AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
November 18, 2026

Agenda Item:

Resolution No. 2026-29 Supporting Expansion of County Veterans Clinic

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-29.

Background:

The Lee County Veterans Affairs Clinic (the "Clinic") is located within the City of Cape Coral. Given the physical constraints of the current campus, the services provided are limited. However, there is vacant land adjacent to the Clinic which the Village understands is currently available for purchase. The purchase of this land by the County would allow for the expansion of the Clinic campus.

The Village staff recognizes the benefits to the veteran community and their families and caregivers to expand the Clinic for such purposes as the creation of a full-service veterans hospital, a veterans home campus for independent, assisted, and full nursing and memory care, and more generally to increase healthcare availability for the veteran community.

The Village staff is also aware of efforts to establish a Southwest Florida VA Hospital Task Force, which would have the mission of coordination with the Lee County Commission's Veterans Advisory Committee, and to assist with securing the necessary political commitments and legislative funding approvals for land acquisition and Clinic expansion. Support of this body would be recommended if the Council were to also support the acquisition of the land and eventual expansion of the Clinic as described above.

Apart from staff time to engage in the coordination efforts described in the Resolution, adoption of the Resolution would not obligate the Village to expend funds on the project.

Action Requested:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-29.

Process and Timeline:

If approved by Council, the Village Manager will convey a copy of the Resolution to all relevant parties and will engage in the coordination set forth in the Resolution.

Financial Impact: N/A

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Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2026-29