SO OUR THOUGHT, EVEN THOUGH ALL OF THE SIGNAGE THAT YOU SEE

10:52:02AM LOCATED, WE HAVE TWO PEDESTRIAN SIGNS COMING IN, WE HAVE A
10:52:06AM NUMBER OF DIFFERENT, WHAT I'LL CALL MONUMENTAL WAYFINDING
10:52:09AM SIGNS FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC THAT WILL EVENTUALLY DIRECT
10:52:12AM PEOPLE TO JEFF SOMMER STADIUM OR TO HIGH 5 OR TO DRIVING
10:52:16AM RANGE, ET CETERA, OUR RECOMMENDATION IS WE ERECT THOSE NOW.
10:52:22AM ALL OF THE FONTED ELEMENTS ARE SLEEVED IN THOSE SIGNS.
10:52:27AM SO OUR THOUGHT IS TO LEAVE THOSE OFF FOR THE TIME BEING
10:52:30AM UNTIL WE GET AT LEAST FAR ENOUGH INTO PHASE TWO WHERE WE ARE
10:52:35AM OPEN ALL THE WAY TO THE PARKING LOT AND WE CAN BRING GUESTS
10:52:39AM TO THE PARKING LOT TO ACCESS SOFTBALL DIAMONDS OR FOOTBALL
10:52:43AM STADIUM OR WHATEVER, OR THE PRACTICE FIELDS.
10:52:45AM LEAVE THAT OFF FOR NOW SINCE WE'LL BE STOPPING VEHICLES JUST
10:52:48AM PAST THAT ROUNDABOUT FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ANYWAY.
10:52:51AM AND THEN ERECT THEM LATER WHEN WE CAN ACTUALLY DIRECT PEOPLE
10:52:54AM TO THOSE LOCATIONS.
10:52:55AM THAT'S OUR CURRENT THOUGHT PROCESS.
10:52:58AM JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT --
10:53:00AM >> KIND OF CONFUSING TO HAVE A SIGN UP THAT THERE'S NOTHING
10:53:03AM THERE FOR.
10:53:04AM >> EXACTLY.
10:53:04AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: PLUS IT COULD GET DAMAGED POTENTIALLY,
10:53:07AM RIGHT?
10:53:07AM >> YES.
10:53:08AM NOTHING WILL CHANGE, OBVIOUSLY, BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS STILL

10:53:11AM INTENDED TO GO IN THE SAME PLACE THEY WERE.

10:53:13AM HAVING THEM IN THE DRAWER, IF YOU WILL, WAITING FOR THAT
10:53:16AM DAY, PROBABLY MAKES MOST SENSE.
10:53:17AM >>Mayor Ribble: AND THESE WILL ALL BE UP-LIT ALSO?
10:53:21AM >> YES.
10:53:21AM THAT WAS IT FOR TODAY.
10:53:30AM >>Mayor Ribble: YOU'VE GOTTEN SOME DIRECTION.
10:53:32AM [LAUGHTER]
10:53:33AM >> WE GOT GOOD DIRECTION.
10:53:36AM >>Mayor Ribble: WE'VE MADE ALL THE DECISIONS THAT YOU NEED
10:53:38AM TO GO FORWARD, MICHAEL?
10:53:41AM >> RYAN JUST HANDED ONE NOTE.
10:53:43AM WE TALKED ABOUT THIS, STAFF PERSPECTIVE, THE FONTS
10:53:47AM THEMSELVES, IF YOU REMEMBER, WE KIND OF LOOKED AT JUST FOR
10:53:54AM CREATIVITY CAPITALIZING S AND P IN THE WORD SPORTSPARK, ONE
10:53:59AM WORD, BUT CAPITALIZE S AND P.
10:54:03AM IF YOU NOTICED IN THE CURRENT PLAN, THAT'S ALL ONE FONT SIZE
10:54:08AM ACROSS THE TOP.
10:54:09AM OUR RECOMMENDATION TO STAFF AND TO THE MANAGER WAS IF IT WAS
10:54:14AM A COST PREMIUM, NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL TO CAPITALIZE
10:54:19AM LETTERS.
10:54:19AM IF THERE ISN'T A COST PREMIUM, WOULD THERE BE A PREFERENCE
10:54:22AM TO HIGHLIGHT THE S AND P IN THE WORD TO STAND OUT OR NOT?
10:54:27AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: IF WE DO R AND P AT RIVER PARK, THEN
10:54:30AM MAYBE.
10:54:31AM >> THAT'S ON RYAN'S NOTE.

