



Village of
ESTERO

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VILLAGE COUNCIL BUDGET AND SPECIAL MEETING
PACKET
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, 05:05 PM



The Village Council Meeting will be conducted physically in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle, with an opportunity for members to participate virtually. The meeting will be broadcasted live via the Village of Estero website <https://estero-fl.gov/council/watch-meetings-online/>. Please see the [bottom of this agenda](#) for further information and instructions for public participation.

AGENDA

VILLAGE COUNCIL BUDGET AND SPECIAL MEETING

9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle, Estero, Florida

September 10, 2025, 05:05 pm

Village Council: District 1 - Joanne Ribble, Mayor; District 2 - Jeff Hunt; District 3 - Jon McLain; District 4 - Lori Fayhee; District 5 - Rafael Lopez; District 6 - Jim Ward; District 7 - George Zalucki, Vice Mayor

1. CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION - Pastor Todd Weston River of Life Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS

3. FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS:

a. Resolution No. 2025-14 Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes

A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; Establishing the Date, Time and Place for a Public Hearing to Adopt the Final Millage Rate and Final Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and Providing an Effective Date.

Recommended Action: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-14.

Financial Impact: Approval of the resolution will adopt the tentative Ad Valorem millage rate for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Attachment: [SS Res No 2025-14 Tentative Mill Rate 091025.pdf](#)

Attachment: [1. Res No 2025-14 Tentative Millage FY25-26 091025.pdf](#)

b. Resolution No. 2025-15 Adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, Adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and Providing an Effective Date.

Recommended Action: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-15.

Financial Impact: Approval of Resolution No. 2025-15 will adopt the tentative budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Attachment: [SS Res 2025-15 Proposed Budget 091025.pdf](#)

Attachment: [1. Resolution 2025-15 Proposed Budget FY25-26 091025.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2. FY 25-26 Budget Summary.pdf](#)

Attachment: [3. Council Presentation for FY 25-26.pdf](#)

Attachment: [4. Proposed FY 25-26 Budget Book.pdf](#)

Attachment: [5. Village of Estero Renewal Recommendation.pdf](#)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a. July 2, 2025 Village Council Meeting Minutes

Attachment: [07022025.pdf](#)

b. Financial Report for Month ended June 2025

Attachment: [SS Monthly Financial Report 063025.pdf](#)

Attachment: [1 June Budget Report All Funds.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2 June Budget Report Available Funds.pdf](#)

c. Financial Report for Month ended July 2025

Attachment: [SS Monthly Financial Report 073125.pdf](#)

Attachment: [1 July Budget Report All Funds.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2 July Budget Report Available Funds.pdf](#)

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS DEFERRED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

7. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Resolution No. 2025-13 Establishing an Auditor Selection Committee and appointing members

A Resolution of the Village of Estero, Florida, Establishing an Auditor Selection Committee; Making Related Findings; Providing for Severability and for an Effective Date

Recommended Action: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-13, and following adoption Motion to appoint the ASC members.

Financial Impact: The function of the committee will have negligible financial impact.

Attachment: [SS Res 2025-13 Auditor Selection.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Res No. 2025-13 Estero Audit Selection Committee.pdf](#)

b. Tourist Development Tax Funding Agreement

Recommended Action: Motion to approve Agreement for Tourist Development Tax Funding FY 2025-2026.

Financial Impact: Approving the agreement will allow the Village to construct trails at Estero River Park with the benefit of \$163,000.00 of TDT funds, thus not requiring the Village to bear those costs.

Attachment: [SS Tourist Development Tax Funding Agreement.pdf](#)

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c. Resolution No. 2025-16 Veterans Day event

A Resolution of the Village of Estero, Florida, Establishing a Budget for the 2025 Veterans Day Event; Directing the Village Manager to Take Certain Related Actions; Making Related Findings; and Providing for Severability And for an Effective Date.

Recommended Action: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-16.

Financial Impact: The Council will be establishing the event's budget at the meeting.

Attachment: [SS Res No. 2025-16 Event Guidelines .pdf](#)

Attachment: [Res No 2025-16 Event Budget and Entertainment Guideline.pdf](#)

d. Agreement with the Estero Forever Foundation for Happehatchee Complex property management activities.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve Agreement between Village of Estero and the Estero Forever Foundation for Happehatchee Complex property management activities.

Financial Impact: \$1,500 per month during the Agreement's term.

Attachment: [SS Estero Forever Foundation Agreement .pdf](#)

Attachment: [Estero Forever Foundation Happehatchee Agreement 2025.pdf](#)

e. Renewal of Forerunner floodplain management software for a period of two years

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the renewal of Forerunner floodplain management software for a period of two years 10/1/2025 through 9/30/2027.

Financial Impact: \$81,796 total for the two-year renewal period.

Attachment: [SS Forerunner .pdf](#)

Attachment: [01 Forerunner Renewal.pdf](#)

f. Resolution No. 2025- 21 Acknowledging Receipt of FEMA Grant Award and Directing Staff to Publish the Public Notice Required by FEMA as Part of the Grant Award Process

A Resolution of the Village of Estero, Florida, Acknowledging Receipt of Direction from FDEM and FEMA Directing Staff to Publish the Final Public Notice Required by FEMA as Part of the HMGP Grant Award Process; Making Related Findings; Providing for Severability and for an Effective Date.

Recommended Action: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-21.

Financial Impact: Negligible.

Attachment: [SS Res No 2025-21 Acknowledging Grant Award and Requiring Public Notice.pdf](#)

Attachment: [1 Res No 2025-21 Acknowledging Grant Award and Requiring Public Notice .pdf](#)

Attachment: [2 UEP_Agenda2.pdf](#)

8. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

a. Second Reading for Ordinance No. 2025-09 Authority to Approve Plats

An Ordinance of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Amending § 2-301, § 2-303, and § 2-502 of the Village Land Development Code Regarding Plat Approvals; Making Related Findings; and Providing for Severability, Codification and an Effective Date.

Recommended Action: Approve Ordinance No. 2025-09.

Financial Impact: none

Attachment: [SS 2nd Reading Ord No 2025-09 Auth to approve Plats Summary Sheet.pdf](#)

Attachment: [1 Ord No 2025-09 Estero Plat Approval .pdf](#)

9. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10.VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

11.VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

12.ADJOURNMENT

General Attachments

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ESTERO VILLAGE COUNCIL BUDGET AND SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, 5:05 P.M.

DISCLAIMER:

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CAPTIONING WHICH SHOULD NEITHER BE RELIED UPON FOR COMPLETE
ACCURACY NOR USED AS A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT.
ANY PERSON WHO NEEDS A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THE
PROCEEDINGS MAY NEED TO HIRE A COURT REPORTER.

5:05:40PM [SOUNDING GAVEL]
5:05:43PM >>Mayor Ribble: GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE.
5:05:44PM AND WELCOME BACK.
5:05:45PM WELCOME BACK TO COUNCIL AND TO OUR GUESTS.
5:05:48PM WE ARE ALL HAPPY TO BE BACK AFTER OUR SUMMER BREAK.
5:05:51PM SO I'D LIKE TO CALL THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, 5:05 P.M.
5:05:57PM COUNCIL MEETING BUDGET AND SPECIAL MEETING.
5:06:01PM I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ANYONE WHO HAS THEIR CELL PHONE TO
5:06:04PM MAKE SURE IT IS ON SILENT.
5:06:06PM IF YOU COME UP TO THE MIKE, PLEASE SPEAK INTO THE MIKE.
5:06:09PM THIS EVENING, WE HAVE PASTOR TODD WESTON FROM THE RIVER OF
5:06:13PM LIFE CHURCH WHO WILL DO THE INVOCATION.
5:06:16PM PASTOR TODD, IF YOU WILL PLEASE STAND.
5:06:23PM >> HEAVENLY FATHER, WE JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
5:06:27PM GOODNESS IN OUR LIVES AND FOR YOUR MERCIES THAT ARE NEW
5:06:31PM EVERY MORNING.
5:06:34PM I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL, FOR THE
5:06:37PM VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FOR THEIR DESIRE, THEIR WILLINGNESS,

5:06:40PM THEIR SACRIFICE IN SERVING THE NEEDS OF THIS COMMUNITY.
5:06:45PM I ASK, GOD, THAT YOU WILL GRANT TO THEM DISCERNMENT AND
5:06:49PM WISDOM FROM ABOVE, AS THEY ARE CONSIDERING THE ITEMS ON
5:06:54PM TONIGHT'S AGENDA, I PRAY THAT YOU WILL DIRECT THEIR
5:06:57PM THOUGHTS, THAT YOU WILL QUICKEN THEIR MINDS, AND THAT YOU
5:07:00PM WILL ENABLE THEM TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT ARE PLEASING TO YOU
5:07:05PM AND ARE IN ALIGNMENT WITH YOUR WILL FOR ESTERO AND FOR THE
5:07:11PM RESIDENTS OF THIS COMMUNITY.
5:07:12PM WE PRAY THESE THINGS IN YOUR NAME, AMEN.
5:07:20PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, PASTOR TODD.
5:07:21PM IF YOU WOULD REMAIN STANDING FOR THE PLEDGE.
5:07:23PM [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]
5:07:37PM >>Mayor Ribble: MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
5:07:39PM HERE.

5:07:42PM >>Jeff Hunt: HERE.
 5:07:45PM >>Jon McLain: HERE.
 5:07:46PM >>Rafael Lopez: HERE.
 5:07:48PM >>Jim Ward: HERE.
 5:07:50PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: HERE.
 5:07:51PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
 5:07:52PM AGENDA ITEM 2, THE RESOLUTION 2025-14, ADOPTING THE
 5:08:01PM TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES.
 5:08:05PM MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION?
 5:08:10PM >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION 2025-14, A RESOLUTION OF THE
 5:08:14PM VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY,

 5:08:16PM FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND TENTATIVE
 5:08:19PM LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE
 5:08:22PM COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; ESTABLISHING THE
 5:08:26PM DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE
 5:08:29PM FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR
 5:08:33PM FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 5:08:38PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
 5:08:39PM STEVE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS?
 5:08:41PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR, AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
 5:08:44PM AS REQUIRED BY STATE STATUTE, THIS IS THE FIRST OF TWO
 5:08:47PM PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF OUR PROPOSED
 5:08:50PM MILLAGE RATE.
 5:08:52PM NEXT WEEK ON SEPTEMBER 17, YOU WOULD BE ADOPTING THE FINAL
 5:08:56PM RATE THAT WOULD APPLY FOR ALL PROPERTY FOR NEXT YEAR.
 5:09:00PM THIS YEAR, WE'RE PROPOSING THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE,
 5:09:06PM MILLAGE RATE STAY AT .73 MILLS PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED
 5:09:12PM PROPERTY VALUE.
 5:09:14PM THIS IS THE SAME AS IT WAS LAST YEAR.
 5:09:17PM THIS IS ENTIRELY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.
 5:09:21PM IT'S AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF NOTE.
 5:09:25PM IN EIGHT OF THE PAST TEN YEARS WE'VE DROPPED THE MILLAGE
 5:09:28PM RATE EVER SO SLIGHTLY EACH YEAR.
 5:09:31PM AT THIS POINT, WE ARE THE LOWEST TAX RATE IN THE STATE OF
 5:09:34PM FLORIDA.
 5:09:35PM SO IT'S A QUESTION OF JUST WHETHER YOU WANT TO DROP IT TO

 5:09:39PM PROVIDE THAT ADDED VALUE TO HOMEOWNERS OR LEAVE IT AS IT IS.
 5:09:46PM AGAIN, IT'S A RELATIVELY MINOR IMPACT ON THE BUDGET, AND WE
 5:09:49PM CAN ACCOMMODATE THAT DROP IF THAT'S YOUR DIRECTION.
 5:09:54PM BUT AT THIS POINT, WE REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION
 5:09:58PM 2025-14, WHICH WOULD STAY IN PLACE UNTIL NEXT WEEK WHEN YOU
 5:10:05PM ADOPT THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE.

5:10:08PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY COUNCIL COMMENT?
 5:10:11PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: MAYOR, I'LL JUST COMMENT THAT I
 5:10:13PM SUPPORT THE .73 AS OUR TAX RATE FOR THIS COMING YEAR.
 5:10:20PM I THINK WE ALL DURING THE BRIEFING SAW WHAT THE IMPACT WOULD
 5:10:23PM BE.
 5:10:23PM I THINK IT'S WISE TO STAY THE COURSE FOR NOW.
 5:10:26PM WE'VE GOT A LOT OF EXPENDITURES MOVING FORWARD.
 5:10:31PM JUST TO CUT THE RATE TO SAY WE CUT THE RATE I DON'T THINK IS
 5:10:33PM THE RIGHT APPROACH.
 5:10:35PM ANYWAY, I SUPPORT WHAT STAFF HAS RECOMMENDED HERE AT .73.
 5:10:39PM THANK YOU.
 5:10:41PM >>Mayor Ribble: I'LL GIVE YOU A MINUTE TO GET SETTLED.
 5:10:45PM DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS?
 5:10:45PM MADAM CLERK, IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
 5:10:49PM >>Carol Sacco: THERE ARE NO COMMENTS.
 5:10:50PM I'LL PUT ON THE NOTES THAT COUNCILMEMBER FAYHEE HAS ARRIVED.
 5:10:53PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
 5:10:54PM I'LL NOW ENTERTAIN A MOTION.
 5:10:57PM >> SO MOVED.

 5:10:58PM >>Mayor Ribble: MAYOR LOPEZ, SECONDED -- MAYOR LOPEZ.
 5:11:03PM CONGRATULATIONS.
 5:11:04PM [LAUGHTER]
 5:11:04PM COUNCILMEMBER LOPEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FAYHEE.
 5:11:10PM WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
 5:11:14PM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.
 5:11:16PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
 5:11:18PM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.
 5:11:19PM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.
 5:11:20PM >>Jim Ward: AYE.
 5:11:21PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.
 5:11:23PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
 5:11:24PM ALL RIGHT, 2B, RESOLUTION 2025-15, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE
 5:11:31PM BUDGET FOR YEAR 2025-2026.
 5:11:37PM MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION?
 5:11:40PM >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION 2025-15, A RESOLUTION OF THE
 5:11:43PM VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY,
 5:11:45PM FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
 5:11:48PM 2025-2026; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 5:11:52PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
 5:11:53PM I BELIEVE, KEVIN.
 5:11:57PM >>Steven Sarkozy: YES, MADAM MAYOR, AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL,
 5:11:59PM THE BUDGET IS YOUR MOST IMPORTANT POLICY DOCUMENT THAT
 5:12:02PM YOU'LL BE CONSIDERING DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.

5:12:06PM THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF BACKUP IN YOUR PACKET HERE

5:12:12PM THAT DESCRIBES THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF THE BUDGET.

5:12:15PM I'D LIKE TO CALL ON OUR FINANCE DIRECTOR KEVIN GREENVILLE TO

5:12:19PM GO THROUGH THIS.

5:12:19PM THE TOTAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED IS \$70,938,016.

5:12:25PM WHICH REPRESENTS \$76,480 INCREASE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.

5:12:31PM KEVIN, IF YOU WOULD, PLEASE.

5:12:33PM >>Kevin Greenville: THANK YOU, STEVE.

5:12:35PM GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

5:12:37PM NICE TO SEE EVERYBODY.

5:12:39PM KEVIN GREENVILLE, FINANCE DIRECTOR FOR THE VILLAGE.

5:12:42PM WE ARE GOING TO GO THROUGH THE PROPOSED BUDGET.

5:12:48PM SO THIS, AGAIN, IS GOING TO BE OUR OCTOBER 1st, 2025,

5:12:52PM THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 FISCAL BUDGET.

5:12:57PM JUST TO GO OVER THE VALUES OF THE VILLAGE, SO YOU KNOW WE'RE

5:13:00PM COMMITTED TO STEWARDSHIP, WE DO HAVE THE LOWEST TAX RATE IN

5:13:04PM FLORIDA.

5:13:05PM ACCOUNTABILITY, WE'RE COMMITTED TO TRANSPARENCY.

5:13:08PM WE HAVE COST-EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS.

5:13:11PM WE HAVE 12 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, AND WE DO CARRY AN OPERATING

5:13:16PM SURPLUS EVERY YEAR INTO OUR BUDGET.

5:13:18PM THERE'S NO SHORT-TERM BORROWING PROPOSED IN THE BUDGET.

5:13:21PM WE DID GET LINE OF CREDITS FROM BANKS FOR OUR BANKING RFP,

5:13:27PM SO THAT IS A TOOL IN OUR TOOL CHEST.

5:13:30PM BUT THE BUDGET RIGHT NOW DOES NOT PROPOSE ANY SHORT-TERM

5:13:32PM BORROWING.

5:13:33PM WE CURRENTLY ARE DEBT-FREE, BUT THE BUDGET DOES PROPOSE

5:13:37PM TAKING OUT APPROXIMATELY \$12.75 MILLION IN DEBT FOR THE

5:13:42PM THREE OAKS LAND PROPERTY PURCHASE.

5:13:45PM WE GOT A TERM LOAN FROM SYNOVUS THAT WE BELIEVE IS A GOOD

5:13:50PM AND FAVORABLE TERMS TO THE VILLAGE.

5:13:52PM YOU GUYS AREN'T AUTHORIZING THAT DEBT WITH THIS.

5:13:55PM WE'RE GOING TO BRING THAT BACK TO YOU GUYS IN OCTOBER OR

5:13:57PM NOVEMBER.

5:13:58PM BUT IT IS INCLUDED FOR APPROPRIATION PURPOSES IN THE BUDGET.

5:14:01PM AGAIN, WE HAVE HEALTHY RESERVES.

5:14:04PM YOU GUYS LAST YEAR ENHANCED OUR EMERGENCY RESERVE AND OUR

5:14:09PM OPERATING RESERVE.

5:14:10PM THE FY '25-26 BUDGET BETWEEN OUR OPERATING, EMERGENCY, AND

5:14:14PM MAJOR ROAD MAINTENANCE RESERVE, TOTAL RESERVES ARE ABOUT

5:14:19PM \$10.027 MILLION.

5:14:21PM THAT REPRESENTS ABOUT 96% OF OUR OPERATING EXPENDITURES FOR

5:14:26PM THE YEAR.
 5:14:27PM THAT IS A VERY HEALTHY AND STRONG RESERVE.
 5:14:30PM THE PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET, IT HELPS FORECAST REVENUES
 5:14:34PM AND EXPENDITURES.
 5:14:36PM IT'S USED AS A MEASURING TOOL FOR ACTUAL PERFORMANCE VERSUS
 5:14:41PM BUDGETED, AND IT ASSISTS IN EVALUATING THE FINANCIAL
 5:14:43PM FEASIBILITY OF OUR PROJECTS AND OUR INITIATIVES.
 5:14:45PM FLORIDA STATUTE REQUIRES US TO ADOPT A BUDGET BY OCTOBER
 5:14:50PM 1st OF EACH YEAR.

 5:14:52PM OUR REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES MUST BE REASONABLE.
 5:14:56PM WE CAN'T VIOLATE ANY OF OUR OWN LAWS WHEN WE PROPOSE THE
 5:15:00PM BUDGET.
 5:15:00PM IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE A BUDGET THAT REFLECTS
 5:15:04PM YOUR GUYS PRIORITY AND INITIATIVES.
 5:15:06PM WE HAVE TO DO A PROPOSED BUDGET EACH YEAR BY JULY 15, WHICH
 5:15:10PM WE DID ACCOMPLISH.
 5:15:12PM THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PROPOSED BUDGET BACK IN
 5:15:17PM EARLY JULY AND THIS BUDGET IS WE DID GET UPDATED AD VALOREM
 5:15:21PM TAX NUMBERS FROM THE COUNTY.
 5:15:23PM THAT RESULTED IN ABOUT 76,000 MORE DOLLARS IN REVENUE
 5:15:27PM FORECASTED WITH A .73 TAX RATE.
 5:15:31PM OUR TOTAL ESTIMATED TAX VALUE IS ABOUT \$10.3 BILLION, AND
 5:15:37PM THAT'S JUST THE HISTORICAL TRENDS.
 5:15:40PM JUST VALUE IS YOUR MARKET VALUE AND TAXABLE VALUE IS THE
 5:15:43PM VALUE THAT THE PROPERTY ASSESSOR ACTUALLY USES TO CALCULATE
 5:15:49PM THE TAX BURDEN FOR EACH RESIDENT.
 5:15:51PM WHEN WE INCORPORATED OUR TAX RATE WAS .84.
 5:15:56PM IT'S DOWN NOW TO .73 WHERE IT WAS LAST YEAR, AND WHERE IT IS
 5:15:59PM PROPOSED TODAY.
 5:16:00PM I ALWAYS THROW THIS IN HERE.
 5:16:03PM IT'S HARD TO READ.
 5:16:04PM JUST IF YOU GUYS WANTED TO LOOK HISTORICALLY AT LEE COUNTY
 5:16:07PM AND ALL THE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN LEE COUNTY.
 5:16:12PM THIS IS LOOKING AT LOWERING THE TAX RATE OR KEEPING IT THE

 5:16:20PM SAME.
 5:16:21PM WE'RE PROJECTING ABOUT \$7.1 MILLION IN TAXABLE REVENUE FOR
 5:16:26PM THE UPCOMING YEAR.
 5:16:28PM ONE CENT REDUCTION IN THE TAX RATE WOULD BE ABOUT \$98,000.
 5:16:32PM THIS IS OUR VILLAGE-WIDE REVENUES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.
 5:16:39PM AS A MUNICIPALITY, YOU WANT TO HAVE A STABLE AND DIVERSE
 5:16:43PM REVENUE BASKET.
 5:16:44PM THE VILLAGE DOES HAVE THIS.

5:16:47PM I THINK IF YOU REALLY LOOK AT YEAR TO YEAR INTERGOVERNMENTAL
 5:16:50PM REVENUES JUMPS UP AND DOWN WHICH CAN BE SKEWED BY ONE-TIME
 5:16:55PM GRANT FUNDING OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
 5:16:56PM WE ANTICIPATE BEGINNING NEXT OCTOBER TO START GETTING P-3
 5:17:01PM REVENUES IN.
 5:17:02PM START GETTING SOME CANNED REVENUE IN FROM THEM AS WELL.
 5:17:07PM THAT'S GOING TO EVEN STRENGTHEN AND DIVERSIFY OUR REVENUE
 5:17:11PM STREAMS.
 5:17:11PM VILLAGE-WIDE EXPENDITURES, YOU CAN SEE NOT A LOT INTO
 5:17:15PM OPERATING.
 5:17:16PM GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY IS ABOUT 12% OF OUR
 5:17:19PM BUDGET, AND THE REST IS GOING INTO OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
 5:17:23PM PLAN, INTO PARKS AND TO TRANSPORTATION AND INTO OUR PHYSICAL
 5:17:27PM ENVIRONMENT, WHICH IS MAINLY OUR UEPs.
 5:17:29PM JUST SOME HIGH-LEVEL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES, SO INCREASE
 5:17:33PM OF LAST YEAR OF ABOUT \$460,000.
 5:17:37PM WE'RE PROPOSING IN THE BUDGET FOR EMPLOYEES TO GET A SALARY

 5:17:42PM COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE OF 4.58%.
 5:17:45PM AND THAT IS TIED TO A BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METRIC THAT
 5:17:49PM WE USE AND BELIEVE IS RELIABLE.
 5:17:51PM THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ROSE ABOUT 2.7%, AND WE USE THAT
 5:17:56PM AS A GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR EXPENDITURE INCREASES JUST FOR
 5:18:02PM GENERAL SERVICES.
 5:18:03PM ANOTHER ITEM WE'RE GOING TO OFFER IN THE BUDGET IS WE'RE
 5:18:09PM GOING TO OFFER OUR EMPLOYEES A HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN.
 5:18:15PM WE BELIEVE THAT MOVING TO THIS IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF
 5:18:18PM THE VILLAGE.
 5:18:20PM CLAIMS TREND BETTER ON A HIGH DEDUCTIBLE PLAN.
 5:18:24PM MOVING TO A HIGH DEDUCTIBLE PLAN, IT PUTS A LITTLE MORE OF A
 5:18:27PM COST BURDEN ON THE EMPLOYEE, AND WE'RE RECOMMENDING FUNDING
 5:18:30PM A PORTION OF THE HSA WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM
 5:18:35PM SAVINGS TO INCENTIVIZE THE EMPLOYEE TO MOVE OVER.
 5:18:38PM ALSO IN YOUR PACKET IS A RECOMMENDATION FROM OUR INSURANCE
 5:18:42PM BENEFIT BROKERS, GEHRING GROUP, JUST WITH MORE DETAILS ON
 5:18:47PM THE PLAN AND THEIR RECOMMENDATION OF MOVING TO THIS AND
 5:18:49PM FUNDING IT AT THE LEVELS THAT WE TALKED TO YOU GUYS ABOUT.
 5:18:52PM THIS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, THIS IS TAKING OUT OUR
 5:18:57PM OPERATING EXPENDITURES AND JUST LOOKING AT THE C.I.P.
 5:19:00PM AGAIN, PARKS, ROADWAYS, AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS ARE REALLY
 5:19:06PM THE BIG DRIVERS THERE.
 5:19:07PM THIS HAS BEEN OUR BUDGET TIMELINE.
 5:19:11PM WE'RE DOWN THERE ON SEPTEMBER 10.

5:19:13PM THIS IS OUR FIRST PUBLIC HEARING.
 5:19:15PM NEXT WEEK WE'LL MOVE TO THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING, AND THEN
 5:19:18PM OCTOBER 1st A NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGINS.
 5:19:22PM SO WITH THAT, I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE
 5:19:25PM ON THE BUDGET.
 5:19:27PM >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCIL, ANY QUESTIONS?
 5:19:36PM >>Jim Ward: I WANT TO COMMEND THE VILLAGE STAFF KEEPING THE
 5:19:38PM RATE AT 73 TO FOLLOW UP ON GEORGE'S POINT EARLIER.
 5:19:42PM I THINK IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO TO KEEP IT AT 73 CENTS.
 5:19:46PM WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE OUR CAPITAL RESERVES IN
 5:19:50PM FUTURE YEARS, AND I THINK KEEPING THE RATE AT 73 CENTS WILL
 5:19:54PM HELP IN THAT REGARD.
 5:19:55PM WE HAVE A LOT OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES COMING UP.
 5:19:58PM I ALSO WANTED TO -- I POINTED OUT EARLIER THAT I THINK STAFF
 5:20:03PM DID A GREAT JOB IN COMING UP WITH A NEW HEALTH AND BENEFITS
 5:20:08PM PLAN THAT BASICALLY ACCOMPLISHES THE ABILITY TO HAVE A
 5:20:12PM HIGHER DEDUCTIBLE, BUT FINDS A WAY TO USE A HEALTH SAVINGS
 5:20:15PM PLAN IN ANOTHER WAY TO REDUCE THAT COST TO THE EMPLOYEES
 5:20:20PM GOING FORWARD.
 5:20:21PM SO I THINK IT IS THE OUT-OF-BOX THINKING THAT HAS RESULTED
 5:20:24PM IN A GOOD PLAN THAT IS A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR BOTH THE
 5:20:28PM VILLAGE AND THE EMPLOYEES.
 5:20:29PM SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.
 5:20:32PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANYONE ELSE?
 5:20:32PM COUNCILMAN McLAIN.

 5:20:38PM >>Jon McLain: I THINK YOU DID A NICE JOB PUTTING THIS BUDGET
 5:20:41PM TOGETHER.
 5:20:41PM FOLKS THAT ARE LOOKING FROM THE OUTSIDE, YOU WENT THROUGH
 5:20:44PM THIS RELATIVELY QUICKLY.
 5:20:45PM THIS IS NOT OUR FIRST PASS AT THIS.
 5:20:47PM WE'VE HAD INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS, SO WE'VE GONE THROUGH THIS
 5:20:53PM THICK ONE AND A HALF INCHES THICK BUDGET LINE BY LINE.
 5:20:56PM I DID IT AGAIN YESTERDAY TO SEE IF THERE WERE ANY SURPRISES
 5:20:59PM IN THERE.
 5:21:00PM I DIDN'T FIND ANY.
 5:21:01PM SO I THINK IT'S WELL LAID OUT.
 5:21:03PM I THINK IT'S WELL THOUGHT OUT.
 5:21:04PM AND I THINK IT'S FISCALLY PRUDENT FOR US WHAT WE'RE DOING,
 5:21:08PM BOTH ON THE TAX RATE AND THE LIKE WITH THE POTENTIAL
 5:21:16PM EXPENSES WE HAVE IN THE FUTURE WHICH WILL REALLY IMPROVE THE
 5:21:19PM QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO.
 5:21:20PM NOW WE HAVE TO MANAGE HOW WE DO SPEND THOSE DOLLARS THAT WE
 5:21:24PM DO IT APPROPRIATELY AND MAINTAIN OUR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

5:21:28PM WE HAVE OUT THERE.
 5:21:28PM GREAT JOB TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF.
 5:21:31PM >>Kevin Greenville: THANK YOU.
 5:21:34PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: KEVIN, GREAT JOB.
 5:21:35PM THANK YOU FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.
 5:21:37PM THE ONE THING THAT STUCK OUT TO ME WAS THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
 5:21:41PM DECLINE, DECREASE OF I THINK SHOWING ABOUT 62, 63 PERCENT.

 5:21:45PM I KNOW YOU TOUCHED ON IT.
 5:21:47PM WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP KIND OF SOLIDIFY OR FORECAST THOSE
 5:21:50PM NUMBERS MOVING FORWARD?
 5:21:52PM THAT HAS AN ALMOST 30% IMPACT ON OUR TOTAL REVENUE STREAM.
 5:21:56PM SO IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO OR BE AWARE OF WHEN IT COMES
 5:22:00PM TO THAT BUCKET?
 5:22:02PM >>Kevin Greenville: VICE-MAYOR ZALUCKI, THE BIG CHANGE FROM
 5:22:05PM LAST YEAR WAS ARPA MONEY.
 5:22:09PM THAT IS A ONE-TIME RARE EVENT FOR US TO GET THE MONEY.
 5:22:12PM I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER, TOO, IF WE DO PUT GRANT
 5:22:14PM FUNDING IN THERE, WE'RE ONLY GOING TO EXPEND THAT MONEY IF
 5:22:18PM WE RECEIVE IT.
 5:22:19PM SO A LOT OF THAT MONEY IS IN THERE JUST FOR THOSE ONE-TIME
 5:22:23PM CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.
 5:22:24PM NOT A LOT OF IT IS TIED TO OUR OPERATING EXPENDITURES.
 5:22:26PM IT GOES UP AND DOWN, AND WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF CONTROL.
 5:22:31PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: MOST OF IT TIED TO GRANTS.
 5:22:33PM >>Kevin Greenville: YES, CORRECT.
 5:22:36PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: THANK YOU.
 5:22:37PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
 5:22:38PM KEVIN, THANK YOU.
 5:22:40PM PLEASE, THANK YOUR STAFF, TOO.
 5:22:42PM WHAT A WONDERFUL JOB.
 5:22:43PM VERY UNDERSTANDABLE.
 5:22:45PM MADAM CLERK, IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

 5:22:47PM >>Carol Sacco: NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO E-COMMENTS.
 5:22:49PM >>Mayor Ribble: I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.
 5:22:52PM COUNCILMAN HUNT.
 5:22:53PM SECOND BY COUNCILMAN WARD.
 5:22:55PM MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
 5:22:59PM >>Jim Ward: AYE.
 5:23:00PM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.
 5:23:02PM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.
 5:23:04PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
 5:23:05PM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.

5:23:06PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.
 5:23:07PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
 5:23:08PM NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
 5:23:13PM DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES?
 5:23:16PM HEARING NONE, I'LL NOW ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE
 5:23:21PM AGENDA.
 5:23:22PM COUNCILMAN LOPEZ.
 5:23:24PM SECOND BY COUNCILMAN HUNT.
 5:23:26PM MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
 5:23:32PM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.
 5:23:33PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
 5:23:35PM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.
 5:23:36PM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.
 5:23:37PM >>Jim Ward: AYE.
 5:23:39PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.

 5:23:40PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
 5:23:41PM NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.
 5:23:46PM MADAM CLERK, DO WE HAVE ANYONE SIGNED UP?
 5:23:51PM >>Carol Sacco: YES, MR. MARK NOVITSKI FROM BELLA TERRA.
 5:23:56PM >>Mayor Ribble: WELCOME, MARK.
 5:23:58PM >> THANKS.
 5:23:59PM RECENTLY I MET WITH ALL OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY OVER THE LAST 90
 5:24:06PM DAYS AND I WAS ASKED TO KIND OF COME BACK AND GIVE YOU A
 5:24:09PM LITTLE BIT OF AN UPDATE OF WHAT WE'RE THINKING ABOUT.
 5:24:12PM THIS IS KIND OF A VISUAL AID.
 5:24:16PM UNITED STATES FLAG TALL, FLORIDA FLAG AND THEN A HOLE FOR
 5:24:20PM THE ESTERO FLAG.
 5:24:21PM I THINK IT WOULD BE A GREAT IDEA TO GET THE ESTERO HIGH
 5:24:23PM SCHOOL GRAPHICS ARTS PEOPLE TO HELP YOU DESIGN A FLAG.
 5:24:26PM ENOUGH SAID.
 5:24:28PM YOU HAVE A LITTLE BRIEFING IN FRONT OF YOU.
 5:24:30PM I HAVE A COUPLE OF MINUTES AND NEED TO MOVE THROUGH.
 5:24:34PM WE DO HAVE A LOT OF VETERANS IN THE AREA.
 5:24:36PM WE HAVE A FEW IN THE ROOM RIGHT NOW.
 5:24:39PM ONE OF THE THINGS YOU HAVEN'T SEEN TOO MUCH IS A GOLD STAR
 5:24:42PM FAMILY'S MEMORIAL MONUMENT.
 5:24:44PM I'VE GOT SOME INFORMATION ON THAT.
 5:24:45PM I'M NOT GOING TO DWELL ON THAT, BUT PREVIOUS MAYOR
 5:24:51PM ERRINGTON, SHE WAS A GOLD STAR FAMILY AND IT'S VERY
 5:24:55PM IMPORTANT TO HER AND OTHERS.

 5:24:56PM THE FLAG HEIGHT, WE'RE TALKING PROBABLY 25 FEET.
 5:24:59PM WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT.

5:25:02PM U.S. FLAG, FLORIDA FLAG, ESTERO FLAG, THE SERVICE FLAG THEN
 5:25:06PM WOULD BE ABOUT 20 FEET.
 5:25:08PM THEY WOULD BE LIT UP FROM PROBABLY THE BOTTOM RATHER THAN
 5:25:12PM FROM THE TOP.
 5:25:14PM SO WE NEED SOME ELECTRICITY, AND WE WOULD ALSO NEED TO LIGHT
 5:25:17PM UP THE GOLD STAR MONUMENT.
 5:25:18PM THE FOOTPRINT WE'RE LOOKING AT, PROBABLY HUNDRED FEET BY
 5:25:23PM FOUR FEET.
 5:25:24PM INSTEAD OF HAVING BENCHES THAT WOULD REQUIRE MAINTENANCE,
 5:25:26PM MORE LIKE WE WOULD RAISE THIS UP MAYBE TWO AND A HALF FEET
 5:25:29PM SO YOU COULD SIT ON THE EDGE.
 5:25:31PM THE BIG DEAL HERE IS IT IS NOT A MEMORIAL.
 5:25:34PM IT'S RECOGNITION.
 5:25:35PM WE DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO BE DEPRESSED.
 5:25:37PM SO WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT.
 5:25:39PM AFTER ALL THE DISCUSSIONS AND WHERE WE WANTED IT TO BE,
 5:25:43PM SOMEBODY SUGGESTED THE ESTERO SPORTS PARK.
 5:25:45PM SO WE SAID, OKAY, WE GOT AN AREA RIGHT THERE IN THE CENTRAL
 5:25:51PM PARK AREA.
 5:25:52PM THAT'S NOT WHAT IT IS CALLED.
 5:25:53PM CENTRAL LAWN.
 5:25:54PM RIGHT ALONG THE TREE LINE THERE, SO WE WOULD NEED TO BRING
 5:26:00PM SOME ELECTRICITY TO IT.

 5:26:01PM THAT KIND OF STUFF.
 5:26:02PM NOTHING EXCITING.
 5:26:03PM YOU SEE THE NEXT CHART, KIND OF WHERE WE THOUGHT IT COULD
 5:26:09PM GO.
 5:26:09PM THE NEXT CHART, WHO WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH.
 5:26:12PM WE TALKED TO STEVE, WE'VE TALKED TO MICHAEL COMPARATO, THE
 5:26:15PM CMAR FOR ESTERO SPORTS PARK.
 5:26:19PM AREA VETERANS GROUP, GOLD STAR FAMILIES.
 5:26:22PM HAD A GREAT CONVERSATION FRIDAY, REECE AND I, WITH THE
 5:26:24PM ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR ROTC INSTRUCTOR.
 5:26:29PM THEY ARE EXCITED TO HELP US WITH THAT.
 5:26:30PM THEY ARE GOING TO WATCH THE FLAGS.
 5:26:32PM WE THOUGHT WE WOULD HAVE SPONSORS OF THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICE
 5:26:35PM FLAGS.
 5:26:35PM COUNCILMEMBER LOPEZ HAS AGREED TO FUND THE MARINE CORPS FLAG
 5:26:40PM ANYTIME IT GETS TATTERED OR WORN.
 5:26:44PM TERRY FLANAGAN WILL DO THE AIR FORCE FLAG.
 5:26:47PM REECE HAS THE ARMY FLAG.
 5:26:49PM I'LL TAKE THE SPACE FORCE BECAUSE I DON'T THINK WE GOT
 5:26:53PM ANYBODY AND WE NEED TO FIND SOMEBODY FROM THE AIR FORCE,

5:26:56PM NAVY, AND COAST GUARD.
 5:26:58PM I AM HAVING A LITTLE TROUBLE GETTING HOLD OF THE ESTERO
 5:27:04PM FOREVER FOUNDATION.
 5:27:05PM I FIND IT REALLY HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THEY DON'T KNOW WHO I
 5:27:08PM AM.

 5:27:08PM BUT THEY WON'T RETURN MY CALLS OR E-MAILS OR ANYTHING.
 5:27:13PM VICE-MAYOR ZALUCKI IS WORKING WITH THEM TO TRY TO GET HOLD
 5:27:17PM OF ME SO WE CAN TALK.
 5:27:19PM CONSTRUCTION, I THINK WE CAN GET IT FUNDED WITH DONATIONS
 5:27:24PM AND STUFF, IF THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO, IF THAT'S WHAT WE
 5:27:26PM NEED TO DO.
 5:27:27PM MAINTENANCE, I SEE VERY LITTLE MAINTENANCE ON THIS OTHER
 5:27:30PM THAN PROBABLY CHANGING LIGHT BULBS AND CHANGING THE FLAGS
 5:27:34PM BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE CONCRETE OR STONE.
 5:27:38PM THE ELECTRICITY, MOW AROUND THAT AREA, WEED WHACK AROUND IT,
 5:27:42PM NOTHING REALLY EXCITING.
 5:27:43PM SO A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM TWO, THREE, FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN
 5:27:46PM WE PUT A BIG, ELABORATE DESIGN IN A PARK.
 5:27:50PM THIS IS JUST KIND OF AN AREA.
 5:27:52PM THAT'S KIND OF ALL I HAVE TODAY.
 5:27:55PM WE'D LOVE TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN AND NEED YOUR HELP.
 5:27:58PM WE JUST WANT TO SEE IT IN THE PLAN SOMEWHERE.
 5:28:01PM THANK YOU.
 5:28:01PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, MARK.
 5:28:02PM APPRECIATE IT.
 5:28:03PM APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU DID FOR THAT.
 5:28:10PM >> CAN I LEAVE THIS WITH CAROL?
 5:28:12PM >>Mayor Ribble: IF YOU'D LIKE.
 5:28:22PM >>Mayor Ribble: NEXT ON THE AGENDA, WE HAVE THE CONSENT
 5:28:25PM AGENDA, WHICH TAKES THE JULY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, THE

 5:28:32PM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 2025, AND THE
 5:28:35PM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING JULY 2025.
 5:28:38PM DO ANY COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?
 5:28:44PM IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT, MADAM CLERK?
 5:28:50PM >>Carol Sacco: NO, MAYOR.
 5:28:51PM NO E-COMMENTS.
 5:28:54PM >>Mayor Ribble: I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.
 5:28:56PM VICE-MAYOR.
 5:28:57PM SECOND FROM COUNCILMAN McLAIN.
 5:28:59PM WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
 5:29:02PM >>Jim Ward: AYE.
 5:29:03PM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.

5:29:05PM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.
 5:29:06PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
 5:29:07PM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.
 5:29:09PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.
 5:29:10PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
 5:29:11PM MOVING RIGHT ALONG, ACTION ITEM 7A, RESOLUTION 2025-13,
 5:29:20PM ESTABLISHING AN AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE AND APPOINTING
 5:29:23PM MEMBERS.
 5:29:24PM MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION?
 5:29:26PM >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION 2025-13, A RESOLUTION OF THE
 5:29:29PM VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AN AUDITOR
 5:29:31PM SELECTION COMMITTEE; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR
 5:29:35PM SEVERABILITY AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

 5:29:38PM >>Mayor Ribble: STEVE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS?
 5:29:40PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MADAM MAYOR, MEMBERS OF
 5:29:43PM COUNCIL.
 5:29:43PM THE AUDIT SELECTION COMMITTEE WE FIND IS MADE NECESSARY BY
 5:29:48PM STATE STATUTE WHERE THERE IS A SEPARATE PROCESS FOR THE
 5:29:52PM SELECTION OF MEMBERS, OUTSIDE PEOPLE, TO REVIEW THE
 5:29:58PM SELECTION OF AN AUDITOR.
 5:30:01PM FOR MANY OF THE THINGS THAT -- WHERE WE NEED TO GO THROUGH A
 5:30:06PM SELECTION PROCESS, THE STAFF DOES THAT AND THEN MAKES
 5:30:08PM RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.
 5:30:10PM CONSIDERING THAT THIS IS A FINANCIAL ISSUE AND IMPORTANT FOR
 5:30:14PM THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY, BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL
 5:30:17PM NATURE, REQUIRED IS AN OUTSIDE PANEL.
 5:30:22PM AND WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING IS THAT THE MAYOR SERVE ON THIS
 5:30:26PM GROUP AND THEN WE HAVE THREE OUTSIDE MEMBERS WHO HAVE
 5:30:31PM EXPERIENCE IN EITHER DOING AUDITS OR AS TOP OFFICIAL,
 5:30:35PM CORPORATE OFFICIALS THAT EXPERIENCE THE IMPACTS OF AUDITS.
 5:30:40PM WHAT THIS DOES IS ESTABLISHES THE PROCESS, AND WE HAVE THREE
 5:30:48PM OUTSIDE MEMBERS THAT WE'D LIKE TO ADD TO THE PROCESS.
 5:30:53PM THIS IS BRIAN RASNICK, THE PRESIDENT OF 90 DEGREE BENEFITS.
 5:30:58PM ADRIANA BANDERA, VICE PRESIDENT OF 90 DEGREE BENEFITS.
 5:31:02PM AND BOB LIENESCH, WHO OWNS AN ACCOUNTING FIRM BOTH HERE AND
 5:31:08PM IN OHIO.
 5:31:08PM BOB WAS ALSO VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE FORMATION OF THE
 5:31:15PM VILLAGE WHEN IT WAS FORMED TEN YEARS AGO.

 5:31:17PM WE DON'T NORMALLY DO THIS.
 5:31:18PM THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT WE WILL BE GOING THROUGH THIS
 5:31:22PM PROCESS OF SELECTING A NEW AUDITOR.
 5:31:25PM THE LAST TIME WE DID THIS WAS REALLY THE FIRST YEAR AFTER

5:31:29PM INCORPORATION AND THEN WE'VE HAD THE SAME AUDITOR ALL THIS
 5:31:32PM TIME.
 5:31:32PM BUT THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.
 5:31:34PM IT'S PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE AS WE GO THROUGH THE
 5:31:38PM AUDIT, WE GIVE THE AUDITOR COMPLETELY ACCESS TO ANY AND ALL
 5:31:43PM DATA, AND WE TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY ANY RECOMMENDATION THEY
 5:31:47PM HAVE.
 5:31:47PM SO YOU WILL NOTICE THAT WE ARE -- I DON'T KNOW OF ANY OTHER
 5:31:51PM CITIES THAT ACTUALLY ADVERTISES THE OUTCOMES OF AUDIT TO THE
 5:31:58PM DETAIL THAT WE DO.
 5:31:58PM WE ACTUALLY PUT IN THE COUNCIL ACTION FORMS, ANY FINDINGS,
 5:32:06PM WHICH ARE RELATIVELY SEVERE, AND FORTUNATELY WE'VE ONLY HAD,
 5:32:10PM I BELIEVE, TWO IN THE ENTIRE INCEPTION OF THE VILLAGE.
 5:32:15PM AND THEN RECOMMENDATIONS.
 5:32:16PM AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE WELCOME CHANGES, AND WE ALMOST
 5:32:21PM ALWAYS IMPLEMENT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS.
 5:32:23PM BUT IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PROCESS, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE
 5:32:29PM THAT THERE IS A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
 5:32:31PM AUDITOR AND STAFF.
 5:32:33PM BECAUSE OF THAT TIGHT WORKING RELATIONSHIP.
 5:32:36PM SO THAT IS THE GIST OF THE RECOMMENDATION HERE, AND WE'RE

 5:32:42PM ASKING COUNCIL APPROVAL, BOTH THE PROCESS AND THE
 5:32:45PM APPOINTMENTS.
 5:32:46PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY QUESTIONS?
 5:32:50PM >>Jeff Hunt: YOU IDENTIFIED THE MAYOR WOULD BE THE MEMBER
 5:32:53PM FROM THE GOVERNING AND SHE WILL ALSO BE THE CHAIR AS WELL.
 5:32:59PM >>Steven Sarkozy: YES.
 5:33:00PM KEVIN AND I WOULD SIT IN TO JUST MONITOR WHAT'S GOING ON AND
 5:33:05PM GUIDE AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, BUT THE ACTUAL DECISIONS AND
 5:33:10PM PROCESS WOULD COME FROM THE COMMITTEE.
 5:33:11PM >>Jeff Hunt: GREAT.
 5:33:13PM >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCILMAN McLAIN.
 5:33:15PM >>Jon McLain: HOW OFTEN DO WE GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS?
 5:33:18PM >>Steven Sarkozy: WE DON'T DO IT THAT OFTEN.
 5:33:19PM THE LAST TIME I THINK WAS IN 2017.
 5:33:23PM AND WE HAD A DIFFERENT PROCESS AT THE TIME.
 5:33:27PM >>Jon McLain: STATE LAW DOES NOT HAVE A TIME LIMIT ON THIS?
 5:33:32PM >>Robert Eschenfelder: NO, THE STATUTE MERELY CONTEMPLATES
 5:33:35PM THAT WHEN YOU SELECT, YOU USE THIS PROCESS, BUT YOU COULD
 5:33:38PM HAVE THE SAME AUDITOR AS LONG AS THE AUDITOR IS DOING WELL
 5:33:41PM AND THE GOVERNING BOARD IS COMFORTABLE WITH THAT AUDITOR.
 5:33:44PM THE IDEA OF THE LEGISLATURE IN THIS PROCESS IS THAT YOU
 5:33:48PM DON'T WANT THE FOX GUARDING THE HENHOUSE, SO TO SPEAK, AND

5:33:52PM THAT'S WHY YOU'RE INVITING OUTSIDE PEOPLE TO HELP YOU PICK
5:33:55PM THIS OUTSIDE AUDITOR WHO IS GOING TO BE LOOKING OVER OUR
5:33:58PM SHOULDER.

