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DRAFT MINUTES
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Village of Estero Council Chambers
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle
Estero, FL 33928

October 28, 2026 9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Pastor Frank Brand First Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Joanne Ribble - District 1, Councilmember Jeff Hunt- District 2, Councilmember Jon McLain - District 3, Councilmember Lori Fayhee – District 4, Councilmember Rafael Lopez - District 5, Councilmember Jim Ward - District 6, and Vice Mayor George Zalucki - District 7.

Also present
Village Manager Steve Sarkozy, Village Attorney Robert Eschenfelder, Deputy Village Manager Ryan Eggleston, Community Development Director Mary Gibbs, Public Works Director David Willems, Assistant Community Development Director/Assistant to Village Manager Michael Manning, Deputy Village Clerk Tammy Duran, and Village Clerk Carol Sacco.

2. LETTER OF RECOGNITION

(a) Katia Bushko, Estero High School

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS

Motion: Motion to approve agenda.

Motion by: Councilmember McLain
Seconded by: Councilmember Lopez

Action: Approved agenda.

Vote: (Roll Call)
Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.
Nay:
Abstentions:

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

(a) October 7, 2026 Village Council Meeting Minutes
(b) Financial Report for Month ended August 2026

Motion: Motion to approve consent agenda.

Motion by: Councilmember Hunt
Seconded by: Councilmember Fayhee

Action: Approved consent agenda.

Vote: (Roll Call)
Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.
Nay:
Abstentions:

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS DEFERRED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

7. ACTION ITEMS

(a) Estero SportsPark Landscape Maintenance Approving Task Orders 19-66TO100, 19-66TO101, 19-66TO102 with P & T Lawn & Tractor Service, Inc.

Staff Presentation/Comments
Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Council Questions or Comments
None

Public Comments
None

Motion: Motion to approve the FY 2027 task orders with P & T Lawn & Tractor Service, Inc. in a total amount Not to Exceed $296,125 and a total $41,300 contingency for mowing, edging, trimming, weed control, fertilization, pest control, and irrigation wet check services at the Estero SportsPark (Phases 1 through 5) and the Estero Entertainment District.

Motion by: Vice Mayor Zalucki
Seconded by: Councilmember Lopez

Action: Approved the FY 2027 task orders with P & T Lawn & Tractor Service, Inc. in a total amount Not to Exceed $296,125 and a total $41,300 contingency for mowing, edging, trimming, weed control, fertilization, pest control, and irrigation wet check services at the Estero SportsPark (Phases 1 through 5) and the Estero Entertainment District.

Vote: (Roll Call)
Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.
Nay:
Abstentions:

(b) 2027 Water Monitoring Contract

Staff Presentation/Comments
Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Council Questions or Comments
Vice Mayor Zalucki

Public Comments
None

Motion: Motion to approve award of Contract 22-38 Supplemental Task Authorization 22 to Johnson Engineering to provide water monitoring services for The Village of Estero for $224,500, approve a $22,000 contingency for additional services that may be required to complete the project, and authorize the Village Manager to sign the STA and other additional implementing documents within the scope of the STA on behalf of the Village of Estero Council.

Motion by: Councilmember Ward
Seconded by: Councilmember Fayhee

Action: Approved award of Contract 22-38 Supplemental Task Authorization 22 to Johnson Engineering to provide water monitoring services for The Village of Estero for $224,500, approve a $22,000 contingency for additional services that may be required to complete the project, and authorize the Village Manager to sign the STA and other additional implementing documents within the scope of the STA on behalf of the Village of Estero Council.

Vote: (Roll Call)
Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.
Nay:

Abstentions:

(c) State Funding Requests – 2027 Fiscal Year

Staff Presentation/Comments
Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Council Questions or Comments
Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, and Mayor Ribble

Public Comments
None

Motion: Motion to approve Village Staff and the Village's Lobbyists to request State funding for the following projects and funding amounts

Estero Bay Village & Mirasol Improvements:	$5,000,000
Estero River Sediment Removal:	$2,000,000
Corkscrew Road-Three Oaks Parkway Turn Lane Improvements:	$1,200,000

Motion by: Councilmember Lopez
Seconded by: Councilmember McLain

Action: Approved Village Staff and the Village's Lobbyists to request State funding for the following projects and funding amounts

Estero Bay Village & Mirasol Improvements:	$5,000,000
Estero River Sediment Removal:	$2,000,000
Corkscrew Road-Three Oaks Parkway Turn Lane Improvements:	$1,200,000

Vote: (Roll Call)
Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.
Nay:
Abstentions:

(d) Final review of BERT transaction prior to cancellation deadline

Staff Presentation/Comments
Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager
Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Presentation/Information by
Doug Hattaway, TRUST for Public Land
Richard Stephens, S&S Environmental Consultants
Guri Zeigerman, Apex Companies, LLC

Council Questions or Comments
Councilmembers Ward, McLain, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble

Public Comments
None

Motion: Motion to authorize the Village Manager to not terminate the BERT Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Village and Trust for Public Lands, and to authorize staff to continue to proceed to close on the purchase in accordance with the Agreement.

Motion by: Mayor Ribble
Seconded by: Councilmember McLain

Action: Authorized the Village Manager to not terminate the BERT Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Village and Trust for Public Lands, and to authorize staff to continue to proceed to close on the purchase in accordance with the Agreement.

Vote: (Roll Call)
Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, McLain, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.
Nay:
Abstentions:

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmembers Hunt, Ward. McLain, Lopez, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.

Staff Presentation/Comments
Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

9. VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

10. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Staff Presentation/Comments
Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Council Questions or Comments
Councilmember Ward and Mayor Ribble

Adjourn Regular Session at 10:51 am and Convene at 10:51 am Workshop Items

11. WORKSHOP

(a) Village of Estero Vulnerability Assessment Update

Staff Presentation/Comments
Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

David Willems, Public Works Director

Council Questions or Comments
Councilmembers McLain, Hunt and Vice Mayor Zalucki

Public Comments
None

12. ADJOURNMENT at 11:07 am

Motion by Councilmember McLain

ATTEST: VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: _____ By: _____

Carol Sacco, CMC, Village Clerk Joanne Ribble, Mayor

(td/CS)
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