10:54:33AM WHATEVER WE DO, WE WOULD DO CONSISTENTLY.
10:54:36AM >>Jon McLain: I LIKE THE IDEA OF CAP LETTERS.
10:54:41AM GET AN ENGLISH MAJOR SAYING YOU DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE WITH S
10:54:46AM AND P.
10:54:47AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: THIS IS ONE WORD.
10:54:49AM >> THEY ARE NOW.
10:54:50AM THAT WAS THE OTHER QUESTION.
10:54:51AM ONE WORD FOR RIVERPARK, SPORTSPARK GOOD OR WOULD YOU RATHER
10:54:56AM HAVE THEM SEPARATED?
10:54:58AM >>Jeff Hunt: I KIND OF LIKE IT.
10:54:59AM IF YOU ARE GOING TO USE IT, USE IT EVERYWHERE.
10:55:01AM >> SO ONE WORD, ALL CAPS, ALL SAME FONT SIZE.
10:55:07AM >> YES.
10:55:07AM >> EXCELLENT.
10:55:11AM >>Mayor Ribble: THERE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF IT.
10:55:14AM >> VERY GOOD DIRECTION.
10:55:15AM FOR ALL OF YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER McLAIN ESPECIALLY, WE'LL
10:55:19AM GET WITH THE FABRICATOR AND SUFFOLK TODAY AND GET AN ANSWER
10:55:23AM ON THE LOGO ITSELF TO SEE IF WE CAN DO ANYTHING TO THICKEN
10:55:26AM THE LOGO TO MAKE IT STAND OUT A LITTLE MORE.

10:55:28AM WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE DIRECTION TODAY.
10:55:30AM THANK YOU.
10:55:31AM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: THANK YOU, MICHAEL.
10:55:32AM >>Mayor Ribble: IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
10:55:34AM >>Carol Sacco: NO.

10:55:35AM BUT I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY, THE CONSENSUS, THE THREE WE
10:55:37AM HAVE.
10:55:38AM WE'RE GOING TO THICKEN IN WIDTH THE LOGO FOOTPRINT, CORRECT?
10:55:41AM THEN WE'RE GOING TO, THE NEXT CONSENSUS IS REMOVE THE WORD
10:55:45AM HUB.
10:55:47AM >> YES.
10:55:48AM >>Carol Sacco: LAST ONE IS ONE WORD, ALL CAPS.
10:55:51AM >>Mayor Ribble: YES.
10:55:51AM AND UPLIGHTING INSTEAD OF BACK LIGHTING.
10:55:55AM >>Carol Sacco: UPLIGHTING INSTEAD OF BACK LIGHTING.
10:55:58AM OKAY.
10:56:01AM >> ONE EXCEPTION, CAROL, IF WE TALK TO THE FABRICATOR AND
10:56:05AM THEY SAY THE CURRENT DESIGN IS NOT POSSIBLE TO THICKEN THAT
10:56:09AM -- WE'LL HAVE TO INFORM THEM OF THAT.
10:56:11AM WE'LL TRY TO GET THAT CLARIFIED TODAY.
10:56:13AM THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.
10:56:15AM APPRECIATE IT.
10:56:16AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
10:56:17AM OUR LAST ISSUE, IF I CAN MOVE ON IF EVERYONE IS READY.
10:56:23AM THE BOND SALE.
10:56:25AM STEVE, WOULD YOU INTRODUCE THIS?
10:56:30AM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR.
10:56:31AM AS THE COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY ARE AWARE, THE COUNCIL HAS
10:56:34AM APPROVED THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL BONDS TO HELP FINANCE SEVERAL
10:56:41AM OF OUR LARGE ONGOING PROJECTS.