5:33:59PM >>Jon McLain: SO AS COUNCIL, WE COULD ADOPT A TIME PERIOD
5:34:02PM THAT WE DO THIS EVERY FIVE YEARS OR SO TO AVOID THAT ISSUE
5:34:07PM OF THE CHICKEN AND THE HAWK OR WHATEVER IN THERE.
5:34:09PM [LAUGHTER]
5:34:12PM >>Robert Eschenfelder: DIFFERENT STORY, BUT, YES.
5:34:14PM IF YOU WANT IT AS A MATTER OF COURSE TO SAY THAT THIS MUST
5:34:17PM HAPPEN EVERY FIVE YEARS, THAT IS A POLICY THAT THE COUNCIL
5:34:20PM COULD DO.
5:34:21PM >>Jon McLain: I DON'T KNOW WHAT OTHER FOLKS THINK, BUT I
5:34:24PM THINK THERE IS A VALUE OF HAVING A TIME PERIOD IN THERE.
5:34:28PM GIVES A SEPARATION OF POWER IN THERE.
5:34:30PM I DON'T KNOW IF FIVE YEARS IS THE RIGHT THING.
5:34:33PM THAT CAME OUT OF ANYWHERE.
5:34:34PM THAT WOULD BE MY THOUGHT AS WE THINK ABOUT THAT.
5:34:36PM >>Mayor Ribble: I WOULD ASSUME THAT WE COULD RE-UP THE
5:34:41PM AUDITING COMPANY AFTER THAT FIVE YEARS, TOO, IF THEY ARE
5:34:44PM DOING A GOOD JOB FOR US.
5:34:46PM >>Robert Eschenfelder: HOW IT WILL WORK, IF YOU DO THE
5:34:48PM PROCESS AGAIN IN FIVE YEARS, AN RFP WOULD GO OUT IN FIVE
5:34:51PM YEARS.
5:34:52PM THE THEN CURRENT AUDITOR COULD PROPOSE AGAIN.
5:34:55PM IF SELECTED, THEN THEY WOULD GET A NEW CONTRACT.
5:35:00PM >>Jon McLain: OF COURSE, IF WE HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THE
5:35:02PM AUDITOR THAT'S IN PLACE OR WE SELECT, IT WOULD BE IN THE
5:35:08PM CONTRACT -- COULD SAY, HEY, IT'S NOT WORKING OUT YEAR ONE OR

5:35:11PM YEAR TWO.
5:35:12PM >>Robert Eschenfelder: I'LL BE DRAFTING THE CONTRACT.
5:35:14PM YOU CAN REST ASSURED -- END THE RELATIONSHIP ANYTIME WE NEED
5:35:17PM TO.
5:35:18PM >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCILMAN WARD.
5:35:20PM >>Jim Ward: DOES THE CURRENT AUDITOR HAVE THE ABILITY TO PUT
5:35:23PM IN AN RFP?
5:35:27PM >> YES.
5:35:27PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
5:35:27PM IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
5:35:30PM >>Carol Sacco: NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO E-COMMENTS.
5:35:32PM >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.
5:35:33PM IN THAT CASE, I'LL ACCEPT A MOTION.
5:35:35PM VICE-MAYOR.

5:35:36PM SECOND BY COUNCILWOMAN FAYHEE.
 5:35:40PM PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
 5:35:41PM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.
 5:35:43PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
 5:35:44PM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.
 5:35:47PM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.
 5:35:48PM >>Jim Ward: AYE.
 5:35:49PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.
 5:35:50PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
 5:35:51PM ITEM 7B, TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX FUNDING AGREEMENT.
 5:35:56PM STEVE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK TO THIS?

 5:36:02PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MADAM MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF
 5:36:04PM COUNCIL.
 5:36:04PM THIS IS A GOOD-NEWS PIECE.
 5:36:07PM PROPOSED IS A ONE-TIME GRANT OF \$163,000 TO BE PUT TOWARDS
 5:36:13PM THE ESTERO RIVER PARK.
 5:36:15PM AND THE MONEY WOULD BE COMING FROM THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT
 5:36:18PM TAX ON A COUNTYWIDE BASIS.
 5:36:23PM THAT IS PAID TO THE COUNTY AND THIS GROUP FROM HOTEL STAYS
 5:36:28PM AND OTHER TOURIST DRIVEN EVENTS IN THE COUNTY.
 5:36:33PM COUNCILMEMBER McLAIN HAS BEEN A PART OF THIS AND BRINGING
 5:36:38PM MONEY BACK TO THE VILLAGE BASED ON THE STRONG MARKET THAT WE
 5:36:43PM HAVE HERE FOR HOTELS AND THE REVENUE PRODUCING POTENTIAL OF
 5:36:46PM THOSE HOTELS TO THE COUNTY AND THE ALLOCATION, OF COURSE,
 5:36:50PM HELPS US FUND A PROJECT THAT'S ON OUR CURRENT CAPITAL
 5:36:54PM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.
 5:36:55PM IF COUNCILMEMBER McLAIN WANTED TO EMBELLISH ON ANYTHING
 5:37:01PM THERE.
 5:37:01PM >>Jon McLain: JUST A LITTLE BIT.
 5:37:03PM ONE, GEORGE, YOU ASKED WHAT WE COULD DO TO MAYBE HELP GRANTS
 5:37:06PM AND ALL THAT.
 5:37:07PM I CAN'T REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS, BUT I WAS ON THE TOURIST
 5:37:11PM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.
 5:37:12PM THAT'S CHANGED.
 5:37:13PM I WAS A VOTING MEMBER AT THE TIME.
 5:37:15PM LORI, YOU'RE NOW THAT COUNCILMEMBER.

 5:37:17PM I'M NOT SURE IF YOU ARE VOTING OR NOT.
 5:37:19PM IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THAT GROUP THAT WE HAVE A VOTING MEMBER,
 5:37:23PM BUT WE ALSO NEED TO GET TWO MEMBERS ON THERE SO THAT WE GET
 5:37:28PM A MORE POWERFUL VOTE.
 5:37:30PM MY EXPERIENCE IN THERE SHOWED ME THAT THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO
 5:37:34PM -- NOW, THIS IS LOOKING BACK A COUPLE OF YEARS -- WE WERE

5:37:37PM CONTRIBUTING EVERY YEAR IN BED TAX REVENUE ABOUT A MILLION,
 5:37:40PM MILLION-ONE AND NEVER RECEIVED A PENNY FOR THAT.
 5:37:43PM TOURIST DEVELOPMENT IS TO ENCOURAGE TOURISTS TO COME HERE.
 5:37:48PM SO WHAT IS THE MAIN FOCUS IS THE BEACHES AND ALL THAT.
 5:37:52PM AND THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.
 5:37:54PM SOMETIMES -- AND I CAN BE KIND OF A PEST IN THIS AREA -- I
 5:38:00PM LOOKED AT PUTTING THE BEACHES -- IT'S IMPORTANT, BUT IT'S
 5:38:03PM ALSO IMPORTANT TO MITIGATE THE DOLLARS YOU PUT IN THAT SAND
 5:38:08PM TO HOLD THE SAND DOWN THERE DURING STORMS SO IT JUST DOESN'T
 5:38:12PM WASH OUT AND SPEND MILLIONS PUTTING IT BACK IN.
 5:38:14PM GOT TO HAVE THE BEACHES IN PRETTY SHAPE, BUT WE NEED TO BE A
 5:38:17PM LITTLE SMARTER, I THINK, IN HOW WE HOLD THE SAND ON THERE.
 5:38:21PM SO OVER THE COURSE OF SEVERAL YEARS, AS THE VILLAGE BUILT
 5:38:26PM OUR VISION AND THE SPORTS PARK AND THE SCHOOL ACTIVITY, WE
 5:38:29PM KEPT IN CONTACT WITH THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AND
 5:38:32PM HER STAFF, AND THEY WERE VERY INTERESTED IN HELPING US WITH
 5:38:35PM ESTERO ON THE RIVER AND THE LIKE.
 5:38:37PM DAVID WILLEMS AND HIS TEAM PUT IN A REQUEST, HAD A COUPLE,
 5:38:46PM AND GOT THIS ONE FOR 163,000.

 5:38:50PM I THINK THAT'S GREAT.
 5:38:51PM I WOULD LIKE MORE.
 5:38:53PM WE DON'T HAVE IT YET BECAUSE THIS ALSO HAS TO GO TO OUR LEE
 5:39:01PM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
 5:39:03PM THEY CAN X PROJECTS OFF OF THIS.
 5:39:08PM SO OUR OUTREACH, WE NEED TO KEEP INVOLVED WITH OUR
 5:39:11PM COMMISSIONERS ON THIS KIND OF THING.
 5:39:13PM AND I THINK WE NEED TO KEEP OUR EYES OPEN AS TO OTHER GRANT
 5:39:16PM OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE OUT THERE.
 5:39:17PM I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM THAT WE'VE GOT TO KEEP
 5:39:20PM LOOKING AT.
 5:39:21PM I'LL TALK ABOUT ONE A LITTLE LATER.
 5:39:22PM IT'S A GREAT WAY FOR US TO GET SOME EXTRA MONEY IF IT
 5:39:26PM REDUCES OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE ON
 5:39:29PM HERE.
 5:39:30PM I THINK THIS IS A GREAT FIRST SHOT, BUT HOPEFULLY IT'S NOT
 5:39:34PM THE NEXT, BECAUSE AS DAVID KNOWS, WE'VE GOT MORE
 5:39:37PM IMPROVEMENTS WE'LL DO IN THAT PARK.
 5:39:39PM WE SHOULD GO AFTER THAT EVERY YEAR AND SEE WHAT THE DOLLARS
 5:39:41PM ARE.
 5:39:42PM WE'VE GOT TO BE PRUDENT IN THAT REGARD.
 5:39:43PM I HOPE WE'LL APPROVE THIS.
 5:39:46PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENT?
 5:39:47PM COUNCILMAN WARD.

5:39:49PM >>Jim Ward: TO THAT POINT, DON'T WE HAVE PEOPLE UP IN THE

5:39:53PM LEGISLATURE THAT KEEP AN EYE OUT ON GRANTS FOR US, AND THEY

5:39:57PM DO AN ANNUAL REPORT OR BIANNUAL REPORT FOR US EVERY ONCE IN

5:40:02PM A WHILE.

5:40:02PM I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT DONE IN A WHILE.

5:40:05PM >>Steven Sarkozy: WE HAD THEM TENTATIVELY COMING IN TODAY TO

5:40:08PM TALK TO THE COUNCIL, BUT WE'LL PROBABLY PUSH THAT BACK UNTIL

5:40:12PM OCTOBER 1st OR THE SECOND MEETING IN OCTOBER.

5:40:15PM THE PRIMARY GRANTS THAT WE'RE ABLE TO GET THROUGH THE STATE

5:40:20PM ARE THE LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS THAT ARE SUPPORTED BY THE

5:40:26PM LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION FROM LEE COUNTY, INCLUDING OUR

5:40:29PM SPECIFIC LEGISLATORS.

5:40:31PM AND WE'RE IN THE PROCESS NOW OF KIND OF PUTTING THAT WISH

5:40:34PM LIST TOGETHER.

5:40:36PM WE'VE BEEN FOCUSING ON THE SEPTIC TO SEWER PROGRAMS, AND

5:40:39PM WE'VE BEEN PRETTY SUCCESSFUL ON THOSE, BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY

5:40:43PM IDEAS ON THAT, WE BROUGHT THAT UP AT THE BRIEFINGS MOST

5:40:47PM RECENTLY, BUT IF YOU HAVE OTHER IDEAS ON WHAT WE COULD GO

5:40:51PM AFTER, THAT'S GREAT.

5:40:53PM THIS IS THE TIME TO DO THAT.

5:40:56PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

5:40:58PM OKAY.

5:41:02PM JON, THANK YOU FOR MOVING THE INITIATIVE ON THAT.

5:41:04PM DAVID, LET'S TEE UP THAT NEXT ASK.

5:41:08PM GET READY FOR IT.

5:41:09PM IF WE DON'T ASK, WE DON'T GET THE MONEY.

5:41:11PM FOR YEARS, WE NEVER ASKED.

5:41:13PM IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

5:41:14PM >>Carol Sacco: NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO E-COMMENTS.

5:41:16PM >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.

5:41:17PM I'LL ASK FOR A MOTION.

5:41:18PM COUNCILMAN McLAIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FAYHEE.

5:41:24PM MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

5:41:26PM >>Jim Ward: AYE.

5:41:28PM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.

5:41:30PM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.

5:41:32PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.

5:41:32PM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.

5:41:34PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.

5:41:36PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.

5:41:36PM ITEM 7C, RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-16, VETERANS DAY EVENT.

5:41:47PM MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION?

5:41:50PM >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION 2025-16, A RESOLUTION OF THE
 5:41:55PM VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR THE
 5:41:58PM 2025 VETERANS DAY EVENT; DIRECTING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO
 5:42:02PM TAKE CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; AND
 5:42:05PM PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 5:42:08PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
 5:42:09PM STEVE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS?
 5:42:11PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
 5:42:13PM THIS IS SIMPLY ALLOCATING THE FUNDING FOR THE UPCOMING

 5:42:16PM VETERANS DAY EVENT AND ALSO PROVIDING THE COUNCIL AN
 5:42:20PM OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THE SCHEDULE AND JUST GENERALLY
 5:42:24PM AFFIRM WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE.
 5:42:26PM THE ALLOCATION OF DOLLARS CAN ONLY COME FROM THE VILLAGE
 5:42:30PM COUNCIL FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS, AND WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
 5:42:34PM TO ESTABLISH JUST THE GENERAL BUDGET.
 5:42:39PM WE'RE SUGGESTING THE BUDGET BE NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.
 5:42:45PM THAT'S CERTAINLY ENOUGH TO COVER WHAT'S ANTICIPATED WITH A
 5:42:49PM LITTLE BIT OF ELBOW ROOM AS WELL IN CASE THERE ARE SOME
 5:42:52PM UNANTICIPATED COSTS IN THE PROCESS.
 5:42:55PM IT'S NOT MEANT TO HEM IN THE PLANNING FOR THE VETERANS EVENT
 5:43:01PM BUT AT LEAST TO PROVIDE SOME CAP ON WHERE IT MIGHT GO.
 5:43:04PM THE AGENDA IS GENERALLY SIMILAR TO WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN
 5:43:09PM PAST YEARS.
 5:43:11PM IT'S BEEN GENERALLY REGARDED AS A SUCCESS, AND THIS
 5:43:16PM CONTINUES THAT EFFORT GOING FORWARD.
 5:43:20PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?
 5:43:21PM VICE-MAYOR.
 5:43:23PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: THANK YOU.
 5:43:24PM ON THIS RESOLUTION, I THINK THERE ARE TWO QUESTIONS HERE.
 5:43:26PM ONE IS ASKING IF WE APPROVE FOR THE \$10,000, IF I'M READING
 5:43:30PM THIS CORRECTLY, ONE.
 5:43:33PM OKAY.
 5:43:34PM AND THE SECOND, IT LOOKS LIKE THE VILLAGE MANAGER AND STAFF
 5:43:38PM HAS RECOMMENDED EXPLORATION OF ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM WHERE

 5:43:42PM PERHAPS PRIVATE COMMUNITY ENTITY WOULD BECOME THE EVENT'S
 5:43:45PM PRODUCER.
 5:43:45PM IS THAT THE SECOND -- THAT WOULD BE THE SECOND PART OF THIS
 5:43:48PM RESOLUTION.
 5:43:49PM SO MY QUESTION IS JUST REAL SIMPLY, WOULD THAT COME BACK TO
 5:43:53PM COUNCIL FOR PERHAPS A PRESENTATION SO COUNCIL WOULD APPROVE
 5:43:56PM OF THE NEW ENTITY?
 5:43:58PM >>Steven Sarkozy: YES.

5:43:59PM SO WE'RE ANTICIPATING THAT WOULD BE SOMETIME IN MAY JUST SO
 5:44:02PM THAT YOU'D HAVE YOUR FINGERPRINTS ON IT IN THE EARLY STAGES
 5:44:07PM OF THE PLANNING FOR THE NEXT VETERAN'S EVENT.
 5:44:11PM AT THAT POINT, YOU COULD ESTABLISH HOW IT'S GOING TO BE
 5:44:14PM MANAGED AND WHAT THE DOLLAR AMOUNT IS, SO YOU GIVE
 5:44:20PM PARAMETERS TO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE PUTTING IT TOGETHER.
 5:44:22PM SO MAY WOULD BE PLENTY OF TIME, THEN, TO START THE NEXT
 5:44:26PM PLANNING PROCESS.
 5:44:27PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: THANK YOU.
 5:44:28PM >>Mayor Ribble: COUNCILMAN McLAIN.
 5:44:33PM >>Jon McLain: THE RESOLUTION ON PARAGRAPH 6, THE DATE IS
 5:44:35PM INCORRECT.
 5:44:37PM YOU GOT A 2205.
 5:44:40PM IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUSLY THIS YEAR.
 5:44:42PM THE DATE, SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS CORRECT AS WE GO
 5:44:47PM FORWARD.
 5:44:47PM BONITA SPRINGS, I DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS OF BONITA

 5:44:52PM SPRINGS, BUT I THINK THEY HAVE VOLUNTEERS POSSIBLY THAT DO
 5:44:56PM THEIR VETERANS EVENT ALMOST EVERY YEAR, AND THEY DO A PRETTY
 5:45:00PM DARN GOOD JOB.
 5:45:01PM THEY ALWAYS DO IT ON NOVEMBER 11.
 5:45:03PM IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT OPTIONS WE HAVE.
 5:45:09PM IT WON'T AFFECT THIS YEAR'S.
 5:45:10PM STILL LOOKING FOR SINGERS.
 5:45:13PM I'M NOT VOLUNTEERING.
 5:45:13PM [LAUGHTER]
 5:45:14PM I KNOW IT'S A LOT OF WORK BECAUSE I DID IT BEFORE YOU DID
 5:45:18PM IT.
 5:45:19PM IT IS A LOT OF STAFF WORK WITH CAROL AND STEVE AND OTHERS.
 5:45:22PM I'M IN AGREEMENT WITH WHERE WE'RE TRYING TO GO WITH THIS.
 5:45:29PM >>Rafael Lopez: STEVE AND I ARE LOOKING AT NEW PROSPECTS FOR
 5:45:32PM THIS YEAR.
 5:45:34PM WE DID SECURE THE SOUND SYSTEM AND THE EMCEE AND STUFF LIKE
 5:45:40PM THAT FOR THE EVENT.
 5:45:41PM WE DID SECURE THAT.
 5:45:44PM >>Jon McLain: AND KEEP IT ALL WITHIN 10,000.
 5:45:47PM >>Rafael Lopez: YES.
 5:45:49PM >>Lori Fayhee: UNDER.
 5:45:51PM >> SHALL NOT EXCEED.
 5:45:54PM >>Jon McLain: ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE SPEND MONEY ON, A
 5:45:56PM CHUNK IN THE PAST, I THINK, GOOD, ARE THE GIVEAWAYS.
 5:46:03PM THAT'S PROBABLY AN AREA THAT I DON'T KNOW -- WE'RE GETTING

5:46:07PM PRETTY CLOSE.
 5:46:07PM IF YOU'RE GOING TO ORDER NEW GIVEAWAYS, WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE
 5:46:11PM TO ORDER THEM IF WE HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE IT.
 5:46:13PM AS LONG AS IT FITS INTO THE 10,000.
 5:46:16PM >>Mayor Ribble: I THINK CAROL HAS FACTORED THAT IN.
 5:46:20PM THAT'S ALWAYS PART OF THE DAY AND THE EVENT.
 5:46:23PM THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SOME NICE GIVEAWAYS FROM THE VILLAGE OF
 5:46:28PM ESTERO.
 5:46:30PM >>Carol Sacco: THAT'S ALREADY IN THERE.
 5:46:31PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
 5:46:33PM >>Rafael Lopez: THE ONE THING WE DID DO IS WE SHORTENED THE
 5:46:37PM EVENT FROM THREE HOURS TO TWO HOURS.
 5:46:39PM SO THAT KIND OF HELPED WITH THE COST.
 5:46:43PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANYTHING ELSE?
 5:46:44PM IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
 5:46:47PM >>Carol Sacco: NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO E-COMMENTS.
 5:46:49PM >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.
 5:46:49PM I'LL TAKE A MOTION.
 5:46:51PM MOTION FROM COUNCILMAN LOPEZ AND FROM COUNCILMAN McLAIN.
 5:46:56PM MADAM CLERK, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
 5:47:00PM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.
 5:47:02PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
 5:47:03PM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.
 5:47:04PM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.
 5:47:06PM >>Jim Ward: AYE.

 5:47:08PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.
 5:47:08PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
 5:47:09PM ALL RIGHT.
 5:47:12PM ITEM 7D, AGREEMENT WITH THE ESTERO FOREVER FOUNDATION FOR
 5:47:16PM THE HAPPEHATCHEE COMPLEX PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.
 5:47:20PM STEVE, WOULD YOU SPEAK TO THIS, PLEASE?
 5:47:23PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
 5:47:25PM AS YOU WILL RECALL WHEN THE VILLAGE TOOK OVER THE 60-ACRE
 5:47:32PM PARK THERE ON THE CORNER OF CORKSCREW AND U.S. 41, WE ALSO
 5:47:38PM EVENTUALLY TOOK OVER THE HAPPEHATCHEE CENTER, WHICH ARE THE
 5:47:41PM BUILDINGS IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT LOCATION.
 5:47:45PM BOTTOM LINE, AS WE TOOK OVER THE PROPERTY, WE ALSO THEN HAD
 5:47:49PM TO STEP UP TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THAT PARCEL, AT LEAST ON AN
 5:47:54PM INTERIM BASIS WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW BEST TO TAKE
 5:47:57PM CARE OF THE SECURITY ISSUES, BASIC MAINTENANCE AND THAT TYPE
 5:48:01PM OF THING.
 5:48:02PM AS THE ACTIVITY ON THAT SITE GROWS.
 5:48:07PM WE LET YOU KNOW IN THE PAST THAT THE PROJECT WE HAVE IS A

5:48:11PM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT THAT'S PARTIALLY GRANT FUNDED IS
 5:48:15PM THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT AND A TRAILHEAD PARKING ON
 5:48:21PM THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RIVER THAT ALSO INCLUDES PUBLIC
 5:48:25PM RESTROOM FACILITIES.
 5:48:27PM AND THEN ALSO A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE THAT GOES OVER THE RIVER
 5:48:30PM SO THAT YOU PARK ON THE NORTH SIDE AND THEN ACCESS THE
 5:48:33PM TRAILS IN THE PRESERVE THERE ON THE CORNER.

5:48:37PM IN ADDITION TO THE BUILDINGS THAT ARE HAPPEHATCHEE, THE OLD
 5:48:43PM HAPPEHATCHEE CENTER, WE NEED SOMEBODY TO HELP MAINTAIN THAT.
 5:48:49PM AND WE'RE PROPOSING THAT THE ESTERO FOREVER FOUNDATION STEP
 5:48:54PM INTO THAT ROLE AS A PARTNER WITH THE VILLAGE.
 5:48:57PM PREVIOUSLY, WE HAD THE YMCA DOING MAINTENANCE THERE FOR
 5:49:05PM 5,000, 6,000 A MONTH.
 5:49:08PM BUT NOW THAT WE'RE IN A CONSTRUCTION MODE, THERE'S REALLY
 5:49:12PM LESS ACTIVITY THERE AND LESS NEED TO PAY THAT KIND OF MONEY.
 5:49:16PM BUT THE ESTERO FOREVER FOUNDATION HAS STEPPED INTO THIS.
 5:49:19PM WE TALKED ABOUT NEGOTIATED DOLLAR AMOUNT OF \$1500, WHICH IS
 5:49:24PM THOUGHT TO BE KIND OF A BRIDGE CONTRACT TO GET US THROUGH
 5:49:31PM THE SEVERAL MONTHS UNTIL THE FOOT BRIDGE IS COMPLETED AND WE
 5:49:35PM ACTUALLY HAVE TRAILS THAT WILL DRAW PEOPLE INTO THE PARK.
 5:49:39PM SO THIS IS REALLY KIND OF AN INTERIM STEP.
 5:49:42PM \$1500 A MONTH GOING TO THE EFF.
 5:49:45PM THEY HAVE DONE, OF COURSE, A GREAT JOB TAKING OVER THE
 5:49:49PM DRIVING RANGE AND OPERATED THAT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
 5:49:53PM VILLAGE.
 5:49:54PM IN THIS CASE, WE'RE THINKING THAT THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE
 5:49:57PM ABOUT A SIX-MONTH CONTRACT AT THAT DOLLAR AMOUNT PER MONTH.
 5:50:02PM IT COMES TO YOU WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL, AND
 5:50:07PM WE'LL BE BACK IN THE FIRST OR SECOND QUARTER OF NEXT YEAR
 5:50:10PM WITH A REVISED PLAN.
 5:50:13PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY COMMENTS?
 5:50:13PM COUNCILMAN HUNT.

5:50:15PM >>Jeff Hunt: TWO THINGS.
 5:50:16PM WHO IS THE PERSON?
 5:50:19PM IS THERE A PERSON IN CHARGE OF IT AT ESTERO FOREVER
 5:50:23PM FOUNDATION OR WILL THIS BE PHONE CALLS TO WHOEVER PICKS UP
 5:50:26PM THE PHONE?
 5:50:27PM >>Steven Sarkozy: CALL US AND WE'LL PASS ON THIS THEM.
 5:50:30PM I HATE TO PUT A LOT OF PHONE CALL ACTIVITY ON A VOLUNTEER
 5:50:36PM GROUP, THAT IS BASICALLY A VOLUNTEER GROUP.
 5:50:37PM BUT WAYNE SMITH IS THE CURRENT CHAIRPERSON OF THE ESTERO
 5:50:41PM FOREVER FOUNDATION.

5:50:44PM COUNCILMEMBER ZALUCKI IS THE LIAISON.
 5:50:49PM THE EFF IS PROPOSING TO BRING SOMEBODY IN TO RESIDE IN THE
 5:50:56PM STUDIO APARTMENT THAT'S WITHIN THE HAPPEHATCHEE CENTER TO BE
 5:50:59PM AN ON-SITE PRESENCE.
 5:51:01PM >>Jeff Hunt: WILL THE VILLAGE PROVIDE GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT WE
 5:51:04PM WANT TO HAPPEN IN THAT PARK AND THEN THEY WILL COMPLY WITH
 5:51:08PM THAT?
 5:51:09PM >>Steven Sarkozy: ABSOLUTELY.
 5:51:10PM >>Jeff Hunt: THANK YOU.
 5:51:10PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANYONE ELSE?
 5:51:14PM >>Jim Ward: DO WE CURRENTLY HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
 5:51:17PM FOREVER FOUNDATION?
 5:51:18PM SEEMS TO ME THAT SOME MONTHS BACK WE DID APPROVE \$1500 A
 5:51:23PM MONTH FUNDING TO THEM.
 5:51:25PM >>Steven Sarkozy: YES, AND THIS IS KIND OF A CONTINUATION.

 5:51:30PM >>Jim Ward: IT'S NOT IN ADDITION TO.
 5:51:32PM IT'S A CONTINUATION OF.
 5:51:34PM >>Steven Sarkozy: CORRECT.
 5:51:38PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: THIS IS A CONTINUANCE UNTIL THE END OF
 5:51:41PM THE YEAR.
 5:51:42PM >>Jon McLain: DID YOU SAY SOMEONE WAS GOING TO LIVE IN THE
 5:51:44PM APARTMENT?
 5:51:45PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THAT'S THE THOUGHT AT THIS POINT.
 5:51:47PM NOTHING IS CERTAIN.
 5:51:48PM >>Jon McLain: I THINK THIS AGREEMENT IS FINE.
 5:51:50PM IT ONLY GOES TO THE END OF THE YEAR SO WE CAN EVALUATE AND
 5:51:53PM SEE HOW IT IS AND THEN LOOK AT SUMMER PROGRAMS NEXT YEAR.
 5:51:55PM THERE IS A LOT GOING ON.
 5:51:57PM WITH THE BRIDGE COMING IN, THE PARKING AND THE RESTROOMS,
 5:52:00PM WE'RE GOING TO START SEEING PEOPLE COMING INTO THE MORE
 5:52:04PM WESTERN PART OF THAT.
 5:52:05PM BUT IT WOULDN'T BE MUCH FOR THEM TO GO EAST AND GET INTO
 5:52:09PM THAT PROPERTY WHICH IS ALL OPEN.
 5:52:11PM IT'S NOT GATED.
 5:52:12PM I'VE HAD AND I THINK THE REST PROBABLY HAD A PERSON CONTACT
 5:52:18PM SAYING WE'D LIKE TO PUT FENCING UP.
 5:52:21PM I DON'T THINK WE REALLY WANT TO DO THAT.
 5:52:22PM BUT I AM A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT ACCESS IN THE EVENINGS AND
 5:52:25PM THE SECURITY WE HAVE.
 5:52:27PM WE'LL HAVE A FENCE ON CORKSCREW, BUT IF SOMEBODY GOES ON THE

 5:52:31PM NORTH SIDE, WALKS OVER THE BRIDGE AT NIGHT WHICH I THINK
 5:52:34PM WOULD BE EASY TO DO, DO WE NEED TO LOOK AT SOME KIND OF

5:52:38PM SECURITY DEVICES THAT MIGHT -- IF DAMAGE IS DONE, WE MIGHT
 5:52:41PM AT LEAST BE ABLE TO TELL.
 5:52:43PM SO I THINK IN ADDITION TO THIS, WE NEED TO PROBABLY LOOK AT
 5:52:47PM VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OR SOMETHING TO THAT EXTENT.
 5:52:50PM I GUESS YOU'D HAVE TO COME BACK BECAUSE THAT WOULD NOT BE AN
 5:52:57PM INEXPENSIVE THING.
 5:52:58PM GET THAT AS A SEPARATE AGREEMENT.
 5:53:00PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THERE IS A SECOND PHASE TO THAT CAPITAL
 5:53:02PM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM THAT WE'LL BE BRINGING BACK TO THE
 5:53:06PM COUNCIL HERE SHORTLY THAT DEALS WITH THE FENCE AND SECURITY
 5:53:10PM AND THE PATHS AND SO FORTH.
 5:53:14PM >>Mayor Ribble: UP UNTIL NOW, THE SITE IS OPEN.
 5:53:17PM TO THIS DAY WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY PROBLEMS.
 5:53:20PM WE'VE HAD SOME PEOPLE -- SECURITY WAS ON OUR MIND WHICH IS
 5:53:27PM WHY WE WANT TO DO THE FENCE AND THE PERIMETER.
 5:53:29PM IF IT NEEDS TO BE SURVEILLED AS FAR AS WHERE THE BRIDGE IS
 5:53:33PM INTO THE OTHER OPEN PARKING LOT AREA, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
 5:53:36PM LOOK AT THAT.
 5:53:37PM >>Jon McLain: ON THE BRIDGE, WOULD WE PUT IN THE EVENING, AT
 5:53:40PM DUSK OR SOMETHING, PUT A GATE THERE THAT WOULD BE ON THE
 5:53:44PM SOUTH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE OR NORTH SIDE, WHATEVER SIDE?
 5:53:48PM >>Steven Sarkozy: MY GUESS IS PROBABLY ON THE NORTH SIDE,
 5:53:50PM BUT WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THAT LEVEL OF DETAIL YET.

 5:53:57PM >>Robert Eschenfelder: WE'RE WORKING WITH PROCUREMENT AND
 5:54:04PM VIESTE ON AN RFP FOR A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH MORE OF A
 5:54:08PM HOLISTIC EXAMINATION OF SECURITY BECAUSE THE SPORTS PARK IS
 5:54:12PM GOING TO NEED WHERE THE CAMERAS NEED TO GO AND SO FORTH.
 5:54:15PM SO THIS PROPERTY THAT YOU'RE DISCUSSING IS PART OF THE
 5:54:18PM OVERALL DISCUSSION.
 5:54:19PM SO WE'RE LOOKING -- DON'T WANT TO BUY A PIECEMEAL SYSTEM FOR
 5:54:26PM HERE AND A PIECEMEAL SYSTEM THERE WHEN WE COULD HAVE SAVED
 5:54:29PM MONEY AND SOMETHING INTEGRATED FOR THE WHOLE VILLAGE.
 5:54:31PM THE WHOLE SECURITY COMPONENT IS ON STAFF'S MIND AND
 5:54:34PM FOLLOWING UP ON IT.
 5:54:35PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
 5:54:37PM >>Rafael Lopez: MAYBE MARK IN CHARGE OF THE FIRST CHECK AND
 5:54:39PM EFF HAS TO CONTACT HIM TO GET THE FIRST CHECK.
 5:54:42PM THAT WOULD BE AN IDEA.
 5:54:46PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANYTHING ELSE?
 5:54:47PM MADAM CLERK, IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
 5:54:50PM >>Carol Sacco: NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO E-COMMENTS.
 5:54:53PM >>Mayor Ribble: WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE MOTION?
 5:54:55PM COUNCILMAN HUNT.

5:54:57PM AND A SECOND, VICE-MAYOR.
 5:54:58PM WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
 5:55:02PM >>Jim Ward: AYE.
 5:55:06PM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.
 5:55:08PM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.

 5:55:10PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
 5:55:10PM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.
 5:55:12PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.
 5:55:13PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
 5:55:14PM ITEM 7E, RENEWAL OF THE FORERUNNER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT
 5:55:21PM SOFTWARE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.
 5:55:23PM STEVE, WOULD YOU PLEASE INTRODUCE THIS?
 5:55:25PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.
 5:55:27PM WHEN WE HAD HURRICANE IAN, IT WAS CLEAR THAT WE NEEDED SOME
 5:55:32PM TYPE OF CONSISTENT SOFTWARE TO MONITOR THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE
 5:55:40PM OUT IN THE COMMUNITY ON AN ADDRESS-BY-ADDRESS BASIS.
 5:55:44PM FEMA AND MANY OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE RECOMMENDED THE USE
 OF
 5:55:52PM FORERUNNER, WHICH IS AN INDUSTRY STANDARD KIND OF SOFTWARE
 5:55:58PM BASE UTILIZING TABLET THAT WOULD TAKE PICTURES OF EACH
 5:56:07PM INDIVIDUAL ADDRESS AND RECORD THE TYPE OF DAMAGE ON AN
 5:56:13PM ONGOING BASIS OF EACH PROPERTY, ALLOWING US TO RESPOND AND
 5:56:18PM COMPILE DATA TO GO TO FEMA AND ALSO MONITOR THE PROGRESS AND
 5:56:24PM NEED FOR PERMITS BY AN INDIVIDUAL ADDRESS.
 5:56:27PM WHAT THIS ACTION DOES IS IT ALLOWS US TO HAVE TEN SETS OF
 5:56:32PM SOFTWARE AND TABLETS FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND I'M TOLD THAT THE
 5:56:40PM SOFTWARE IS VERY USER FRIENDLY AND ALLOWS US -- VARIOUS
 5:56:48PM INSPECTORS TO GRAB A TABLET, BE OUT IN THE FIELD AND DO
 5:56:51PM ON-SITE INSPECTIONS, TYPICALLY FROM THE ROAD SO THAT WE'RE
 5:56:54PM NOT GOING IN, INVADING PEOPLE'S PROPERTY AND SO FORTH.
 5:57:01PM BUT CREATING A RECORD THAT'S HELPFUL AND NECESSARY AS WE

 5:57:05PM RESPOND TO FEMA.
 5:57:06PM SO THIS COMES TO YOU AS PART OF OUR WHOLE EMERGENCY
 5:57:12PM MANAGEMENT PROCESS AND IT WILL HELP US IN THE RECOVERY AFTER
 5:57:19PM A SERIOUS EVENT.
 5:57:24PM >>Jeff Hunt: IS THIS AN OUT-BOUND EVENT.
 5:57:27PM MEANING, A STORM HAPPENS, PEOPLE TAKE THE TABLETS DRIVING
 5:57:29PM DOWN THE STREETS OR IS IT SOMEONE CALLS AND SAYS I HAD A
 5:57:33PM PROBLEM?
 5:57:33PM >>Steven Sarkozy: NEED TO BE MORE ACTIVE AFTER AN EVENT THAN
 5:57:37PM WE WERE DURING IAN.
 5:57:39PM AND THAT'S AFTER IAN, WE WAITED FOR PEOPLE TO CALL US.

5:57:43PM WE ENCOURAGED THEM TO CALL US AND TO GET PERMITS, SOME
 5:57:47PM PEOPLE DIDN'T.
 5:57:48PM AND BECAUSE WE WEREN'T OUT THERE ACTIVELY MONITORING, THAT'S
 5:57:54PM WHERE WE ENDED UP WITH THE ENFORCEMENT ACTION BY FEMA.
 5:58:01PM SO THE WHOLE IDEA IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE FAR MORE
 5:58:03PM PROACTIVE.
 5:58:04PM >>Jeff Hunt: THANK YOU.
 5:58:06PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
 5:58:08PM >>Jon McLain: WHO PRIMARILY USES THIS?
 5:58:10PM DOES EVERYBODY AND THE STAFF USE THIS?
 5:58:13PM IT SAYS UP TO 10 SEATS.
 5:58:15PM IF YOU ONLY HAD 5 PEOPLE --
 5:58:18PM >>Steven Sarkozy: WE'RE GOING TO RECOMMEND A MODIFICATION IN
 5:58:20PM THE COUNCIL'S WORK PLAN SO THAT YOU ARE OUT THERE.

 5:58:22PM >>Jon McLain: ARE YOU BUYING BOOTS ALSO?
 5:58:26PM >>Steven Sarkozy: AND FLAK JACKETS.
 5:58:28PM >>Robert Eschenfelder: DIRECTOR GIBBS IS IN THE BACK WAVING
 5:58:31PM HER HAND.
 5:58:31PM >>Steven Sarkozy: NO, BUT IT IS THE BUILDING INSPECTORS AND
 5:58:34PM FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS AND SO FORTH.
 5:58:36PM MARY GIBBS HERE.
 5:58:37PM >>Mary Gibbs: IF I COULD JUST ADD AND CLARIFY IT A LITTLE
 5:58:40PM BIT, THE FORERUNNER IS THE SOFTWARE, NOT THE HARDWARE.
 5:58:44PM THE TABLETS ARE LIKE A SEPARATE ITEM THAT'S ALSO PART OF THE
 5:58:47PM WHOLE OVERALL PLAN TO GET OUT FASTER.
 5:58:50PM BUT THE FORERUNNER SOFTWARE IS WHAT THE STAFF USES TO KEEP
 5:58:55PM TRACK OF -- IT TIES IN WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE
 5:58:58PM AND ALSO KEEPS TRACK OF THE PROPERTY, THE ELEVATION
 5:59:00PM CERTIFICATES THAT PEOPLE HAVE AND THERE IS A GREAT PUBLIC
 5:59:04PM COMPONENT SO PEOPLE CAN CHECK ON THAT, FORERUNNER, WITHOUT
 5:59:08PM HAVING TO CALL US.
 5:59:09PM THEY CAN CALL AND WE CAN SHOW THEM HOW TO CHECK AND THEY CAN
 5:59:12PM FIND THEIR ELEVATION CERTIFICATES AND ALL KINDS OF
 5:59:15PM INFORMATION.
 5:59:17PM ALL THE OTHER CITIES IN THE COUNTY ARE USING IT.
 5:59:19PM WE'VE BEEN USING IT FOR A YEAR NOW, AND IT'S BEEN GREAT.
 5:59:23PM SO THE TEN LICENSES ARE FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE OFFICE THAT
 5:59:25PM USE THE SOFTWARE FOR THE FLOODPLAIN REVIEW.
 5:59:29PM THE INSPECTOR STUFF WILL BE A SEPARATE COST LATER.

 5:59:33PM BUT THE TABLETS THAT THE INSPECTORS WILL USE, WE'RE STILL
 5:59:38PM LIKE EVALUATING ALL THAT AND WHAT KINDS WE NEED.
 5:59:41PM THAT'S LIKE A SEPARATE COMPONENT, JUST TO CLARIFY.

5:59:45PM >>Jon McLain: THIS IS REALLY MAINLY BECAUSE OF ALL THE NEW
 5:59:48PM REQUIREMENTS FROM THE LAST HURRICANE.
 5:59:49PM THIS IS ANOTHER -- IT'S \$41,000 A YEAR.
 5:59:54PM >>Mary Gibbs: RIGHT, IT IS.
 5:59:55PM IT'S TRYING TO GET ALL THE DATA TOGETHER.
 5:59:57PM ONE OF THE THINGS FEMA DINGED US FOR IS BECAUSE WE DIDN'T
 6:00:00PM HAVE OUR DATA COMPILED IN ONE PLACE.
 6:00:03PM ELEVATIONS, SOME ON PAPER, SOME ON THE I-DRIVE.
 6:00:07PM THEY WERE NOT ALL COMPILED IN ONE PLACE AND DIDN'T LINK TO
 6:00:09PM THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE.
 6:00:11PM WE TRIED TO GET OUT IN THE FIELD, JUST FINDING OUR DATA WAS
 6:00:16PM A BIG MESS.
 6:00:17PM THE STAFF LOVES IT.
 6:00:19PM THE COUNTIES AND THE CITIES, EVERYBODY TIED IN.
 6:00:21PM WE HAVE TO PAY BECAUSE IT IS A SOLE SOURCE BECAUSE THERE'S
 6:00:24PM ONLY ONE COMPANY THAT DOES THAT.
 6:00:26PM >>Jon McLain: THE LAST YEAR OR SO, IT'S BEEN KIND OF A
 6:00:29PM LEARNING CURVE, GETTING USED TO IT.
 6:00:31PM >>Mary Gibbs: WE STARTED IN SEPTEMBER WHEN WE IMPLEMENTED IT
 6:00:34PM LAST SEPTEMBER.
 6:00:35PM AND THEN WE EXPANDED IT.
 6:00:37PM THE COMPANY HAS BEEN VERY GOOD TO DEAL WITH.

 6:00:39PM IT'S BEEN REALLY HELPFUL.
 6:00:42PM >>Jon McLain: THANK YOU.
 6:00:42PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, MARY.
 6:00:43PM ANYTHING ELSE?
 6:00:44PM ANY PUBLIC COMMENT, MADAM CLERK?
 6:00:48PM >>Carol Sacco: NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO E-COMMENTS.
 6:00:50PM >>Mayor Ribble: I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.
 6:00:52PM FROM COUNCILMAN LOPEZ AND A SECOND, COUNCILMAN WARD.
 6:00:56PM WILL YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
 6:00:58PM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.
 6:01:00PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.
 6:01:01PM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.
 6:01:03PM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.
 6:01:03PM >>Jim Ward: AYE.
 6:01:05PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.
 6:01:07PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
 6:01:08PM ITEM 7F, RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-21, ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF
 6:01:15PM FEMA GRANT AWARD AND DIRECTING STAFF TO PUBLISH THE PUBLIC
 6:01:21PM NOTICE REQUIRED BY FEMA AS PART OF THE GRANT AWARD PROCESS.
 6:01:24PM MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE READ THE RESOLUTION?
 6:01:26PM >>Carol Sacco: RESOLUTION 2025-21, A RESOLUTION OF THE

6:01:30PM VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF
 6:01:32PM DIRECTION FROM FDEM AND FEMA DIRECTING STAFF TO PUBLISH THE
 6:01:36PM FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED BY FEMA AS PART OF THE HMGP
 6:01:40PM GRANT AWARD PROCESS; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR

 6:01:43PM SEVERABILITY AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 6:01:46PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.
 6:01:47PM STEVE?
 6:01:47PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MADAM MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF
 6:01:50PM COUNCIL.
 6:01:51PM THIS IS REALLY A BIG ITEM ON OUR AGENDA.
 6:01:54PM THIS IS THE BIG GRANT THAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR, FOR ABOUT
 6:01:59PM TWO YEARS.
 6:02:00PM THIS IS THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE
 6:02:06PM AREA WEST OF U.S. 41 THAT HELPS US PUT IN -- CHANGING OVER
 6:02:17PM SEPTIC TO POTABLE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS, AS WELL AS THEN
 6:02:22PM REBUILDING THE SHERRILL AND LEUTTICH LANE AREA.
 6:02:27PM WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH THIS ACTION IS COMPLYING WITH ONE OF
 6:02:33PM SEVERAL OF THE ALTERNATIVES THAT FEMA HAS PROVIDED FOR
 6:02:39PM REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICE OF THIS PROJECT, ALERTING THE
 6:02:42PM COMMUNITY TO THIS EFFORT IN THE EVENT THAT SOMEONE OUT THERE
 6:02:47PM OR ANY GROUP OUT THERE BELIEVES THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENT
 6:02:51PM APPROACH TO ACCOMPLISHING THE SCOPE OF WORK THAT WE
 6:02:55PM ENVISION.
 6:02:56PM THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD DO ALONG WITH POSTING THIS
 6:03:02PM ON OUR WEBSITE, AS WELL AS HAVING PROBABLY A PUBLIC MEETING
 6:03:06PM AT SOME POINT WITH THE RESIDENTS.
 6:03:10PM WE HAVE 30 DAYS TO DO THESE EFFORTS, AND THEREAFTER FEMA
 6:03:16PM WILL GIVE US A NOTICE OF AWARD.
 6:03:21PM I WAS A BIT HESITANT TO KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS BECAUSE

 6:03:27PM OF ALL OF THE ACTIONS THAT ARE GOING ON IN WASHINGTON
 6:03:30PM REGARDING SOME OF THE FUNDING FROM FEMA.
 6:03:34PM THIS IS IDENTIFIED AS FINAL NOTICE.
 6:03:37PM THE WORDING HERE IS FINAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE
 6:03:41PM FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S CONSIDERATION TO
 6:03:44PM PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE FORM OF THE HAZARDOUS MITIGATION
 6:03:50PM GRANT PROGRAM.
 6:03:50PM THAT FINAL NOTICE SOUNDS VERY SPECIFIC, YET THE GRANT AWARD
 6:03:55PM IS NOT HERE YET.
 6:03:56PM SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE LET THE RESIDENTS KNOW,
 6:04:04PM PARTICULARLY IF THEY ARE CONSIDERING INSTALLING A NEW SEPTIC
 6:04:08PM SYSTEM OR A NEW WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM, WE DON'T WANT THEM
 6:04:11PM TO GO THROUGH THAT EXPENSE, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE ABOUT

6:04:14PM 95% THERE, BARRING SOME KIND OF CRAZY ACTION IN WASHINGTON,
 6:04:20PM D.C.
 6:04:21PM BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS HAVE DAVID COME FORWARD AND
 6:04:28PM JUST BRIEFLY TALK ABOUT THE MAP OF THE PROJECTS THAT ARE
 6:04:32PM GOING TO BE INVOLVED.
 6:04:33PM AND THIS WILL BE A VERY BUSY THREE TO FOUR YEARS OF
 6:04:39PM CONSTRUCTION OUT THERE, BUT THIS IS THE BIG GRANT THAT FREES
 6:04:43PM UP SOME MONEY FROM OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND
 ALSO
 6:04:46PM ALLOWS US TO DO THIS WORK WITHOUT EXPENSE GOING TO THE
 6:04:51PM RESIDENTS OR THE VILLAGE.
 6:04:53PM I KNOW A LOT OF THE RESIDENTS OUT IN THIS AREA HAVE BEEN
 6:04:58PM FRUSTRATED.

 6:05:00PM WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO DO THIS PROJECT?
 6:05:02PM WE WAITED, AND, FORTUNATELY, WE GOT THE GRANT -- BENEFIT OF
 6:05:10PM EVERYONE.
 6:05:10PM DAVID, IF YOU'D TAKE US THROUGH BOTH THIS PROJECT, THE
 6:05:14PM SHERRILL AND LEUTTICH COMPONENT, HOW THE CDBG-R FACTORS IN
 6:05:22PM AND THE NEW GRANT THAT WE ALSO GOT FOR --
 6:05:30PM >>Jon McLain: YOU MADE MENTION, WE'RE GIVING THIS FINAL
 6:05:37PM NOTICE.
 6:05:38PM IF WE HAD OBJECTION FROM A STREET OR A GROUP OF HOUSES, THIS
 6:05:41PM BEING THE FINAL NOTICE, WE OBVIOUSLY LISTEN TO THEIR
 6:05:45PM OBJECTIONS AND SEE IF WE CAN WORK A PLAN AROUND THAT.
 6:05:51PM HOW DO WE DO THAT IF THERE IS A SERIOUS OBJECTION?
 6:05:56PM >>Steven Sarkozy: IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT RESIDENTS AND
 6:05:59PM OTHERS CAN OBJECT TO FEMA, AND THOSE OBJECTIONS WOULD BE
 6:06:04PM CONSIDERED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND IN WASHINGTON.
 6:06:09PM IF YOU LOOK AT THE CRITERIA AND WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR,
 6:06:12PM OTHER ALTERNATIVES, THIS IS A HUGE BENEFIT TO THE REGION AND
 6:06:19PM TO THE VILLAGE.
 6:06:19PM WHY ANYONE WOULD COMPLAIN IS BEYOND ME.
 6:06:25PM >>Jon McLain: YOU HAVE TO DO ALL THIS WITHIN 30 DAYS IS WHAT
 6:06:28PM YOU'RE SAYING.
 6:06:29PM >>Steven Sarkozy: CORRECT.
 6:06:33PM >>David Willems: THERE IS A LOT GOING ON IN THIS AREA.
 6:06:35PM PREVIOUSLY, I THINK IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO, WE RECEIVED AN
 6:06:38PM APPROPRIATION GRANT FROM THE STATE, ABOUT YOU THAT ONLY

 6:06:41PM INCLUDED CHARING CROSS, ESTERO RIVER HEIGHTS AND QUARTERDECK
 6:06:45PM COVE.
 6:06:46PM THAT EXCLUDED SHERRILL AND LEUTTICH LANE.
 6:06:49PM WE HAD BEEN PROCEEDING THAT WE THOUGHT THERE WERE TIMES

6:06:52PM THOSE WERE LIKELY THE ONLY TWO AREAS WE WOULD DO BECAUSE WE
 6:06:56PM KEPT GETTING DELAY, DELAY, DELAY.
 6:06:58PM AND THEN WE GOT FEEDBACK THAT THE HMGP GRANT MAY NOT GO
 6:07:03PM THROUGH.
 6:07:03PM THIS IS GREAT NEWS THAT WE WILL GET MORE FUNDING THAT WILL
 6:07:08PM BASICALLY COVER ALL OF THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR ALL THREE
 6:07:11PM OF THOSE AREAS.
 6:07:11PM THIS GRANT, PLUS THE STATE APPROPRIATION.
 6:07:16PM MOST OF THE ROADWAYS IN THIS AREA ARE PUBLIC ROADS WHICH
 6:07:20PM MAKES IT A LOT LESS COMPLICATED.
 6:07:22PM THE VILLAGE OWNS THE ROAD, SO WE'RE ABLE TO DO THE
 6:07:25PM INFRASTRUCTURE AND INSTALL IT.
 6:07:27PM THERE ARE TWO LIFT STATIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED.
 6:07:29PM THE RESIDENTS IN THIS AREA HAVE BEEN VERY EASY TO WORK WITH.
 6:07:33PM ONE OF THEM IS GOING IN ESTERO RIVER HEIGHTS.
 6:07:36PM THEY HAVE AN HOA, BUT IT'S NOT REALLY WELL FORMED.
 6:07:41PM BUT THEY WORKED WITH US TO GET A LIFT STATION LOCATION THAT
 6:07:44PM WE HAVE AN EASEMENT FOR.
 6:07:46PM AND THEN EVEN RIVERWOODS PLANTATION IS NOT INVOLVED IN THIS,
 6:07:50PM THEY DID HAVE A PACKAGE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DECADES
 6:07:55PM AGO BUT THEY THEMSELVES, I THINK IT WAS 20 YEARS AGO, GOT

 6:07:58PM TOGETHER AND GOT RID OF THEIR PACKAGE WASTEWATER TREATMENT
 6:08:01PM PLANT AND HOOKED UP TO CENTRAL SEWER WITHOUT ANY HELP FROM
 6:08:03PM THE COUNTY AT THE TIME.
 6:08:04PM EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT INVOLVED, THEY PROVIDED AN EASEMENT
 6:08:09PM TO THE VILLAGE AT NO COST TO BE ABLE TO PUT A LIFT STATION
 6:08:11PM AT THE END OF CHARING CROSS.
 6:08:13PM THE PLANS ARE GENERALLY DONE, AND ESPECIALLY ON CHARING
 6:08:18PM CROSS AND ESTERO RIVER HEIGHTS, THE PERMITS ARE BASICALLY
 6:08:21PM DONE.
 6:08:22PM BECAUSE WE DIDN'T KNOW IF SHERRILL AND LEUTTICH WERE GOING
 6:08:25PM TO GO FORWARD, THE PLANS ARE DONE, BUT THE PERMITTING IS NOT
 6:08:28PM QUITE AS FAR ALONG.
 6:08:30PM SHERRILL AND LEUTTICH, WE DON'T ACTUALLY OWN THE ROADS, BUT
 6:08:34PM WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO FIGURE OUT
 6:08:36PM HOW WE GET OWNERSHIP OF THE ROADS, AND WE HAVE A WAY FORWARD
 6:08:41PM FOR THAT.
 6:08:41PM SO NOW THAT WE HAVE THE GRANT, WE'LL BE WORKING ON THAT TO
 6:08:45PM GET OWNERSHIP.
 6:08:46PM AND NOT ONLY IS THIS GOING TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE DRINKING
 6:08:51PM WATER AND CENTRAL SEWER, BUT IT'S ALSO GOING TO FIX A
 6:08:55PM TERRIBLE ISSUE WE HAVE OUT THERE WITH NO ROADWAY.
 6:08:57PM THEY BASICALLY DON'T HAVE A ROAD.

6:08:59PM AND WHEN THIS PROJECT IS DONE, THEY WILL HAVE A ROADWAY THAT
6:09:03PM MEETS VILLAGE STANDARDS.
6:09:05PM IT'S GOING TO BE PROBABLY 20 FEET WIDE ASPHALT.

6:09:09PM THE VILLAGE WILL MAINTAIN THE ROAD AND THE SWALES ALONG THE
6:09:12PM SIDE OF THE ROAD.
6:09:13PM IT'S GOING TO GO A LONG WAYS TO IMPROVING THE STANDARD OF
6:09:18PM LIVING UP IN THAT AREA.
6:09:19PM RIGHT NOW, IF YOU GO OUT THERE, THERE ARE HUGE POTHOLES.
6:09:22PM IF YOU DON'T HAVE A TRUCK, I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND TRYING TO
6:09:25PM MAKE THAT LOOP.
6:09:26PM EVERY TIME IT RAINS MORE THAN TWO OR THREE INCHES, WE HAVE A
6:09:29PM LOT OF WATER THAT FLOWS INTO THE DITCH THERE, AND LIKELY
6:09:33PM WITH THAT IS A LOT OF BACTERIA.
6:09:35PM SO THIS IS GOING TO GO A LONG WAYS TO IMPROVING THAT AREA.
6:09:39PM AND THEN ON TOP OF THAT, WE HAVE A DR GRANT, CDBG-DR GRANT
6:09:47PM FOR THAT AREA IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE IAN AS WELL.
6:09:51PM AND WHAT THAT'S GOING TO DO IS LOOK AT SAFETY, DRAINAGE,
6:09:55PM LANDSCAPE, POTENTIALLY STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS ALONG
6:09:58PM THIS ENTIRE SECTION OF ROADWAY, ALL THE WAY FROM THE WEST
6:10:01PM END TO U.S. 41.
6:10:04PM THAT'S SOMETHING THAT VILLAGE STAFF, WE JUST HAD A
6:10:09PM SOLICITATION OUT FOR, AND VILLAGE STAFF JUST SHORT-LISTED
6:10:13PM FIRMS FOR THAT, AND THAT WILL BE ON YOUR NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA
6:10:16PM TO SELECT A DESIGN FIRM TO START DESIGNING THAT.
6:10:20PM NOW, THE CONSTRUCTION IS PROBABLY NOT GOING TO OVERLAP TOO
6:10:23PM MUCH BECAUSE WE'RE JUST STARTING THE DESIGN OF THAT ONE, BUT
6:10:27PM IT WILL IMPACT THIS AREA.
6:10:28PM AND WHEN ALL THOSE PROJECTS ARE DONE, THAT WHOLE AREA IS
6:10:31PM GOING TO BE CHANGED.
6:10:33PM YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A NICE ROADWAY IN AND OUT.
6:10:37PM BRAND-NEW ROADS ON ALL THE SIDE ROADS.
6:10:40PM EVERYBODY EXCEPT ESTERO BAY VILLAGE IS GOING TO HAVE WATER
6:10:43PM AND SEWER, WILL HAVE FIRE HYDRANTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION.
6:10:46PM IT'S JUST GOING TO BE A LOT BETTER OUT THERE FOR ALL OF THE
6:10:49PM RESIDENTS.
6:10:52PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
6:10:53PM VICE-MAYOR.
6:10:56PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: DAVID, THIS IS REALLY EXCITING NEWS.
6:10:58PM I THINK EVERYBODY IS PROBABLY THRILLED ABOUT THIS, KNOWING
6:11:00PM THAT THE DOLLAR AMOUNT WAS SIGNIFICANT FOR THIS PROJECT,
6:11:05PM THESE PROJECTS TO MOVE FORWARD.
6:11:06PM JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS TO CLARIFY.

6:11:08PM LOOKING BACK, I CAN'T REMEMBER, DAVID, IF YOU DON'T KNOW, WE
6:11:12PM CAN CATCH UP LATER.
6:11:13PM THE STATE GRANT AMOUNT AND THEN, OF COURSE, THE HMGP GRANT
6:11:18PM AMOUNT, LIKE THE TOTAL PACKAGE OF THOSE DOLLARS.
6:11:21PM >>David Willems: IT'S IN THE \$24 MILLION RANGE FOR BOTH OF
6:11:23PM THOSE.
6:11:25PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: IS THERE ANY EXPIRATION ON THE GRANTS?
6:11:27PM DO WE HAVE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT?
6:11:29PM DO YOU HAVE A TIME, LIKE A YEAR?
6:11:31PM >>David Willems: HMGP GRANT ISN'T EVEN ISSUED YET.
6:11:34PM WE'LL GET THAT LATER.

6:11:35PM IT'S USUALLY TWO TO THREE YEARS TO BUILD IT.
6:11:38PM THE FACT THAT WE'RE ALREADY DESIGNED IS GOING TO HELP WITH
6:11:41PM THAT A LOT.
6:11:42PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: FROM TIME OF AWARD AFTER WE POST FOR
6:11:45PM 30 DAYS, ONCE WE GET THE AWARD, I DON'T KNOW WHEN THAT IS
6:11:48PM NORMALLY ACHIEVED AFTER THE 30 DAYS, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA ON
6:11:53PM THAT?
6:11:54PM WHEN THE AWARD IS GRANTED AFTER THE 30 DAY POSTING, IS IT
6:11:58PM IMMEDIATE?
6:11:58PM >>David Willems: NO, THERE'S USUALLY PAPERWORK WE HAVE TO GO
6:12:01PM THROUGH.
6:12:01PM WE HAVEN'T GONE THROUGH THIS SPECIFIC PROCESS, SO I'M
6:12:04PM HESITANT TO GIVE A TIMELINE ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT TOOK TWO
6:12:07PM OR THREE YEARS JUST TO GET TO THIS POINT.
6:12:09PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: I GET IT.
6:12:11PM WHAT'S NICE IS YOU SAID THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF PLANNING OVER
6:12:14PM THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS FOR THIS PROJECT.
6:12:15PM FOR ME, I'M TRYING TO GET AN UNDERSTANDING OF PERHAPS WHEN
6:12:18PM WE CAN START GETTING SHOVELS IN THE GROUND.
6:12:21PM >>David Willems: AFTER THE GRANT IS ISSUED, THEN WE'LL GO
6:12:24PM OUT AND BID THE PROJECT.
6:12:25PM WE DO NOT HAVE A CONTRACTOR ON BOARD FOR THIS.
6:12:30PM WHEN WE DID THE OVERALL UEP CMAR WHICH WE HIRED WRIGHT
6:12:37PM CONSTRUCTION FOR, THIS AREA WAS INCLUDED IN THAT.
6:12:40PM BUT BECAUSE IT'S GETTING FEDERAL FUNDING, THEY DO NOT ALLOW

6:12:45PM CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK FOR FEDERAL FUNDED PROJECTS.
6:12:49PM SO THIS WILL HAVE TO BE A LOW BID PROJECT WHICH WILL BE A
6:12:53PM LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT DELIVERY BUT IT IS VALID AND GOOD WAY
6:12:56PM TO DO IT.
6:12:57PM JUST A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE HAVE DONE ON OTHER
6:13:00PM ONES.

6:13:01PM >>Jon McLain: WE HAVE ABOUT \$24 MILLION ON THIS.
 6:13:04PM OUR BEST ESTIMATE TO DATE WITH ALL CONSTRUCTION COSTS GOING
 6:13:07PM CRAZY, DO WE THINK THAT WILL COVER HUNDRED PERCENT?
 6:13:10PM >>David Willems: THAT'S WHAT OUR ESTIMATE WAS.
 6:13:12PM ONCE THE BIDS GO OUT, WE'LL SEE.
 6:13:14PM WE'VE BEEN UPDATING THE COSTS THROUGHOUT.
 6:13:16PM >>Jon McLain: THAT COST DOESN'T HAVE ANY CONTRIBUTION FROM
 6:13:18PM THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO BECAUSE THE GRANT COVERS THE WHOLE
 6:13:21PM SHOT.
 6:13:21PM >>David Willems: THE HOPE IS THAT IT COVERS ALMOST ALL OF
 6:13:24PM THE COST, YES.
 6:13:28PM >>Jeff Hunt: THANK YOU FOR GETTING US TO THIS POINT.
 6:13:30PM I KNOW IT'S NOT A DONE DEAL YET.
 6:13:32PM BUT THIS IS A LONG PROCESS AND IT'S VERY SIGNIFICANT TO THE
 6:13:34PM COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY THOSE AROUND THE ESTERO RIVER.
 6:13:37PM I COMMEND YOU GETTING US THIS FAR.
 6:13:40PM WHO OWNS THE ROAD ON PHASE C, SHERRILL -- THAT'S UP IN THE
 6:13:47PM AIR.
 6:13:48PM >>David Willems: THE ROADWAY WAS PLATTED, AND THEN WHEN IT

 6:13:52PM WAS -- IT WAS -- IT WASN'T PLATTED.
 6:13:56PM THEY KIND OF CREATED A PLAT BUT NEVER RECORDED THE PLAT.
 6:13:59PM SO THE ROADWAY WAS NEVER CONVEYED AND THEN THE VILLAGE
 6:14:03PM ATTORNEY WILL KNOW BETTER.
 6:14:04PM THE WAY THEY DID SKETCH AND LEGALS, LIKE, I THINK THE FIRST
 6:14:07PM TWO, SKETCH AND LEGAL FOR THE PROPERTIES THAT WERE SOLD
 6:14:09PM INCLUDED THE ROAD AND THEN THE REST OF THEM DIDN'T INCLUDE
 6:14:12PM THE ROAD.
 6:14:13PM IT'S REALLY CONVOLUTED.
 6:14:17PM >>Robert Eschenfelder: IT'S VERY, VERY, VERY MURKY.
 6:14:20PM WE'RE GOING THROUGH THE PROPERTY LAW CONCEPTS TO FIGURE OUT.
 6:14:23PM WE DON'T WANT TO GO OUT AND START DIGGING ON SOMETHING WE
 6:14:26PM THINK MIGHT BE OURS BUT ISN'T OURS.
 6:14:29PM WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT.
 6:14:33PM >>David Willems: WE'LL GO THROUGH THE PROCESS TO BASICALLY
 6:14:35PM TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THE WHOLE ROADWAY.
 6:14:36PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANYTHING ELSE?
 6:14:37PM DAVID, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
 6:14:38PM MADAM CLERK, IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
 6:14:44PM >>Carol Sacco: NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO E-COMMENTS.
 6:14:46PM >>Mayor Ribble: IN THAT CASE, MAY I HAVE A MOTION, PLEASE?
 6:14:48PM VICE-MAYOR AND COUNCILWOMAN FAYHEE.
 6:14:52PM COULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?
 6:14:55PM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.

6:14:57PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.

6:14:58PM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.

6:15:00PM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.

6:15:01PM >>Jim Ward: AYE.

6:15:03PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.

6:15:03PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.

6:15:05PM ITEM 8A, SECOND READING FOR ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-09,

6:15:14PM AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PLATS.

6:15:16PM MADAM CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE READ THE ORDINANCE?

6:15:20PM >>Carol Sacco: FOR THE RECORD, IT WAS PROPERLY ADVERTISED.

6:15:24PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.

6:15:24PM >>Carol Sacco: ORDINANCE 2025-09, AN ORDINANCE OF THE

6:15:28PM VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, AMENDING

6:15:30PM SECTION 2-301, SECTION 2-303, AND SECTION 2-502 OF THE

6:15:37PM VILLAGE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE REGARDING PLAT APPROVALS;

6:15:40PM MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY,

6:15:43PM CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

6:15:45PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.

6:15:46PM STEVE?

6:15:47PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THANK YOU, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

6:15:49PM THIS IS THE SECOND READING, OF COURSE.

6:15:51PM THE FIRST READING WAS HELD ON JULY 2, SO YOUR APPROVAL OF

6:15:56PM THIS ITEM WILL MAKE THIS OFFICIAL.

6:15:58PM THIS ALLOWS THE STAFF TO APPROVE PLATS.

6:16:02PM I'LL TURN IT OVER TO MARY JUST TO DESCRIBE THE

6:16:06PM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS AND WHAT THIS ACTUALLY MEANS IN TERMS

6:16:09PM OF STAFF TIME AND ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY.

6:16:14PM >>Mary Gibbs: GOOD EVENING.

6:16:14PM AGAIN, THIS WAS A RECENT CHANGE TO THE STATE LAW, SO IT

6:16:18PM AFFECTS ALL THE COUNTIES AND CITIES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

6:16:23PM THE LAW WAS CHANGED TO SAY THAT PLATS WOULD NOT GO TO

6:16:27PM ELECTED BODIES ANYMORE FOR APPROVAL.

6:16:30PM SO IF YOU'VE SEEN PLATS ON THE AGENDA FOR COUNCIL AND THE

6:16:33PM MAYOR TYPICALLY SIGNS THE PLAT, THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN

6:16:36PM ANYMORE.

6:16:36PM THE APPROVALS WILL BE DONE BY THE STAFF, BUT THE PLATS WILL

6:16:40PM STILL HAVE TO MEET THE SAME REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE IN THE

6:16:43PM STATUTES NOW.

6:16:43PM SO THE PLAT IS REVIEWED BY BASICALLY OUR STAFF ENGINEER.

6:16:48PM WE HAVE A SURVEYOR THAT WE OUTSOURCE THE PLAT REVIEW TO, AND

6:16:52PM THEN OUR VILLAGE ATTORNEY ALSO REVIEWS THE PLATS FOR THE

6:16:56PM LEGAL REQUIREMENT.

6:16:57PM SO EVERYTHING IN THE STATUTE, ALL THOSE REQUIREMENTS WILL
 6:16:59PM STILL BE MET.
 6:17:00PM IT JUST WILL BE APPROVED BY THE STAFF SO IT WILL NOT COME TO
 6:17:05PM THE COUNCIL FOR ACTION AT A MEETING.
 6:17:08PM BASICALLY, AGAIN, THE SAME PROCESS, BUT YOU WON'T SEE THEM
 6:17:11PM ANYMORE.
 6:17:11PM IF YOU WANT TO KNOW, YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK ME.
 6:17:15PM SO, FOR EXAMPLE, LIKE LAST NIGHT, WE DID AT PLANNING AND
 6:17:20PM ZONING, WE APPROVED THE DEVELOPMENT ORDER FOR THE TOLL

 6:17:22PM BROTHERS PROJECT ACROSS THE STREET, THE TOWNHOME
 6:17:25PM DEVELOPMENT, IF YOU REMEMBER, AND THEY HAVE THEIR PLAT IN
 6:17:27PM PROCESS NOW, SO THEY WERE ACTUALLY PREPARING THEIR MILARS,
 6:17:30PM AND THEY HAD COUNCIL, THE MAYOR'S NAME AND EVERYTHING.
 6:17:34PM WE'RE LIKE, NO, THAT IS GOING TO CHANGE.
 6:17:36PM YOU HAVE TO FIX THAT.
 6:17:39PM WE WILL BE PROCESSING THEIR PLAT ADMINISTRATIVELY IN THE
 6:17:42PM NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.
 6:17:43PM SO THAT'S HOW THAT WILL WORK.
 6:17:45PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
 6:17:46PM IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?
 6:17:51PM >>Carol Sacco: NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NO E-COMMENTS.
 6:17:54PM >>Mayor Ribble: ALL RIGHT.
 6:17:54PM IN THAT CASE, COULD I HAVE A MOTION?
 6:17:56PM COUNCILMAN LOPEZ AND A SECOND --
 6:18:05PM >>Steven Sarkozy: WE DO HAVE A COUPLE OF STAFF COMMENTS
 6:18:07PM HERE.
 6:18:11PM >>Mayor Ribble: OKAY.
 6:18:11PM SORRY.
 6:18:12PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THERE WAS AN ACTIVITY --
 6:18:17PM >>Robert Eschenfelder: THEY WERE ABOUT TO TAKE A VOTE --
 6:18:20PM >>Steven Sarkozy: I'M SORRY.
 6:18:22PM >>Mayor Ribble: WE'RE GOING TO DO COUNCIL COMMENTS NEXT.
 6:18:24PM >>Steven Sarkozy: THE PLAT IS A ROUTINE ITEM.
 6:18:26PM SORRY ABOUT THAT.

 6:18:27PM JUMPING FORWARD.
 6:18:28PM >>Mayor Ribble: I NEED A SECOND, PLEASE.
 6:18:30PM COUNCILMAN HUNT.
 6:18:32PM MADAM CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.
 6:18:35PM >>Jim Ward: AYE.
 6:18:37PM >>Rafael Lopez: AYE.
 6:18:38PM >>Lori Fayhee: AYE.
 6:18:40PM >>Jon McLain: AYE.

6:18:42PM >>Jeff Hunt: AYE.
 6:18:43PM >>Vice-Mayor Zalucki: AYE.
 6:18:43PM >>Mayor Ribble: AYE.
 6:18:44PM ALL RIGHT.
 6:18:46PM COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS.
 6:18:49PM AT THIS TIME, I WILL START WITH OUR MANAGER, STEVE, IF YOU
 6:18:51PM WANT TO UPDATE US.
 6:18:52PM >>Steven Sarkozy: WELL, THERE WAS AN ACTIVITY OUT AT THE
 6:18:57PM DOWNTOWN ESTERO PROJECT WHERE THERE WAS A SURCHARGE OF
 WATER
 6:19:01PM FROM ONE OF THE PONDS THAT THEY HAD CREATED ON-SITE.
 6:19:05PM AND WE WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE YOU A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON
 6:19:07PM THAT.
 6:19:07PM IT WAS THE TOPIC OF A LOT OF MEDIA ATTENTION, BUT IT WILL
 6:19:12PM ALSO LIKELY REQUIRE SOME ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS BY
 6:19:16PM THE VILLAGE ALONG WITH SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT AND
 6:19:22PM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.
 6:19:24PM I'D LIKE TO CALL ON MARY TO COME UP AND KIND OF DESCRIBE

 6:19:29PM WHAT'S HAPPENED AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT, AND THEN WHAT
 6:19:33PM THE NEXT STEPS ARE TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF THE SURCHARGE.
 6:19:39PM >>Mary Gibbs: JUST TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE, THIS ACTUALLY
 6:19:43PM HAPPENED LAST THURSDAY.
 6:19:45PM WHAT HAPPENED IS WE RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
 6:19:50PM -- STANLEY GOT A CALL FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THURSDAY
 6:19:53PM MORNING ABOUT 5:30 AND SAID BROADWAY IS CLOSED BECAUSE IT'S
 6:19:57PM FLOODING AND THERE WAS A WATER DISCHARGE FROM THE DOWNTOWN
 6:19:59PM ESTERO PROJECT.
 6:20:00PM STANLEY AND CHRISTOPHER BAKER WENT OUT TO THE SITE AT ABOUT
 6:20:04PM 6:30.
 6:20:05PM AND THEN THEY CALLED STEVE TO WAKE HIM UP AND SAY, GET OUT
 6:20:10PM HERE, TOO.
 6:20:10PM THE BERM THAT WAS SURROUNDING -- THEY HAVE A TEMPORARY
 6:20:16PM DISCHARGE OF WATER, AND THEY HAVE LIKE A BERM AROUND THE
 6:20:20PM LAKE.
 6:20:21PM AND THAT HAD BREACHED, SO THAT HAD DISCHARGED DOWN ONTO
 6:20:25PM BROADWAY AND FLOODED IT, AND THEN WENT ALL THE WAY DOWN TO
 6:20:28PM THE ESTERO RIVER.
 6:20:28PM SO SOME OF THE HOMES IN THE AREA, IT APPEARS FROM STANLEY'S
 6:20:33PM SURVEILLANCE AND LOOKING AROUND, THERE WERE ABOUT POSSIBLY
 6:20:36PM THREE OR FOUR HOMES THAT HAD SOME FLOODING.
 6:20:38PM IN ADDITION, THE DISCHARGE, IF YOU CAN SEE ON THIS PICTURE,
 6:20:43PM I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN POINT ANYTHING OUT, THIS IS DOWNTOWN
 6:20:48PM ESTERO.

6:20:48PM IT'S NOT MARKED, BUT IT'S HERE.
 6:20:50PM IT'S ALL THIS PROPERTY THAT GOES UP TO 41.
 6:20:53PM THIS IS THEIR LAKE, AND IT COMES DOWN TO BROADWAY.
 6:20:56PM SO THE LAKE IS KIND OF IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE
 6:20:59PM PROPERTY, AND THE BREACH WAS IN KIND OF THE BERM AROUND IT.
 6:21:03PM THE WATER FLOWED DOWN, FLOODED BROADWAY, CAME DOWN ALONG
 THE
 6:21:08PM RAILROAD, KIND OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE DITCH AND WENT
 6:21:11PM DOWN TO OUR VILLAGE PROPERTY AND DOWN AND ACROSS AND WENT
 6:21:14PM ALL THE WAY TO THE ESTERO RIVER.
 6:21:15PM SO WE GOT, EVEN THOUGH I WAS OUT OF TOWN LAST WEEK, I GOT
 6:21:20PM E-MAILS FROM THE NEIGHBORS AT ESTERO RIVER HEIGHTS AND
 6:21:23PM PICTURE OF THE MUDDY, TURBID WATER THAT FLOWED DOWN THERE.
 6:21:26PM WHAT IS GOING ON?
 6:21:27PM WE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
 6:21:29PM OBVIOUSLY, THE MEDIA WAS OUT BRINGING UP THEIR STORY ON
 6:21:34PM WINK, AND, BY THE WAY, IT WAS NOT A WATER MAIN BREAK, EVEN
 6:21:37PM THOUGH I THINK THAT'S WHAT IT WAS REPORTED AS.
 6:21:39PM IT WAS NOT A WATER MAIN BREAK.
 6:21:41PM THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION -- WE HAVE JOHNSON ENGINEERING WHO
 6:21:45PM DOES OUR NPDES INSPECTIONS.
 6:21:48PM THAT'S NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM.
 6:21:51PM JOHNSON ENGINEERING IS CONTRACTED TO DO ALL THOSE
 6:21:55PM INSPECTIONS FOR US.
 6:21:56PM SO WE CONTACTED THEM, AND WE ALSO CONTACTED WATER
 MANAGEMENT
 6:22:01PM DISTRICT TO HAVE THEM GO OUT TO THE SITE AS WELL.

 6:22:04PM EVEN THOUGH STANLEY AND CHRISTOPHER WERE OUT AT THE SITE
 6:22:06PM FIRST, WATER MANAGEMENT AND OUR STORMWATER INSPECTORS CAME
 6:22:10PM OUT AFTER, AND THEN EVERYBODY KIND OF LOOKED OVER THE SITE
 6:22:15PM AND CONFIRMED THAT THE CONTRACTOR, THAT THERE HAD BEEN A
 6:22:21PM BREACH IN THE BERM.
 6:22:23PM SO THE WATER FLOWED OUT AND IT WAS QUITE A BIT OF WATER.
 6:22:27PM THE CONTRACTOR THEN AND LATER IN THAT MORNING, PLUGGED THE
 6:22:31PM BREACH AND STARTED DOING SOME WORK TO STABILIZE THE SITE.
 6:22:35PM SO THAT'S STILL ONGOING, AND STANLEY HAS BEEN OUT THERE
 6:22:38PM EVERY DAY CHECKING TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE DOING WHAT THEY ARE
 6:22:41PM SUPPOSED TO BE DOING.
 6:22:42PM BUT WE HAD AN INCIDENT BEFORE THAT WHERE THEY HAD ACTUALLY
 6:22:47PM DISCHARGED WATER INTO THE PRESERVE AREA.
 6:22:49PM THE PRESERVE AREA, YOU CAN SEE IT, IT'S KIND OF DOWN IN THIS
 6:22:53PM AREA RIGHT HERE.

6:22:55PM YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DISCHARGE WATER INTO PRESERVE AREA.
 6:22:59PM THAT'S A VIOLATION.
 6:23:00PM SO THEY HAD RECEIVED A STOP WORK ORDER FROM OUR STORMWATER
 6:23:04PM PEOPLE, FROM JOHNSON ENGINEERING.
 6:23:06PM THEY HAD ISSUED THEM A STOP WORK ORDER.
 6:23:09PM THEY STOPPED THE DISCHARGE INTO THE PRESERVE AND THEY TOOK
 6:23:12PM THAT OUT, BUT THEN WE HAD THIS BREACH INTO THE -- ALL THE
 6:23:16PM WAY INTO THE RIVER.
 6:23:17PM SO WE ARE CONCERNED.
 6:23:22PM WE'RE LOOKING INTO WHAT KIND OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION WE CAN

 6:23:25PM TAKE.
 6:23:26PM WE HAD A MEETING THIS AFTERNOON WITH THE STAFF AND OUR
 6:23:28PM ATTORNEY, MR. ESCHENFELDER, TO SEE, BECAUSE WE ALREADY HAD
 6:23:33PM AN ISSUE THERE, WHAT KIND OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION CAN WE TAKE.
 6:23:37PM AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE LOOKING AT IS CAN WE ACTUALLY
 6:23:40PM STOP THE WORK OUT THERE.
 6:23:41PM OTHER THAN THE REMEDIATION WORK THAT THEY NEED TO DO, BUT
 6:23:44PM CAN WE STOP THE OTHER ACTIVITY?
 6:23:45PM THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE LOOKING AT NOW.
 6:23:48PM THE CONCERN IS, OF COURSE, IF YOU SEE THE PICTURES THAT WE
 6:23:51PM RECEIVED FROM THE PEOPLE IN ESTERO RIVER HEIGHTS, THE TURBID
 6:23:55PM WATER THAT WAS IN ESTERO BAY, AND THAT'S AN AQUATIC
 6:23:58PM PRESERVE.
 6:23:59PM SO THERE IS A CONCERN.
 6:24:01PM WHEN WE CONTACTED WATER MANAGEMENT, THEY ALSO CONTACTED DEP.
 6:24:04PM SO THEY ARE INVOLVED, TOO.
 6:24:06PM DEP AND WATER MANAGEMENT HAVE BOTH TOLD US THAT THEY ARE
 6:24:09PM LOOKING AT WHETHER THEY CAN TAKE ENFORCEMENT ACTION, IF THEY
 6:24:11PM ARE GOING TO ISSUE NOTICES OF VIOLATION OR FINES.
 6:24:14PM I KNOW THEY ARE CONSIDERING THESE THINGS, TOO.
 6:24:17PM BUT WE WANT TO BE PROACTIVE.
 6:24:18PM WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SITE GETS CLEANED UP AND THAT
 6:24:21PM IT DOESN'T CONTINUE TO POLLUTE THE BAY.
 6:24:26PM SO, AGAIN, WE'RE CONCERNED BECAUSE OF THE AQUATIC PRESERVE
 6:24:29PM AND THE NATURE OF IT.

 6:24:31PM IF YOU HAVE ANY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, DAVID CAN EXPLAIN THE
 6:24:35PM EXACT ROUTE OF THE WATER FLOW.
 6:24:38PM THAT'S WHY HE'S STAYING HERE.
 6:24:39PM BUT THAT'S KIND OF WHAT'S GOING ON.
 6:24:42PM AGAIN, WE MET WITH THE ATTORNEY AND WE'RE WORKING ON SOME
 6:24:44PM SOLUTIONS.
 6:24:48PM >>Jon McLain: ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE ESTERO BACK BAY HAS

6:24:53PM GOT SEDIMENT FROM THIS?

6:24:54PM >>Mary Gibbs: THE WATER WENT DOWN -- DAVID WAS JUST SHOWING

6:24:57PM YOU ESTERO RIVER HEIGHTS.

6:24:59PM THE WATER FLOWED ALL THE WAY DOWN INTO THE ESTERO RIVER.

6:25:02PM AND THE PEOPLE THAT SENT ME THE PICTURE, SEVERAL RESIDENTS

6:25:05PM IN ESTERO RIVER HEIGHTS SENT ME THE PICTURE.

6:25:08PM YOU CAN SEE THEIR DOCKS AND YOU COULD LOOK OUT AND SEE THAT

6:25:10PM THE WATER WAS JUST BROWN AND TURBID.

6:25:14PM >>Mayor Ribble: DIDN'T IT ALSO FLOW ALL THE WAY DOWN TO

6:25:16PM PELICAN SOUND.

6:25:19PM >>Jeff Hunt: YES.

6:25:19PM PELICAN SOUND.

6:25:21PM SEVERAL BOATERS CONTACTED ME.

6:25:23PM I KNOW IT'S BEEN DESCRIBED AS TURBID WATER.

6:25:25PM BUT THE BOATERS HAVE SAID WHEN THEY PULL THE BOAT OUT, THERE

6:25:29PM IS A FILM THEY CAN'T GET OFF.

6:25:31PM THERE MAY BE MORE THAN THAT.

6:25:32PM I DON'T KNOW IF THERE WAS FUEL STORED IN THE FACILITY.

6:25:35PM VERY DISAPPOINTING BY A CONTRACTOR.

6:25:39PM >>Mary Gibbs: THE CONTRACTOR, ACCORDING TO WATER MANAGEMENT

6:25:42PM TRIED TO BLAME US OR OUR STORMWATER PEOPLE THAT BECAUSE THEY

6:25:45PM HAD TO -- BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T DISCHARGE INTO THE PRESERVE

6:25:48PM AREA, THAT THAT CAUSED THE PROBLEM, BUT THAT WASN'T THE

6:25:51PM PROBLEM.

6:25:52PM WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIVE.

6:25:56PM WE'VE ALSO HAD LIKE TODAY I HAD A VISIT FROM THE NEIGHBOR,

6:25:59PM MR. NOBLE, WHO LIVES NEXT TO THE POST OFFICE PROPERTY AND

6:26:02PM THE SCHOOLHOUSE.

6:26:05PM HE'S ELDERLY AND HE'S VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE HIS WHOLE YARD

6:26:09PM FLOODED, HIS HOUSE DID NOT FLOOD BUT THE YARD FLOODED UP TO

6:26:12PM THE WHEELS ON HIS CAR.

6:26:14PM HE'S AN ELDERLY GENTLEMAN.

6:26:16PM HE SAID HE WATCHED THE WATER WASH UP.

6:26:19PM HE'S AFRAID HE'LL HAVE MOLD UNDERNEATH.

6:26:21PM THE CONTRACTOR DID CONTACT THEM BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE

6:26:24PM THERE'S FOLLOW-UP WITH THE RESIDENTS, TOO, THAT THESE THINGS

6:26:28PM ARE REMEDIATED.

6:26:30PM >>Jeff Hunt: QUICK FOLLOW-UP.

6:26:30PM RIGHT NOW, WE'RE THE ENTITY THAT'S GOING TO DETERMINE WHAT

6:26:35PM THEY NEED TO DO TO CEASE OR STOP THIS POTENTIAL WATER

6:26:40PM FLOWING.

6:26:41PM I KNOW THERE ARE OTHERS, DEP, THAT ARE INVOLVED.

6:26:44PM RIGHT NOW, STABILIZING THAT AREA AND PREVENTING IT FROM

6:26:48PM OCCURRING AGAIN.

6:26:50PM >>Robert Eschenfelder: THEY ARE WORKING UNDER A DEVELOPMENT

6:26:52PM ORDER THAT WE ISSUED.

6:26:53PM OUR AUTHORITY THAT I'VE ALREADY STARTED DRAFTING SOMETHING

6:26:58PM FOR THE DIRECTOR TO SIGN, OUR AUTHORITY IS FOUNDED ON THE

6:27:02PM DEVELOPMENT ORDER.

6:27:03PM SO IF THEY ARE OPERATING OUTSIDE OF THE DEVELOPMENT ORDER,

6:27:06PM AND THAT'S WHAT I'M PUTTING TOGETHER, THE WHYS AND

6:27:09PM WHEREFORES, THEN THEY WILL BE ORDERED TO STOP, EXCEPT THEY

6:27:14PM WILL BE ORDERED TO STABILIZE THE AREA BECAUSE AT THE STAFF

6:27:18PM MEETING TODAY IT WAS CONFIRMED IT'S NOT JUST THIS PARTICULAR

6:27:21PM BREACH THAT HAPPENED BUT JUST WITH NORMAL RAIN, THERE'S

6:27:26PM STILL MATERIAL COMING OFF OF THAT SITE THAT IS NOT SUPPOSED

6:27:29PM TO BE DISCHARGING OFF OF THAT SITE.

6:27:31PM SO THEY ARE NOT EVEN DOING A GOOD JOB OF CONTAINING SEPARATE

6:27:35PM AND APART FROM THE RETENTION POND OR WHATEVER THEY DID TO

6:27:40PM DEWATER, THERE'S STILL STUFF COMING OFF.

6:27:42PM SO THEY ARE GOING TO BE ORDERED, YOU DO NO MORE WORK.

6:27:46PM YOU GET THIS REMEDIATED AND ONLY UNTIL THE VILLAGE IS

6:27:50PM SATISFIED THAT YOU HAVE DONE THAT CAN YOU DO ANY ADDITIONAL

6:27:52PM WORK.

6:27:53PM >>Mayor Ribble: WILL THE DEP DECIDE OR LOOK INTO WHAT IS IN

6:27:57PM THAT WATER?

6:27:58PM >>Robert Eschenfelder: THAT'S OUT OF OUR JURISDICTION.

6:28:01PM BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT DEP AND THE WATER MANAGEMENT

6:28:04PM DISTRICT ARE BOTH LOOKING AT THOSE ASPECTS AND THEY ARE

6:28:06PM LOOKING AT THEIR OWN FINES.

6:28:08PM IN ADDITION TO WHAT DIRECTOR GIBBS IS GOING TO DO IN TERMS

6:28:11PM OF HER POWER IN A DEVELOPMENT ORDER, I'M ALSO WORKING WITH

6:28:17PM CODE COMPLIANCE MANAGER KNIGHT BECAUSE THIS IS ALSO A

6:28:21PM VIOLATION OF OUR VILLAGE CODE.

6:28:23PM SO ALSO SEEING A CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATION FOR IRREPARABLE

6:28:30PM HARM.

6:28:31PM IF YOU ALL REMEMBER CODE ENFORCEMENT WORLD, THERE IS THE

6:28:34PM DAILY FINE STUFF IF YOU CAN FIX IT.

6:28:36PM STUFF THAT YOU DO THAT CAN'T BE FIXED THAT'S IRREPARABLE,

6:28:40PM WE'RE ALLOWED TO CHARGE UP TO \$5,000.

6:28:42PM SO WE'LL BE BRINGING THAT FORWARD TO OUR MAGISTRATE AS WELL

6:28:45PM TO HIT THEM UNDER CODE ENFORCEMENT.

6:28:49PM WE'RE DOING ALL WE CAN UNDER THE MANAGER'S DIRECTION THAT WE

6:28:52PM DO ALL WE CAN AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

6:28:55PM WITH THESE OTHER ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT HAVE THEIR OWN

6:28:58PM AREAS.

6:28:58PM >>Mayor Ribble: WHAT ABOUT RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN HARMED?

6:29:00PM WHO DO THEY TURN TO?

6:29:02PM >>Robert Eschenfelder: IT COULD END UP BEING A CIVIL MATTER

6:29:05PM BETWEEN THE CONTRACTOR AND THOSE RESIDENTS.

6:29:07PM >>Mayor Ribble: AND WE HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY TO THEM?

6:29:12PM >>Robert Eschenfelder: WE DON'T HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY TO

6:29:13PM THEM.

6:29:14PM WE DIDN'T CAUSE IT.

6:29:16PM WE TOOK EVERY ACTION WE COULD TO ENSURE THAT IT'S BEING

6:29:19PM REMEDIATED, BUT THAT WAS A PRIVATE FUNCTION OCCURRING ON

6:29:23PM THAT PRIVATE PROPERTY.

6:29:25PM AND THE FUNCTION CAUSED DAMAGE TO OTHER PRIVATE PROPERTY

6:29:28PM OWNERS.

6:29:29PM SO, UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN'T PAY THEM ANYTHING OR SPEND ANY

6:29:35PM VILLAGE MONEY TO HELP THEM REMEDIATE.

6:29:37PM WE'RE DOING AS MUCH AS WE CAN.

6:29:39PM WE'LL ADVOCATE ON THEIR BEHALF.

6:29:40PM IT MAY BE THAT IN THE CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS, WE CAN WORK

6:29:44PM IT OUT TO WHERE WE WILL ASK FOR LESS IN A FINE IF YOU GO AND

6:29:49PM HELP THESE RESIDENTS OUT USING OUR AUTHORITY THAT WAY.

6:29:53PM SO WE HAVE THOSE RESIDENTS IN OUR MIND TO TRY TO GET THEM

6:29:56PM HELP WHEREVER WE CAN.

6:29:58PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU.

6:29:59PM ANYTHING ELSE?

6:30:03PM >>Jon McLain: YOU SAID IT IS A \$5,000 TOTAL OR \$5,000 A DAY?

6:30:07PM >>Robert Eschenfelder: \$5,000 TOTAL BECAUSE IT'S IRREPARABLE

6:30:11PM VIOLATION.

6:30:12PM ONE OF THE THINGS, I STILL WANT TO GET ALL THE FACTS

6:30:17PM TOGETHER, BUT I'M ALSO LOOKING AT CAN WE HIT THEM WITH TWO

6:30:20PM DIFFERENT VIOLATIONS?

6:30:21PM BECAUSE AS THE DIRECTOR INDICATED, THEY EARLIER DISCHARGED

6:30:26PM INTO THE PRESERVE AREA, WHICH WAS A SEPARATE -- YEAH, SO WE

6:30:30PM HAVE THE BREACH WHICH IS A VIOLATION.

6:30:32PM WE ALSO HAVE THE EARLIER DISCHARGE, WHICH JUST CAME TO MY

6:30:35PM ATTENTION, AND I KNOW THEY GOT A STOP-WORK ORDER ON IT.

6:30:40PM BUT THAT'S ALSO A CODE VIOLATION THAT WE CAN BRING FORWARD.

6:30:44PM SO IT COULD BE \$10,000 FOR THE TWO SEPARATE VIOLATIONS.

6:30:50PM >>Jon McLain: I DIDN'T KNOW IF I HEARD OR NOT, IS THE POND

6:30:56PM SECURE NOW AND THERE SHOULDN'T BE MORE DRAINAGE OFF OR -- I

6:30:59PM SAW THEM OUT THERE WITH SOME BIG STUFF WORKING ON IT, BUT IT

6:31:04PM LOOKED LIKE IT WAS STILL LEAKING PRETTY SIGNIFICANTLY

6:31:06PM YESTERDAY.

6:31:06PM >>Mary Gibbs: THE POND IS SUPPOSEDLY SECURED NOW.

6:31:09PM BUT WE WANT TO MONITOR IT TO MAKE SURE BECAUSE WE THOUGHT IT

6:31:15PM ONLY BREACHED IN ONE AREA.

6:31:16PM THE NEIGHBOR TOLD ME HE THOUGHT THERE WERE TWO BREACHES.

6:31:19PM SO THERE IS A LOT OF CONFUSION.

6:31:22PM >>Jon McLain: SHOULD BE REDUCED IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

6:31:24PM THE OTHER PART I DON'T UNDERSTAND, THAT'S AN IDENTIFIED POND

6:31:28PM THAT'S PART OF THEIR WHOLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ONCE THE

6:31:31PM DEVELOPMENT IS DONE.

6:31:31PM WHERE IS THE DISCHARGE POINT OF THAT?

6:31:35PM IS THAT ALREADY IN PLACE OR DO THEY JUST HAVE A BIG HOLE

6:31:38PM THAT THEY ARE HOLDING WATER?

6:31:39PM DISCHARGE POINT FOR THE POND?

6:31:41PM >>David Willems: WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE, THERE ARE

6:31:43PM ACTUALLY TWO PONDS OUT THERE.

6:31:44PM SO WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO DIG A STORMWATER POND OR EVEN SOME

6:31:48PM OF THE DEEPER UTILITIES AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, THE WATER

6:31:51PM TABLE IS SO HIGH THAT YOU HAVE TO PUMP THE WATER OUT.

6:31:54PM SO WHAT THEY DO IS THEY BUILD AN ABOVEGROUND KIND OF

6:31:59PM CONTAINMENT SYSTEM WITH BERMS.

6:32:01PM IF YOU GO BY OUR CONSTRUCTION SITE ON THE ENTERTAINMENT,

6:32:04PM YOU'LL SEE THIS BERM, THAT'S WHAT THAT IS THERE FOR.

6:32:07PM THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE DOING.

6:32:08PM YOU HAVE TO MONITOR THOSE BECAUSE IF THE WATER GETS TOO

6:32:12PM HIGH, THERE'S TOO MUCH WEIGHT BEHIND THE BERM AND IT CAN

6:32:15PM JUST PUSH IT OUT AND THAT'S LIKELY WHAT HAPPENED.

6:32:18PM THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO KEEP IT UNDER FOUR FEET, AND THEN THEY

6:32:21PM ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE TWO OR THREE FEET OF FREE BOARD ABOVE

6:32:25PM THAT.

6:32:26PM IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE THAT, THAT COULD BE WHAT CAUSED THAT

6:32:29PM BREACH.

6:32:30PM USUALLY IT'S ONE SECTION BECAUSE YOU HAVE A WEAKEST POINT

6:32:34PM AND THEN IT ALL JUST GOES OUT.

6:32:35PM THE REASON THAT'S LIKELY NOT TO HAPPEN AGAIN IS THAT ALL THE

6:32:39PM WATER IS GONE.

6:32:41PM AND THAT WAS PUMPED OVER DAYS.

6:32:43PM IT WASN'T A THING THAT THEY JUST FILLED THAT UP IN ONE DAY.