10:56:44AM THE TOTAL APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL IS UP TO $65
10:56:47AM MILLION, AND THAT BOND SALE WAS YESTERDAY.
10:56:55AM WITH US TODAY IS MICKEY JOHNSTON, THE SENIOR MANAGING
10:57:00AM DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES ADVISORY GROUP WHO IS OUR
10:57:03AM FINANCIAL ADVISOR UP IN FLORIDA, WHICH WILL GIVE YOU THE
10:57:06AM SUMMARY OF THE BOND SALE AND THE IMPACT ON THE VILLAGE.
10:57:09AM SO WITH THAT, GOOD MORNING, MICKEY, AND THANKS FOR YOUR HELP
10:57:13AM AGAIN.
10:57:13AM >>Mayor Ribble: WELCOME, MICKEY.
10:57:14AM THANK YOU FOR WAITING.
10:57:16AM >> YEAH, THANK YOU.
10:57:17AM GOOD MORNING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL.
10:57:19AM MICKEY JOHNSTON, PUBLIC RESOURCE ADVISORY GROUP.
10:57:23AM I'M SHARING THE SCREEN.
10:57:26AM MAKE SURE EVERYBODY CAN SEE IT OKAY.
10:57:27AM >>Mayor Ribble: YES.

10:57:28AM >> OKAY.
10:57:28AM LIKE STEVE MENTIONED, YESTERDAY, WE DID HOLD THE BOND SALE
10:57:31AM AND REPORT THAT THE VILLAGE SUCCESSFULLY SOLD ITS SERIES
10:57:35AM 2026 BONDS THROUGH A COMPETITIVE SALE.
10:57:38AM I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME DOWN JOIN THE VILLAGE MANAGER
10:57:44AM AND STAFF AS WE CONDUCTED THE SALE THROUGH THE ONLINE
10:57:46AM BIDDING PLATFORM.
10:57:47AM THE VILLAGE HELD ITS FIRST BOND SALE AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF
10:57:51AM HEAVY MUNICIPAL BOND SUPPLY AROUND THE COUNTRY.

10:57:53AM THE RECENT PASSAGE OF AMENDMENT 3 DOWN HERE IN FLORIDA AND
10:57:57AM GENERAL VOLATILITY IN FINANCIAL MARKETS THIS YEAR.
10:58:00AM THAT SAID WE RECEIVED TWO COMPETITIVE BIDS YESTERDAY.
10:58:04AM WELLS FARGO SUBMITTED THE WINNING BID AT INTEREST COST OF
10:58:09AM APPROXIMATELY 4.849% FOLLOWED BY ROBERT BAIRD AT
10:58:14AM APPROXIMATELY 4.9%.
10:58:15AM SO THROUGH THE SALE THE VILLAGE SECURED A FIXED BORROWING
10:58:19AM COST OVER THE 30-YEAR BOND TERM WHILE STILL PRESERVING THE
10:58:23AM FLEXIBILITY TO RETIRE OR REFINANCE THE DEBT EARLY.
10:58:25AM LOOKING AT THE RESULTS HERE, THE FINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT IS
10:58:33AM APPROXIMATELY $61.2 MILLION.
10:58:36AM BECAUSE THE BONDS WERE SOLD AT A PREMIUM, TOTAL BOND
10:58:39AM PROCEEDS ARE APPROXIMATELY $62.8 MILLION.
10:58:41AM THE FINAL BOND SIZING PROVIDES THE FULL $62 MILLION NEEDED
10:58:46AM FOR THE VILLAGE'S CAPITAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE BERT TRAIL
10:58:49AM PURCHASE, IMPROVEMENTS TO PHASE TWO OF THE SPORTSPARK, AND
10:58:53AM FUNDING FOR OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE
10:58:56AM VILLAGE'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.
10:58:58AM THE REMAINING PROCEEDS COVER THE UNDERWRITERS' FEES AND THE
10:59:01AM COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ISSUING THE BONDS.
10:59:03AM THIS CHART ILLUSTRATES THE VILLAGE'S SCHEDULED ANNUAL
10:59:08AM PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS OVER THE 30-YEAR FINANCING
10:59:12AM PERIOD.
10:59:12AM THE BONDS ARE STRUCTURED TO ACHIEVE ESSENTIALLY A LEVEL OF
10:59:15AM ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE OF APPROXIMATELY $4.02 MILLION PER YEAR.