6:32:46PM THEY PUMPED IT OVER DAYS AND IT JUST SAT THERE AND THAT'S

6:32:48PM WHY THE BREACH HAPPENED.

6:32:51PM >>Jon McLain: DO THEY HAVE A WEIR ESTABLISHED YET OR --

6:32:55PM >>David Willems: DURING CONSTRUCTION, THEY CANNOT DISCHARGE

6:32:58PM ANY WATER.
 6:32:59PM IF THERE'S ANY WATER LEAVING THAT SITE, IT'S A VIOLATION.
 6:33:03PM AND THAT'S WHAT IS HAPPENING.
 6:33:07PM THERE'S WATER STILL LEAVING THE SITE.
 6:33:08PM IT'S NOT THE VOLUME THAT HAPPENED ON THURSDAY, BUT BECAUSE
 6:33:11PM WE DID GET RAIN LAST NIGHT, THERE'S WATER LEAVING THAT SITE
 6:33:14PM AND THAT'S WHY IT'S GOING TO BE IMPORTANT TOMORROW TO SEND
 6:33:18PM THEM A LETTER THAT THEY NEED TO SHUT DOWN THEIR CONSTRUCTION
 6:33:22PM OTHER THAN COMING UP WITH A REMEDIATION PLAN TO MAKE SURE NO
 6:33:27PM WATER LEAVES THAT SITE GOING FORWARD.
 6:33:31PM >>Jon McLain: BAD TIME OF YEAR TO HAVE THAT KIND OF WATER ON
 6:33:34PM THE PROPERTY, JUST LIKE IRMA IN THE PAST.
 6:33:36PM >>David Willems: IT'S COMMON.
 6:33:37PM THIS SUMMER IS NOT ANY DIFFERENT THAN ANY SUMMER -- WE HAVE
 6:33:40PM CONSTRUCTION SITES ALL OVER THE VILLAGE, AND THIS IS THE
 6:33:43PM ONLY ONE THIS HAS HAPPENED TO.
 6:33:45PM WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN, WHEN THE WATER GETS HIGH, YOU HAVE TO
 6:33:48PM STOP CONSTRUCTION.
 6:33:49PM IT'S JUST PART OF DOING THAT TYPE OF WORK DURING THIS TIME
 6:33:54PM OF THE YEAR.
 6:33:55PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, DAVID.
 6:33:56PM MR. ESCHENFELDER, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE FOR US?
 6:33:59PM >>Robert Eschenfelder: NO, MA'AM, MADAM MAYOR.
 6:34:01PM >>Mayor Ribble: I'LL OPEN IT UP TO COUNCIL IF ANYBODY HAS

 6:34:03PM ANYTHING.
 6:34:04PM COUNCILMAN McLAIN, YOU HAVE SOMETHING.
 6:34:06PM >>Jon McLain: I'VE GOT QUITE A FEW.
 6:34:08PM WE WENT THROUGH THE MEETING PRETTY QUICK, WHICH IS GOOD.
 6:34:12PM IT'S BEEN A GOOD SUMMER, SO I WANT TO JUST GET UP TO SPEED.
 6:34:15PM I'VE BEEN BACK FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS NOW, AND I'VE BEEN
 6:34:20PM FOLLOWING, UP AND DOWN SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE SUMMER.
 6:34:24PM I GOT ON COUNCIL A COUPLE OF WEEKS BEFORE IRMA.
 6:34:30PM JUST TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY, IRMA, BEFORE WE HAD IRMA COME
 6:34:36PM THROUGH, WE HAD LIKE 14 OR MAYBE MORE INCHES OF RAIN.
 6:34:39PM WE HAD A LOT OF RAIN.
 6:34:40PM WHAT I REALIZE, AND THIS IS KIND OF A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, I
 6:34:44PM GUESS, TO ANYBODY THAT'S LISTENING AND HOPEFULLY HOA
 6:34:48PM MANAGEMENT.
 6:34:48PM BUT LOOKING AT OUR LAKES AND PONDS TODAY, IT'S VERY SIMILAR
 6:34:52PM TO WHERE THEY WERE BACK IN '17.
 6:34:56PM MAYBE NOT QUITE AS HIGH, BUT THEY ARE DISCHARGING I THINK AT
 6:34:59PM THIS POINT.
 6:35:00PM SO I JUST WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT MY HOA AND THE OTHER

6:35:04PM HOAs IN ALL 44, 45 THAT WE HAVE, THEY ARE LOOKING AT THEIR
 6:35:10PM STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE
 6:35:13PM INTERCONNECTING LAKES -- THAT THEIR INTERCONNECTING LAKES
 6:35:17PM ARE TRANSFERRING WATER BETWEEN THEM OR YOU'LL GET FLOOD AND
 6:35:20PM ALSO MAKE SURE THEY LOOK AT THEIR DISCHARGE PLACE, THAT, IN
 6:35:23PM FACT, THAT'S FLOWING.

6:35:24PM I HAVE BEEN BY ON BROADWAY, BROADWAY, IT'S HARD TO SEE THE
 6:35:30PM FLOW BUT IT'S DEFINITELY MOVING DOWN THERE.
 6:35:32PM THIS DIDN'T HELP WITH THE COLOR.
 6:35:34PM THAT LOOKS LIKE WE, IN TALKING TO STEVE EARLIER IN THE
 6:35:39PM SUMMER, THAT WE CUT THE GRASS IN THERE.
 6:35:41PM I THINK IT'S IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE TO DO THAT.
 6:35:45PM IF THE INDIVIDUAL HOAs HAVEN'T DONE THEIR SEDIMENT REMOVAL
 6:35:49PM WITHIN THEIR INTERCHANGE OF LAKES, THAT COULD BE A LITTLE
 6:35:51PM BIT OF AN ISSUE.
 6:35:53PM HOPEFULLY EVERYBODY WILL LOOK AT THAT.
 6:35:55PM I'LL BE CALLING MY HOAs IN MY COMMUNITY TO SAY, HEY, WHAT
 6:36:00PM ARE YOU DOING ABOUT THIS JUST AS A REMINDER.
 6:36:03PM HOPEFULLY WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT.
 6:36:05PM SO, I WANTED TO GIVE KIND OF AN UPDATE ON BERT.
 6:36:14PM >>Mayor Ribble: CAN I INTERRUPT YOU, JON, BEFORE YOU GO INTO
 6:36:17PM ANOTHER?
 6:36:17PM JUST REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING.
 6:36:19PM I KNOW WE ARE DOING CLEAN OUT OF ALL OUR STORM SEWERS.
 6:36:25PM DO WE DO THAT TYPICALLY ON THE ROADS THAT WE OWN SO THAT
 6:36:29PM THEY ARE CLEAR FOR ANY SEVERE AMOUNT OF WATER THAT WE MIGHT
 6:36:34PM GET IN A TROPICAL STORM?
 6:36:35PM >>Steven Sarkozy: YES.
 6:36:36PM PRIOR TO THE WET SEASON, PRIOR TO JUNE 1st, WE
 6:36:43PM SYSTEMATICALLY GO THROUGH ALL OF OUR STORMWATER AREAS, OUR
 6:36:48PM DITCHES AND WHATNOT, AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE MOWED TO A

6:36:54PM LOW LEVEL SO THAT THERE ARE NO OBSTRUCTIONS.
 6:36:57PM WE REMOVE ANY OBSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING IS
 6:37:00PM FREE FLOWING.
 6:37:02PM IN THE PAST, WE'VE DONE THE DITCH ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE
 6:37:08PM SEMINOLE RAIL LINE, ACTUALLY THROUGH THIS AREA, BECAUSE THAT
 6:37:14PM IS ONE OF THE MAJOR DITCHES.
 6:37:20PM AND ROUTINELY WE TAKE CARE OF ISSUES.
 6:37:22PM THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT THINGS DON'T GET PLUGGED.
 6:37:26PM IT JUST HAPPENED OVER THE WEEKEND WHERE ON RIVER RANCH ROAD
 6:37:29PM AT CORALEE ON THE WEST SIDE OF RIVER RANCH, THE WATER FLOWS
 6:37:35PM TO THE NORTH TOWARDS CORKSCREW, AND WE HAD A STRUCTURE THAT

6:37:40PM WAS CLOGGED AND CREATED A LOT OF FLOODING, ALMOST FLOODED A
 6:37:44PM COUPLE OF HOUSES.
 6:37:45PM IT JUST REQUIRES ONGOING ATTENTION.
 6:37:51PM DAVID, IF YOU WANT TO EMBELLISH ON THAT AT ALL.
 6:37:55PM WHEN WE GET CALLS, WE GO OUT AND RESPOND.
 6:38:02PM >>David Willems: THE MAIN CHANNELS WE'RE OUT THERE THREE
 6:38:05PM TIMES A YEAR LOOKING AT THEM.
 6:38:06PM COUPLE OF OUTFALLS ALONG BROADWAY AND THEN THIS ONE FOR THE
 6:38:10PM RAILROAD, BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE RIVER WE MAINTAIN
 6:38:14PM THOSE THREE TIMES A YEAR.
 6:38:15PM THE ONE ON RIVER RANCH ROAD, IT'S AN OLDER SYSTEM, AND THE
 6:38:21PM INLET STRUCTURE JUST GETS CLOGGED.
 6:38:24PM IT'S NOT SEDIMENT.
 6:38:25PM IF YOU GO OUT THERE RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO DIRT IN THERE.

 6:38:28PM IT'S JUST PALM FRONDS AND THINGS GET STUCK ON THE GRATE AND
 6:38:31PM THEN -- ONCE THAT IS REMOVED, IT GOES DOWN PRETTY QUICKLY.
 6:38:35PM ON COCONUT ROAD, EL DORADO, WE JUST CLEANED THAT PIPE OUT I
 6:38:41PM THINK JUST TWO WEEKS AGO.
 6:38:44PM WE'RE DOING THINGS ALL OVER THE VILLAGE.
 6:38:45PM JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT THINGS ARE FLOWING.
 6:38:49PM >>Mayor Ribble: GOOD.
 6:38:50PM THANK YOU.
 6:38:50PM SORRY TO INTERRUPT, JON.
 6:38:52PM PLEASE, CONTINUE.
 6:38:55PM >>Jon McLain: I'VE BEEN SPENDING A FAIR AMOUNT OF TIME OVER
 6:38:58PM THE SUMMERTIME ON CONFERENCE CALLS TALKING ABOUT BERT.
 6:39:00PM A LOT OF YOU KNOW WE ARE DOING -- PHASE ONE IS ABOUT 11.7
 6:39:08PM MILES OR SO.
 6:39:09PM COST TO THAT IS \$70.4 MILLION.
 6:39:14PM TO DATE, IS WITH THE VILLAGE, BONITA SPRINGS AND COLLIER
 6:39:20PM SAYING, HEY, IF WE CAN GET THE PURCHASE THROUGH, WE'VE GOT A
 6:39:25PM COMMITMENT OF ABOUT \$40 MILLION.
 6:39:27PM A LITTLE BIT SHORT OF THAT.
 6:39:29PM ON THE SEPTEMBER 23rd OF THIS MONTH, COLLIER MAY JUMP THAT
 6:39:34PM UP TO ANOTHER 7.
 6:39:37PM SO WE'LL BE AROUND \$47 MILLION, 46, \$47 MILLION AGAINST
 6:39:43PM 70.4.
 6:39:45PM BIG SHORTFALL.
 6:39:47PM CAN'T GO TO THE RAILROAD AND SAY, HEY, TAKE 40, TAKE IT OR

 6:39:50PM LEAVE IT.
 6:39:51PM SO WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING EARLIER IN THE SUMMER, WE HAD A
 6:39:55PM MEETING WITH THE FLORIDA FOREVER FOUNDATION.

6:39:58PM THEY ARE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.
 6:40:02PM THERE WAS I THINK FOUR OR FIVE OF US ON THE COUNCIL.
 6:40:06PM WHAT WE DID IS WE TRIED TO GET BERT UPGRADED FROM WHERE IT
 6:40:10PM WAS.
 6:40:11PM IT WAS A TENTATIVE PROGRAM, AND WE ACTUALLY MOVED IT UP TO A
 6:40:14PM HIGHER LEVEL TO LIKE NUMBER TWO OR THREE, WHICH IS PRETTY
 6:40:19PM SIGNIFICANT.
 6:40:20PM AND A COUPLE OF PEOPLE ACTUALLY GOT DROPPED OFF IS HOW WE
 6:40:24PM GOT UP IN A HIGHER POSITION.
 6:40:26PM WELL, THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION THIS YEAR
 6:40:30PM DIDN'T FUND FOR THOSE FOREVER AND THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN \$300
 6:40:35PM MILLION A YEAR, I THINK -- I THINK THEY MAY HAVE GIVEN THEM
 6:40:40PM A HUNDRED THIS YEAR, POSSIBLY.
 6:40:42PM IT IS A MULTILEVEL GRANT PROGRAM THAT THEY GO THROUGH.
 6:40:44PM WE HADN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM THEM.
 6:40:48PM A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, WE CALLED AND DOUG, THE LAND FOR
 6:40:56PM PUBLIC TRUST, WE ENCOURAGED HIM TO REACH OUT AND HAVE
 6:40:59PM ANOTHER MEETING BUT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
 6:41:02PM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOREVER FOUNDATION.
 6:41:05PM AND LET'S HAVE A MEETING TO SAY, ARE WE GOING TO GET SOME
 6:41:09PM MONEY THIS YEAR OR DO WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE NEXT SESSION
 6:41:14PM OF THE STATE?

 6:41:15PM MY FEELING IS THAT WAITING UNTIL NEXT YEAR IS GOING TO BE
 6:41:20PM FUTILE LIKE IT IS THIS YEAR.
 6:41:22PM I DON'T SEE STATE FUNDING ALL OF A SUDDEN OPENING UP IN YEAR
 6:41:28PM 2026.
 6:41:29PM WE HAD A CALL A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, JUST TWO WEEKS AGO, I
 6:41:33PM GUESS, WITH THE DEVELOPER.
 6:41:34PM HE LOVES THE PROJECT.
 6:41:36PM HE THINKS IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE WHOLE GREENWAY, THE WHOLE
 6:41:38PM BIKE SYSTEM GOING THROUGH FLORIDA.
 6:41:40PM IT IS A GREAT PIECE FOR IT.
 6:41:42PM WITH COLLIER INVOLVED IN IT, IT IS A BIG DEAL FOR THEM
 6:41:45PM BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO FREE UP MORE TRAILS.
 6:41:49PM THEY ALREADY HAVE QUASI DONE.
 6:41:51PM UNFORTUNATELY, SOME OF IT GOES ACROSS THE RAILROADS.
 6:41:55PM THAT'S KIND OF LIKE OUR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT THAT WE WORK
 6:41:58PM WITH.
 6:41:58PM SO, WE HAD THE MEETING.
 6:42:02PM OUR OBJECTIVE FOR THE MEETING WAS TO SAY THAT THEY WOULD
 6:42:06PM CONSIDER OUR REQUEST AS OPPOSED TO SAYING WE COULD HAVE HAD
 6:42:10PM THE PHONE CALL AND SAY THERE ARE NO FUNDS.
 6:42:16PM WE DON'T HAVE ANY FUNDS AT ALL.

6:42:17PM THE DIRECTOR LOVES THE PROGRAM.
 6:42:18PM HE SAID LET ME PUT A PEN AND PENCIL TO PAPER AND I'LL GET
 6:42:24PM BACK TO YOU.
 6:42:25PM I COMMENTED, LIKE TO HAVE AN ANSWER BY SEPTEMBER 15.

 6:42:29PM SO THAT GIVES THEM ABOUT TWO AND A HALF, THREE WEEKS, I
 6:42:32PM GUESS.
 6:42:32PM HIS COMMENT BACK TO THAT WAS, THAT'S QUICK, BUT WE'LL TRY --
 6:42:38PM HE DIDN'T COMMENT THAT HE COULD DO IT.
 6:42:41PM BUT I'M EXPECTING THEY COULD PROBABLY COME BACK WITHIN THE
 6:42:46PM TIME THAT COLLIER IS GOING TO APPROVE EITHER -- FUNDS ON THE
 6:42:52PM 27th OF SEPTEMBER.
 6:42:53PM AS TODAY, I CALLED DOUG HATTAWAY AND SAID ANY COMMENTS
 6:42:57PM BECAUSE I KNEW THIS WOULD COME UP IN THE MEETING.
 6:43:00PM DIDN'T HAVE ANY COMMENTS.
 6:43:01PM WANTED TO GIVE THEM TIME TO LOOK.
 6:43:03PM WHAT WE ARE ASKING THEM TO DO -- I'M NOT AN EXPERT -- WE'RE
 6:43:07PM BASICALLY ASKING THEM TO DO, THEY HAVE A LOT OF GRANTS OUT
 6:43:10PM THERE.
 6:43:11PM PEOPLE GET GRANTS.
 6:43:11PM THEY MAKE THE REQUEST FOR THEM.
 6:43:13PM THEY GET A GRANTED GRANT OF X NUMBER OF DOLLARS.
 6:43:17PM SOMETIMES THEY SIT THERE FOR TWO- OR THREE-YEAR PERIOD WHICH
 6:43:21PM IS PAST THE EXPIRATION DATE.
 6:43:23PM SO IF HE LOOKS IN HIS BOOKS AND FINDS OUT THAT THERE'S 15
 6:43:28PM MILLION, HOPEFULLY \$20 MILLION SITTING AROUND IN THOSE
 6:43:31PM POCKETS AND REALLOCATE THAT TO US, THAT WOULD BE A GODSEND.
 6:43:36PM IT WOULD TAKE US FROM THE 40 TO ABOUT 60, 70, THERE IS A 10
 6:43:46PM MILLION DELTA IN THERE.
 6:43:47PM I THINK WE'RE AT A POINT WHERE WE CAN TALK TO THE RAILROAD.

 6:43:50PM NEXT STEP WOULD BE WE CALL THEM FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK AND FIND
 6:43:54PM OUT, HAS THERE BEEN ANY ACTIVITY OR IS THERE NO HOPE?
 6:43:59PM THERE ARE SOME OTHER ALTERNATIVES THAT WE CAN DO.
 6:44:02PM I THINK DOUG HATTAWAY FROM THE FOREVER -- LAND FOR PUBLIC
 6:44:07PM TRUST IS A VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE GUY AND GOOD PRESENTER.
 6:44:14PM I WISH I HAD A SOLID ANSWER --
 6:44:17PM >>Mayor Ribble: YOU HAVE TO SPEAK INTO THE MIKE.
 6:44:20PM >>Jon McLain: OH, SORRY.
 6:44:20PM I WISH I COULD SAY, YEP, IT IS POTENTIALLY A DONE DEAL IN
 6:44:25PM THERE.
 6:44:25PM I WILL KEEP STEVE INVOLVED.
 6:44:28PM WE TALK PRETTY REGULARLY ON THIS AS TO WHERE ARE WE ON THIS
 6:44:32PM SITUATION.

6:44:34PM >>Jim Ward: THE 70 MILLION YOU REFERENCED, THAT'S JUST TO
 6:44:37PM THE ESTERO PARKWAY.
 6:44:39PM >>Jon McLain: DOWN IN COLLIER.
 6:44:43PM THAT WOULD TAKE TO US 80.2.
 6:44:46PM >>Jim Ward: THERE IS NO AGREEMENT ESSENTIALLY WITH SEMINOLE
 6:44:49PM THAT THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING TO GET TO.
 6:44:51PM >>Jon McLain: FOR THE 70?
 6:44:53PM >>Jim Ward: WELL, YEAH.
 6:44:54PM THEY HAVE NOT AGREED TO JUST END THE PROJECT AT 70.
 6:44:57PM >>Jon McLain: YES, THEY HAVE.
 6:44:58PM THEY HAVE AGREED TO THAT.
 6:44:59PM WHAT THEY HAVEN'T AGREED TO IS REDUCED PRICE.

 6:45:04PM WE'RE GOING TO GO FORWARD WITH SOME NEW APPRAISALS.
 6:45:07PM THEY TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO DO.
 6:45:09PM I SAID IT'S A WASTE OF TIME.
 6:45:11PM WE DON'T NEED APPRAISALS.
 6:45:13PM WE'LL GO IN WITH A PRICE LOWER THAN WHAT THE PREVIOUS
 6:45:19PM APPRAISALS AND SEE WHERE IT GOES.
 6:45:21PM WE'VE BEEN WORKING HARD ON IT.
 6:45:24PM WE'LL SEE WHERE IT COMES UP.
 6:45:26PM I KNOW WE HAVE A HIGH NUMBER, \$57 MILLION CAPITAL
 6:45:34PM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.
 6:45:35PM THIS IS A BIG NUT FOR THAT.
 6:45:38PM THAT AT SOME POINT WE'LL HAVE TO SAY, DO WE TRANSFER THOSE
 6:45:43PM FUNDS ELSEWHERE?
 6:45:44PM I'D LIKE TO ASK COUNCIL TO GIVE US A CHANCE HERE TO GET
 6:45:47PM MAYBE TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR BEFORE WE MAKE THOSE KIND
 6:45:51PM OF DECISIONS.
 6:45:52PM WE DON'T HAVE ANY LOANS GOING IN FOR THE BUDGET FOR NEXT
 6:45:57PM YEAR, SO I DO THINK TIMING IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO SAY
 6:46:00PM IS THIS REALLY DOABLE OR NOT OR WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES?
 6:46:04PM THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES WE CAN PLAY WITH, BUT I DON'T WANT TO
 6:46:06PM BORE YOU WITH THAT THIS EVENING.
 6:46:07PM MY FEELING IS, YOU DON'T CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES UNTIL YOU RUN
 6:46:11PM THE WHOLE COURSE ON WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW.
 6:46:13PM I THINK WE'VE PUT EVERYTHING IN PLACE.
 6:46:18PM I DON'T THINK WE COULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING ANY BETTER THAN

 6:46:20PM WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW.
 6:46:21PM BUT YOU NEED THE MONEY.
 6:46:24PM I HAVE REACHED OUT TO OUR COMMISSIONER DAVID McCOLLOUGH
 6:46:30PM AND TALKED TO HIM A COUPLE OF TIMES TO GET HIM UP TO SPEED.
 6:46:34PM LET'S SAY WE GET 60 AND THE RAILROAD COMES BACK AT 65,

6:46:41PM POSSIBLE SCENARIO THAT COULD HAPPEN.
 6:46:43PM I ASKED HIM, I SAID, CAN YOU STAND UP FOR US AND GET US 5
 6:46:47PM MILLION BUCKS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS?
 6:46:50PM HIS COMMENTS BACK TO ME WERE, I THOUGHT YOU GUYS WOULD BE
 6:46:54PM ASKING FOR A LOT MORE MONEY THAN THAT.
 6:46:56PM SO THAT COULD BE A ROUTE THAT COULD PUT THIS THING OVER THE
 6:47:01PM THRESHOLD.
 6:47:02PM AND THERE ARE A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS THAT WE CAN DO.
 6:47:05PM I'VE ASKED STEVE, HAVE A LITTLE PATIENCE, JUST LIKE ALL
 6:47:10PM THESE PUBLIC PROJECTS WE'VE GOT, IT TAKES TIME.
 6:47:12PM THIS IS A COMPLEX ISSUE.
 6:47:15PM THE FRIENDS OF BERT, DEB ORTON, SHE IS A DYNAMO.
 6:47:21PM SHE'S GOT PRIVATE DONORS THAT ARE LOOKING FOR NAMING RIGHTS.
 6:47:29PM MAINLY WHAT WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT IS THAT WOULD HELP US
 6:47:32PM IMPROVE THE PROJECT, BUT IF WE COULD GET A COUPLE OF MILLION
 6:47:35PM BUCKS HERE, COUPLE MILLION THERE FROM PRIVATE DONORS WITH
 6:47:38PM SOME NAMING RIGHTS, THAT COULD TAKE US OVER THE THRESHOLD,
 6:47:42PM TOO.
 6:47:43PM I THINK IF WE HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL THESE OPTIONS AND WE ARE
 6:47:46PM COMING DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE FUNNEL, WE'LL SEE HERE I

 6:47:50PM THINK WITHIN 60 DAYS WE'LL KNOW EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE.
 6:47:53PM IF WE GET THE FUNDING, YOU SHARE IT WITH THE RAILROAD AND
 6:47:59PM THERE'S GOING TO BE HEAVY NEGOTIATIONS BACK IN THERE.
 6:48:01PM IF WE COME TO AN AGREEMENT, THE SITUATION WITH THE RAILROAD
 6:48:07PM IS ONCE WE NOTIFY THEM, WE HAVE AVAILABLE FUNDS AND WE AGREE
 6:48:11PM ON WHATEVER THAT PRICE MIGHT BE, IT TAKES THEM ABOUT SIX
 6:48:15PM MONTHS TO STRETCH THAT OUT MAYBE TO EIGHT MONTHS, TO GO
 6:48:18PM THROUGH ALL THE LEGAL ITEMS THAT THEY HAVE TO DO -- I DON'T
 6:48:23PM KNOW WHAT THE RIGHT WORD IS FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT --
 6:48:25PM DISENFRANCHISE US FROM THE RAILROAD AND THE FEDERAL
 6:48:30PM REGULATIONS AND ALL.
 6:48:31PM THAT'S THEIR JOB TO TAKE SIX MONTHS OR EIGHT MONTHS TO BE
 6:48:34PM ABLE TO TRANSFER THAT OWNERSHIP OVER TO US.
 6:48:39PM IT'S PRETTY COMPLEX.
 6:48:40PM THAT'S AN UPDATE ON THAT.
 6:48:42PM I'M OPTIMISTIC STILL.
 6:48:48PM I'VE GOT ONE OTHER THING.
 6:48:49PM I'M UP IN SOUTH CAROLINA THIS SUMMER, AND THERE IS A LITTLE
 6:48:53PM CITY, 10,000 PEOPLE.
 6:48:56PM EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT THEY HAVE A THING CALLED ALLEY CAT OR
 6:49:03PM SOMETHING.
 6:49:06PM IT IS A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORIC SECTION OF A TOWN OF 10,000
 6:49:10PM PEOPLE.

6:49:11PM IT HAS A BIGGER DRAW AROUND IT BECAUSE THERE ARE A COUPLE OF
6:49:14PM COUNTIES RIGHT THERE.

6:49:15PM EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT DURING THE SUMMER, WHATEVER NUMBER THAT
6:49:17PM WOULD BE, 12 TIMES, THEY HAVE MUSIC.
6:49:21PM THEY SHUT OFF KIND OF AN L SECTION, TO TWO INTERSECTIONS
6:49:25PM COMING TOGETHER WITH A BAND STAND UP IN THE MIDDLE.
6:49:28PM TWO BANDS, USUALLY THEY ARE NOT -- WHO IS THE COWBOY -- NOT
6:49:35PM BEN ALLEN.
6:49:36PM NOT PAYING HIM THE DOLLARS THAT HE CHARGES, I'M SURE.
6:49:39PM BUT THEY SET UP THE TABLES OUT THERE.
6:49:43PM THEY BRING IN A COUPLE OF FOOD TRUCKS.
6:49:45PM THE FOOD TRUCKS ARE GENERALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESTAURANT
6:49:49PM THAT'S IN THIS ALLEY AREA THAT THEY HAVE.
6:49:52PM I'M GOING, HOW DO THEY AFFORD TO DO THAT EVERY THURSDAY
6:49:55PM NIGHT?
6:49:56PM THEY HAVE THE POLICE FORCE IN THERE.
6:49:57PM SO MY OBJECTIVE HERE IS I'M GOING TO CALL THEM HERE IN THE
6:50:02PM NEXT WEEK OR TWO AND SAY, HOW DO YOU DO IT AND WHAT THE
6:50:06PM MODEL IS THEY USE.
6:50:08PM OBVIOUSLY THEY ARE GETTING SOME OF THE RESTAURANTS TO PUNCH
6:50:10PM IN THERE.
6:50:10PM BUT I LOOK AT OUR SPORTS PARK AND THE LIKE THAT WE HAVE,
6:50:14PM WHAT A WAY TO BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER.
6:50:16PM THERE WAS 10,000 PEOPLE AT -- THIS EVENT EASILY HAD FIVE OR
6:50:24PM SIX HUNDRED PEOPLE ON THE STREETS, EATING FOOD, HAVING A
6:50:28PM GREAT TIME.
6:50:28PM I LOOK AT THAT AS A QUASI-MODEL FOR US IF WE GET THE SPORT

6:50:31PM PARK AND THE BIG CENTRAL GREENWAY OR SOMETHING.
6:50:36PM >>Mayor Ribble: I'M CALLING IT AN EVENT FIELD WHERE WE CAN
6:50:39PM HAVE EVENTS LIKE THAT.
6:50:40PM >>Jon McLain: BRING THE FOOD TRUCKS IN AND WE GOT TO DO IT
6:50:43PM FOR LESS THAN TEN GRAND THE TIME THAT WE DO IT, RIGHT.
6:50:46PM THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT.
6:50:48PM >>Mayor Ribble: THANK YOU, JON.
6:50:49PM ANYONE ELSE?
6:50:52PM >>Jim Ward: JUST TO FOLLOW UP ON JON'S POINT REGARDING THE
6:50:55PM PONDS, THEY ARE VERY HIGH.
6:50:57PM I NOTICED THEM IN THE BROOKS AND MY COMMUNITY, THEY ARE AS
6:51:00PM HIGH AS I'VE SEEN THEM IN A LONG TIME.
6:51:02PM THE BROOKS CDD DO MANAGE THOSE LAKES, AND THEY STAY ON TOP
6:51:08PM OF THE LEVELS AND THEY HAD THE ABILITY TO WORK WITH THE
6:51:11PM SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO REDUCE THE

6:51:16PM LEVEL AT CERTAIN POINTS IN TIME, PARTICULARLY IF THEY KNOW A
 6:51:20PM NAMED STORM IS GOING TO OCCUR WITHIN A CERTAIN POINT IN
 6:51:24PM TIME.
 6:51:25PM THEY WILL OPEN UP THE WEIR ON THREE OAKS AND LET THE WATER
 6:51:29PM GO OUT AND INTO THE ESTERO RIVER, SO THEY DO HAVE A PROCESS
 6:51:34PM AND DO MONITOR THAT VERY CAREFULLY.
 6:51:36PM TO YOUR POINT, THE LAKES ARE AS HIGH AS I'VE SEEN THEM IN A
 6:51:40PM LONG TIME.
 6:51:40PM OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, I'VE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF
 6:51:44PM E-MAILS FROM RESIDENTS WITHIN THE BROOKS CONCERNING THE I-75

6:51:49PM EXPANSION.
 6:51:49PM AND THEIR NEED OR THEIR DESIRE FOR A NOISE ABATEMENT WALL.
 6:51:55PM AND THEY HAVE BEEN TALKING WITH F.D.O.T.
 6:51:57PM THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH WHAT F.D.O.T. IS PROPOSING AS A
 6:52:01PM NOISE ABATEMENT WALL, BUT THERE'S CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF
 6:52:05PM INTEREST, PARTICULARLY IN THE COMMUNITIES OF COPPERLEAF AND
 6:52:08PM LIGHTHOUSE BAY, WHICH LITERALLY ARE PROBABLY A NINE IRON
 6:52:14PM FROM I-75.
 6:52:16PM SO THEY ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT IT.
 6:52:20PM THEY ARE ASKING THE VILLAGE TO HELP WITH THEM IN TERMS OF
 6:52:25PM GIVING SOME NOTIFICATION TO F.D.O.T. OR LEE COUNTY THAT WE
 6:52:30PM SUPPORT THEIR NEEDS AND SUPPORT THEIR DESIRE FOR A WALL.
 6:52:36PM I'VE HAD A DISCUSSION WITH STEVE ABOUT THAT, AND WE'LL
 6:52:41PM PROBABLY BRING SOMETHING BACK TO COUNCIL IN THE NEXT COUPLE
 6:52:43PM OF WEEKS WITH REGARD TO THAT.
 6:52:46PM BUT IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT.
 6:52:50PM >>Jon McLain: ISN'T THERE A WALL NOW, A SIX FOOT WALL?
 6:52:53PM >>Jim Ward: A WALL IN CERTAIN AREAS, BUT NOT CONTINUOUS
 6:52:57PM WALL.
 6:52:57PM THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A CONTINUOUS WALL FROM PEBBLE POINT ALL
 6:53:00PM THE WAY DOWN SOUTH I GUESS THROUGH LIGHTHOUSE BAY.
 6:53:04PM OBVIOUSLY OTHER COMMUNITIES SOUTH OF ESTERO INTO BONITA
 6:53:11PM SPRINGS AND COLLIER COUNTY AS WELL THAT WILL BE IMPACTED BY
 6:53:16PM THIS.
 6:53:16PM BUT IN ESTERO, I THINK IT'S PRIMARILY THE BROOKS

6:53:21PM COMMUNITIES, AND IT'S PROBABLY A COUPLE OF COMMUNITIES OFF
 6:53:23PM OF THREE OAKS THAT HAVE A CONCERN AS WELL, I WOULD GUESS.
 6:53:27PM I HAVE NOT HEARD THAT, BUT I WOULD GUESS THEY WOULD BE
 6:53:30PM IMPACTED AS WELL.
 6:53:31PM >>Mayor Ribble: JIM, I WAS AT THE MPO TODAY, AT THE
 6:53:34PM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
 6:53:35PM DON SCOTT, WHO RUNS THE MEETINGS, HELD UP A STACK OF THE

6:53:41PM E-MAILS THAT HE HAS GOTTEN, AS WELL AS WE HAVE ALL GOTTEN
 6:53:45PM E-MAILS.
 6:53:46PM I DID GET A CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH THE F.D.O.T. REPRESENTATIVE
 6:53:50PM THERE.
 6:53:51PM HE'S SENDING ME INFORMATION THAT HOPEFULLY I WILL HAVE BY
 6:53:54PM THE NEXT MEETING FOR ANY UPDATE.
 6:53:57PM NOT THAT THIS MAKES A HUGE BIT OF DIFFERENCE, BUT THE
 6:54:00PM ADDITIONAL LANES THAT ARE BEING BUILT IN THE ESTERO PORTION,
 6:54:05PM INSTEAD OF BEING ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE EXISTING LANES, THEY
 6:54:08PM ARE GOING TO BE BUILT WITHIN THE MEDIAN.
 6:54:11PM SO NOT THAT THAT REDUCES THE NOISE ANY LESS, BUT THEY DON'T
 6:54:16PM HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THOSE LANES ENCROACHING CLOSER TO THEIR
 6:54:22PM PROPERTY.
 6:54:24PM >>Jim Ward: PROBABLY ISN'T AN AWFUL LOT OF ROOM TO ENCROACH
 6:54:28PM ON THAT SIDE.
 6:54:29PM YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BUILDING MORE TOWARDS THE MEDIAN.
 6:54:31PM >>Mayor Ribble: THEY ARE BUILDING WITHIN THE MEDIAN, YES.
 6:54:33PM IN BONITA, THEY ARE BUILDING ON THE OUTER PORTIONS OF THE

 6:54:37PM ROAD.
 6:54:37PM ONCE THEY GET TO ESTERO, THERE IS ENOUGH ROOM IN THE MEDIAN
 6:54:40PM TO PUT THE LANES IN THE MEDIAN.
 6:54:42PM >>Jim Ward: THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW.
 6:54:43PM >>Mayor Ribble: YES, WE'RE ALL CONCERNED AND WE'RE ALL
 6:54:45PM GETTING E-MAILS.
 6:54:46PM AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR OUR RESIDENTS.
 6:54:50PM >>Jon McLain: THE MPO IS A GOOD PLACE.
 6:54:54PM >>Mayor Ribble: AND THEY ARE WELL AWARE.
 6:54:55PM >>Jon McLain: IS IT THE LADY YOU WERE TALKING TO?
 6:54:58PM >>Mayor Ribble: NO, SHE MOVED TO THE MIAMI SIDE.
 6:55:02PM >>Jon McLain: OKAY.
 6:55:03PM I'LL RESERVE MY COMMENTS.
 6:55:04PM >>Mayor Ribble: ANYONE ELSE?
 6:55:05PM ALL RIGHT.
 6:55:07PM I JUST WANT TO SAY WE'VE BEEN HAVING RIBBON CUTTINGS ALL
 6:55:11PM OVER ESTERO.
 6:55:12PM THOSE OF YOU THAT JUST GOT BACK AND SEE ALL THE CONSTRUCTION
 6:55:15PM THAT'S HAPPENING NOW, BOTH THE ALE HOUSE AND NOW THE
 6:55:20PM McDONALD'S RIGHT ON 41 THERE IN THAT NEW SHOPPING CENTER
 6:55:24PM ARE NOW OPEN, AND THEIR PARKING LOTS ARE FULL ALL DAY LONG.
 6:55:29PM GO OUT AND ENJOY THEM.
 6:55:31PM ANYTHING ELSE?
 6:55:32PM ALL RIGHT.
 6:55:34PM MEETING ADJOURNED.

6:55:35PM THANK YOU.
6:55:36PM [SOUNDING GAVEL]
6:55:37PM >>Mayor Ribble: JIM IS GOING TO DO THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AND
6:55:49PM I'M SORRY GOING TO SECOND IT.

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2025

Agenda Item:

Resolution No. 2025-14

A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; Establishing the Date, Time and Place for a Public Hearing to Adopt the Final Millage Rate and Final Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and Providing an Effective Date.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-14.

Background:

On June 18, 2025, Council reviewed the proposed 2025-2026 budget, which included a proposed millage rate for fiscal year 2025-2026 of 0.7300 mills (\$0.7300 per \$1,000 of assessed property value).

The maximum millage rate for fiscal year 2025-2026 was adopted on July 2, 2025.

As required by Florida Statute Section 200.065, the Village must hold two public hearings to adopt a millage rate. The first, or "tentative," hearing is advertised on the Notice of Proposed Property Taxes (TRIM notice) that the property appraiser mails. The TRIM notice is the only advertisement required for the tentative hearing.

The proposed tentative millage rate for fiscal year 2025-2026 is 0.7300 mills. This proposed tentative millage rate is greater than the rolled-back rate of 0.6969 mills by 4.70%.

The second public hearing will be held on September 17, 2025, at 5:05 P.M. in the Village Council Chambers.

Description:

The proposed millage rate for fiscal year 2025-2026 is 0.7300 mills (\$0.7300 per \$1,000 of assessed property value) which is equal to the prior year rate. The two public hearings will be held on September 10, 2025, at 5:05 P.M. and September 17, 2025, at 5:05 P.M.

Action Requested:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-14.

Process and Timeline:

The next meeting on the millage rate will be a public hearing on September 17, 2025, at 5:05 P.M.

Financial Impact:

Approval of the resolution will adopt the tentative Ad Valorem millage rate for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Prepared by: Kevin Greenville, CPA

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2025-14

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 14

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE AND TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, on September 10, 2025, held a duly noticed public hearing as required by Florida Statutes 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida has been certified by the Lee County Property Appraiser to the Village of Estero as \$10,323,148,724; and

WHEREAS, a Tentative Budget and Tentative Millage Rate were considered and public comment was provided; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council publicly announced at the public hearing and prior to adoption of the Tentative Budget, the proposed millage rate necessary to fund the Tentative Budget other than the portion of the budget to be funded from sources other than ad valorem taxes and the percent, if any, by which the proposed millage rate exceeds the rolled-back rate, as required by Florida Statutes 200.065 and provided below;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida:

Section 1. The fiscal year 2025-2026 tentative ad valorem operating millage rate is hereby adopted at 0.7300 mills, which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 0.6969 mills by 4.70% and the levy of an annual tax for said year is made.

Section 2. A public meeting and hearing will be held to consider and adopt the final millage rate for fiscal 2025-2026 as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
September 17, 2025	5:05 P.M.	Village of Estero 9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle Estero, Florida 33928

Resolution No. 2025-14

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL of the Village of Estero, Florida on this 10th day of September 2025.

Attest:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: _____
Carol Sacco, Village Clerk

By: _____
Joanne Ribble, Mayor

Resolution No. 2025-14

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2025

Agenda Item:

Resolution No. 2025-15

A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, Adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and Providing an Effective Date.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-15.

Background:

On June 18, 2025, Council reviewed the proposed 2025-2026 budget.

The proposed budgeted expenditures as of June 18 were as follows:

General Fund	\$ 10,430,045
Special Revenue	\$ 2,117,865
Debt Service	\$ 920,000
Capital Projects	<u>\$ 57,470,106</u>
<u>Total All Funds</u>	<u>\$ 70,938,016</u>

Over July and August, the Village updates the budget as necessary. The following changes were made:

Revenue:



\$76,480 Ad Valorem Tax revenue increased due to updated assessment information from Lee County.

As required by Florida Statute Section 200.065, the Village must hold two public hearings to adopt a budget.

The second public hearing will be held on September 17, 2025, at 5:05 P.M. in the Village Council Chambers at 9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle.

Action Requested:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-15.

Process and Timeline:

The next meeting on the millage rate will be a public hearing on September 17, 2025, at 5:05 P.M.

Financial Impact:

Approval of Resolution No. 2025-15 will adopt the tentative budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Prepared by: Kevin Greenville, CPA

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2025-15
2. Budget Summary
3. FY 2026 Budget Presentation
4. FY 2026 Proposed Budget Book
5. VOE Renewal Recommendation

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15****A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF ESTERO, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2025-2026; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, held a duly noticed public hearing and received public comment, as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero, Lee County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimates for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as follows:

Expenditures	
General Fund	\$ 10,430,045
Special Revenue	\$ 2,117,865
Debt Service	\$ 920,000
Capital Projects	\$ <u>57,470,106</u>
Total All Funds	\$ <u>70,938,016</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida:

Section 1. The fiscal year 2025-2026 Tentative Budget is hereby adopted.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL of the Village of Estero, Florida this 10th day of September 2025. Time adopted _____ p.m.

Attest:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: _____
Carol Sacco, Village Clerk

By: _____
Joanne Ribble, Mayor

Resolution No. 2025-15

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BUDGET SUMMARY						
Village of Estero - Fiscal Year 2025-2026						
The proposed operating budget expenditures of the Village of Estero are 4.6% more than last years total operating expenditures.						
	GENERAL	SPECIAL	DEBT	CAPITAL	TOTAL ALL	
ESTIMATED REVENUES	FUND	REVENUE	SERVICE	PROJECTS	FUNDS	
Taxes:						
Ad Valorem Taxes						
General Fund Millage per \$1,000	0.7300	\$ 7,159,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,159,200
Gas Tax		625,000	-	-	415,000	1,040,000
Franchise Fees		3,212,500	-	-	-	3,212,500
Communication Services Tax		1,125,000	-	-	-	1,125,000
Other Taxes		25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Licenses and Permits		1,000	1,785,290	-	-	1,786,290
Intergovernmental Revenues		5,157,500	-	-	4,250,000	9,407,500
Charges for Services		353,000	53,465	-	-	406,465
Fines and Forfeitures		250	-	-	-	250
Impact Fees		-	-	-	5,935,528	5,935,528
Investment Earnings		650,000	17,000	-	525,500	1,192,500
Other Miscellaneous Revenues		101,000	-	-	-	101,000
TOTAL SOURCES	18,409,450	1,855,755	-	11,126,028	31,391,233	
Transfers In	-	-	920,000	24,595,105	25,515,105	
Proceeds from Debt Issue	-	-	-	-	-	
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	27,058,130	419,605	-	24,296,230	51,773,965	
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	\$ 45,467,580	\$ 2,275,360	\$ 920,000	\$ 60,017,363	\$ 108,680,303	
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	\$ 5,425,735	\$ -	\$ 920,000	\$ -	\$ 6,345,735	
Public Safety	64,275	2,117,865	-	-	2,182,140	
Physical Environment	505,000	-	-	14,125,106	14,630,106	
Transportation	3,869,310	-	-	16,050,000	19,919,310	
Human Services	50,925	-	-	-	50,925	
Culture and Recreation	514,800	-	-	27,295,000	27,809,800	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,430,045	2,117,865	920,000	57,470,106	70,938,016	
Transfers Out	25,515,105	-	-	-	25,515,105	
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	9,522,430	157,495	-	2,547,257	12,227,182	
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	\$ 45,467,580	\$ 2,275,360	\$ 920,000	\$ 60,017,363	\$ 108,680,303	
The tentative, adopted, and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above referenced taxing authority as a public record						



FY 2025/2026 Proposed Budget

Village Staff



Values of the Village

1. Stewardship – Low taxes (lowest in Florida)
2. Accountability – Commitment to Transparency
3. Cost Effective Operations – low staff-to-population ratio
4. No Short-Term Borrowing – upfront payments for Capital Projects
5. Limited Debt – currently debt free
6. Healthy Reserves – FY 25/26 continues the Village's commitment to maintaining adequate reserves



Purpose of the Annual Budget

Helps forecast revenues and expenses

Provides a point of reference for measuring actual performance against expectations

Assists in evaluating the financial feasibility of projects or initiatives



Standards and Guidelines

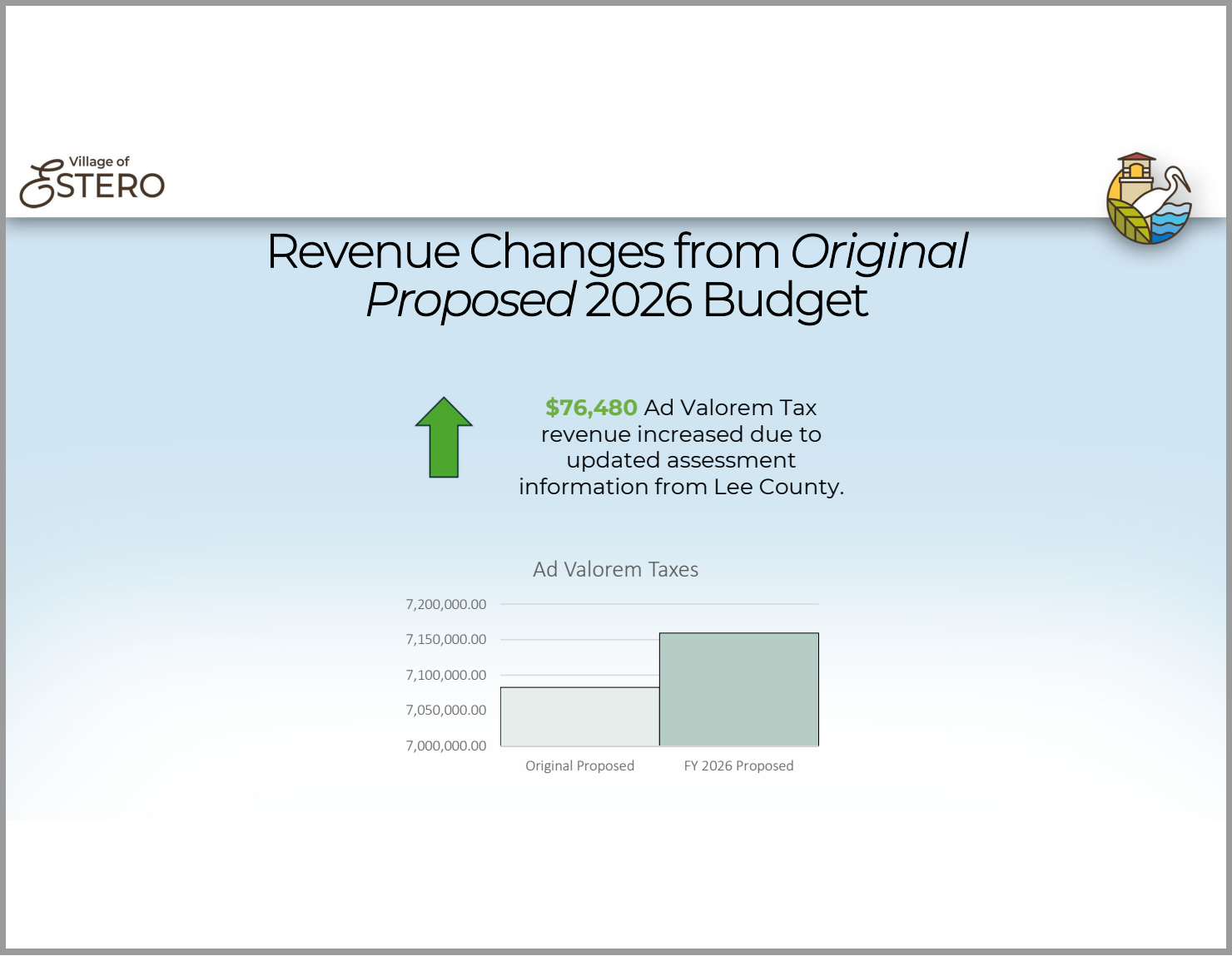
Florida statute 166.241 requires all municipalities to adopt an annual balanced budget by October 1.

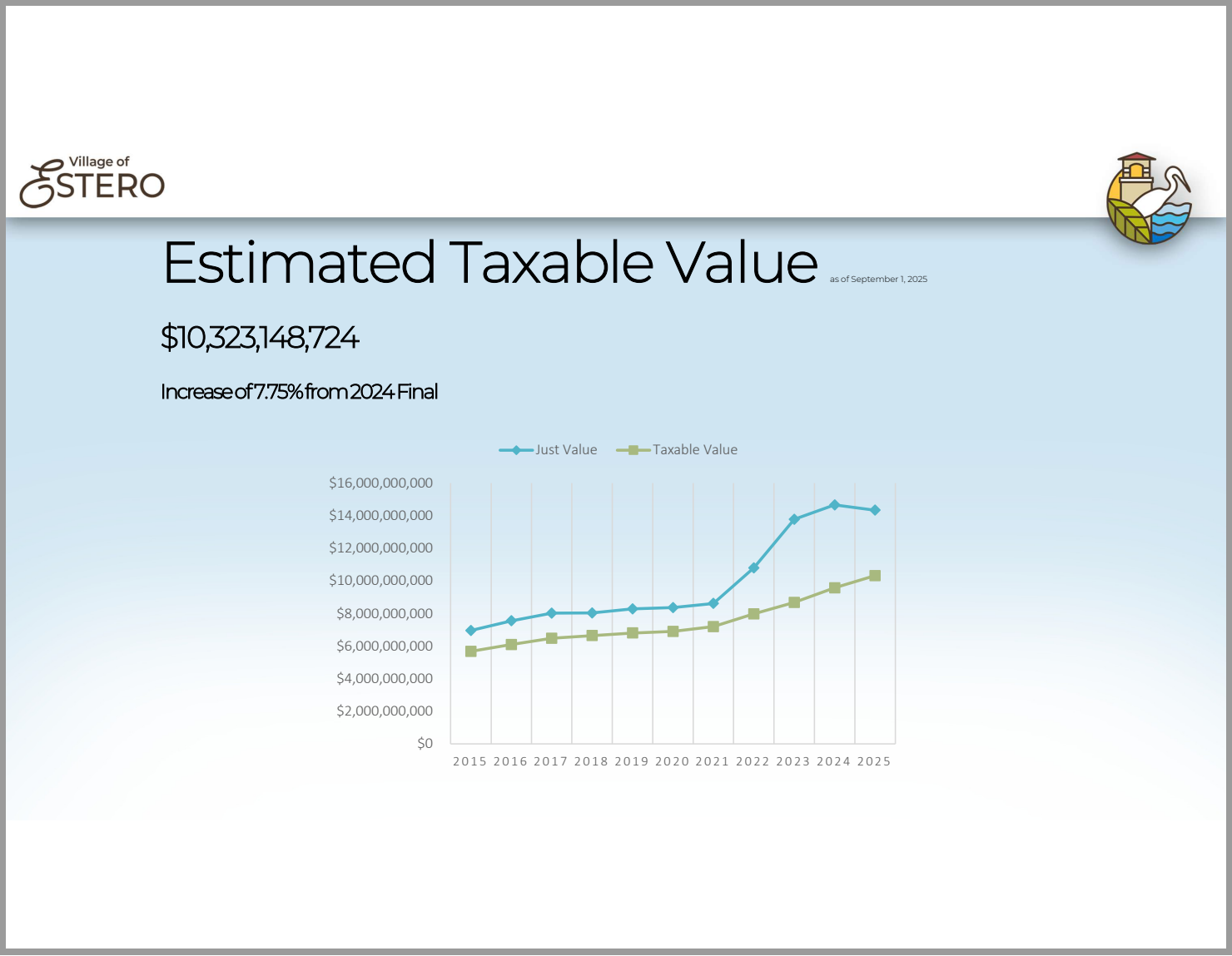
Revenue estimates must be reasonable and expected.

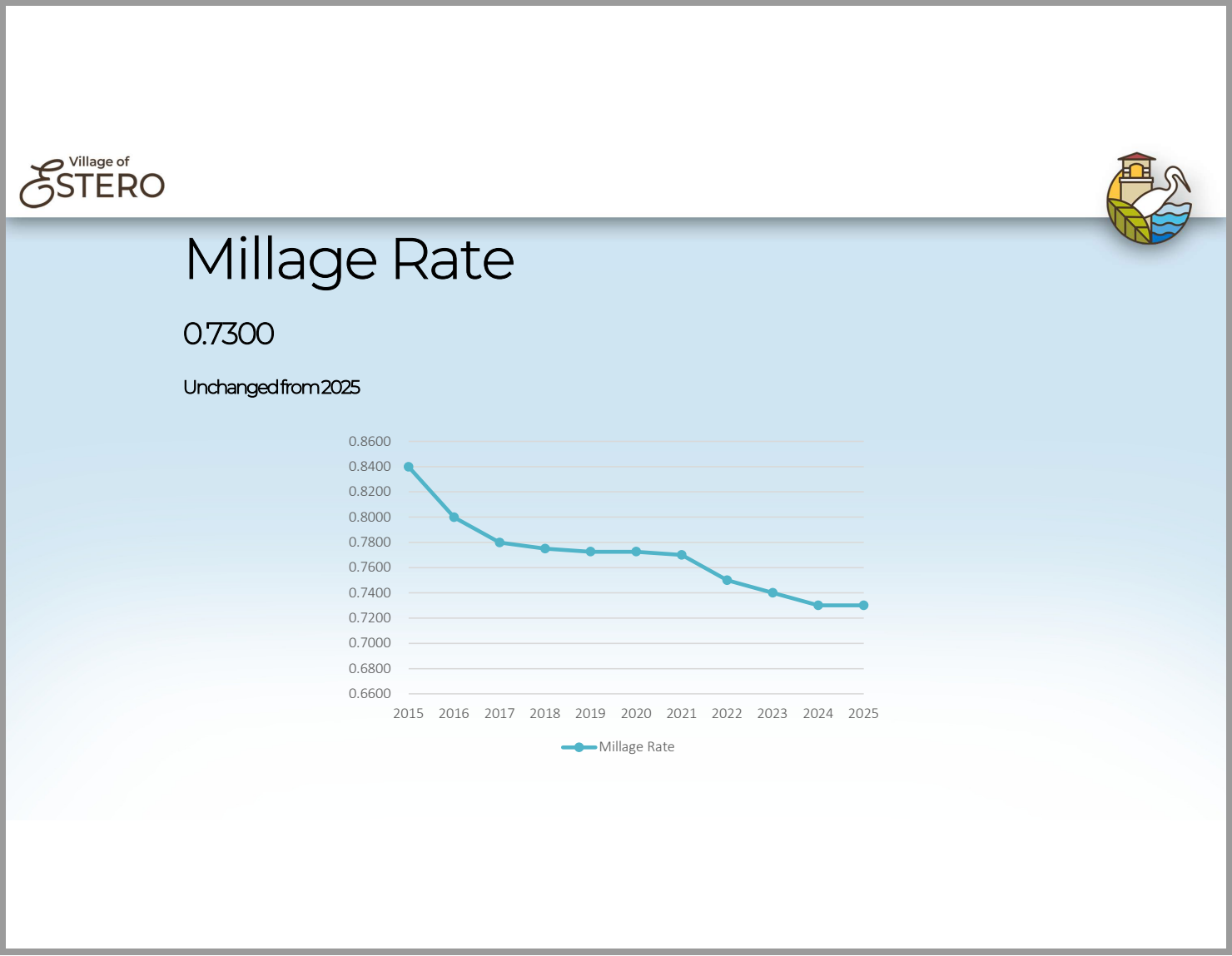
Village Resolutions and Ordinances must not be violated within the formulation of the budget.

It is Management's responsibility to present a budget that focuses on the goals of Council's directives.

The Village Charter Section 8 (2) requires submission of the proposed budget to Council on or before July 15th of each year.









Millage Rate History of Lee County Municipalities

Municipality General Government ¹

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>City of Fort Myers</u>	<u>City of Cape Coral</u>	<u>City of Sanibel</u>	<u>Town of Fort Myers Beach</u>	<u>City of Bonita Springs</u>	<u>Village of Estero</u>	<u>Lee County MSTU (Unincorporated)</u>
2024-25	2024	6.5255	5.2188	2.5000	0.9900	0.8470	0.7300	0.8398
2023-24	2023	6.6999	5.3694	2.5000	0.9900	0.8173	0.7400	0.8398
2022-23	2022	6.9999	5.3694	1.9750	0.9900	0.8000	0.7500	0.8398
2021-22	2021	7.5875	6.2500	1.8922	0.9500	0.8173	0.7700	0.8398
2020-21	2020	7.9643	6.3750	1.8922	0.9500	0.8173	0.7726	0.8398
2019-20	2019	8.2500	6.4903	1.8922	0.9500	0.8173	0.7726	0.8398
2018-19	2018	8.4500	6.7500	1.9139	0.8700	0.8173	0.7750	0.8398
2017-18	2017	8.6500	6.7500	1.9139	0.8700	0.8173	0.7798	0.8398
2016-17	2016	8.7500	6.7500	1.9139	0.8000	0.8173	0.7998	0.8398
2015-16	2015	8.7760	6.9570	1.9139	0.8000	0.8173	0.8398	0.8398
2014-15	2014	8.7760	7.7070	1.9995	0.7530	0.8173	n/a	0.8398
2013-14	2013	8.7760	7.7070	2.0861	0.7530	0.8173	n/a	0.8398
2012-13	2012	8.7760	7.9570	2.1000	0.7687	0.8173	n/a	0.8398
2011-12	2011	8.4000	7.9570	2.1038	0.8144	0.8273	n/a	0.8398
2010-11	2010	8.4000	7.9702	2.1561	0.9144	0.8273	n/a	0.8398
2009-10	2009	7.4000	7.9702	2.1561	0.8187	0.8273	n/a	0.8398
2008-09	2008	7.1634	4.7698	2.1561	0.7093	0.8273	n/a	0.8398
2007-08	2007	6.2560	4.7698	2.1966	0.6053	0.7244	n/a	0.8398
2006-07	2006	6.8000	4.8787	2.5000	0.6096	0.7919	n/a	1.0028

¹ Excludes Voter Approved Mill Rate, Library, Independent and Redevelopment Taxing Authorities



Estero Millage Rate Analysis

As of September 1st, Estimated Value

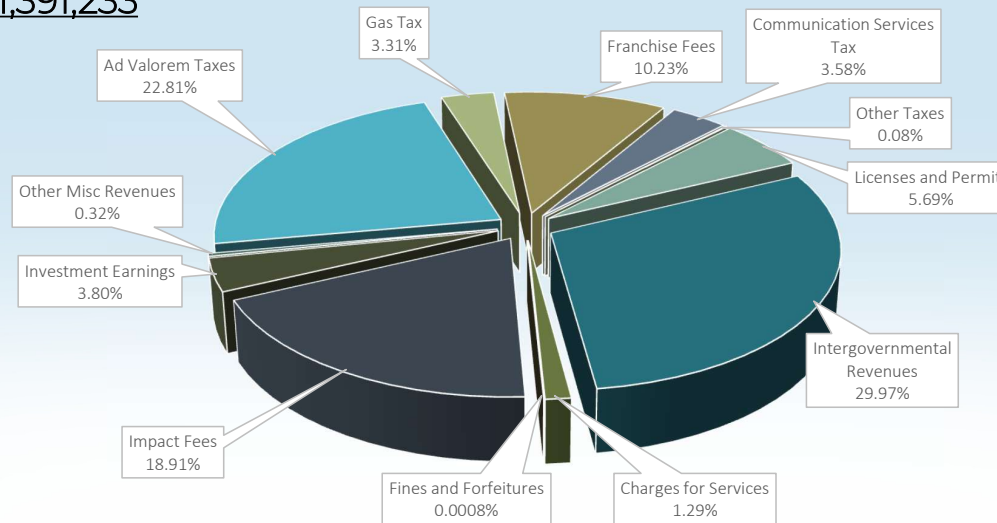
Estimated Taxable Value	\$ 10,323,148,724
Prior Year Taxable Value	\$ 9,580,656,300
Percentage Increase from Prior Year	7.75 %
Prior Year Millage Rate	0.7300
Prior Year Budgeted Revenue	\$ 6,650,800

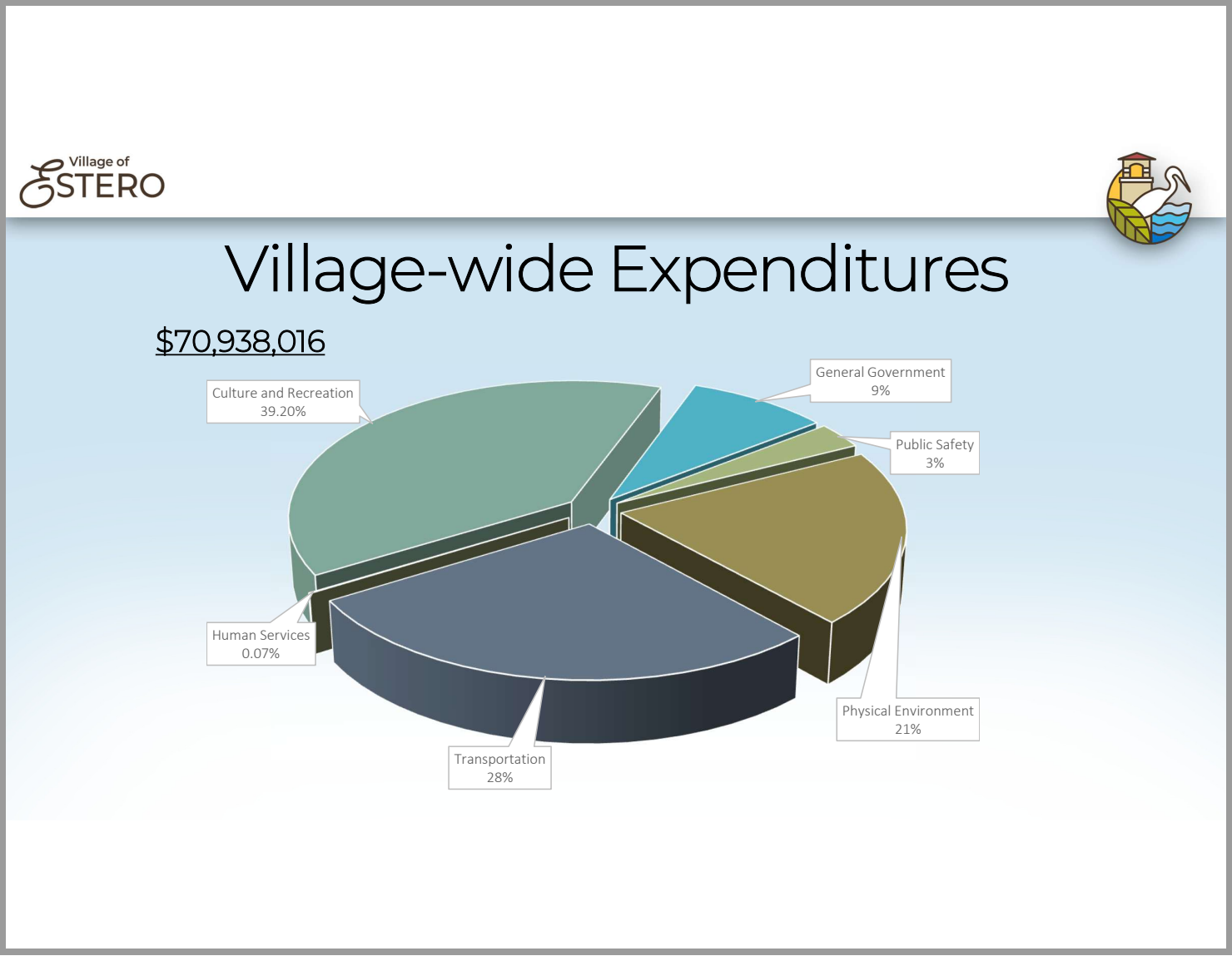
	Millage Rates	Levied Taxes-100%	Budgeted Taxes-95%	\$ Inc (Dec) from Prior Year Millage Rate	\$ Decrease from Prior Year Millage Rate	% Decrease in Millage Rate	% Over Rollback
Prior Year Millage Rate:	0.7300	\$ 7,535,900	\$ 7,150,200	-	-	0.0 %	4.75 %
Alternative Millage Rate Scenarios:							
	0.7300	\$ 7,535,900	\$ 7,159,200	-	-	0.0 %	4.75 %
	0.7200	\$ 7,432,700	\$ 7,061,100	(\$ 98,100)	(\$ 98,100)	1.0 %	3.31 %
	0.7100	\$ 7,329,400	\$ 6,963,000	(\$ 196,200)	(\$ 196,200)	3.0 %	1.88 %
Value of 0.0100 Mill:	0.0100	\$ 103,200	\$ 98,100				



Village-wide Revenues

\$31,391,233







General Fund Expenditures

\$10,430,045

Increase of \$460,095 from the Adopted 2025 Budget

4.58% COLA increase on wages

(Calculated from Bureau of Labor and Statistics: Wages and salaries in private industry and state and local government, 12-month percent change)

Consumer Price Index rose 2.7% for the 12 months ending June 2025. This increase affects overall pricing decisions and has been factored into the FY26 expenses

(<https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2025/consumer-price-index-rose-2-7-percent-for-the-12-months-ending-june-2025.htm>)



Improved General Fund Expenditures

Factor	HSA	PPO
Tax advantages	Triple tax advantage (deductible, tax-free growth, tax-free withdrawals)	No specific tax advantages beyond standard deductions
Financial structure	High-deductible plan, lower premiums	Moderate premiums, lower out-of-pocket costs
Out-of-network coverage	Possible, at a higher cost	Yes, with higher out-of-pocket costs
Long-term savings/investment	Yes, funds can be invested for potential growth	No, typically no investment component
Retirement considerations	Withdrawals for medical expenses tax-free, and non-medical after 65	No specific retirement advantages
Predictable costs	Higher upfront costs until deductible is met	Lower upfront costs for routine care
Plan availability	Available with HDHPs through employers or individually	Commonly offered through employers or individually

Source: <https://www.joinforma.com/resources/hsa-vs-ppo>

The Village of Estero is pleased to announce the introduction of a United Healthcare (UHC) High-Deductible Health Plan (HDHP), accompanied by a Village-funded Health Savings Account (HSA), available to all full-time employees.

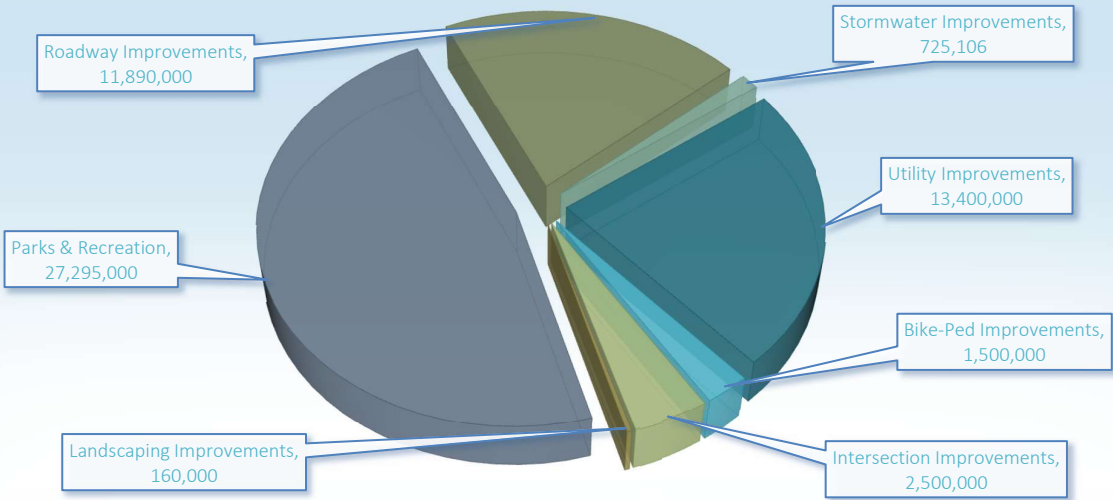
This option is in addition to the existing health plan, allowing employees to select the plan that best aligns with their individual/family needs and preferences.

Furthermore, any savings resulting from the renewal of the current UHC plan will be allocated to the HSAs of employees who opt for the HDHP, effectively offsetting the associated costs.



Capital Improvement Plan

FY 2025/26 Capital Projects Fund Budget - \$57,470,106





Budget Timeline

2025-2026 Budget Timetable	
May 21, 2025	Village Council Proposed 2025-26 Capital Improvement Plan
June 4, 2025	Village Council – 1 st Public Hearing Adopt 2025-26 Capital Improvement Plan
June 18, 2025	Village Council – 2 nd Public Hearing 2025-26 Capital Improvement Plan 2025-26 Proposed Budget Introduction
September 10, 2025 (5:05 p.m.)	Village Council – 1 st Public Hearing Proposed Budget and Millage Rate
September 17, 2025 (5:05 p.m.)	Village Council – 2 nd Public Hearing Adopt Budget and Millage Rate
October 1, 2025	New Fiscal Year Begins



QUESTIONS?



Village of Estero
Proposed Budget FY 2026



Proposed Version - 9/10/2025





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INTRODUCTION



Village of Estero, Florida

Proposed Operating Budget
Fiscal Year 2025-2026



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The Village of Estero, Florida was incorporated December 31, 2014.





GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*Distinguished
Budget Presentation
Award*

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**Village of Estero
Florida**

For the Fiscal Year Beginning

October 01, 2023

Christopher P. Morrell

Executive Director

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented an award of Distinguished Budget Presentation to the Village of Estero, Florida for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023*. To receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device.

This award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

Awaiting confirmation of the budget award for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024



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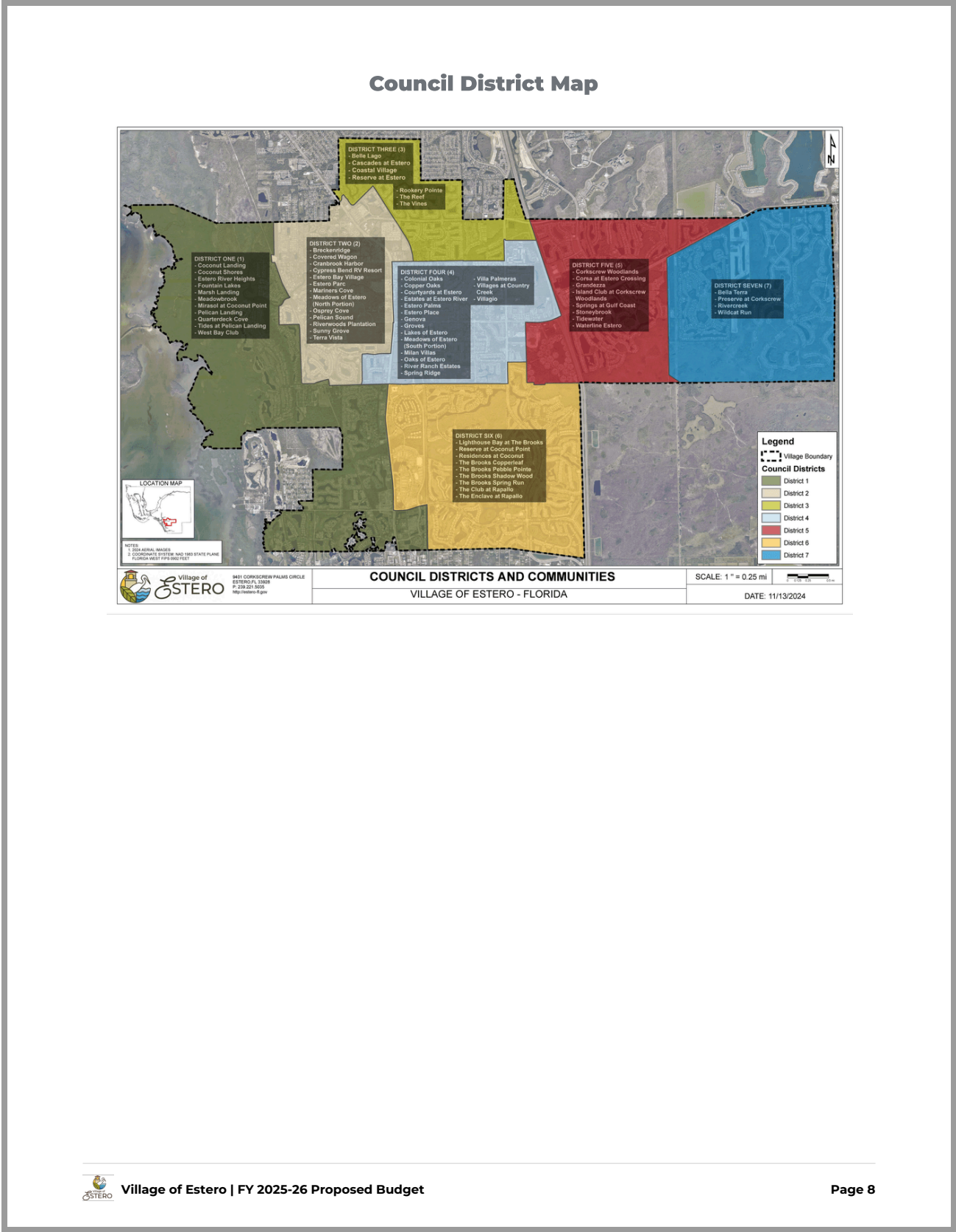
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Guide to Readers

The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget for the Village of Estero serves four fundamental purposes:

Policy Document

As a policy document, the budget serves to inform the reader about the Municipal Corporation and its policies. The Village Manager's Budget message provides a condensed analysis highlighting the principal issues of the Village as well as setting the theme for the Fiscal Year. The Council Adopted Budget includes organization-wide financial, as well as short-term financial and operational policies that guide the development of the annual Adopted Budget. This budget document details the services that the Village will provide during the twelve-month period from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Financial Plan

As a financial plan, the budget details the costs associated with providing municipal services and how the services will be funded. The General Fund section includes a summary and detailed description of all revenues and expenditures. Specific Fund sections also describe revenue and expenditure sources and uses and significant trends affecting specific funds.

The budget document explains the underlying assumptions for the revenue estimates and discusses significant revenue trends. Beginning and ending fund balances are shown for the budget year as are projected changes for each fund. In addition, there is discussion of the Village's accounting structure and budgetary policies.

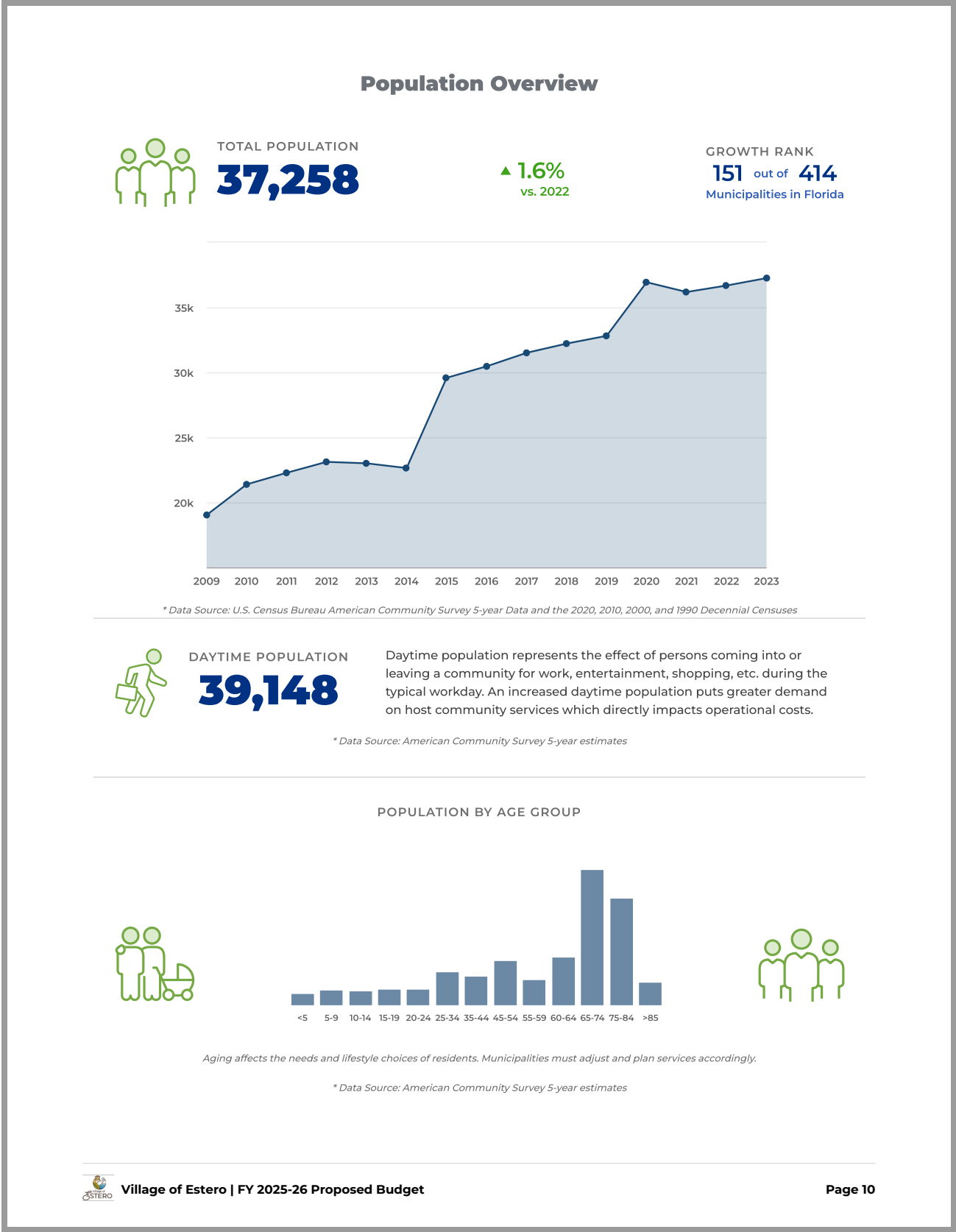
Operations Guide

As an operations guide, the budget details how cost centers and funds are organized. The budget informs the reader of all the activities, services and functions carried out by each cost center. Each cost center budget section includes a description of the cost center's function, duties, authorized positions within the organizational structure, budget highlights, and the budgetary appropriation.

Communications Device

As a communication device, the budget provides summary information to aid the reader in interpreting the document. Charts, graphs, tables and text are included to consolidate the information as much as possible. The budget also includes a detailed table of contents to make it easy to locate and understand its contents. The budget includes the Village Manager's Budget Message, which provides readers with a condensed analysis of the fiscal plans of the Village of Estero for the upcoming fiscal year.

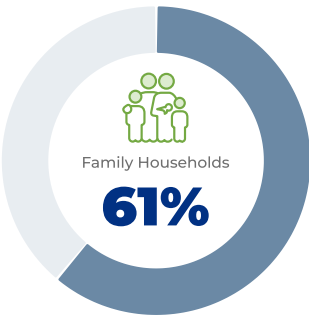




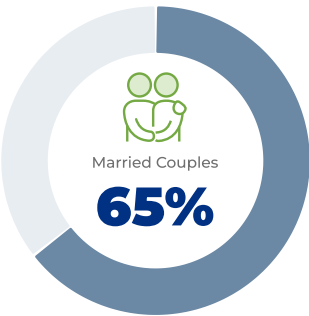
Household Analysis

TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
18,287

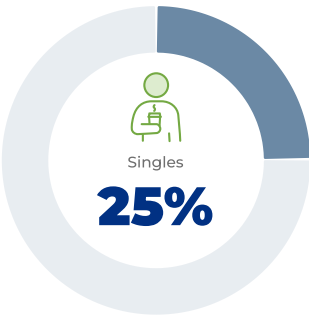
It is important to consider the dynamics of household types to plan for and provide services effectively. Household type also has a general correlation to income levels which affect the tax base.



▲ 31%
higher than state average



▲ 38%
higher than state average



▼ 14%
lower than state average



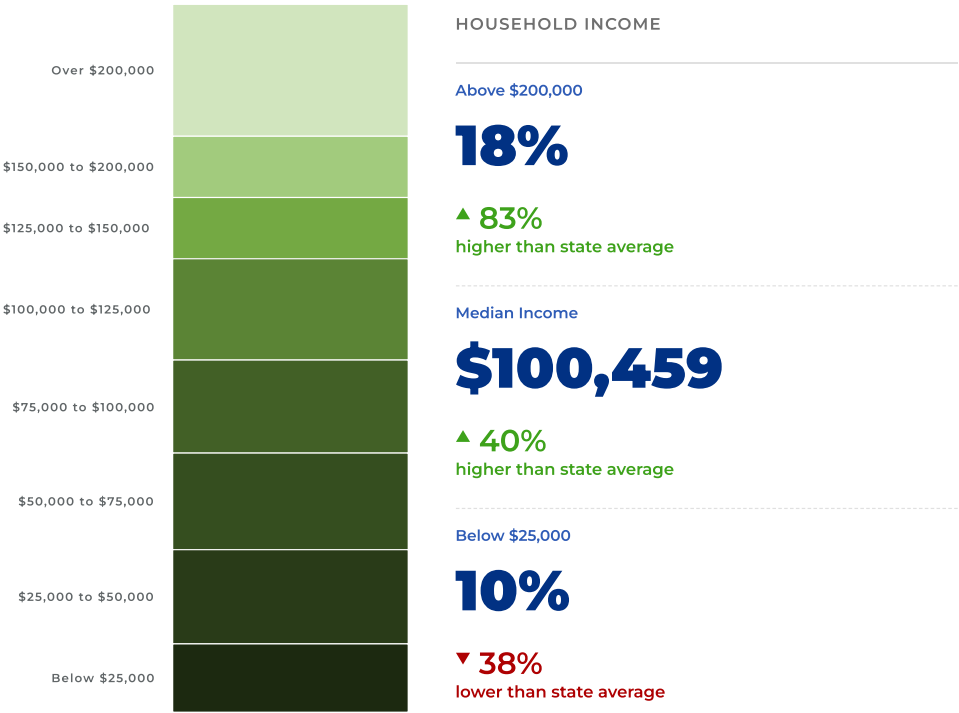
▲ 3%
higher than state average

* Data Source: American Community Survey 5-year estimates



Economic Analysis

Household income is a key data point in evaluating a community's wealth and spending power. Pay levels and earnings typically vary by geographic regions and should be looked at in context of the overall cost of living.



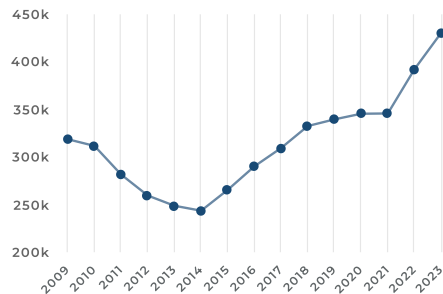
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Housing Overview



2023 MEDIAN HOME VALUE
\$430,500



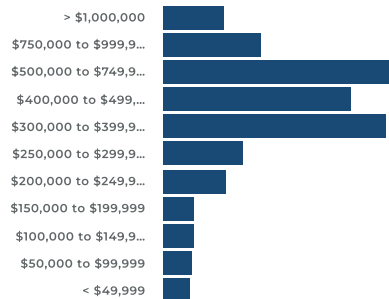
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HOME OWNERS VS RENTERS



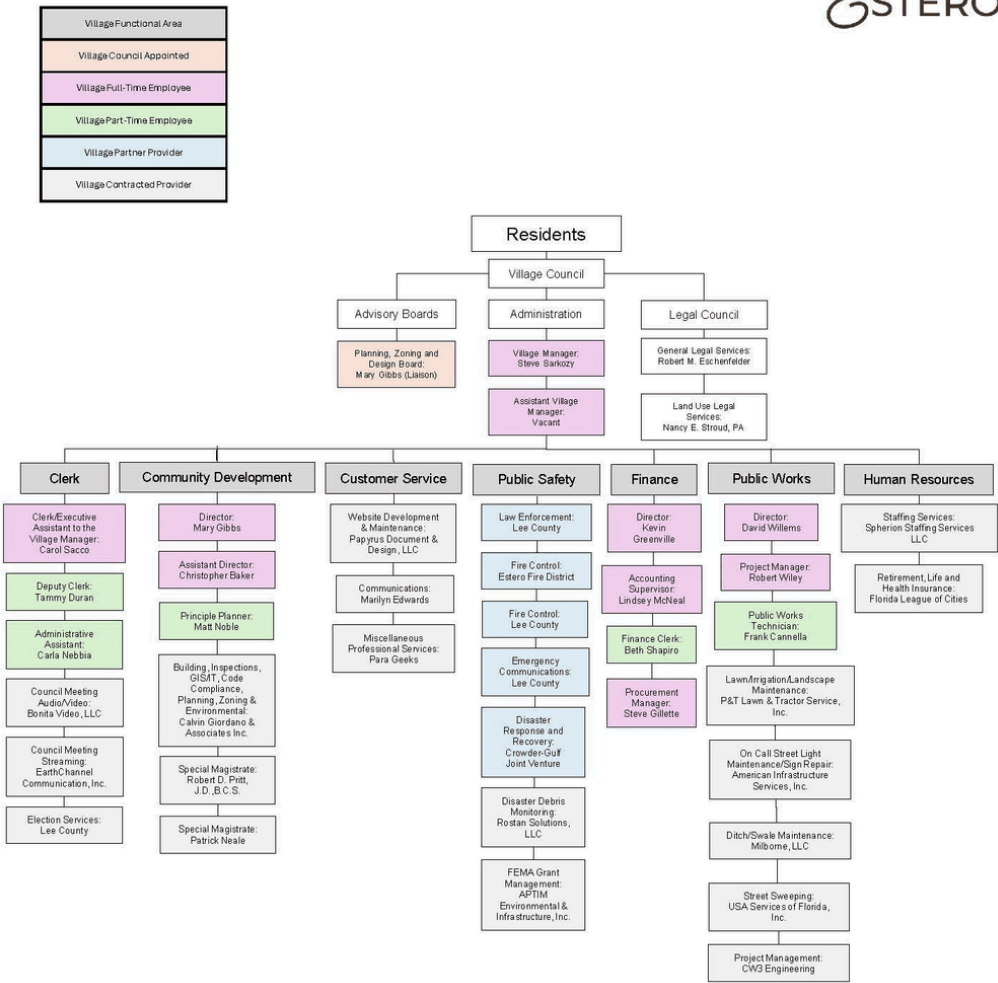
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HOME VALUE DISTRIBUTION



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Organizational Chart
Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026



Fund Structure

The financial structure is reflected in the reporting of revenues and expenditures by fund. A fund is a self-balancing set of accounts designed to track specific revenues and the uses of those revenues. Each fund is independent of all other funds. Major funds are funds whose revenues, expenditures/expenses, assets, or liabilities (excluding extraordinary items) are at least 10 percent of the corresponding totals for all governmental or enterprise funds and at least 5 percent of the aggregate amount for all governmental and enterprise funds.

The fiscal year 2025-2026 budget for each fund is balanced with the amount available from taxation and other sources, including balances brought forward from prior fiscal years, equaling the total appropriations for expenditures and reserves. Budgetary reports for governmental funds are prepared to maintain control and are presented to the Village Council on a monthly basis.

The Village's annual budget is legally adopted/appropriated for the following funds:

Major Governmental Funds:

The General Fund is the operating fund of the Village. It accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes and other governmental revenue. The general operating expenditures, fixed charges and capital outlay costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Fund.

The Capital Projects Fund accounts for the resources accumulated to provide for capital projects. The capital projects fund accounts for gas tax, road and park impact fees levied within the Village, which are restricted for use on road and park capital improvements.

Non-Major Governmental Funds:

The Building Permit Fees Fund is a Special Revenue Fund and accounts for the resources collected for building permit fees levied within the Village. The revenue is restricted for the use of enforcing the Florida Building Code.

The Debt Service Fund accounts for the accumulation of resources that are committed or assigned for the payment of principal and interest on long-term obligations of governmental funds.



Department Relationship to Funds

The council may establish or terminate departments by ordinance. One department has been established for the Community Development function including development services, planning, zoning and development review services, code compliance and building permit services. Cost centers have been established by staff to provide financial reporting in a manner consistent with Florida State Chart of Accounts and the operational structure of the Village.

The chart below identifies the accounting function (or fund) for which they are responsible. This information may assist in understanding the overall structure of the Village.

		Building General Fund	Permit Fee Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund
Community Development Department:					
Development Services	X				
Planning, Zoning & Development	X				
Code Compliance	X				
Building Permit Fees			X		
Non-Departmental Cost Centers:					
Village Council	X				
Village Manager	X		X	X	X
Village Attorney	X				
Village Clerk	X				
Finance	X			X	
Animal Control	X				
Public Works:					
Physical Environment/Natural Resources	X				
Transportation	X				X
Information Technology	X				
Law Enforcement	X				
Parks & Recreation	X				
General Government	X				

Basis of Budgeting

The budgets of the Village's governmental funds are prepared on a modified accrual basis. Briefly, this means that revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available and expenditures are recorded when the services or goods are received and the related liabilities are incurred.

The Village's audited financial statements show the status of the Village's finances in accordance with "Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" (GAAP). This conforms to the way the Village prepares the budgets.

The full purchase price of equipment and capital improvements are shown as expenses in the Village's governmental funds, while in the Village's financial statements at the entity wide level, these outlays are treated as capital assets and depreciated in the governmental funds. At the fund financial statement level, the governmental funds record these purchases as expenditures and do not record depreciation expense.



Budget Process and Timeline

Budget Preparation Process

A budget is a financial plan for an entity. It includes both estimates of resources available, including revenues, fund balances/reserves and appropriations, which are the authority to spend money for specific purposes. For the Village of Estero, the budget is prepared by the Village Manager and the Finance staff and adopted by the Village Council after receiving public input. The steps in the Village's formal budget process are established by state law, commonly known as the Truth in Millage Act, or "TRIM", and are detailed later in this section of the document.

The budget document is prepared to provide information about the Village, both financial and operational, from a variety of perspectives and degrees of detail. In order to accomplish this, the document begins with an introduction section including the budget message from the Village Manager, followed by:

1. Budget highlights and summary, including review of current year and prior year budget data;
2. Detailed financial data, summaries, and budgets, segregated by fund and cost centers, used to account for the costs associated with specific activities and for the use of funds received from specific revenue sources; and
3. History, trends, and assumptions for the Village's major revenue sources. The reader of the annual budget

The reader of the annual budget report will be able to understand the budget document by reviewing the Table of Contents, the budget message from the Village Manager, and the Budget Summary section to obtain an overall view of the budget.

Public Engagement in Budget Process

The Village encourages and emphasizes participation from the public during the budget process. This includes several public work sessions, public hearings, and input from Village residents and committees. During the year, monthly financial statements are presented to Council for approval at public hearings. Additionally, in an effort to value and promote financial transparency, these statements are posted to the Village's website after Council approval. Residents take an active interest in the government's finances and transparency.

General Budget Timeline

Key dates in the annual budget calendar are as follows:

- o March/April: Village Manager and staff begin to develop a capital improvement program.
- o May/June: Village Manager and staff begin to develop revenue and expenditure estimates.
- o June/July: State issues revenue estimates with updates to budget draft as needed.
- o July: Village Manager presents proposed budget to Village Council on or before July 15th.
- o July/August: Village Council conducts two public hearings to adopt the capital improvement budget on or before August 15th.
- o September: Village Council conducts two public hearings to set the tax millage rate and adopt the budget.
- o October 1: New fiscal year commences.

Budget Amendment Process

The operating budget authorizing expenditures of Village funds will be adopted annually at the fund level. The level of budgetary control is at the department level and the annual budgets serve as the legal authorization for expenditures. The Village Council may, by resolution, provide for the transfer of all or part of any unencumbered appropriations balance from one department, fund, service, strategy or organizational unit to the appropriation for other departments or organizational units or a new appropriation. The Village Manager may transfer funds between programs within a department, fund, service, strategy, or organizational unit and shall report such transfers to the council, in writing, in a timely manner.

Florida Statutes, Chapter 166.241 provides for budget amendments up to sixty days subsequent to fiscal year end.

Capital Budget Preparation Process

The Village's annual budget preparation process includes the preparation of a capital improvement program. The Village Charter requires two public hearings and adoption of the capital improvement program by resolution on or before August 15th of each fiscal year which includes five years of future capital.

The Village is required by Chapter 163.3177 Florida Statutes to prepare the capital improvement program as part of the comprehensive planning process.



Here are the important dates for the FY 2025-2026 Budget Cycle:



Truth in Millage (TRIM) & Property Taxes

Florida Statutes, Chapter 200, and Truth in Millage, known as TRIM, govern the budget and property tax rate adoption process. In Florida, properties are assessed by the County Property Appraiser and property taxes are collected by the County Tax Collector. Various exemptions are available to property owners, including, but not limited to, two homestead exemptions of \$50,000 each on the principal place of residence, \$500 widow/widower exemption, \$500 disability exemption, agriculture exemptions, exemption for the permanently disabled, exemptions for churches and governmental property, and up to \$25,000 senior exemption for persons 65 and over based on annual household income. In addition, there is a "Save Our Homes" assessment differential that limits the increase in assessed value of a property with a homestead exemption to the lesser of the Consumer Price Index or 3% (with some exceptions). All property is assessed at one hundred percent of real value, which approximates eighty-five percent of market value.

Florida Constitutional Amendment 5, approved in the November 2024 election, requires an annual inflation adjustment to the value of certain homestead exemptions, effective January 1, 2025. This adjustment, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), increases the value of the second homestead exemption, which applies to levies other than school district taxes. The goal is to help homeowners keep pace with rising living costs and encourage homeownership.

The Village Council is required to hold two public hearings for adoption of a property tax rate and budget. The first public hearing is advertised via the TRIM Notice, mailed by the Property Appraiser to each property owner. In addition to notification of this first public hearing, the TRIM notice contains the following information:

1. The new assessed value, exemptions and taxable value for the new year and the prior year.
2. The tax rates and amounts paid for the prior year.
3. The tax bill if no budget change is adopted. These amounts assume the rolled-back rate is levied for the new year. The rolled-back rate is that tax rate which would derive the same amount of revenue based on the new taxable values as was raised in the prior year at the old taxable values, excluding net new taxable value. Net new taxable value consists primarily of new construction and additions.
4. The property tax rates and amounts due if the proposed budget millage rates are adopted.

The second public hearing is advertised by means of a newspaper advertisement. Accompanying this advertisement is a summary of the revenues and expenditures contained within the budget tentatively approved at the first public hearing.

Property taxes are levied on November 1 of each year. Lee County Tax Collector's office bills and collects property taxes on behalf of the Village. The tax rate to finance general governmental services for the fiscal year is assessed per \$1,000 of assessed taxable property value. Property tax revenues are recognized currently in the fiscal year for which they are levied. On April 1 of each year, unpaid taxes become delinquent and a lien is placed on the property May 1. Past due tax certificates are sold at public auction prior to June 1, and the proceeds collected are remitted to the Village.