10:59:19AM WHILE THIS CHART ILLUSTRATES SCHEDULED DEBT SERVICE OVER A
10:59:23AM 30-YEAR PERIOD, THE BONDS ARE CALLABLE AT PAR BEGINNING IN
10:59:27AM MAY OF 2036, GIVING THE VILLAGE THE FLEXIBILITY TO REFINANCE
10:59:31AM OR RETIRE THE DEBT IN LESS THAN TEN YEARS FROM NOW.
10:59:34AM NOW THAT THE BONDS ARE SOLD, WE MOVE INTO THE CLOSING PHASE
10:59:40AM OF THE FINANCING PROCESS.
10:59:41AM WE REMAIN ON SCHEDULE TO CLOSE THE BONDS ON DECEMBER 8 AT
10:59:45AM WHICH POINT THE BOND PROCEEDS BECOME AVAILABLE TO FUND THE
10:59:48AM VILLAGE'S CAPITAL PROJECTS.
10:59:50AM THAT'S ALL I HAVE FOR THIS MORNING.
10:59:52AM I'M HERE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.
10:59:54AM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY QUESTIONS, COUNCIL?

10:59:57AM >>Jon McLain: LOOKING AT $65 MILLION.
11:00:01AM >>Steven Sarkozy: IT WAS UP TO THAT AMOUNT.
11:00:03AM AND AS WE LOOKED AT OUR ONGOING CAPITAL ISSUES, WE FELT THAT
11:00:10AM THIS WAS --
11:00:10AM >>Jon McLain: 61.
11:00:11AM >>Steven Sarkozy: YEAH, 61 IS FINE.
11:00:13AM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
11:00:16AM >>Jeff Hunt: I THINK YOU MADE A STATEMENT, HEAVY MUNI BOND
11:00:20AM MARKET ENVIRONMENT RIGHT NOW.
11:00:21AM >> YES.
11:00:21AM >>Jeff Hunt: HOW DID WE DO IN COMPARISON TO LET'S SAY THE
11:00:25AM AVERAGE IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGE, TRIPLE A, THE PREMIUM WE
11:00:29AM RECEIVED, ET CETERA?

11:00:32AM >> LOOKING AT BONDS SOLD YESTERDAY AROUND THE COUNTRY, I
11:00:34AM FELT THAT YOU DID GET A COMPETITIVE RATE.
11:00:37AM I THINK THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS, WE LOOK AT SPREAD TO OUR
11:00:41AM INDEX TO COMPARE BOND ISSUES TO BOND ISSUES.
11:00:45AM THIS WAS THE ONLY FLORIDA PAPER THAT SOLD YESTERDAY
11:00:47AM COMPETITIVELY.
11:00:48AM BUT AROUND THE COUNTRY, YOU COULD SEE THAT THE SPREADS WERE
11:00:51AM IN LINE WITH THE REST OF THE MARKET FOR TRIPLE A BONDS.
11:00:55AM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
11:00:56AM ANYTHING ELSE?
11:00:56AM IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
11:00:59AM >>Carol Sacco: NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO E-COMMENTS.
11:01:01AM >>Mayor Ribble: MICKEY, THANK YOU SO MUCH.
11:01:03AM APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HARD WORK IN GETTING THIS DONE FOR US.
11:01:06AM THANK YOU.
11:01:06AM >> MY PLEASURE.
11:01:07AM THANK YOU.
11:01:09AM >>Mayor Ribble: IF THERE IS NOTHING ELSE, MAY I HAVE A
11:01:11AM MOTION TO ADJOURN?
11:01:12AM COUNCILMAN HUNT AND A SECOND, COUNCILWOMAN FAYHEE.
11:01:19AM THANK YOU, EVERYONE.
11:01:20AM AGAIN, HAVE A VERY, VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING.
11:01:24AM THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY.

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