Key dates in the property tax cycle (latest date, where appropriate) are as follows:

- June 1 - Estimated taxable value provided to village.
- July 1 - Assessment roll validated and preliminary taxable values provided to the Village.
- August 24 - TRIM notices are mailed to property owners.
- September 30 - Millage resolution approves and taxes levied following certificate of assessment roll.
- October 1 - Beginning of fiscal year for which tax is being levied.
- November 1 - Property taxes due and payable (levy date) with various discount provisions through March 1.
- April 1 - Unpaid taxes become delinquent.
- Prior to June 1 - Tax certificates are sold by Lee County Tax Collector.



Financial Policies

General Budget Policy

The Village Charter requires the Village Manager to present a proposed budget to Village Council for the ensuing fiscal year and an accompanying message on or before July 15th of each year. The adopted budget must be balanced, meaning all total projected revenues and other financing sources are equal to all total anticipated expenditures. Coordination of the budget process and preparation of the budget document has been delegated by the Village Manager to the Finance staff. The Finance department is responsible for projecting revenues and beginning available fund balances for each fund.

The operating budget authorizing expenditures of Village funds will be adopted annually at the fund level. The level of budgetary control is at the department level and the annual budgets serve as the legal authorization for expenditures.

The council may establish or terminate departments by ordinance. One department has been established for the Community Development function including building permit services, code compliance, planning, zoning, and development review services.

Procurement Policy¹

The Village adopted a procurement policy that provides guidelines for purchasing materials, supplies and equipment and for contracting of services.

This policy provides levels of authority for the Village Manager as well as Village Council.

¹ Adopted June 3, 2015, Amended March 20, 2024

Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting Policies

An independent financial statement audit will be performed annually and the Village will produce annual financial reports in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as outlined by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and in full compliance with all statutory requirements.

Fund Balance Policy²

The Village will maintain the fund balance of the various operating funds and related reserves at levels sufficient to protect the Village's creditworthiness as well as its financial position during emergencies or economic fluctuations. Should the budgeted fund balance drop below the minimum identified by the policy below, the Village will establish a plan to replenish the balances to the minimum level in subsequent years.

There are five categories of Fund Balance in all governmental funds, not all will always be present. The categories are defined below:

1. Non-spendable- cannot be spent due to being non-spendable in form or the Village being legally or contractually required to maintain this amount intact. For example, inventories and prepaid amounts are considered non-spendable.
2. Restricted- balances are subject to external restrictions from creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws of other governments.
3. Committed- use of funds is only for specific purposes as determined by Village Council.
4. Assigned- intended use of balances for specific purposes is established by the Village Council or delegated to the Village Manager that is neither restricted or committed and includes the remaining positive balance of all governmental funds.
5. Unassigned- excess funds that have not been classified in the previous four categories for the general fund. This category represents the portion of fund balance which is not obligated or specifically designated and is available for general purposes. Unassigned fund balance would also include deficit residual balances for any governmental funds after reporting amounts as restricted, committed, or assigned fund balances. Deficit amounts cannot be reported for restricted, committed, or assigned fund balances in any fund.

The Village will keep the following reserves:

General Fund Committed Fund Balance – Emergency Reserve: The minimum level for the Emergency Reserve is 50% of General Fund budgeted expenditures less transfers out and any uses of fund balances.

General Fund Committed Fund Balance – Operating Reserve: The minimum level for the Operating Reserve is 20% of General Fund budgeted expenditures less transfers out and any uses of fund balances.



General Fund Assigned Fund Balance – Litigation Reserve: The minimum level for the Litigation Reserve is \$750,000. Given the geographical area is prone to legal challenges, these funds are to be used in the event legal action is taken, or, conversely, in an instance where the Village seeks a legal remedy to protect the public interest.

General Fund Assigned Fund Balance – Major Road Maintenance Reserve: The Major Road Maintenance Reserve was established in fiscal year 2019-2020 with an initial contribution of \$300,000 with 3% annual growth adjustments, unless directed otherwise by supermajority Council approval of an Ordinance amendment.

² Adopted October 19, 2016, Amended May 18, 2022, Amended March 20, 2024

Building Code Enforcement Fund Balance

Per Florida Statute 553.80(7)(a) a local government may not carry forward an amount exceeding the average of its operating budget for enforcing the fiscal years and the Village is in compliance.

Investment Policy³

The Village's investment policy is to set forth the investment objectives and parameters for the management of public funds of the Village. These policies are designed to safeguard the Village's funds, provide for the availability of operating and capital funds when needed, and promote an investment return competitive with comparable funds and financial market indices.

The proposed Ordinance authorizes the following investments and portfolio composition:

Village and Investment Manager Authorized Investment- Sector Type	Minimum Rating Requirement	Maturity Limits	Maximum Allocation	Individual Issuer Limit
Cash and Cash Equivalents	N/A	NA	100%	N/A
United States Government Securities	N/A	5 Years	100%	N/A
United States Government Agencies	N/A	5 Years	50%	N/A
Federal Instrumentalities (United States Government Sponsored Enterprises "CSE")*	N/A	5 Years	75%	40%
Interest Bearing Time Deposit or Savings Accounts	N/A	1 Year	20%	10%
Repurchase Agreements**	N/A	90 Days	25%	10%
Registered Investment Companies (Money Market Mutual Funds)	AAA _m (or equivalent)	N/A	20%	10%
Intergovernmental Investment Pools (Stable Net Asset Value)	AAA _m (or equivalent)	N/A	80%	N/A
Intergovernmental Investment Pools (Floating Net Asset Value)	AAA _f (or equivalent)	N/A	40%	N/A
Florida PRIME Fund	AAA _m	NA	25%	N/A
Investment Manager Authorized Investment - Sector Type	Minimum Rating Requirement	Maturity Limits	Maximum Allocation	Individual Issuer Limit
Mortgage Backed Securities "MBS"*	AA	5 Years	20%	15%
State and/or Local Government Taxable and/or Tax-Exempt Debt	Single "A" category by two NRSROs****	5 Years	30%	5%
Commercial Paper***	A-1 by S&P and P-1 by Moody's	270 Days	20%	5%
Corporate Notes***	Single "A" category by any NRSROs****	5 Years	25%	5%
Asset-Backed Securities (ABS)***	Double "A" category by any two NRSROs****	5 Years	20%	5%

³ Adopted October 19, 2016, Amended March 20, 2024



Capitalization Policy⁴

Capital assets include property, buildings, furniture, equipment, vehicles, software, and infrastructure assets. Capital assets used in governmental fund types of the Village are recorded at cost if purchased or constructed. The following capitalization thresholds were adopted for the Village:

Asset Class	Capitalization Threshold
Furnishings & Equipment	\$5,000
Intangible	\$25,000
Capital Improvement Projects	\$50,000
Infrastructure	\$50,000

⁴ Adopted October 21, 2015

Capital Expenditures/Capital Outlay

Capital outlay accounts include nonrecurring expenditures for capital assets in excess of \$5,000 with a useful life in excess of one year and are budgeted by cost centers or fund.

Capital Improvement Program Policy⁵

The Village shall adopt an annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which includes five years of future capital.

The Village will determine the most prudent financial method for acquisition of new capital. When possible the Village shall use accumulated funds to purchase or construct capital projects.

A capital improvement project is defined as a major construction, expansion, renovation, purchase, or major repair/replacement of buildings, streets or other physical structure which has an estimated cost of \$50,000 or more and a life of at least three years.

⁵ Adopted December 31, 2014

Pension Liability Policy⁶

As provided in the Village Charter, House Bill 1373, the Council may not adopt any compensation plan for municipal employees or officers that incurs unfunded liabilities or adopt a defined benefit plan. The Council may only adopt a defined contribution plan.

⁶ Adopted December 31, 2014

Debt Policy

It is the Village policy when issuing debt to engage the services of underwriters and financial advisors using the Request for Proposal (RFP) process outlined in the Village's procurement policy and the relative Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) contained in Section 287.055, Florida Statutes.

The term of the debt is matched with the life of the asset being financed. The Village is not subject to state debt limits, nor is there a limit set by the charter. No legal debt limits have been adopted.

The Village has no outstanding debt. The Village paid off its only debt instrument, the 2019 Revenue Bond, during FY 2021-2022 which was seven (7) years prior to the maturity date.



BUDGET MESSAGE



Memorandum

TO: Village Council

FROM: Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

DATE: August 29, 2025

SUBJECT: Budget Message – Proposed 2025-2026 Operating and Capital Budget

Honorable Mayor and Village Council:

I am pleased to provide you with my recommended Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget in compliance with Section 8(2) of the Village Charter. In summary, the proposed budget is balanced and provides sufficient funds to meet the operating needs for the coming year, without raising taxes.

The primary purpose of the budget is to explain our priorities and finances in accessible terms for the Estero community. The Village finances work similarly to any household, business or nonprofit budget, with several exceptions. Each year, our government collects taxes, which can be spent on any expense of our choosing (unrestricted funds). We also collect fees that are often restricted, by State law, to certain expenditures (restricted funds). Unused funds carry over in these accounts from year-to-year as "fund balance." Outlined below is a breakdown of the projected flow of funds in and out of the Village for FY 25-26, for operating costs.

Revenue	\$31,391,233
Operating Expenditures	\$13,467,910
<u>Net Operating Impact (prior to capital expenditures).</u>	<u>+\$17,923,323</u>

In addition to the spending amounts shown above, the Village accumulated significant amounts in our General Fund Balance over the past several years which enabled the early repayment of our debt obligation. Outlined below is a breakdown of the projected flow of funds in and out of the Village for FY 25-26, now including existing fund balance and requested capital expenditures.

Projected Beginning Fund Balance (including reserves)	\$51,773,965
Revenue (property taxes, impact fees, etc.)	\$31,391,233
Transfers from other funds (capital)	\$24,595,105
<u>Total Available Funds</u>	<u>\$108,680,303</u>
Operating Costs	\$13,467,910
Capital Costs	\$57,470,106
Transfers to other funds (capital)	\$25,515,105
Restricted & Nonspendable Fund Balance	\$2,704,752
Reserves (operating, litigation, road maintenance)	\$7,728,965
Unallocated & Restricted Fund Balance	\$1,793,465
<u>Projected Use of Funds</u>	<u>\$108,680,303</u>

Due to spending restrictions on certain revenue streams, such as impact fees and gas taxes, fund balance is to be expected. Planned, future capital expenditures will make use of these funds and draw down these accounts. Improvements to Corkscrew Road and Estero Parkway are examples of one-time capital expenditures that make use of restricted funds to deliver lasting value to our community.

Over the past several budget cycles, the Village has weathered the impacts of multiples hurricanes with limited interruptions to customer service or capital improvements. The Village is excited for what is to come in FY 25-26. The budget to follow represents the Village's values, history, and future, and we look forward to discussing its merits with you and the community.

Sincerely,



Steve Sarkozy
Village Manager
Village of Estero



Budget Outline

The budget is a policy document.

The budget serves as the culmination for the Village's annual planning, implementation, and evaluation process. The steps in this annual process are as follows:

- strategic planning (individual function or Village-wide review)
- capital improvement plan
- budget
- performance metrics

Each section of this budget focuses on a particular revenue stream or expenditure function, with accompanying explanatory narrative. This budget should be accessible to all readers, sufficient background for context, clear designation of reserves and fund balance, and assistive visuals.

Each revenue section will outline the source of the funds, and any restrictions on the use of said funds. The expenditure sections will provide explanation via the following sections (where available):

- function
- history
- strategic planning
- proposed budget
- performance metrics

This introductory budget message provides a summary of the following Village functions:

- strategic
- administrative
- public works
- community development
- parks and recreation
- education
- public safety
- economic development



Strategic Direction

The Village Council and Staff pride ourselves on providing forwarding-thinking, efficient, transparent municipal operations. The principles of our management approach are outlined below:

Strategic Principles:

- Practice OUTSTANDING ETHICS, by guarding against Council, Staff, and Board member conflict of interest issues.
- Provide EXCEPTIONAL TRANSPARENCY, by actively soliciting resident input and proactively distributing meaningful, comprehensible information to the public.
- Cultivate a SENSE OF COMMUNITY, by helping residents engage with one another and create a distinct Estero community.
- Preserve OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY, by maintaining zero ongoing pension liabilities and a commitment to limited staffing.
- Protect ENVIRONMENTAL ASSETS, by engaging in water quality management and open space preservation.

Operating Standards:

- Adhere to PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT, by implementing and tracking annual service delivery goals based on quantifiable performance metrics.
- Coordinate UNIVERSALLY STRONG CUSTOMER SERVICE, by working with service delivery partners to ensure all resident interactions are helpful.
- Mandate EXCELLENT CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES, by creating high standards for public and private projects and inspecting them with prudence and diligence.
- Maintain SUPERB MAINTENANCE, by prioritizing upkeep of current Village assets and by requiring such upkeep by private communities and businesses.
- Manage DEBT ACCUMULATION, by identifying a specific source of funding in the budget sufficient to pay all debt service and related costs.

Our implementation of "government-lite" has yielded benefits to our residents across a spectrum of functions. Further details about the past year, and the years to come, are provided below.

Reflection:

Our governance model reflects the dual priorities of providing daily governance and the nimbleness to act on unique opportunities. This has required us to develop a unique approach to "government lite". Our purchase of Estero River frontage has provided the Village with substantial recreational and development opportunities, that will further improve the quality of life that we enjoy today. The process of acquiring this land, and the subsequent and ongoing planning process, are quite unique in a "government lite" environment. We obtained subject-matter expertise via contract, carefully reviewed the project merits and costs with the community, aligned stakeholder interests around a common set of goals, and executed the acquisition. Our model allowed us to "ramp up" operations, build sound policy based on subject matter expertise, and then "ramp down" operations, in a short time span.

The Village has no debt obligation and holds three (3) months of operating reserves per the Fund Balance policy which demonstrates our financial sustainability. By repaying the 2019 Revenue Note seven (7) years prior to maturity, this frees up funds previously assigned for debt repayment to be used for further community development.



BUDGET OVERVIEW



Consolidated Proposed Financial Summary

BUDGET SUMMARY						
Village of Estero - Fiscal Year 2025-2026						
The proposed operating budget expenditures of the Village of Estero are 4.6% more than last years total operating expenditures.						
ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	
Taxes:						
Ad Valorem Taxes						
General Fund Millage per \$1,000	0.7300	\$ 7,159,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,159,200
Gas Tax		625,000	-	-	415,000	1,040,000
Franchise Fees		3,212,500	-	-	-	3,212,500
Communication Services Tax		1,125,000	-	-	-	1,125,000
Other Taxes		25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Licenses and Permits		1,000	1,785,290	-	-	1,786,290
Intergovernmental Revenues		5,157,500	-	-	4,250,000	9,407,500
Charges for Services		353,000	53,465	-	-	406,465
Fines and Forfeitures		250	-	-	-	250
Impact Fees		-	-	-	5,935,528	5,935,528
Investment Earnings		650,000	17,000	-	525,500	1,192,500
Other Miscellaneous Revenues		101,000	-	-	-	101,000
TOTAL SOURCES	18,409,450	1,855,755	-	11,126,028	31,391,233	
Transfers In	-	-	920,000	24,595,105	25,515,105	
Proceeds from Debt Issue	-	-	-	-	-	
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	27,058,130	419,605	-	24,296,230	51,773,965	
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	\$ 45,467,580	\$ 2,275,360	\$ 920,000	\$ 60,017,363	\$ 108,680,303	
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	\$ 5,425,735	\$ -	\$ 920,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,345,735
Public Safety	64,275	2,117,865	-	-	-	2,182,140
Physical Environment	505,000	-	-	14,125,106	-	14,630,106
Transportation	3,869,310	-	-	16,050,000	-	19,919,310
Human Services	50,925	-	-	-	-	50,925
Culture and Recreation	514,800	-	-	27,295,000	-	27,809,800
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,430,045	2,117,865	920,000	57,470,106	70,938,016	
Transfers Out	25,515,105	-	-	-	25,515,105	
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	9,522,430	157,495	-	2,547,257	12,227,182	
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	\$ 45,467,580	\$ 2,275,360	\$ 920,000	\$ 60,017,363	\$ 108,680,303	
The tentative, adopted, and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above referenced taxing authority as a public record						



Priorities & Issues

Priorities & Issues

The Village, incorporated on December 31, 2014, is located in the southwest part of the State in Lee County. The Village currently occupies a land area of 30 square miles and serves a population of 42,943. The Village is empowered to levy a property tax on both real and personal properties located within its boundaries. It also is empowered by State Statute to extend its corporate limits by annexation, which may occur periodically when deemed appropriate by the governing council.

The Village operates under the Village Council-Manager form of government. Policy-making and legislative authority are vested in a governing Council consisting of the mayor, vice-mayor and five Council members, all elected on a non-partisan basis. For the initial elections, the four Council members that received the highest number of votes served four-year terms and the other three Council members served a two-year term. Thereafter, Council members serve four-year staggered terms, with three or four Council members elected every two years. The mayor, vice-mayor and five Council members are elected-at-large from seven districts. The mayor and vice-mayor are elected by a majority vote of the Council members and serve for a two-year term. The governing Council is responsible, among other things, for passing ordinances, adopting the budget, appointing committees, and hiring both the Village Manager and Attorney. The Village Manager is responsible for carrying out the policies and ordinances of the governing Council, for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Village, and for appointing the heads of the various departments.

The Village provides the following services: streets and roads, parks and recreation, community development, code enforcement, and general and administrative services. The Village uses the "government lite" concept of outsourcing Village services to minimize expenditures and provide exemplary services to the community.

The continued construction of residential, multi-family and commercial property resulted in a 9.1% increase in taxable property values over the prior year. The median home value is projected to increase 10% over the next five years (Lee County Economic Development-Community Profile). The Village has benefitted by the construction of a new 150,000 square foot medical clinic developed by the Lee Health Medical System. In addition, Estero is the epicenter of new residential development with over 15,000 single family homes recently permitted and in various stages of construction on our outskirts. The entirety of this new construction views Estero as their home community. These new facilities are anticipated to provide significant employment opportunities as well as economic support for existing residential, commercial and retail properties. As a result, the Village's taxable property values are predicted to increase for the next few fiscal years; however, growth may slow as the Village nears build-out of vacant land.

The Village received approximately \$16.9 million from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) during fiscal year 2022. These funds are to be utilized for infrastructure, water quality and capital improvement initiatives within the Village. Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and spent by December 31, 2026.

The national and state economics are key factors in assessing the Village's financial future. Changes in the national, state and local economies can affect both revenues and expenditures due to the impact of tax receipts and the costs of providing Village services. While economic changes at the state and national level can often translate into comparable changes locally, it is important to note that the Village of Estero and the Southwest Florida region often behave differently, showing economic trends and reflecting experience that may lag or precede noticed changes elsewhere.

In response to Hurricane Ian, the President of the United States declared a major disaster for the State of Florida on September 29, 2022. This declaration authorized the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide, through its Public Assistance Program, reimbursement or direct Federal assistance to eligible state, local, and tribal governments. Hurricane Ian caused 150 fatalities in Florida with losses estimated to be around \$113 billion, making it the costliest hurricane in Florida's history, surpassing Irma of 2017, as well as the third-costliest in US history, behind only Katrina and Harvey. The adopted budget provides strategic direction and appropriated funds to continue recovery from Ian. Additionally, the strategic plan provides guidance and the budget provides funding to make the Village more resilient, solvent, and responsive to future incidents.



Long-Range Financial Plans Overview:

As a new community, we have had the luxury of establishing a standard protocol for how major spending initiatives are to proceed. In doing so, our protocols or procedures to identify needed community projects are standardized to avoid wide fluctuations in spending and chaotic decision-making.

Specifically, the Village has established a structured approach to identify capital projects. In each of the areas where the Village has functional responsibility for local services a community-wide master planning effort has been conducted to evaluate the current condition of the service being provided, the need for additional public investment and the relative priority of the need. Master Plans have been completed in the following areas:

- Storm Water Master Plan,
- Transportation Master Plan,
- Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan, and
- Parks and Open Space Master Plan.

While each Plan has its own framework and methodology, each was developed with the same general parameters. Each was conducted by an outside consulting firm specializing in the functional area of review. Each included a significant public outreach and specific stakeholder involvement. Each process was entirely transparent with routine postings to our webpage, emails of project updates with current information distributed to various interested parties with postings of all public meetings regarding the project.

Each of the above Master Plans has been completed. As a package, they provide the basis for public policy decision-making. The process is standardized and is embedded as part of the annual budget process.

Based on these studies, the Village has adopted a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The entire plan was first adopted in 2019 and has been reviewed and updated each year as part of the budget process. This five-year capital budget will provide data as to when major cash infusions will be necessary. These infusions may come from the issuance of debt, grants, new revenue sources, impact fees and/or a build-up of fund balance.

In addition, each capital expenditure is accompanied by an appropriate allocation for the annual maintenance of the project being built. The policy direction is to maintain all of our capital investments at the highest level to reflect the quality of our community.

Assumptions:

As mentioned previously, the national and state economics are key factors in assessing the Village's financial future. Changes in the national, state and local economies can affect both revenues and expenditures due to the impact of tax receipts and the costs of providing Village services. While economic changes at the state and national level can often translate into comparable changes locally, it is important to note that the Village of Estero and the Southwest Florida region often behave differently, showing economic trends and reflecting experience that may lag or precede noticed changes elsewhere.

The Village maintains a diversified and stable revenue structure to protect it from short-run fluctuations in any single revenue source. As part of this maintenance, the Village shall estimate revenue using a conservative, objective, and analytical process based off historical data and expected future trends. This approach should reduce the likelihood of actual revenues falling short of budget estimates and should avoid mid-year service changes.

The Village's strategic/business planning and budgeting decisions are based on a number of advanced statistical, economic, and financial models. The specific tools used include but are not limited to:

- Citizen Surveys — Based on sound statistical sampling methods, a survey of residents and business owners will be conducted to gather widespread customer satisfaction, quality perceptions, and other attitudinal information.
- Citizen Focus Groups and Advisory Boards — Focus groups and advisory boards are teams made up of citizens and Village staff to address specific concerns and strategic priorities.
- Master Planning — Specific functions and processes are included in written plans, such as the Comprehensive Master Plan or the Storm Water Master Plan.



- SWOC Analysis - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Challenges are gathered from staff, Advisory Committee members, and other members of the community.
- Revenue Forecasting Model — Statistical time series analysis and tracking model of major revenue sources.
- Performance Management System — Established data and tracking methods
- Capital Budgeting Tools — Present value payback, net present value analysis, and own/lease analysis.
- Long-Range Financial Plan — Multiyear forecasting of revenues and expenditures.

The Village's long-range financial plans are for all funds and currently extend out for a period of three years. The assumptions above are used in the long-range operating financial plans. These long-range operating financial plans are used in conjunction with achieving strategic goals. They allow management to determine if a strategic goal is unattainable due to costs or not cost-efficient compared to the operating budget or available funding position.



Personnel Summary

	Full Time Employees			Part Time Employees ¹			Contract Full Time Equivalent		
	Approved 2023-2024	Approved 2024-2025	Budgeted 2025-2026	Approved 2023-2024	Approved 2024-2025	Budgeted 2025-2026	Approved 2023-2024	Approved 2024-2025	Budgeted 2025-2026
<i>General Fund Cost Centers:</i>									
Village Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Village Manager ²	2.25	2.25	2.25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Village Attorney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Village Clerk ²	0.75	0.75	0.75	2.0	2.0	2.0	-	-	-
Finance	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	-	-	-
Community Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Development Services	2.0	2.0	2.0	-	-	-	1.0	1.0	1.0
Planning, Zoning & Development	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Code Compliance	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	1.0	1.0
Animal Control	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Physical Environment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	-	-	-
Information Technologies	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	1.0	1.0
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parks & Recreation	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Government Operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disaster Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total General Fund	11.0	11.0	11.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Building Permit Fees Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	6.0	6.0
Total Special Revenue Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	6.0	6.0
Total Governmental Funds	11.0	11.0	11.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Total Full Time Equivalent Positions	11.0	11.0	11.0	3.0	3.0	3.0			
Total Full Time Equivalent Positions in Governmental Funds						14.0			

¹ Part time employees represent 1/2 of a Full Time Equivalent position.

² The Village Clerk/Executive Assistant to the Village Manager is budgeted 25% in Village Manager and 75% in Clerk.



FUND SUMMARIES



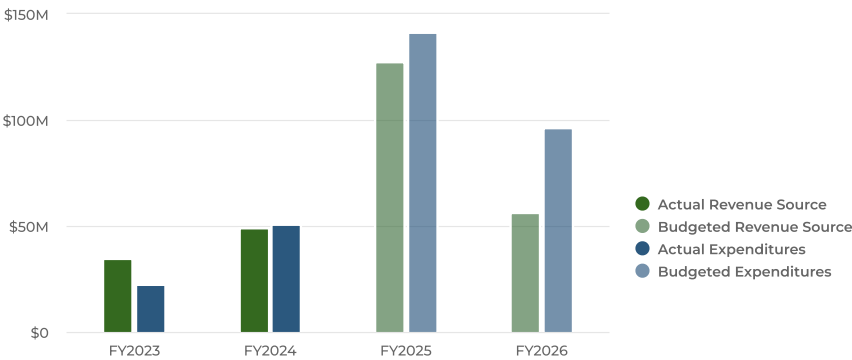


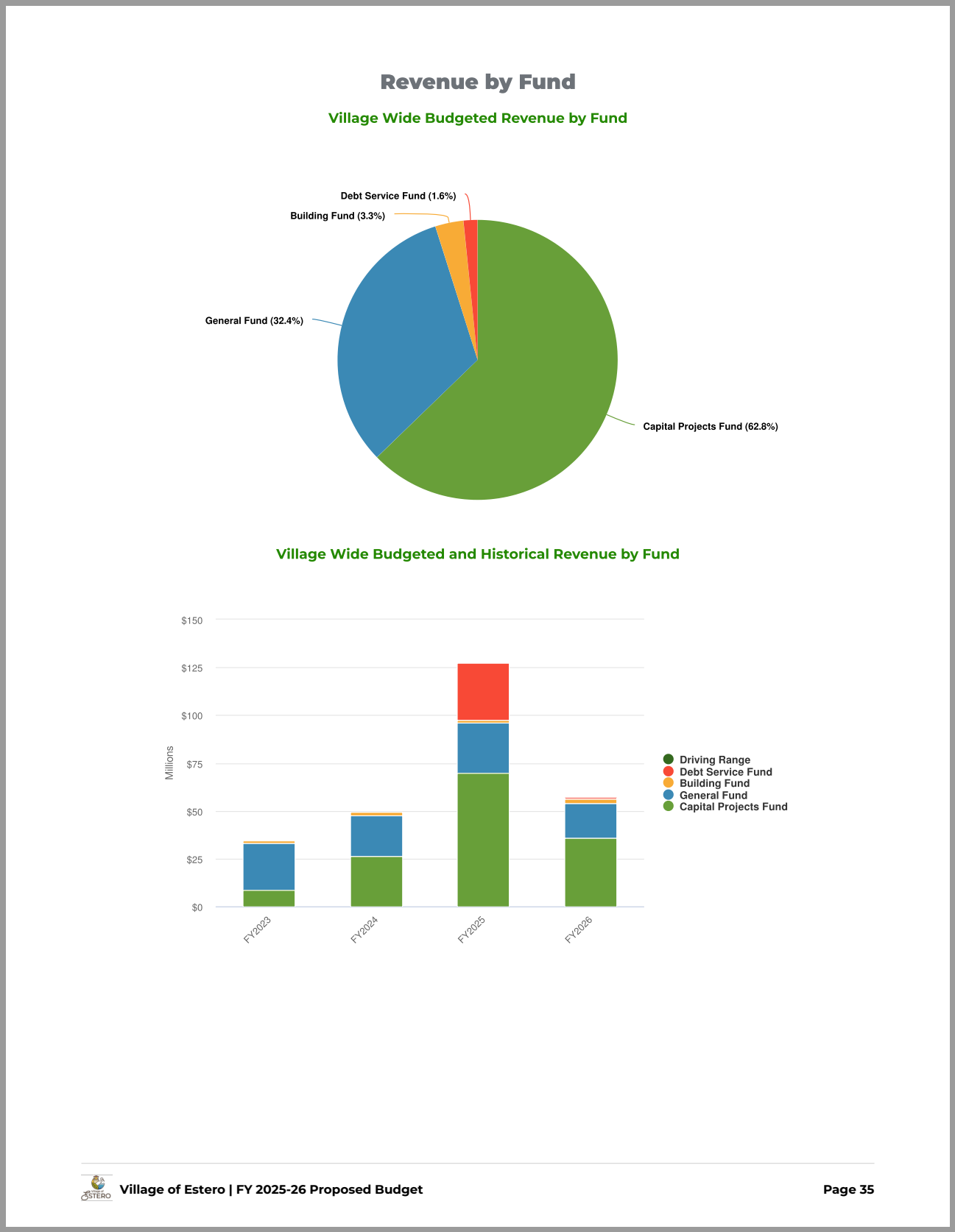
Village Wide

The Village Wide section reports on the total of all of the Village's funds.

Summary

The Village of Estero is projecting \$56.91M of revenue in FY2026, which represents a 55.4% decrease over the prior year. Budgeted expenditures are projected to decrease by 31.9% or \$45.26M to \$96.45M in FY2026.



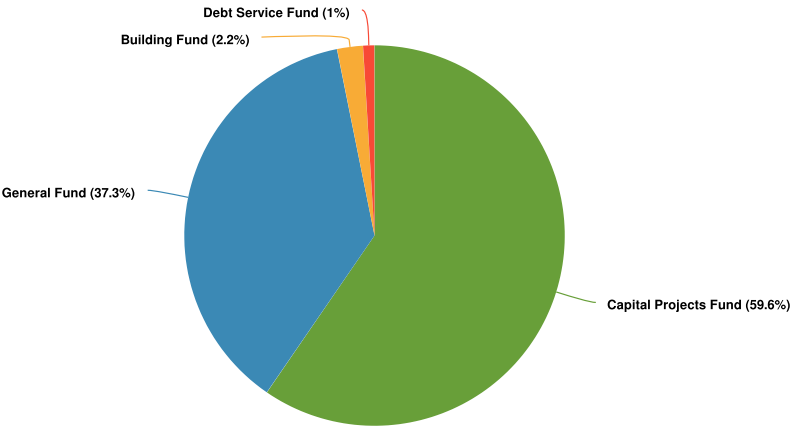


Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
General Fund	\$24,368,279	\$20,874,681	\$26,268,030	\$28,180,464	\$18,409,450	-29.9%
Building Fund	\$1,473,729	\$1,808,403	\$1,460,250	\$1,630,926	\$1,855,755	27.1%
Driving Range	\$330,500	\$286,258	\$5,015	\$7,593	\$0	-100%
Debt Service Fund	\$0	\$0	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$920,000	-96.9%
Capital Projects Fund	\$8,577,703	\$26,500,990	\$69,710,635	\$22,040,093	\$35,721,133	-48.8%
Total:	\$34,750,212	\$49,470,332	\$127,443,930	\$51,859,076	\$56,906,338	-55.3%

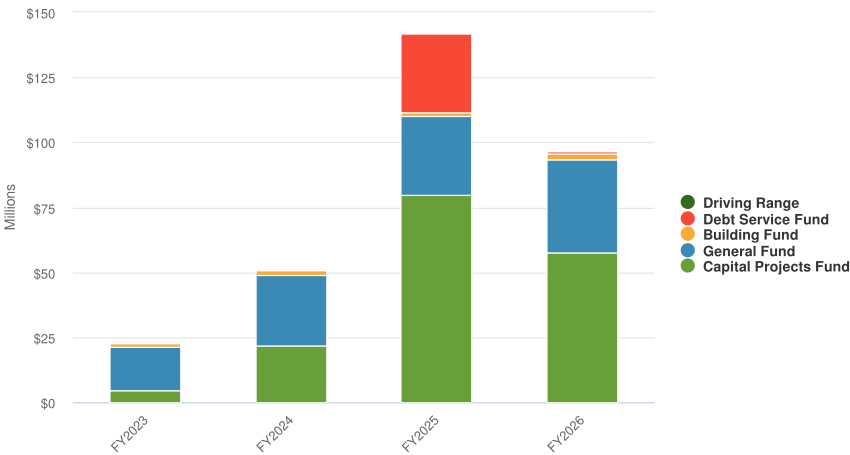


Expenditures by Fund

Village Wide Budgeted Expenditures by Fund



Village Wide Budgeted and Historical 2023 Expenditures by Fund



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
General Fund	\$16,506,475	\$27,453,283	\$30,274,565	\$26,338,227	\$35,945,150	18.7%
Building Fund	\$1,518,644	\$1,897,082	\$1,554,600	\$2,730,189	\$2,117,865	36.2%
Driving Range	\$308,244	\$289,793	\$10,800	\$2,600	\$0	-100%
Debt Service Fund	\$0	\$0	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$920,000	-96.9%
Capital Projects Fund	\$4,640,195	\$21,606,519	\$79,643,914	\$28,949,652	\$57,470,106	-27.8%
Total:	\$22,973,558	\$51,246,678	\$141,483,879	\$58,020,668	\$96,453,121	-31.8%





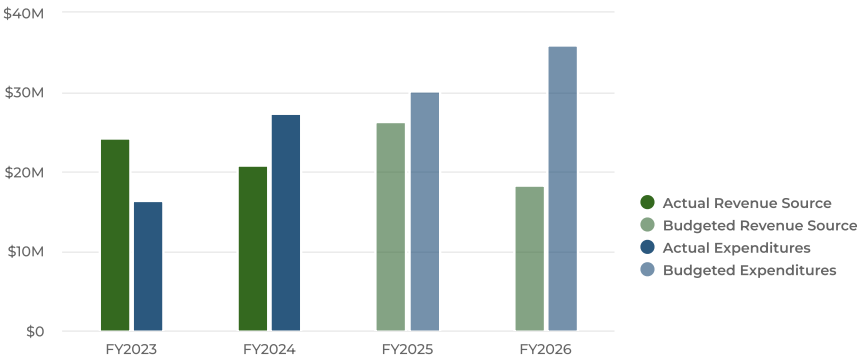
General Fund

The General Fund is the operating fund of the Village. It accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund type. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes and other governmental revenues. The general operating expenditures, fixed charges and capital outlay costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Fund.

The General Fund is a major Governmental Fund for financial reporting purposes. The General Fund of a governmental entity is always deemed to be a major fund.

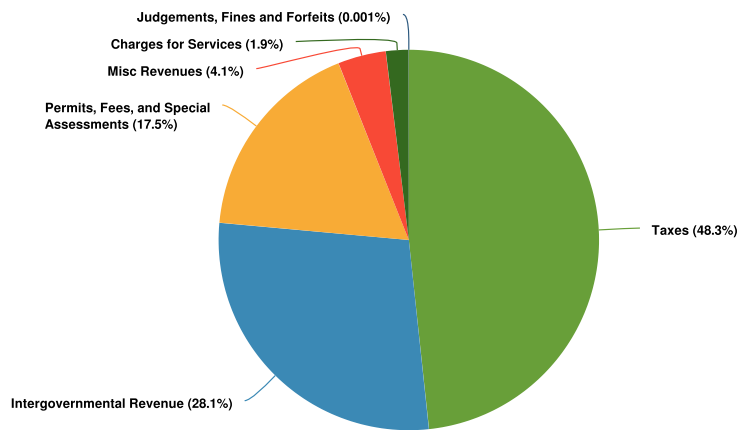
Summary

The Village of Estero is projecting \$18.33M of revenue in FY2026, which represents a 30.4% decrease over the prior year. Budgeted expenditures are projected to increase by 18.7% or \$5.67M to \$35.95M in FY2026.

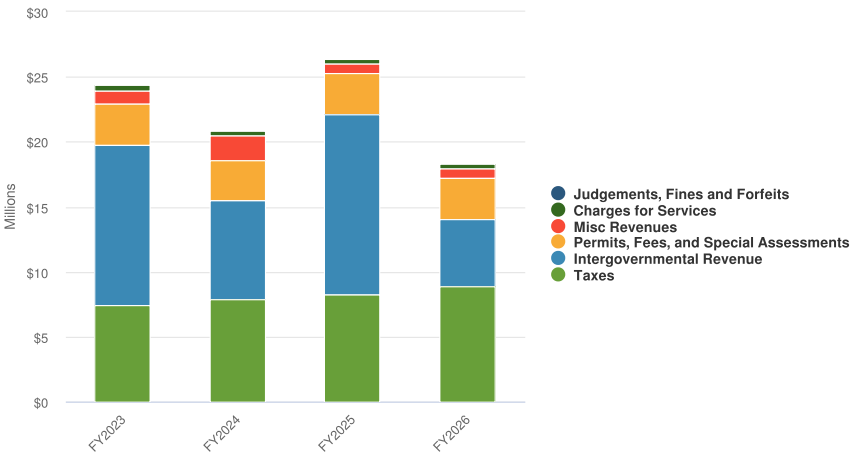


Revenues by Source

General Fund Budgeted Revenues by Source



General Fund Budgeted and Historical Revenues by Source

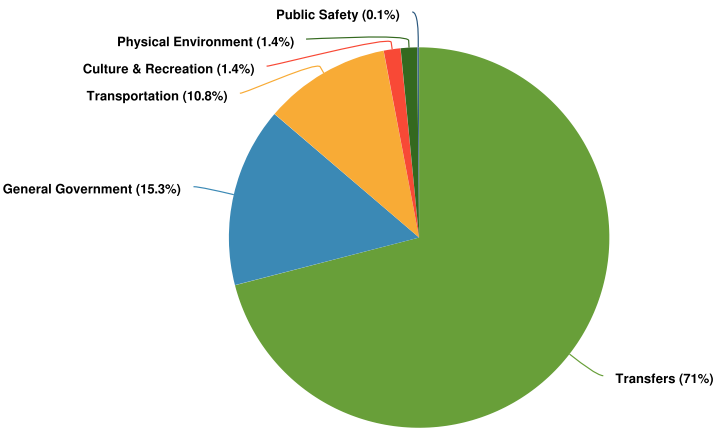


Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Revenue Source						
Taxes	\$7,409,226	\$7,867,821	\$8,163,380	\$8,500,695	\$8,934,200	9.4%
Permits, Fees, and Special Assessments	\$3,159,264	\$3,087,496	\$3,091,000	\$2,902,046	\$3,213,500	4%
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$12,362,641	\$7,593,202	\$13,901,900	\$15,254,684	\$5,157,500	-62.9%
Charges for Services	\$398,437	\$360,483	\$360,500	\$313,381	\$353,000	-2.1%
Judgements, Fines and Forfeits	\$217	\$193	\$250	\$2,000	\$250	0%
Misc Revenues	\$1,038,495	\$1,965,486	\$751,000	\$1,207,658	\$751,000	0%
Total Revenue Source:	\$24,368,279	\$20,874,681	\$26,268,030	\$28,180,464	\$18,409,450	-29.9%

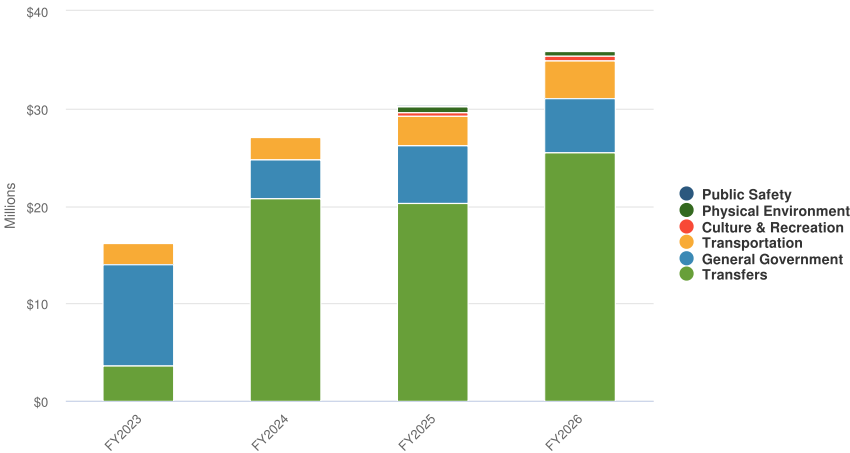


Expenditures by Function

General Fund Budgeted Expenditures by Function



General Fund Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Function



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
General Government						
Village Council	\$151,597	\$149,855	\$171,810	\$151,064	\$176,680	2.8%
Village Manager	\$638,404	\$633,691	\$844,825	\$700,141	\$781,910	-7.4%
Village Attorney	\$277,118	\$428,337	\$352,000	\$316,932	\$375,000	6.5%
Village Clerk	\$145,659	\$64,128	\$273,115	\$102,400	\$255,490	-6.5%
Finance	\$484,953	\$545,415	\$617,575	\$580,700	\$640,330	3.7%
Code Compliance	\$16,486	\$3,666	\$184,250	\$28,425	\$29,275	-84.1%
Information Technology	\$364,678	\$338,917	\$494,300	\$525,000	\$670,000	35.5%
General Government	\$434,322	\$626,346	\$1,117,800	\$797,850	\$1,094,000	-2.1%
Disaster Response	\$7,090,167	\$236,199	\$35,000	\$120,000	\$35,000	0%
Development Services	\$456,354	\$475,566	\$1,369,430	\$978,800	\$1,044,075	-23.8%
Planning, Zoning, Dev Review	\$387,781	\$384,510	\$502,100	\$388,250	\$388,250	-22.7%
Total General Government:	\$10,447,520	\$3,886,629	\$5,962,205	\$4,689,562	\$5,490,010	-7.9%
Public Safety						
Law Enforcement/Security	\$15,370	\$82,189	\$55,000	\$48,500	\$50,925	-7.4%
Lee County Marine Patrol	\$0	\$0	\$43,860	\$0	\$0	-100%
Total Public Safety:	\$15,370	\$82,189	\$98,860	\$48,500	\$50,925	-48.5%
Physical Environment						
Physical Environment	\$205,127	\$183,943	\$577,500	\$430,300	\$505,000	-12.6%
Total Physical Environment:	\$205,127	\$183,943	\$577,500	\$430,300	\$505,000	-12.6%
Transportation						
Transportation	\$2,140,461	\$2,356,696	\$3,036,825	\$3,390,100	\$3,869,310	27.4%
Total Transportation:	\$2,140,461	\$2,356,696	\$3,036,825	\$3,390,100	\$3,869,310	27.4%
Culture & Recreation						
Parks & Recreation	\$77,967	\$109,938	\$294,560	\$468,000	\$514,800	74.8%
Total Culture & Recreation:	\$77,967	\$109,938	\$294,560	\$468,000	\$514,800	74.8%
Transfers						
Transfers	\$3,620,030	\$20,833,888	\$20,304,615	\$17,311,765	\$25,515,105	25.7%
Total Transfers:	\$3,620,030	\$20,833,888	\$20,304,615	\$17,311,765	\$25,515,105	25.7%
Total Expenditures:	\$16,506,475	\$27,453,283	\$30,274,565	\$26,338,227	\$35,945,150	18.7%



Fund Balance

In March of 2024, Council adopted a comprehensive update to Village financial policies. Included in this was an update to reserve policy as follows:

General Fund Committed Fund Balance – Emergency Reserve: The minimum level for the Emergency Reserve is 50% of General Fund budgeted expenditures less transfers out and any uses of fund balances.

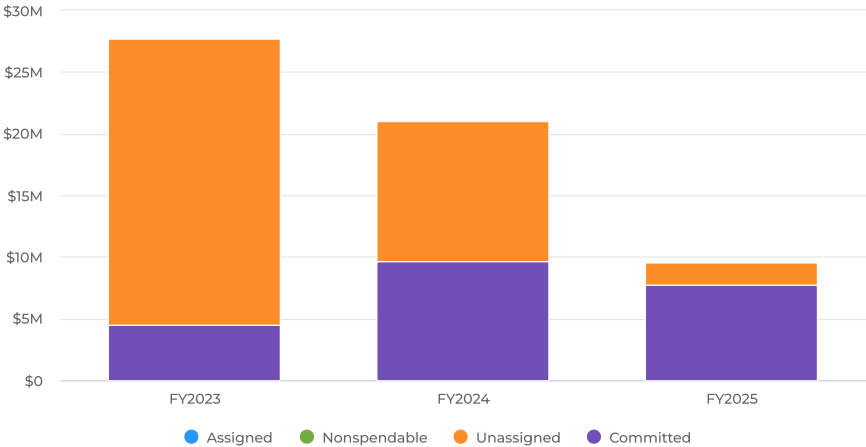
General Fund Committed Fund Balance – Operating Reserve: The minimum level for the Operating Reserve is 20% of General Fund budgeted expenditures less transfers out and any uses of fund balances.

General Fund Assigned Fund Balance – Litigation Reserve: The minimum level for the Litigation Reserve is \$750,000. Given the geographical area is prone to legal challenges, these funds are to be used in the event legal action is taken, or, conversely, in an instance where the Village seeks a legal remedy to protect the public interest.

General Fund Assigned Fund Balance – Major Road Maintenance Reserve: The Major Road Maintenance Reserve was established in fiscal year 2019-2020 with an initial contribution of \$300,000 with 3% annual growth adjustments, unless directed otherwise by supermajority Council approval of an Ordinance amendment.

Compliance with the provisions of this policy shall be reviewed as a part of the annual budget adoption process, and the amounts of restricted, committed, assigned, non-spendable and the minimum level of unassigned fund balance shall be determined during this process.

Projections



Financial Summary	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	% Change
Fund Balance	—	—	—	
Unassigned	\$23,161,808	\$11,364,266	\$1,793,465	-84.2%
Assigned	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Committed	\$4,505,700	\$9,669,400	\$7,728,965	-20.1%
Nonspendable	\$14,525	\$14,525	\$0	-100%
Total Fund Balance:	\$27,682,033	\$21,048,191	\$9,522,430	-54.8%



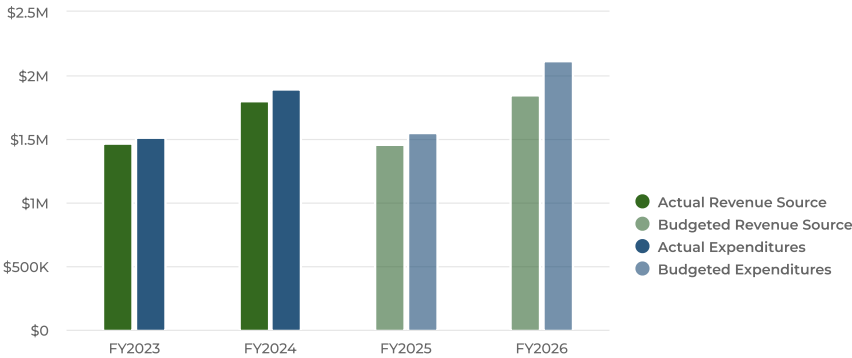
Building Fee Fund

The Building Fees Fund accounts for the resources collected for building permit fees levied within the Village. The revenue is restricted for the use of enforcing the Florida Building Code.

The Building Fee Fund is a non-major Special Revenue Fund for financial reporting purposes.

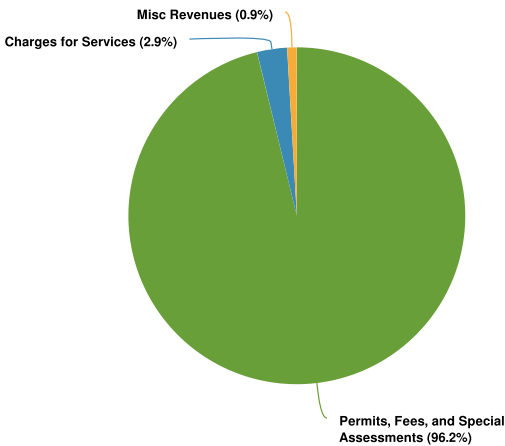
Summary

The Village of Estero is projecting \$1.86M of revenue in FY2026, which represents a 27.1% increase over the prior year. Budgeted expenditures are projected to increase by 36.2% or \$563,27K to \$2.12M in FY2026.

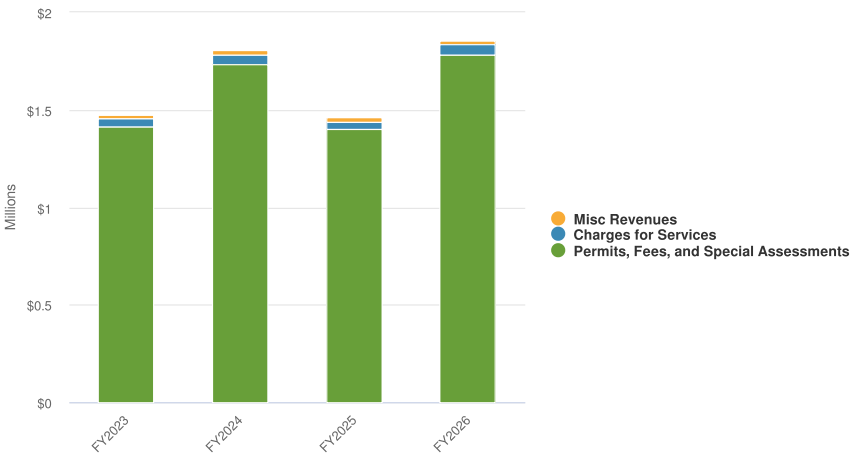


Revenues by Source

Building Fee Fund Budgeted Revenues by Source

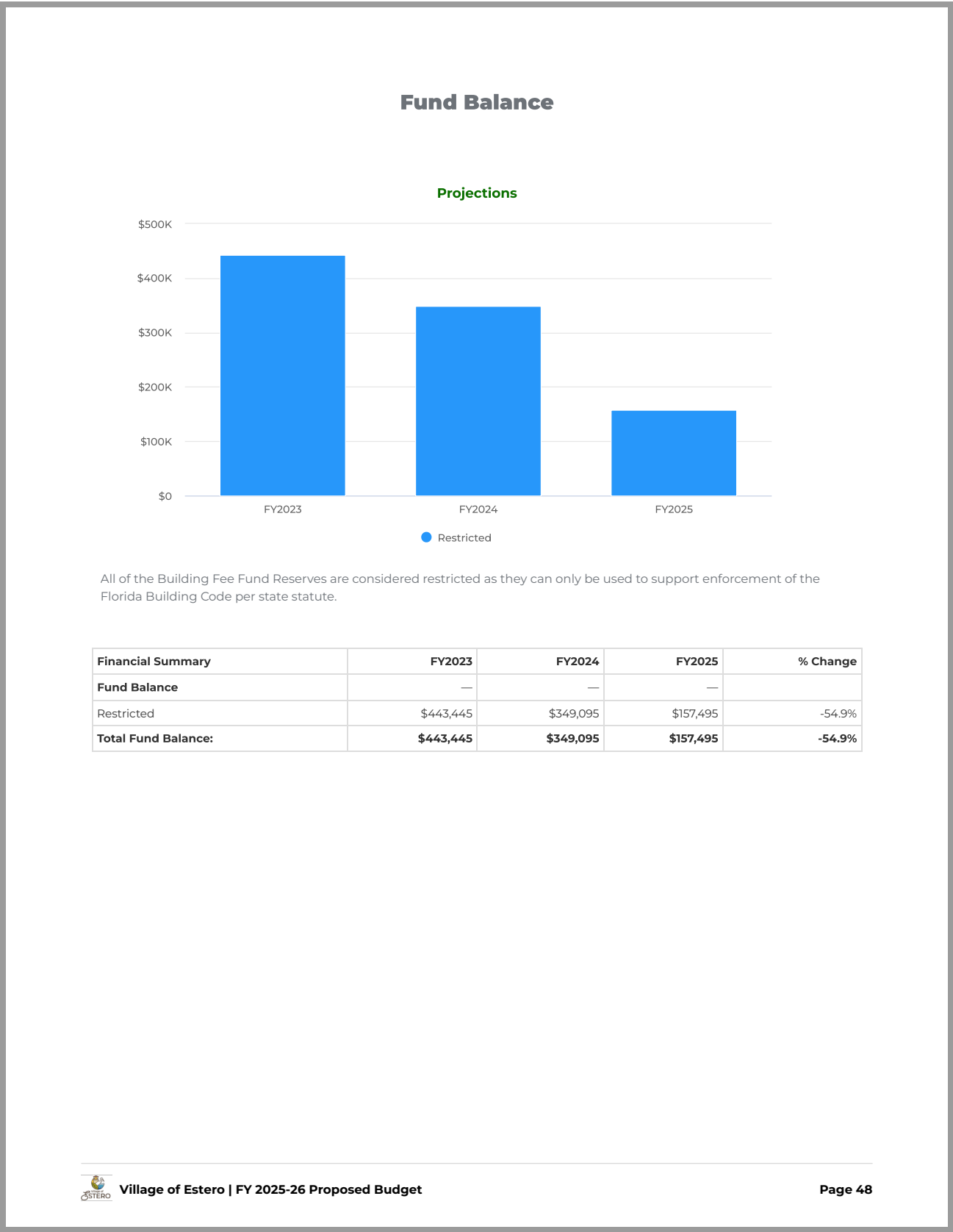


Building Fee Fund Budgeted and Historical Revenues by Source



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Revenue Source						
Permits, Fees, and Special Assessments	\$1,416,904	\$1,736,628	\$1,401,750	\$1,552,687	\$1,785,290	27.4%
Charges for Services	\$40,651	\$43,134	\$35,000	\$54,239	\$53,465	52.8%
Misc Revenues	\$16,175	\$28,641	\$23,500	\$24,000	\$17,000	-27.7%
Total Revenue Source:	\$1,473,729	\$1,808,403	\$1,460,250	\$1,630,926	\$1,855,755	27.1%







Debt Service Fund

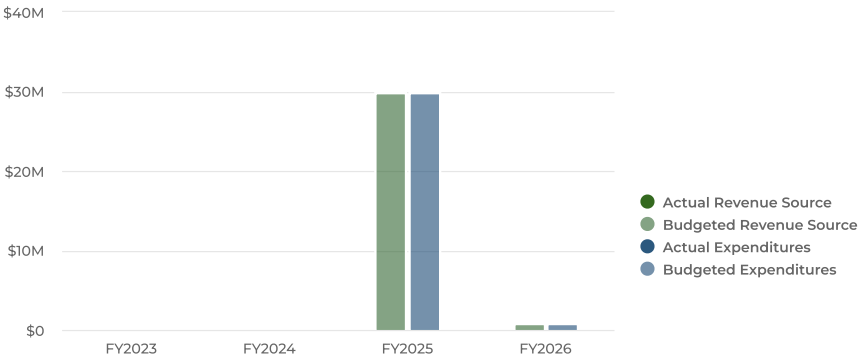
The Debt Service Fund accounts for the accumulation of resources that are committed or assigned for the payment of principal and interest on long-term obligations of governmental funds.

The Debt Service Fund is considered a non-major Governmental Fund for financial reporting.

Summary

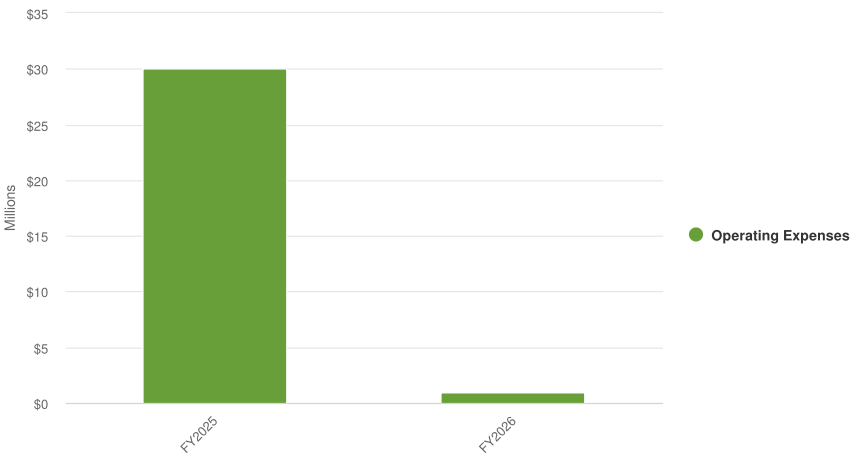
The Village of Estero is projecting \$920K of revenue in FY2026, which represents a 96.9% decrease over the prior year. Budgeted expenditures are projected to decrease by 96.9% or \$29.08M to \$920K in FY2026.

The Village has no debt obligations, therefore there are no revenues or expenditures budgeted for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 fiscal year.



Expenditures by Expense Type

Debt Service Fund Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expense Objects						
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$920,000	-96.9%
Total Expense Objects:	\$0	\$0	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$920,000	-96.9%





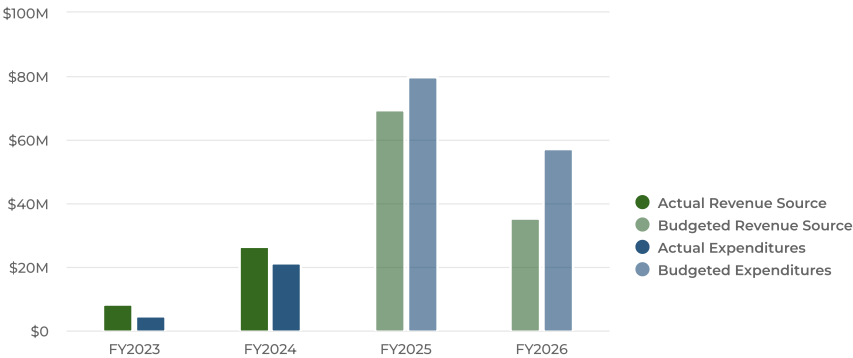
Capital Projects Fund

The Capital Projects Fund accounts for the resources restricted or allocated to capital projects. The restricted revenue is restricted for use on road or park capital improvements.

The Capital Projects fund is considered a major Governmental Fund for financial reporting purposes. A major fund is defined as any fund whose revenues or expenditures, excluding other financing sources and uses, constitute more than 10% of the revenues or expenditures of the appropriated budget.

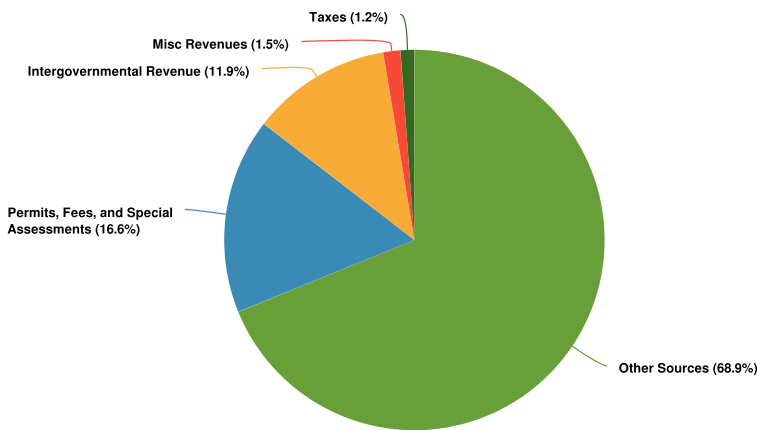
Summary

The Village of Estero is projecting \$35.72M of revenue in FY2026, which represents a 48.8% decrease over the prior year. Budgeted expenditures are projected to decrease by 28.0% or \$22.4M to \$57.47M in FY2026.

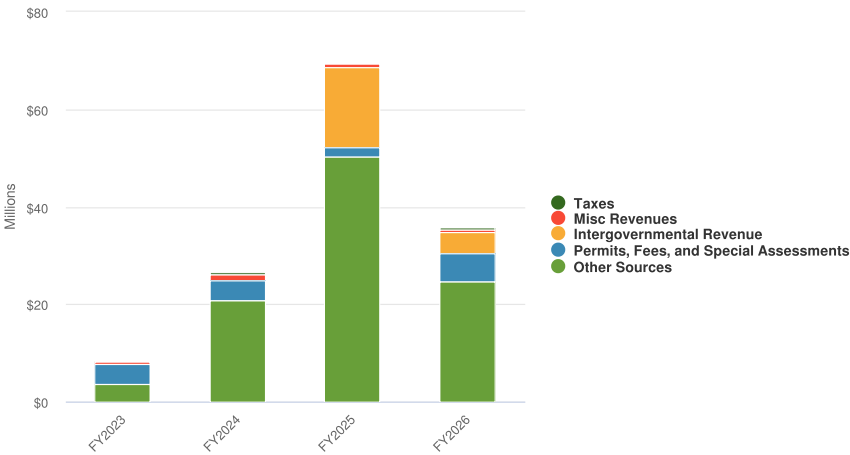


Revenues by Source

Capital Projects Fund Budgeted Revenues by Source

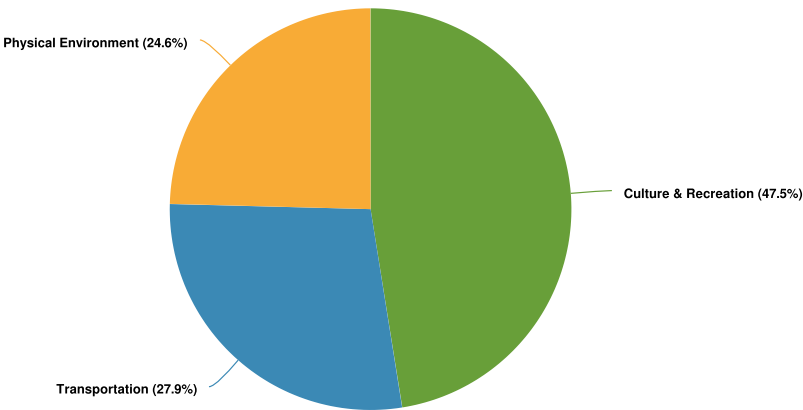


Capital Projects Fund Budgeted and Historical Revenues by Source

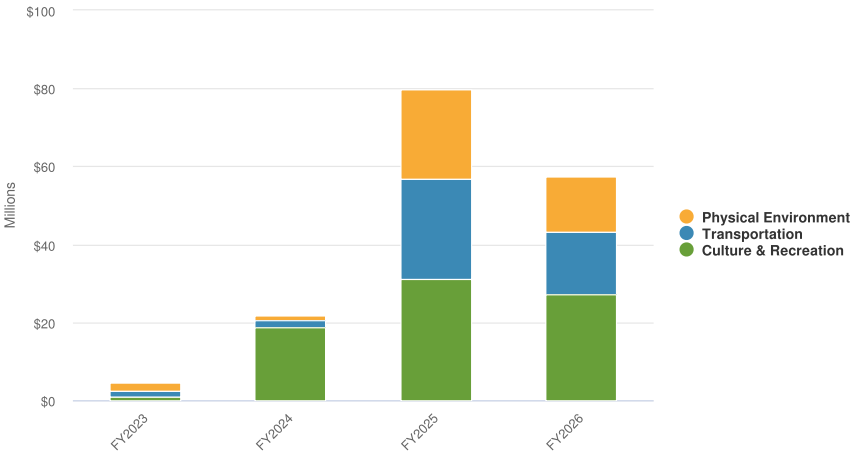


Expenditures by Function

Capital Projects Fund Budgeted Expenditures by Function



Capital Projects Fund Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Function



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
Physical Environment						
Physical Environment	\$2,149,488	\$1,094,749	\$22,926,714	\$500,000	\$14,125,106	-38.4%
Total Physical Environment:	\$2,149,488	\$1,094,749	\$22,926,714	\$500,000	\$14,125,106	-38.4%
Transportation						
Gas Tax	\$4,825	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Transportation	\$1,519,213	\$1,669,802	\$25,547,200	\$11,200,000	\$16,050,000	-37.2%
Total Transportation:	\$1,524,038	\$1,669,802	\$25,547,200	\$11,200,000	\$16,050,000	-37.2%
Culture & Recreation	\$966,668	\$18,841,968	\$31,170,000	\$17,249,652	\$27,295,000	-12.4%
Total Culture & Recreation:	\$966,668	\$18,841,968	\$31,170,000	\$17,249,652	\$27,295,000	-12.4%
Total Expenditures:	\$4,640,195	\$21,606,519	\$79,643,914	\$28,949,652	\$57,470,106	-27.8%





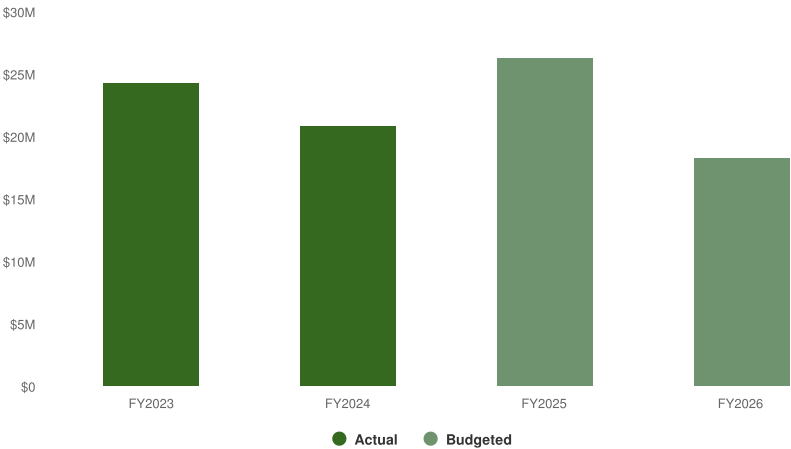
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General Fund Revenue

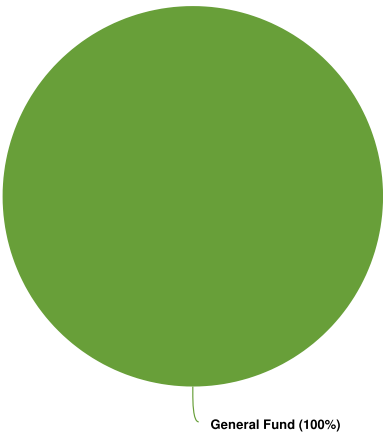
\$18,332,970 **-\$8,024,935**
(-30.45% vs. prior year)

General Fund Revenue Historical Budget vs. Actual

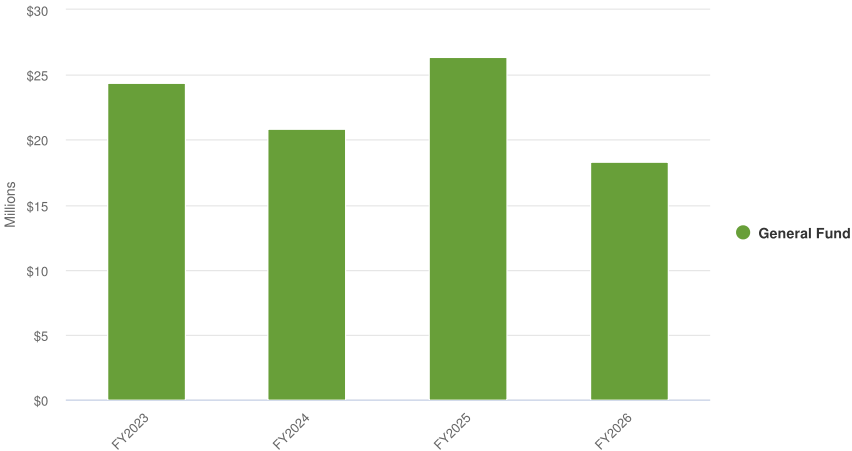


Revenue by Fund

2026 Revenue by Fund



Budgeted and Historical 2026 Revenue by Fund



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
General Fund						
Taxes						
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$5,723,923	\$6,150,009	\$6,560,880	\$6,721,018	\$7,159,200	9.1%
Local Communications Svcs Tax	\$1,012,911	\$1,077,930	\$950,500	\$1,149,202	\$1,125,000	18.4%
Local Business Tax	\$32,508	\$21,977	\$27,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	-7.4%
Local Option Gas Tax-1-6 Cent	\$639,884	\$617,904	\$625,000	\$605,475	\$625,000	0%
Total Taxes:	\$7,409,226	\$7,867,821	\$8,163,380	\$8,500,695	\$8,934,200	9.4%
Permits, Fees, and Special Assessments						
Franchise Fees-Electric	\$2,887,780	\$2,818,236	\$2,850,000	\$2,632,562	\$2,950,000	3.5%
Franchise Fees-Natural Gas	\$134,354	\$131,501	\$102,500	\$132,684	\$125,000	22%
Franchise Fees-Solid Waste	\$136,930	\$136,959	\$137,500	\$135,000	\$137,500	0%
ROW Permits	\$200	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,800	\$1,000	0%
Total Permits, Fees, and Special Assessments:	\$3,159,264	\$3,087,496	\$3,091,000	\$2,902,046	\$3,213,500	4%
Intergovernmental Revenue						
Mobile Home License	\$3,720	\$3,762	\$3,750	\$4,150	\$3,750	0%
Alcohol Beverage Tax	\$29,527	\$32,514	\$31,250	\$31,500	\$31,250	0%
Rev Sharing Sales tax	\$826,154	\$896,036	\$850,000	\$886,254	\$850,000	0%
Half Cent Sales Tax	\$4,229,616	\$4,032,684	\$4,200,000	\$3,734,412	\$3,925,000	-6.5%
Federal Grant - FEMA Public Assistance	\$6,441,876	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	0%
State Grant - Econ Environ	\$479,884	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
ARPA	\$0	\$2,254,436	\$8,476,900	\$10,000,000	\$0	-100%
FDOT US 41 Light Maintenance	\$143,903	\$148,220	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$152,500	5.2%
Rev Sharing-Fuel Tax	\$207,960	\$225,551	\$195,000	\$203,368	\$195,000	0%
Total Intergovernmental Revenue:	\$12,362,641	\$7,593,202	\$13,901,900	\$15,254,684	\$5,157,500	-62.9%
Charges for Services						
Administrative Fee	\$161,017	\$157,061	\$150,000	\$137,947	\$150,000	0%
Code Comp & Contractor License	\$3,250	\$81,456	\$45,000	\$35,000	\$45,000	0%
Cost Recovery-Admin Charge	\$18,287	\$15,150	\$15,000	\$18,200	\$15,000	0%
Dev & Zoning-Fixed Fees	\$62,788	\$40,012	\$60,000	\$49,734	\$52,500	-12.5%
Dev & Zoning-Cost Recovery Fee	\$153,095	\$66,804	\$90,500	\$72,500	\$90,500	0%
Total Charges for Services:	\$398,437	\$360,483	\$360,500	\$313,381	\$353,000	-2.1%
Judgements, Fines and Forfeits						
Fines & Forfeitures	\$217	\$193	\$250	\$2,000	\$250	0%
Total Judgements, Fines and Forfeits:	\$217	\$193	\$250	\$2,000	\$250	0%



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Misc Revenues						
Interest Income	\$893,941	\$1,860,561	\$650,000	\$1,106,658	\$650,000	0%
Rental income	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	0%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$72,671	\$37,850	\$32,500	\$35,000	\$32,500	0%
Planning-Miscellaneous Revenue	\$35,884	\$31,075	\$32,500	\$30,000	\$32,500	0%
Total Misc Revenues:	\$1,038,495	\$1,965,486	\$751,000	\$1,207,658	\$751,000	0%
Total General Fund:	\$24,368,279	\$20,874,681	\$26,268,030	\$28,180,464	\$18,409,450	-29.9%



Funding Sources

Ad Valorem Taxes

Legal Authorization

Florida Statutes §166.211 authorizes the Village of Estero, in a manner not inconsistent with general law, to levy Ad Valorem taxes on real and tangible personal property in an amount not to exceed 10 mills. Ad Valorem Taxes are also known as property taxes. The 2015 tax was the initial year of the Village assessing a millage rate.

Major Assumptions

The Certified Values of the Village are provided below. A two-thirds (5 out of 7) council member vote allows for a maximum millage rate of 0.9231. These rules are outlined in Florida Statutes §200.065.

Fee Schedule

Resolution No. 2023-16 proposes the millage rate of the Village of Estero, for the tax year 2023, levying an annual tax for said year at 0.7500 mills per thousand dollars of the total assessed taxable value of all real and tangible personal property. The Ad Valorem Revenue is budgeted at a 95% collection rate.

Revenue Trends

Tax Year	Just Value	Taxable Value	% Over (Under) Prior Year	Millage Rate	Rolled Back Rate	% Over (Under) Rolled Back Rate	Revenue Collected/ Budgeted
2015	\$6,960,615,458	\$5,675,825,842	n/a	0.8398	n/a	n/a	\$4,589,279
2016	\$7,557,342,274	\$6,097,421,427	7.40%	0.7998	0.8004	-0.10%	\$4,699,042
2017	\$8,023,726,022	\$6,484,202,557	6.30%	0.7798	0.7682	1.50%	\$4,819,043
2018	\$8,035,620,944	\$6,649,259,073	2.50%	0.7750	0.7692	0.80%	\$4,955,863
2019	\$8,284,006,502	\$6,808,708,418	2.40%	0.7726	0.7630	1.30%	\$5,006,000
2020	\$8,368,207,123	\$6,907,286,529	1.40%	0.7726	0.7681	0.60%	\$5,075,000
2021	\$8,621,214,307	\$7,196,324,224	4.20%	0.7700	0.7481	2.90%	\$5,281,886
2022	\$10,799,774,117	\$7,980,550,121	10.90%	0.7500	0.7002	7.10%	\$5,686,200
2023	\$13,780,573,963	\$8,680,149,665	8.80%	0.7400	0.6826	8.40%	\$6,102,200
2024	\$14,664,894,580	\$9,580,656,300	10.40%	0.7300	0.6850	6.60%	\$6,644,200
2025	\$14,341,976,000	\$10,323,148,724	7.70%	0.7300	0.6969	4.70%	\$7,159,200

	Actual 2023-2024	Budget 2024-2025	Estimated 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026
Total Ad Valorem Taxes	\$6,150,009	\$6,560,880	\$6,721,018	\$7,159,200



Taxes Paid by Village of Estero Residents

A mil of tax is the rate of tax equal to \$1.00 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value. Below is a breakdown of the millage rates for all taxing authorities paid by Village residents by Fire District:

Taxing Authority	2023 Millage Rate	2024 Millage Rate	2024 % of Total Tax Bill
Lee County General Revenue	3.7623	3.7623	28.91%
Lee County Library District	0.4714	0.4361	3.35%
Village of Estero	0.7400	0.7300	5.61%
Public School by Local Board	2.2480	2.2480	17.28%
Public School by State Law	3.1820	3.0380	23.35%
Hyacinth Control District	0.0217	0.0200	0.15%
Mosquito Control District	0.2300	0.2200	1.69%
South Florida Water Management District	0.2301	0.2301	1.77%
West Coast Inland Navigation District	0.0394	0.0394	0.30%
Subtotal Excluding Fire District	10.9249	10.7239	
The following apply to property located in the <i>Estero Fire Rescue District</i> :			
Estero Fire Rescue District 1	2.1300	2.2880	17.58%
Total Estero Fire Rescue District	13.0549	13.0119	
The following apply to property located in the <i>San Carlos Park Fire District</i> :			
San Carlos Fire Rescue District 1	2.7500	2.4800	18.78%
Total San Carlos Park Fire District	13.6749	13.2039	
The following apply to property located in the <i>Bonita Springs Fire District</i> :			
Bonita Springs Fire Rescue District	1.9466	1.9466	15.36%
Total Bonita Springs Fire District	12.8715	12.6705	



Local Option Gas Tax Revenue

Legal Authorization

The 6-cent fuel tax, and the additional 5-cent fuel tax, pursuant to Chapter 336.025, Florida Statutes, were levied by an ordinance adopted by a majority vote of the County's governing body. The proceeds of the fuel tax are distributed to the municipalities located within Lee County based upon an inter-local agreement.

Major Assumptions

The inter-local agreement was effective October 1, 2015; therefore, no Local Option Gas Taxes were received prior to that date. Revenue estimates and allocations are provided by the state.

Fee Schedule

Florida Statute §336.025 allows for the distribution of the Local Option Gas Tax whether through an inter-local agreement or by transportation methodology outlined in the Statutes. The County and Cities entered into an inter-local agreement, which distributes 2.5% to the Village of Estero.

Revenue Trends

	<u>Actual</u> <u>2023-2024</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2024-2025</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2024-2025</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2025-2026</u>
<i>Local Option Gas Tax 1 to 6 cent</i>	\$ 617,904.39	\$ 625,000.00	\$ 605,475.00	\$ 625,000.00
<i>Local Option Gas Tax 1 to 5 cent</i>	\$ 446,574.64	\$ 415,000.00	\$ 425,000.00	\$ 435,250.00
Total Local Option Gas Tax	\$ 1,064,479.03	\$ 1,040,000.00	\$ 1,030,475.00	\$ 1,060,250.00



Franchise Fees

Legal Authorization

The Village of Estero Ordinance No. 2015-09 (electrical) grants the non-exclusive right, privilege or franchise to construct, maintain and operate, under, upon, over and across the present or future streets for the respective services. Ordinance No. 2016-12 authorizes the assessment of solid waste fees within the Village. The franchise fee collected by Lee County will be shared with the Village pursuant to an inter-local agreement (EC 2016-32). Ordinance No. 2021-09 authorizes a franchise agreement with People's Gas which is 6% of gross revenue from the sale of Natural Gas to customers within the corporate limits of the Village.

Major Assumptions

The Franchise Agreement negotiated with FPL was effective October 1, 2015. Solid Waste franchise fees were effective September 7, 2016, and the rate is set by Lee County. Current franchise fees are: Electrical, 4.5% (6% maximum) and Solid Waste, 5.5%. Village Council has the option to increase electrical franchise fees once annually and Lee County can increase the solid waste franchise fee. Revenue estimates are based upon trend analysis.

Fee Schedule

Contained in Village Ordinance 2015-09.

Revenue Trends

	Actual 2023-2024	Budget 2024-2025	Estimated 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026
<i>Franchise Fees-Electrical</i>	\$ 2,818,235.62	\$ 2,850,000.00	\$ 2,632,562.12	\$ 2,950,000.00
<i>Franchise Fees-Solid Waste</i>	\$ 226,433.49	\$ 137,500.00	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 137,500.00
<i>Franchise Fees-Natural Gas</i>	\$ 131,501.30	\$ 102,500.00	\$ 132,683.76	\$ 125,000.00
Total Franchise Fees	\$ 3,176,170.41	\$ 3,090,000.00	\$ 2,900,245.88	\$ 3,212,500.00



Communication Services Tax

Legal Authorization

Florida Statutes §202.19, authorizes the Village of Estero to adopt Local Communication Services Tax (CST). The Village adopted Ordinance 2015-07 to establish the rates.

Major Assumptions

The Village of Estero Ordinance 15-07 set a CST rate of 3.61%, which was effective January 1, 2016. Village Council, by Florida Statutes §202.21, can increase upon adoption by Ordinance before September 1st of any year for an increase beginning on January 1st of the following year with a maximum of 5.22% allowed. Revenue estimates and allocations are provided by the state.

Fee Schedule

All payment schedules are established by Florida Statutes and are received monthly for the prior two months' collection, i.e., January collections are received in March.

Revenue Trends

	<u>Actual</u> <u>2023-2024</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2024-2025</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2024-2025</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2025-2026</u>
<i>Communications Services Tax</i>	\$ 1,077,930.19	\$ 950,500.00	\$ 1,149,201.67	\$ 1,125,000.00



State Shared Revenues

Legal Authorization

The Shared State Revenues are comprised of a variety of fees and taxes collected by the State and distributed to municipalities based on formulas established by appropriate Florida Statutes.

The Municipal *Revenue Sharing* apportionment of Sales Tax for municipalities is discussed in Florida Statutes §218.245. State Fuel Taxes are levied pursuant to Florida Statutes §206.41 with the County Local Option Gas Tax levied pursuant to Florida Statutes §336.025. This revenue category is composed of the 8-cent fuel tax collected and distributed by the State. The Cigarette Tax is levied by Florida Statutes §210.02 and was consolidated into the State Shared Revenue proceeds in Fiscal Year 2000-2001.

Local Government Half Cent Sales Tax distributions are provided for in Florida Statutes §218.61.

Major Assumptions

Collections for Sales and Fuel Taxes are projected to decrease as the result of the continued impact of Covid-19 and related economic slowdown.

Fee Schedule

All payment schedules are established by Florida Statutes. Revenue Sharing is received monthly based upon an apportionment formula. Mobile Home Licenses and Half Cent Sales Tax are received monthly for the prior two months' collection, i.e., January collections are received in March. Alcoholic Beverage Licenses are received quarterly for the prior quarter's collections.

Revenue Trends

	<u>Actual</u> <u>2023-2024</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2024-2025</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2024-2025</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2025-2026</u>
<i>Revenue Sharing—Sales Tax Portion</i>	\$ 896,036.04	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 886,254.00	\$ 850,000.00
<i>Revenue Sharing-Fuel Tax Portion</i>	\$ 225,551.17	\$ 195,000.00	\$ 203,368.00	\$ 195,000.00
<i>Half Cent Sales Tax</i>	\$ 4,032,683.55	\$ 4,200,000.00	\$ 3,734,412.33	\$ 3,925,000.00
Total State Shared Revenues	\$ 5,154,270.76	\$ 5,245,000.00	\$ 4,824,034.33	\$ 4,970,000.00



Impact Fee Revenues

Legal Authorization

Florida Statutes §163.31801 provides the authority for the Village of Estero to adopt Impact Fees as a home rule revenue source. The Village adopted Ordinance No. 2018-09 & 2018-10 imposing impact fees as outlined in the provisions of the Estero Land Development Code, Chapter 2, Article VI.

Major Assumptions

Impact fees are imposed on new construction and, as a result of the continued economic uncertainty, new construction permits are anticipated to decrease significantly until the local new construction housing market shows signs of pending recovery.

Fee Schedule

Contained in Village of Estero Development Code, Chapter 2, Article VI.

Revenue Trends

	Actual 2023-2024	Budget 2024-2025	Estimated 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026
<i>Road Impact Fees</i>	\$ 2,874,348.00	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 1,545,000.00	\$ 4,589,310.00
<i>Park Impact Fees</i>	\$ 479,550.00	\$ 182,500.00	\$ 525,000.00	\$ 234,883.00
Total Impact Fee Revenue	\$ 3,353,898.00	\$ 1,432,500.00	\$ 2,070,000.00	\$ 4,824,193.00



Building Permits & Fees

Legal Authorization

Florida Statutes § 163.31801 authorizes the Village to impose building permit fees, which are regulatory fees adopted pursuant to a local government's policy powers in the exercise of a sovereign function. The Village adopted Resolution No. 2015-68 as amended with Resolution 2017-11 for Village Center and Resolution 2019-22 for Private Provider inspections.

Major Assumptions

Revenue projections are based upon historically collected trends and relevant economic data. As of the approval of the 2021-2022 budget, future revenue collection remains to be diligently monitored as the result of the continued impacts of Covid-19 and the related economic downturn.

Fee Schedule

Contained in Village Resolution 2017-11 and amended in Resolution 2019-22.

Revenue Trends

	<u>Actual</u> <u>2023-2024</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2024-2025</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2024-2025</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2025-2026</u>
<i>Building Permits & Fees</i>	\$ 1,736,627.61	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 1,549,686.84	\$ 1,782,139.87



DEPARTMENTS



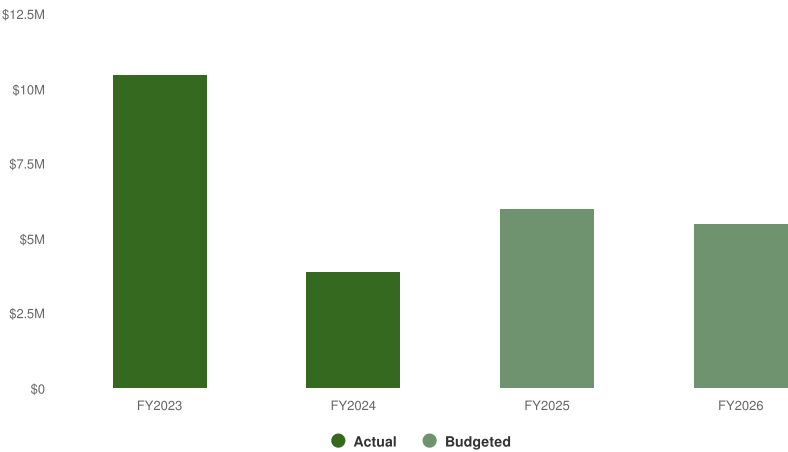
General Government

This "General Government" section reports on all of the General Fund cost centers that are classified as General Government. The listed cost centers are reported on individually in the following section.

Expenditures Summary

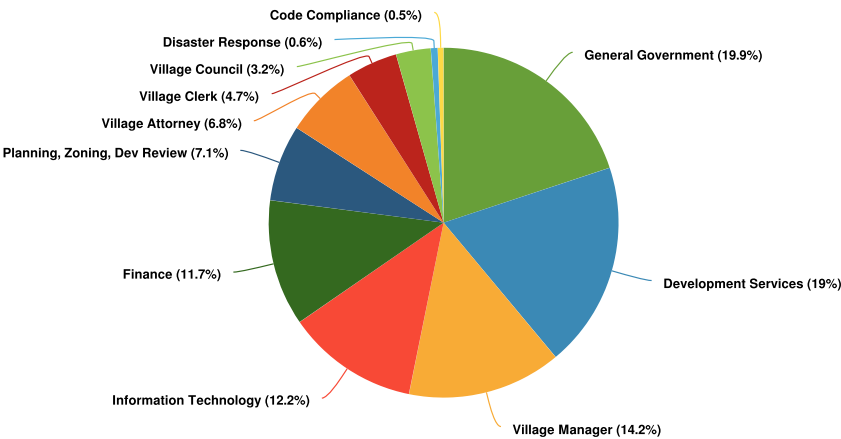
\$5,490,010 **-\$472,195**
(-7.92% vs. prior year)

General Government Proposed and Historical Budget vs. Actual

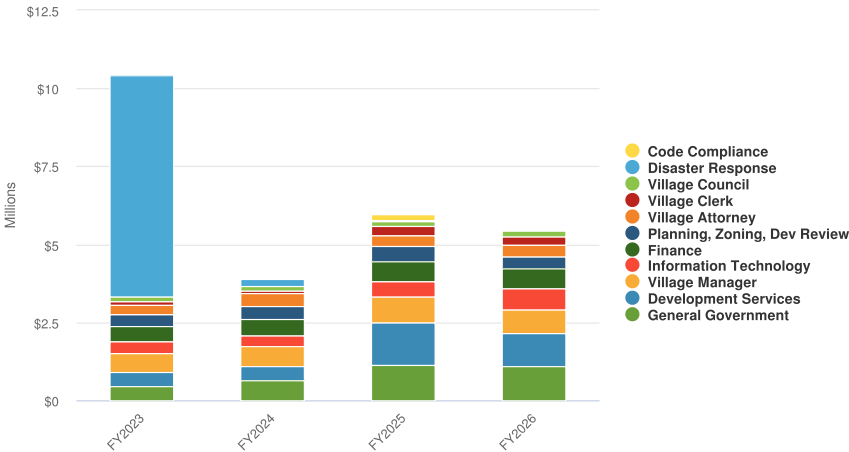


Expenditures by Department

General Government Budgeted Expenditures by Department



General Government Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Department



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
General Government						
Village Council	\$151,597	\$149,855	\$171,810	\$151,064	\$176,680	2.8%
Village Manager	\$638,404	\$633,691	\$844,825	\$700,141	\$781,910	-7.4%
Village Attorney	\$277,118	\$428,337	\$352,000	\$316,932	\$375,000	6.5%
Village Clerk	\$145,659	\$64,128	\$273,115	\$102,400	\$255,490	-6.5%
Finance	\$484,953	\$545,415	\$617,575	\$580,700	\$640,330	3.7%
Code Compliance	\$16,486	\$3,666	\$184,250	\$28,425	\$29,275	-84.1%
Information Technology	\$364,678	\$338,917	\$494,300	\$525,000	\$670,000	35.5%
General Government	\$434,322	\$626,346	\$1,117,800	\$797,850	\$1,094,000	-2.1%
Disaster Response	\$7,090,167	\$236,199	\$35,000	\$120,000	\$35,000	0%
Development Services	\$456,354	\$475,566	\$1,369,430	\$978,800	\$1,044,075	-23.8%
Planning, Zoning, Dev Review	\$387,781	\$384,510	\$502,100	\$388,250	\$388,250	-22.7%
Total General Government:	\$10,447,520	\$3,886,629	\$5,962,205	\$4,689,562	\$5,490,010	-7.9%
Total Expenditures:	\$10,447,520	\$3,886,629	\$5,962,205	\$4,689,562	\$5,490,010	-7.9%



Village Council

Function:

Village Council is the elected governing body of the Village, providing policy direction to the Administration. Estero has a seven-member Council elected at large for four-year terms to represent each of the Village's seven districts. Elections are on a staggered basis every two years, with three seats being elected at one election and the other four the following election. The Village Council then appoints its own Mayor and Vice Mayor from among the Councilmembers. Village Council also appoints a Village Attorney, Village Clerk, and Village Manager. Estero is a Council-Manager form of government, where the Village Council is the legislative arm and the Village Manager is the administrative arm.

The Village Council has approved several, significant policies thus far. These are listed below, with colors corresponding to their area of strategic focus (green for financial, blue for environmental, orange for staffing, purple for infrastructure, and brown for all others).

Reserves Policy

Fund Balance Policy
Resolution 2016-31

Reserves Policy
Ordinance 2022-03

Reserves Policy
Ordinance 2024-01

Tax Policy

2017: Taxes Reduced
Resolution 2017-27

2018: Taxes Reduced
Resolution 2018-14

2019: Taxes Reduced
Resolution 2019-16

2020: Tax Rate Unchanged
Resolution 2020-20

2021: Tax Rate Reduced
Resolution 2021-17

2022: Tax Rate Reduced
Resolution 2022-33

2023: Tax Rate Reduced
Resolution 2023-23

2024: Tax Rate Reduced
Resolution 2024-18

Environmental Policy

Estero on the River
land purchase
Resolution 2018-20

Approve PACE program
Resolution 2019-23

Williams Road land purchase
and Estero on the River partial
land sale
Resolution 2020-08



History:

Major Actions

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2025
Second Veterans Day Celebration held on <u>November 17</u>	Third Mayor, Bill Ribble, and Vice Mayor, Katy Errington, elected on <u>March 20</u>	Fourth Veterans Day Celebration was canceled due to the Coronavirus pandemic	Joanne Ribble, Larry Fiesel, & Jim Ward elected to serve as Council members for Districts 1, 2, & 6, respectively. Each was sworn in on <u>March 17</u>	Appointed Robert Eschenfelder of Trask Daigneault, LLP for Village Attorney Services on <u>November 16</u>	Fifth Mayor (Jon McLain and Vice Mayor Joanne Ribble) elected on April 5, 2023	The sixth Mayor, Joanne Ribble, and Vice Mayor, George Zalucki, were elected on March 19, 2025.
Third Anniversary Celebration held on <u>March 16</u>	Third Veterans Day Celebration on <u>November 9</u>	Fifth Anniversary Celebration was canceled due to the Coronavirus pandemic	Fourth Mayor, Katy Errington, & Vice Mayor, Jon McLain, elected on <u>March 17</u>	Declared a State of Local Emergency in response to Hurricane Ian on <u>September 27</u>	Village lowers tax rate at 0.7400 mills (the lowest rate in Lee County) for FY 23-24 on September 20	New council member, Jeffrey Hunt, was sworn in on March 19, 2025.
						Council member Larry Fiesel left council effective March 18, 2025.

Strategic Planning:

Executive Summary SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) Analysis, Estero Incorporation Feasibility Study (2013);

The basis of a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis is to identify the current conditions of an organization in four areas. Strengths and weaknesses are areas that exist within the community today, while opportunities and threats are issues or factors which may face the community in the future. By identifying these conditions, citizens of the Estero community can make informed decisions on whether incorporation is the best path to address the special needs and concerns of the community.

The SWOT analysis was compiled through interviews with and responses to questionnaires submitted to BJM Consulting. The SWOT Analysis will be broken up into three parts; overall issues that will affect the community, expense and revenue issues, and contractual service agreements for key services such as law enforcement, code enforcement, maintenance of public rights of way and planning and zoning issues.

It should be noted that the analysis of expenditures and revenues is based on financial projections developed by BJM Consulting, Inc. to support a new and innovative type of local government. In today's changing world many local governments are looking to outsource many services. This new prototype proposes to outsource many government functions.

Overall Issues

Strengths:

- Estero is a large diverse community with most of its necessary infrastructure in place
- Estero leaders put off incorporation talks until its population and tax base became large enough to support an efficient local government and most of the necessary infrastructure was completed
- Estero has a strong ad valorem and sales tax base



- The community has a new and efficient roadway network that has expanded from 8 north-south lanes to 20 such lanes during the last decade
- Community leaders are knowledgeable and experienced in providing existing public services through their efforts working with existing local governing agencies
- The community has demonstrated the ability to work together to accomplish a common goal
- The community has a community plan that has been developed with much citizen input and adopted by the Lee County Board. This plan is likely to be the model for the Village's first comprehensive land use plan
- The community has the ability to incorporate existing land development codes into the zoning regulations of a new municipality
- There is existing support for a business-like look at incorporation by local residents
- As proposed, the new municipality would not need a large number of employees to provide a high quality of life and good levels of municipal service
- The majority of Estero's residents live in residential communities that are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the community's roads and adjacent landscaping
- Many of the gated communities have recreation amenities that they maintain for their residents greatly reducing the need for local government recreation services
- Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) in Southeast Lee County just to the north of the community will have a major positive impact on the growth of the area
- The proximity of the Southwest Florida International Airport will have a positive influence on the commercial and business development of the community
- The community is home to two regional shopping centers, Coconut Point Town Center and Miramar [Miromar] Outlets
- In addition it is home to Germain Arena, Miramar Design Center, Estero Community Park, pleasing esthetics, centrally located in SW Florida, proximity to the beaches and easy access to major interstate and SW Regional Airport
- As a result of Estero's outstanding location and superior road network Hertz World Headquarters will be locating in the community in 2015 with at least 700 new, year round, high wage jobs
- For many years Estero did not need to be concerned about stimulating economic development but with the recession that changed and the community recruited many of its retired executives to become active in its economic development program and joined the Bonita Springs Estero Economic Development Council to implement a joint effort
- Estero is a safe community with many communities providing supplemental security services to their residents
- Estero has been successful in helping many of its residents serve on County and other governments that serve the community from the County's LPA, Sustainability Committee, Charter Review Committee, Conservation 20/20 Committee, DR/GR Committee, the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee, the Airports Special Management Committee to name a few.
- The Estero Design Review Committee's review process of all new developments has lead to a coordinated and aesthetically pleasing look for the community
- The community is in the process of updating their Community Plan calling for the establishment of "Centers of Interest" for Health, Culture, Commerce and Historic Districts
- The area has many high-end gated residential communities
- There is a wealth of available, experienced leaders
- The ECCL has established a strong relationship with Lee County and its Commissioners
- Estero is the best example of an unincorporated area working with Lee County Commissioners
- Estero Concert Series: 5 - 6 Classical music concerts conducted yearly in the 1905 Art Hall in the Koreshan State Historic Site and performed by accomplished musicians from the Naples Philharmonic and other important musical groups around the country.
- Estero Art League - promotes the arts in Estero
- Estero Festival of the Arts - art competition for Estero school children
- Friends of S. County Regional Library - sponsors author luncheons and reading programs
- Access to the Estero River, including opportunities for kayaking and canoeing from Estero to Estero Bay, as well as salt water and fresh water fishing.
- Home of the Koreshan State Park.
- Nearby the spring training sites for the Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins.

Weaknesses:

- Like all seasonal communities residents and business owners who are part-time non-registered voters will have less influence on level-of-service discussions than the community's year round residents
- Like all new municipalities, Estero has never completed the State of Florida Comprehensive Planning Process required of all municipalities. While the area has an adopted community plan that could be the basis of the new municipality's comprehensive plan, this still will be a new exercise for the community.
- Like all new municipalities, Estero has not established relationships with Federal and State agencies
- Because the proposed Charter plans for the Village of Estero to provide many key services (law enforcement, fire, road maintenance, and planning and zoning), through inter governmental agreements, quality control will become an



important matter for the new municipality

- At present Estero is primarily a retirement community but as more working families locate here many of them will commute outside of the community for work
- At present Estero does not have an established downtown area
- During the recent real estate bubble there was a shortage of affordable housing within the community. This condition could return unless more rental apartment complexes are developed.
- Since Estero is relatively new as a mature community it does not have a fully developed "sense of place".
- The City of Bonita Springs is in the process of annexing some areas within the southern part of the Estero Community Planning area and the Estero Fire Rescue District, both of which are in unincorporated Lee County
- At present there is a lack of "Home Rule", the community has to rely on the Lee County Commission located in Fort Myers to protect their quality of Life
- Some local business leaders believe organizations such as the ECCL and VOTE Estero are representing the local communities without regard for the business community in regards to the need for additional infrastructure
- According to some Lee County transportation experts the Corkscrew - 1-75 interchange will fail within a few short years if some action isn't taken.
- FOOT has recently removed dollars from its work program which were scheduled to make improvements to the 1-75 Interchange at Corkscrew.
- The City of Bonita Springs continues to encroach into Estero through annexations causing some Estero residents to think Bonita leaders believe they know what is better for Estero than Estero leaders which they find offensive.
- Like most of Lee County's municipalities Estero's commercial vacancy rates are high and the community has a large amount of commercially zoned vacant land
- There is no beachfront property inside Estero however several communities have boat access to adjacent island beaches
- There are some areas that have experienced flooding during longer periods of heavy rain and not all of them have been fully addressed by the appropriate agencies
- There are some areas with unpaved roads, both private and public, which have proven to be problematic for other Southwest Florida cities
- There have been times when Lee County code enforcement has not been adequately responsive. As a southern Lee County community Estero is a long way from the county seat in Fort Myers, thus reducing community citizens and businesses easy access to local governmental services
- As a coastal [coastal] community in Florida the area is susceptible to damage for hurricanes

Opportunities:

- Votes on incorporation are supported by members of the Lee County delegation to the Florida House of Representatives and Florida Senate if the residents of the area to be incorporated demonstrate a showing of community support for a referendum that will allow the voters to decide how they want to be governed
- Local governmental agencies (Lee County Sheriff's Office and Lee County governmental staff) are willing to negotiate the provision of services for the new municipality when it is formed.
- This would allow the Estero municipal government to determine the levels of service desired for the community rather than rely on the decisions of outside boards or elected officials
- Incorporation would provide the Village of Estero with "home rule" powers, as defined in the Florida Constitution, that can be used by the Council to satisfy the needs and protect the interests of the community and determine how the community will develop in the future
- The Village could negotiate with Lee County for control of impact fees collected within the incorporated area
- The pending growth in professional business development associated with Hertz and related developments could provide for a increase in well paid, year round jobs available for residents of the community
- Clearly establish Estero's boundaries and prevent additional annexation attempts by the City of Bonita Springs
- Encourage new development/redevelopment focusing on housing for the baby boom generation, continuing care facilities and young working families
- Becoming a municipality may help to create a greater sense of community throughout the proposed area for incorporation
- Residents who are now served by the San Carlos Fire District may find it easier to become residents of the Estero Fire District with its lower tax rate
- Develop the vacant commercial and residential property in a consistent manner with the high standards established by the community of Estero
- As FGCU continues to grow and expand Estero could become more and more of a "college town"
- Estero can take over projects with capital dollars in the County's 5 year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Threats:

- The City of Bonita Springs will vigorously defend their two mile buffer claim with the Lee County Legislative Delegation
- San Carlos Fire District leaders are opposed to the southern part of their Fire District being included in the area to be incorporated in the Village of Estero



- If the Lee County Legislative Delegation decided to approve boundaries for the Village of Estero that excludes the two mile buffer area in the Estero part of unincorporated Lee county north of the City of Bonita Springs and the ECCL decided to continue with the incorporation referendum and it was approved by the voters of that area a two mile strip of unincorporated Lee County would remain thus offering continuing opportunities for annexation initiatives by each municipality
- The community may have limited ability for new growth in one undeveloped parcel in the High Coastal Hazard Area
- Some residents are concerned that the creation of a new level of government will result in Village services that might be unwanted and cause a rise in property taxes and/or new fees
- The voting strength of the gated communities might leave other areas underserved and without adequate representation on the Village Council
- County and State budget shortfalls could translate into a lack of commitment to additional roadway landscaping along Via Coconut Point and any new arterial roads built within the municipality
- The incorporation effort may sever a good relationship with Lee County and show a lack of support to defend our boundaries
- Voters concern about candidates for the Village Council seeking to serve their own self-interest will be elected and undermine what so many have spent many years building
- If Estero does not incorporate and Bonita Springs annexes more of Estero, the community plan and its supporting land development code provisions the community has established may be rolled back and the appearance and property values achieved will be degraded
- The new Village Council may lose interest in the lands to the east of the Village of Estero that will not be within their area of responsibility although they impact the municipality from a flooding and water supply perspective.
- If Estero does not incorporate, the community's growing tax dollars will continue to be used elsewhere in unincorporated Lee County and the community's infrastructure could decay
- Estero Recreation Center was built as a community park paid for with impact fees and still has outstanding debt. If accepted by the Village of Estero they would have to pay the rest of the debt
- Incorporation may set back the cooperative economic development efforts recently experienced with the Bonita Springs Estero Economic Development Council
- There is a concern present community leaders who have done an excellent job to date may not want to take on the roles of local government officials having to run for office, fill out financial disclosure forms, and govern under the restrictions of the Florida Sunshine Laws.

Workload and Performance Indicators:

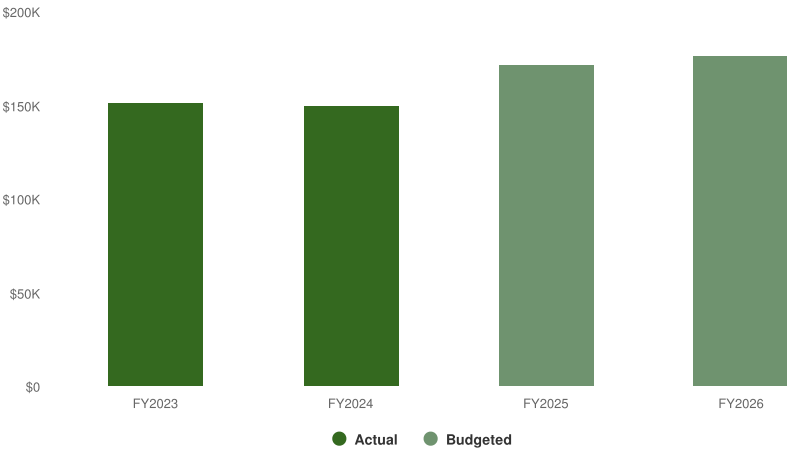
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Ordinances	11	35	30	11	12	17	9	14
Number of Resolutions	34	23	24	25	23	36	29	23
Expenditures per capita	\$3.32	\$4.60	\$4.53	\$4.36	\$3.59	\$3.94	\$4.47	\$3.95
Percent of Village expenditures	1.90%	2.68%	0.46%	0.82%	1.02%	0.46%	0.79%	0.55%



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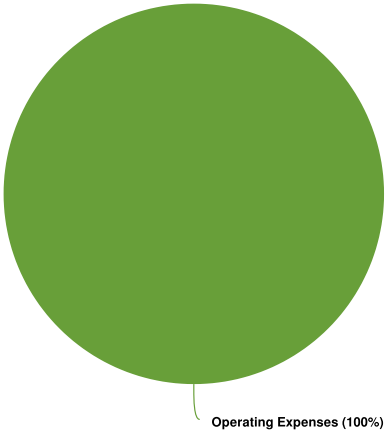
\$176,680 **\$4,870**
(2.83% vs. prior year)

Village Council Proposed and Historical Budget vs. Actual

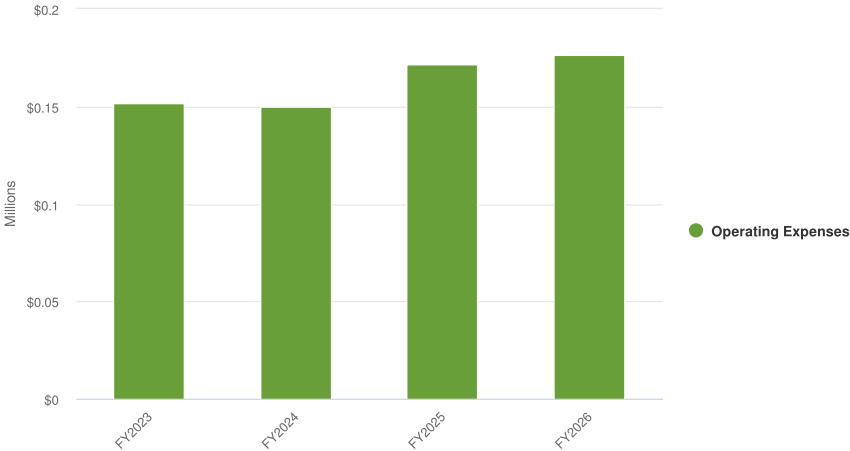


Expenditures by Expense Type

Village Council Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Village Council Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
General Government						
Village Council						
Executive Salaries	\$124,047	\$124,277	\$124,300	\$124,277	\$124,280	0%
FICA Taxes	\$9,490	\$9,507	\$9,600	\$9,507	\$9,530	-0.7%
Workers Comp	\$343	\$468	\$1,910	\$500	\$1,170	-38.7%
Unemployment Comp	\$2,047	\$1,716	\$2,000	\$1,780	\$2,200	10%
Travel and Per Diem	\$7,214	\$2,321	\$23,000	\$2,500	\$25,000	8.7%
Books Pub & Memberships	\$8,183	\$9,319	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$12,000	26.3%
Training	\$272	\$2,247	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	66.7%
Total Village Council:	\$151,597	\$149,855	\$171,810	\$151,064	\$176,680	2.8%
Total General Government:	\$151,597	\$149,855	\$171,810	\$151,064	\$176,680	2.8%
Total Expenditures:	\$151,597	\$149,855	\$171,810	\$151,064	\$176,680	2.8%



Village Manager

Function:

The Village Manager, as the Chief Operations Officer of the Village, is responsible for various functions assigned by the Village's Charter. These include overseeing the implementation and administration of policies set by the Village Council, directing and supervising all departments, and overseeing the day-to-day activities of the municipality. Administrative duties include agenda preparation, coordination and review of the annual operating and capital improvement budgets, facilitation of Village communications, and implementation of sound management practices. The Village Manager's office has the responsibility to ensure the needs and concerns of the community and the Village organization are properly addressed. To accomplish this, the manager is involved in community, county, regional and state issues, as well as supporting and guiding the Village organization.

The Village Manager's office has implemented several, significant policies thus far. These are listed below, with colors corresponding to their area of strategic focus (green for financial, blue for environmental, orange for staffing, purple for infrastructure, and brown for all others).

Government Lite Policy

2016: 7.0 full-time equivalents,
Resolution 2016-27

2017: 10.5 full-time equivalents,
Resolution 2017-28

2018: 11.5 full-time equivalents,
Resolution 2018-15

2019: 12.0 full-time equivalents,
Resolution 2019-17

2020: 11.0 full-time equivalents,
Resolution 2020-21

2021: 12.5 full-time equivalents,
Resolution 2021-18

2022: 14.0 full-time equivalents,
Resolution 2022-34

2023: 14.0 full-time equivalents,
Resolution 2023-24

2024: 14.0 full-time equivalents,
Resolution 2024-19



Infrastructure Policy

2019: Estero Parkway & US-41
Improvements Approved
Resolution 2019-09

2020: I-75 Landscape
Improvements Approved
Resolution 2020-14

2021: River Ranch Road,
Williams Road, & Corkscrew
Road Improvements
Resolution 2021-18

IT Policy

2017: Public Works Metrics
Implemented
Resolution 2017-28

2018: Public Works, Water
Quality, Public Safety,
Education, Code Compliance,
Website, and Communications
Metrics Implemented
Resolution 2018-15

2019: All Metrics Continued
Resolution 2019-09

2020: Building Metrics Added,
All Others Continued
Resolution 2020-14

2021: Approval To Move All
Operations To The Cloud,
July 2021 Council Meetings

2021: Metrics For All Functions
Resolution 2021-18

Environmental Policy

Estero on the River
land purchase,
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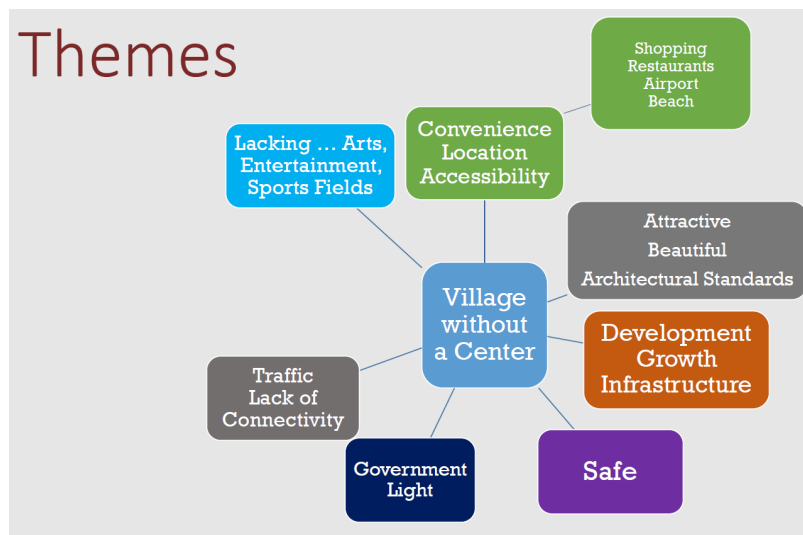
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Major Actions

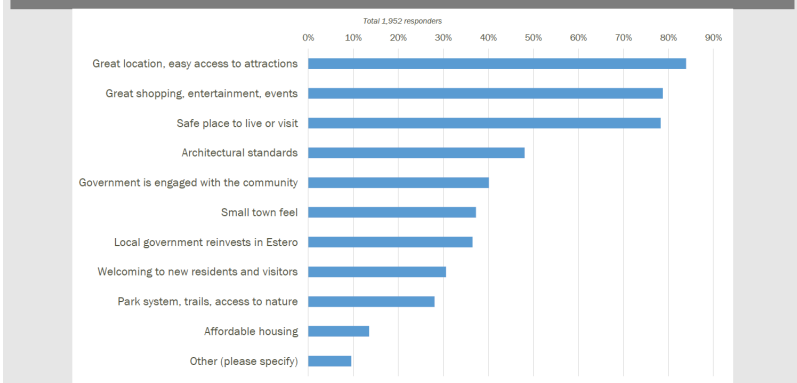
2015	2016	2018	2020	2021	2022
First Village Manager, Steve Sarkozy, started on <u>October 10</u>	First Assistant to the Village Manager, Kyle Coleman, started on <u>July 5</u>	First Village Public Works Director, David Willems, started on <u>January 17</u>	Village provides emergency response to Coronavirus pandemic throughout 2020	Carol Sacco started as second Village Clerk on <u>January 27</u>	Second Village Finance Director, Chris Phillips, resigned on <u>May 13, 2022</u>
First Village Attorney, Burt Saunders, started on <u>March 17</u>	First Executive Assistant to the Village Manager started on <u>September 6</u>		Kyle Coleman started as first Deputy Village Manager on <u>May 1</u>	Second Village Finance Director, Chris Phillips, started on <u>August 16</u>	Interim Britt Martin started on May 2022
First Village Clerk, Kathy Hall, started on <u>June 1</u>			First Village Clerk, Kathy Hall, retired on <u>June 5</u>	First Village Deputy Manager, Kyle Coleman, resigned on <u>September 9</u>	Finance Director Kevin Greenville started October 2022
First Village Finance Director, Lisa Roberson, started on <u>March 1</u>			First Village Finance Director, Lisa Roberson, resigned on <u>November 24</u>		
First Village Community Development Director, Mary Gibbs, started on <u>June 8</u>					

Strategic Planning:

The most recent, comprehensive survey of Village values and priorities was completed via the *Village Branding Study*. Though no formal, written report was provided, a series of illustrative graphics were provided, which outline the community's sentiments. Included below are several of mentioned graphics:



What Do You Associate with Estero?



Several key themes were apparent. These have been woven into our decision-making, including the CIP and budgeting processes. The primary themes identified were:

- Access to regionally significant assets, such as shopping and parks, are highly valued.
- Safety and beautiful architecture are unique and critical.
- Quality of life must be prioritized as development continues.

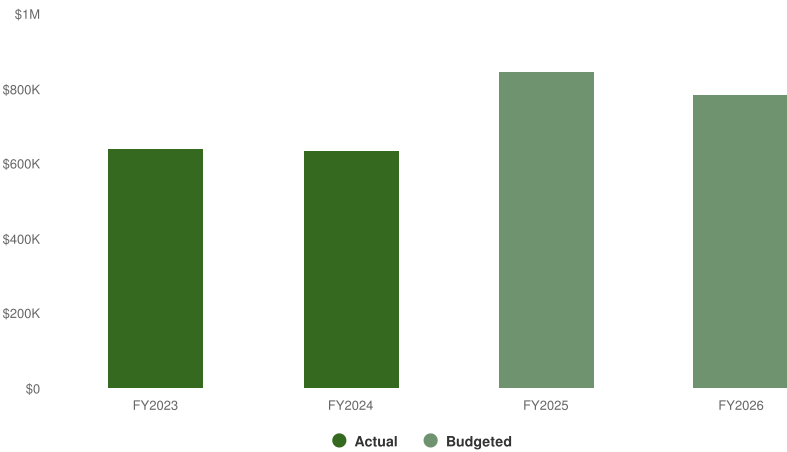
Workload and Performance Indicators:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Senior Staff Meetings	11	11	10	14	14	12	13	15
Number of residents per Village employee	3438	3534	3601	3680	4135	3784	3694	2708
Expenditures per capita	\$17.04	\$18.50	\$15.95	\$16.66	\$17.19	\$14.82	\$17.87	\$16.87
Percent of Village expenditures	9.74%	10.75%	1.63%	3.15%	4.87%	1.74%	3.31%	2.33%

Expenditures Summary

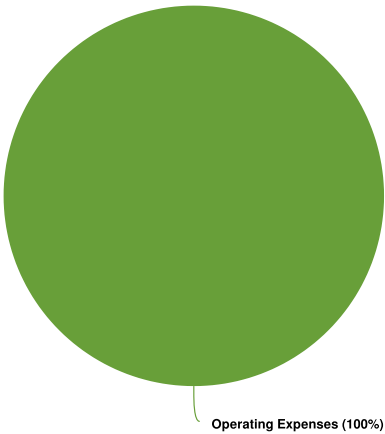
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(-7.45% vs. prior year)

Village Manager Proposed and Historical Budget vs. Actual

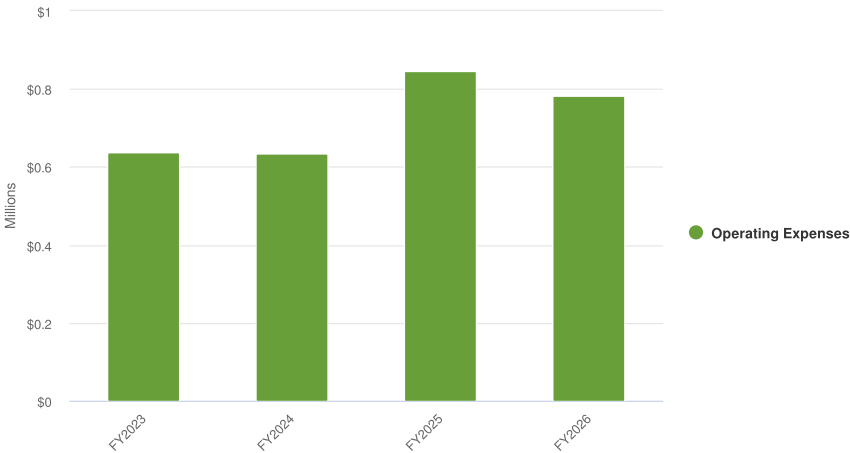


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Village Manager Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Village Manager Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



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Expenditures						
General Government						
Village Manager						
Executive Salary	\$241,236	\$257,756	\$260,130	\$266,684	\$397,090	52.7%
Regular Salaries & Wages	\$138,400	\$143,406	\$195,000	\$178,588	\$46,970	-75.9%
Car Allowance	\$7,712	\$8,475	\$8,300	\$8,788	\$8,600	3.6%
FICA Taxes	\$23,711	\$24,876	\$35,410	\$22,751	\$34,640	-2.2%
Retirement Contributions	\$25,031	\$26,062	\$44,250	\$28,002	\$46,405	4.9%
Group Insurance	\$89,718	\$90,597	\$95,035	\$93,328	\$89,985	-5.3%
Worker's Compensation	\$809	\$1,687	\$7,100	\$1,700	\$4,035	-43.2%
Unemployment Comp	\$790	\$736	\$850	\$800	\$935	10%
Miscellaneous Professional Srv	\$42,800	\$18,000	\$85,000	\$20,000	\$45,000	-47.1%
Miscellaneous Contractual Srvs	\$5,003	\$0	\$35,000	\$12,000	\$25,000	-28.6%
Public Relations	\$19,146	\$19,146	\$20,000	\$18,250	\$20,000	0%
Travel & Per Diem	\$5,190	\$4,088	\$12,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	20%
Communication Services	\$36,024	\$36,027	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$40,000	5.3%
Books Pub & Memberships	\$2,364	\$2,364	\$4,000	\$1,750	\$4,000	0%
Training	\$470	\$470	\$4,250	\$2,000	\$4,250	0%
Total Village Manager:	\$638,404	\$633,691	\$844,825	\$700,141	\$781,910	-7.4%
Total General Government:	\$638,404	\$633,691	\$844,825	\$700,141	\$781,910	-7.4%
Total Expenditures:	\$638,404	\$633,691	\$844,825	\$700,141	\$781,910	-7.4%



Village Attorney

Function:

Village legal services provide lawful representation and advice to the Village Council, Village Manager, Village departments, as well as Village ad-hoc boards and committees in a high-quality and cost-effective manner. Services are rendered by Village Attorneys contracted through selected firms. Village Council employs special counsel for specific representation.

History:

Major Actions

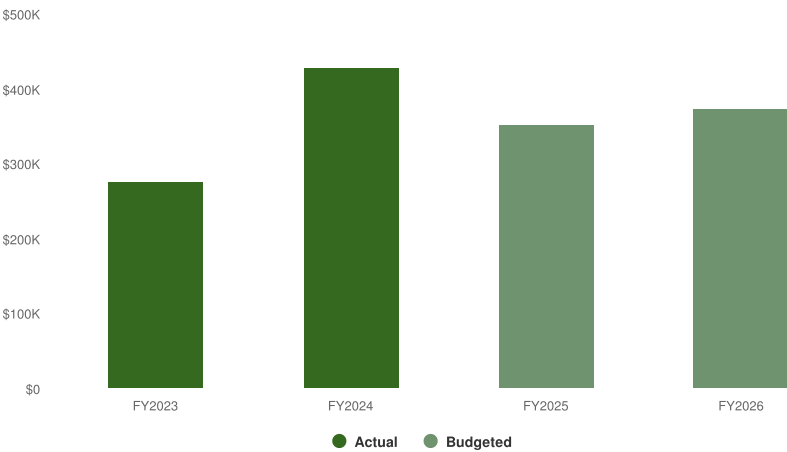
2015	2022	2023
First Village Attorney, Burt Saunders, started on March 17	Robert Eschenfelder of Trask Daigneault, LLP appointed Village Attorney, started on December 19, 2022	Agreement with Bob Pritt in February 2023 for VOE Special Magistrate



Expenditures Summary

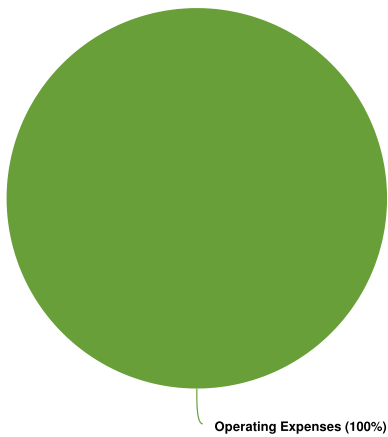
\$375,000 **\$23,000**
(6.53% vs. prior year)

Village Attorney Proposed and Historical Budget vs. Actual

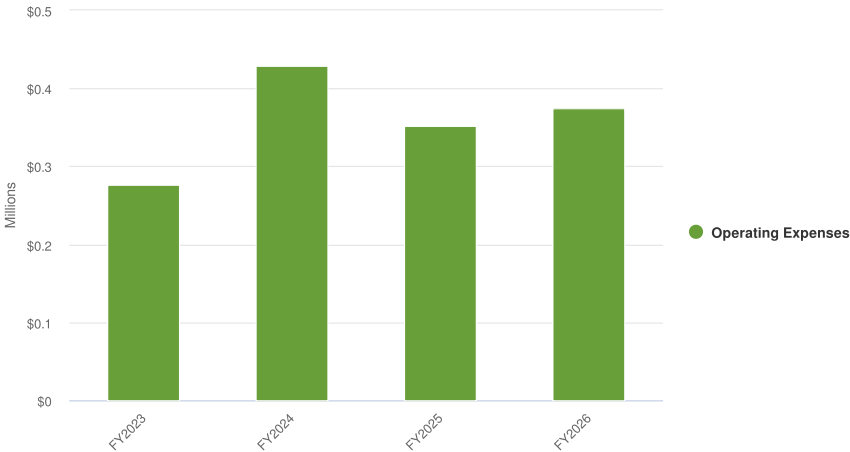


Expenditures by Expense Type

Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Village Attorney Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
General Government						
Village Attorney						
Village Attorney	\$203,257	\$260,900	\$212,500	\$248,286	\$275,000	29.4%
Land Use Legal	\$67,536	\$27,738	\$85,000	\$36,646	\$50,000	-41.2%
Code Enforcement Legal	\$0	\$2,094	\$12,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	-16.7%
Land Dev Code Legal	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	0%
Other Special Legal	\$6,325	\$137,605	\$12,500	\$10,000	\$10,000	-20%
Comprehensive Plan Legal	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	0%
Total Village Attorney:	\$277,118	\$428,337	\$352,000	\$316,932	\$375,000	6.5%
Total General Government:	\$277,118	\$428,337	\$352,000	\$316,932	\$375,000	6.5%
Total Expenditures:	\$277,118	\$428,337	\$352,000	\$316,932	\$375,000	6.5%



Village Clerk

Function:

The Village Clerk provides administrative services to the Council; records minutes of Village Council. The Clerk manages Village elections; coordinates advisory board member appointment process; is responsible for advertising public hearings; maintains official minute books, ordinances, resolutions, contracts, and responds to public records requests.

History:

Major Actions

2015	2020	2021
First Village Clerk (Kathy Hall) started on June 1	First Village Clerk (Kathy Hall) retired on June 5	Carol Sacco named second Village Clerk on January 27

Strategic Planning:

In the Spring of 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic began in earnest in the United States, the Village directed a cross-departmental team of employees to begin the Village's transition from paper-based documentation to digital documentation. This project is now nearly complete, with nearly all of our public records request intake and fulfillment, as well as records retention processes, fully digitized. This has made our processes substantially more efficient, more responsive to the public, and more secure.

Workload and Performance Indicators:

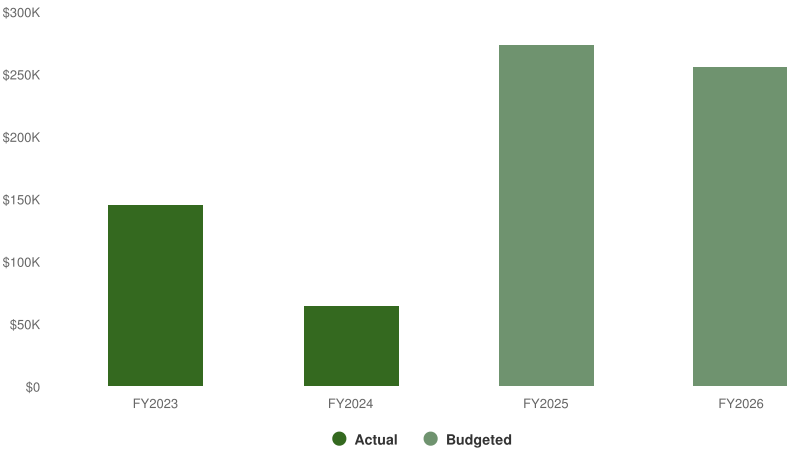
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Ordinances	11	35	30	11	12	17	9	14
Number of Resolutions	34	23	24	25	23	36	29	23
Public Records Requests	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	465	260	285	275
Average Day Response to Public Records Requests (Days)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.20	1.56	1.65	1.10



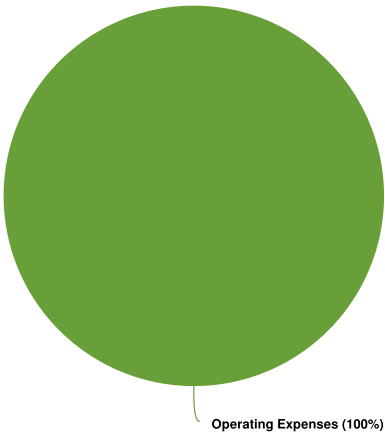
Expenditures Summary

\$255,490 **-\$17,625**
(-6.45% vs. prior year)

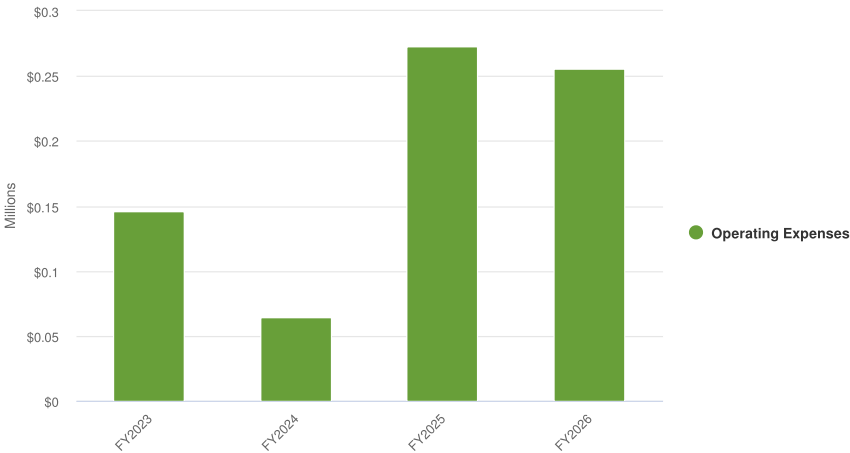
Village Clerk Proposed and Historical Budget vs. Actual



Expenditures by Expense Type
Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Village Clerk Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
General Government						
Village Clerk						
Regular Salaries & Wages	\$41,412	\$42,948	\$130,715	\$44,500	\$190,970	46.1%
FICA Taxes	\$3,168	\$3,285	\$10,015	\$3,600	\$14,650	46.3%
Retirement Contributions	\$8,709	\$11,240	\$8,845	\$12,500	\$11,590	31%
Group Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$24,640	\$0	\$24,870	0.9%
Worker's Compensation	\$544	\$1,467	\$2,550	\$2,500	\$1,715	-32.7%
Unemployment Compensation	\$769	\$718	\$850	\$800	\$875	2.9%
Election Services	\$83,223	\$0	\$85,000	\$30,000	\$0	-100%
Misc Contracted Services	\$5	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Codification	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$3,090	3%
Travel & Per Diem	\$1,478	\$352	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$1,290	3.2%
Legal Notices	\$3,660	\$3,777	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$5,150	3%
Book, Pub & Membership	\$450	\$100	\$500	\$500	\$515	3%
Training	\$2,241	\$242	\$750	\$500	\$775	3.3%
Total Village Clerk:	\$145,659	\$64,128	\$273,115	\$102,400	\$255,490	-6.5%
Total General Government:	\$145,659	\$64,128	\$273,115	\$102,400	\$255,490	-6.5%
Total Expenditures:	\$145,659	\$64,128	\$273,115	\$102,400	\$255,490	-6.5%



Finance

Function:

Finance is responsible for the fiscal management of the Village, procurement, and human resources. The department is custodian of all Village funds. Responsibilities include budget preparation, budget administration on a day-to-day basis, the preparation of periodic and annual financial statements, developing and administering personnel policies and risk management services.

History:

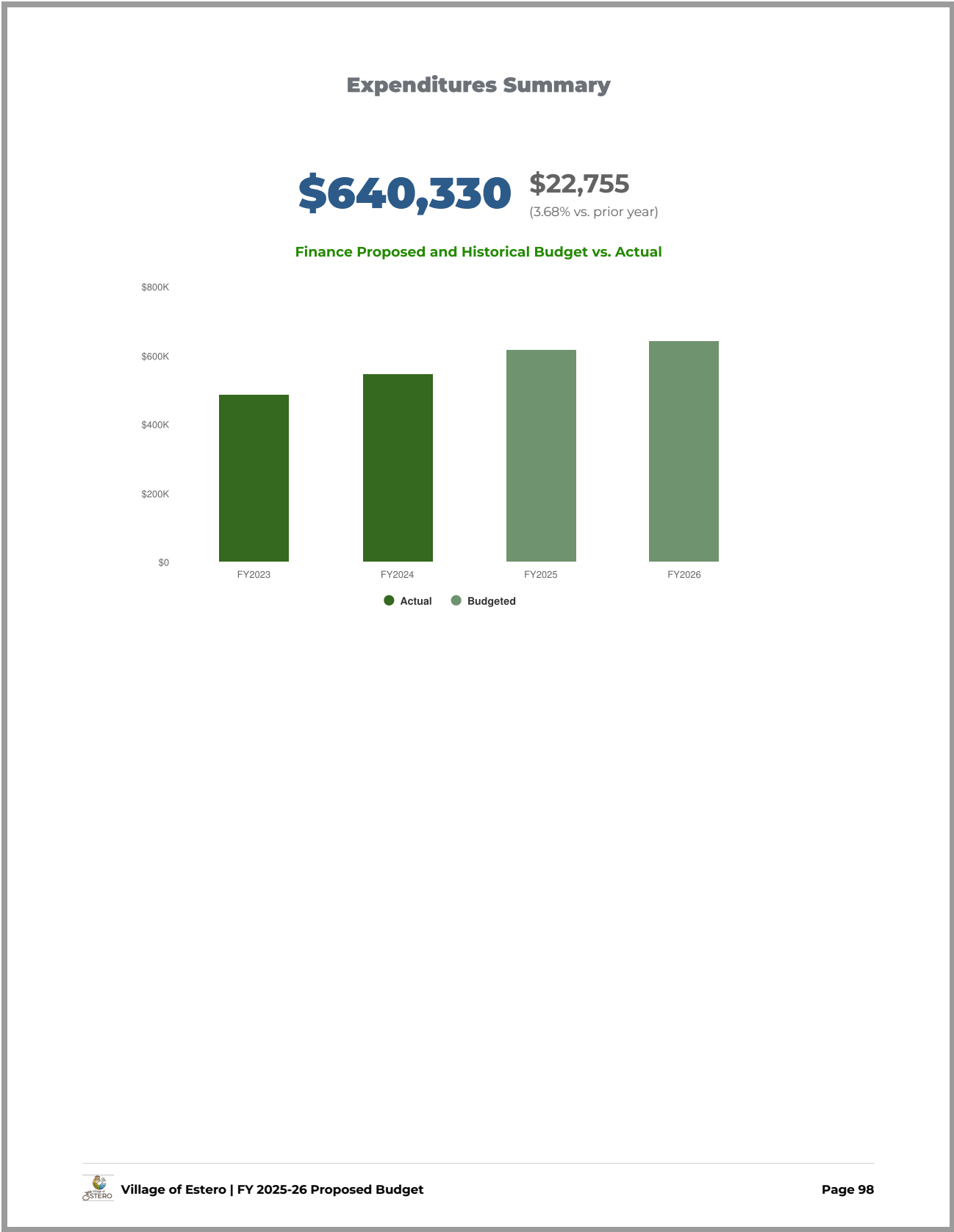
Major Actions

2016	2019	2022	2023	2024
Operating Reserve started on October 1	Village assumes \$20 million debt to fund the purchase of Estero on the River property on January 9	Village updates the Reserve Policy, which establishes reserves for operating, road capital and road maintenance, and legal defense on May 18	\$0.00 Debit Obligations for 2023	Went live with new accounting software Tyler Munis June 3, 2024
	Village adopts the Reserve Policy, which establishes reserves for operating, road capital and road maintenance, and legal defense on January 9	Village paid off Debt Obligation 7 years early on June 8		

Workload and Performance Indicators:

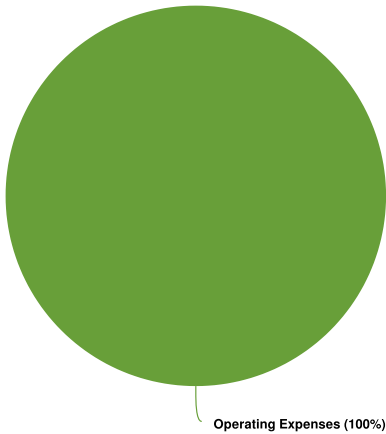
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Millage Rate	0.7998	0.7998	0.7798	0.7750	0.7726	0.7700	0.7500	0.7400
Number of months of Operating Reserve	8	10	12	12	12	12	12	12
Number of Audit Findings	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Number of Management Comments	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0



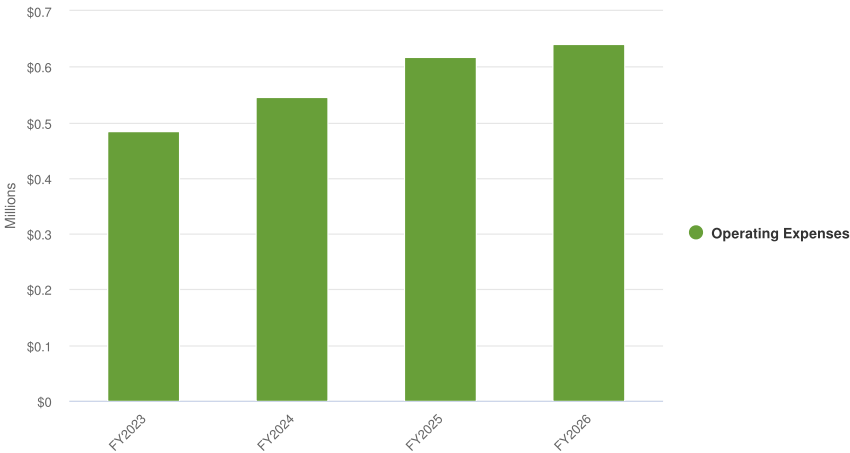


Expenditures by Expense Type

Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Finance Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
General Government						
Finance						
Regular Salaries & Wages	\$324,557	\$306,456	\$388,490	\$365,000	\$406,370	4.6%
FICA Taxes	\$24,432	\$22,314	\$29,750	\$26,400	\$31,100	4.5%
Retirement Contributions	\$16,659	\$27,638	\$36,000	\$33,500	\$37,660	4.6%
Group Insurance	\$33,305	\$67,240	\$85,465	\$82,500	\$85,470	0%
Worker's Compensation	\$308	\$1,290	\$7,120	\$1,500	\$5,440	-23.6%
Unemployment Compensation	\$1,141	\$1,077	\$1,250	\$1,200	\$1,315	5.2%
Accounting Services	\$33,931	\$73,456	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$10,500	5%
Auditing & Actuarial Services	\$44,700	\$38,700	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$53,550	5%
Travel & Per Diem	\$4,573	\$5,186	\$4,500	\$4,000	\$4,725	5%
Books, Publications & Members	\$1,346	\$1,922	\$2,000	\$1,850	\$2,100	5%
Training	\$0	\$135	\$2,000	\$1,750	\$2,100	5%
Total Finance:	\$484,953	\$545,415	\$617,575	\$580,700	\$640,330	3.7%
Total General Government:	\$484,953	\$545,415	\$617,575	\$580,700	\$640,330	3.7%
Total Expenditures:	\$484,953	\$545,415	\$617,575	\$580,700	\$640,330	3.7%



Development Services

Function:

The Community Development Department provides a comprehensive range of services to the public and the development community, including, but not limited to, review of development proposals; building permits; inspections; plan review; comprehensive planning; general zoning information; rezoning; and compliance with Village codes and ordinances. Development services operates within the Community Development Department. The major guiding documents are the Village's Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Code, and Florida Building Code.

History:

Major Actions

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Planning & Zoning Board established <u>April 17</u>	Assumed building permitting & inspections functions from Lee County <u>January 1</u>	Established bonus density program <u>October 18</u>	First Estero Comprehensive Plan adopted <u>June 13</u>	Building department implemented an electronic permitting process <u>May 23</u>	First annexation of property into Estero <u>January 22</u>	First Estero Land Development Code and Zoning Maps adopted <u>January 27</u>	Acquired 8801 Corkscrew Road (Charles Dauray property)
Design Review Board established <u>April 17</u>	Volunteers of America Continuing Care facility rezoning approved <u>January 20</u>	Adopted medical marijuana facility prohibition ordinance <u>November 15</u>	Updated roads & park impact fees adopted <u>July 11</u>	Established reduced fees for private provider building projects <u>October 16</u>	Estero Crossing Rezoning approved <u>January 29</u>	Combined Planning, Zoning and Design Board established <u>January 27</u>	River Oaks property purchased on May 2022
Village assumed Planning, Zoning, Code Compliance & Dev. Review functions from Lee County <u>September 16</u>	Village Center plan approved <u>June 22</u>	Lee Health Coconut Point approved	Retail gas pump security ordinance adopted <u>November 7</u>	Corkscrew Crossing rezoning & residential project approved <u>September 25</u>	Rezoning of old Post Office <u>July 15</u>	Rezoning approved for Pavich office building <u>March 3</u>	The Gess Family Partnership/Driving Range 9000 Williams Road purchased June 2022
Estero joins National Flood Insurance Program	Established Special Magistrate process for code enforcement <u>October 7</u>	Estero Grande approved	Springhill Suites hotel approved			Rezoning approved for Via Coconut mixed use development <u>October 20</u>	
Adopted flood hazard ordinance <u>November 18</u>	Genova rezoning & condos approved <u>July 13</u>	The Reef student housing approved	Phoenix assisted living approved <u>April 12</u>			West Bay zoning approved for high-rise building <u>November 17</u>	
Adopted oil and natural gas fracking prohibition ordinance on <u>December 2</u>	Springs at Gulf Coast approved <u>April 23</u>		Primrose School approved <u>July 25</u>				



Strategic Planning:

The inaugural *Village Comprehensive Plan* was adopted August 13, 2018. This document serves as the guiding vision document for development in the Village, both present and future. The purpose of the Plan is provided below.

Purpose

The Comprehensive Plan provides the guiding principles for a balanced economic, social, physical, environmental, and fiscal future for Estero. This is a tool for members of the community, including Village officials, staff and residents, outlining a general framework for how the community is envisioned to grow. The Comprehensive Plan consists of separate Elements (or chapters) as prescribed in Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes, specifically designed to address local circumstances. Within each Element are Goals, Objectives and Policies with increasing degrees of specificity to guide decision making related to all aspects of managing future growth in the Village. The content of the Plan is based on data, analysis and input from the public received during the preparation of the Plan.

What does the Comprehensive Plan achieve?

- Creates a collective vision to maintain the quality of life in Estero and to guide future growth and development
- Establishes the guidelines focused on ensuring Estero is a community with unique quality of life, distinct character, and diverse housing, economic, recreational, and social opportunities
- Seeks an interconnected transportation network that successfully links residential, commercial and recreational areas safely, economically and efficiently
- Establishes the importance of protecting and enhancing residential neighborhoods
- Ensures the public health, safety, and welfare of the community through appropriate coordination and management of infrastructure services
- Emphasizes a priority on both the protection of and access to Estero's natural resources
- Asserts the value placed on recreational opportunities and open spaces
- A commitment to annually analyze existing conditions and available finances to prioritize and implement capital improvements to maintain established level of service (LOS) standards
- Establishes coordination between the Village and the public school system to enhance and enrich both the community and the students of Estero
- Emphasizes the priority given to community participation in the Plan's creation and advocates ongoing involvement from the public in its implementation



Workload and Performance Indicators:

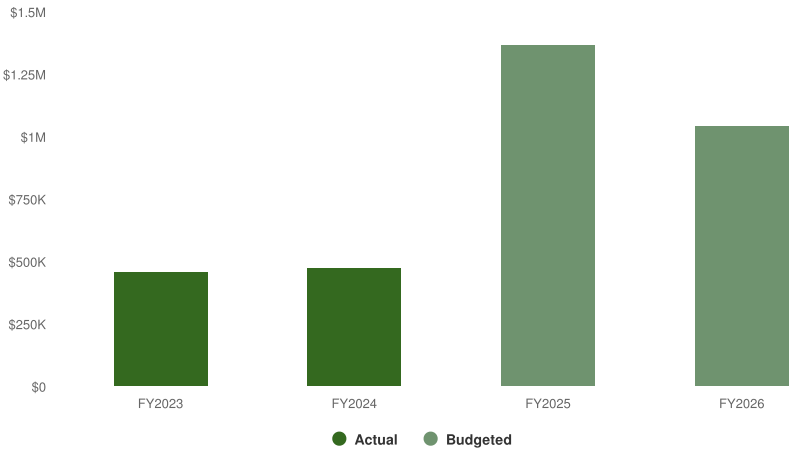
Type of Permit (Days to Close)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Residential Single Family Residence	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25 (45.5 days)	46 (67.56 days)	293 (70.7 days)	164 (57.3 days)
Residential Single Family Attached (Town homes)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4 (14.0 days)	0	29 (75.3 days)	15 (123.3 days)
New Commercial Construction	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7 (124.3 days)	12 (118 days)	18 (309.4 days)	24 (233.4 days)
Commercial Multi-Family	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0 (N/A)	5 (243.4 days)	1 (3.0 days)	1 (78 days)
Commercial Pool	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7 (54.7 days)	1 (40 days)	7 (177.3 days)	4 (15.5 days)
Commercial Roof	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	135 (6.4 days)	180 (19.12 days)	197 (38.0 days)	197 (67.0 days)
Miscellaneous Commercial	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23 (24.7 days)	28 (87.78 days)	14 (112.4 days)	27 (51.6 days)
Residential/A/C Change-out	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	845 (15.2 days)	671 (17.48 days)	751 (53.6 days)	838 (63.6 days)
Residential Accessory Structure	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	352 (23.9 days)	265 (33.31 days)	243 (80.5 days)	238 (82.5 days)
Commercial/A/C/ Change-out	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	505 (14.7 days)	476 (20.47 days)	204 (83.4 days)	401 (84.1 days)
Residential SFR/Multi Family Window/Door/Shutter w	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	297 (20.2 days)	216 (27.19 days)	248 (63.0 days)	256 (44.5 days)
Residential Roof	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	949 (6.0 days)	724 (6.65 days)	1051 (32.5 days)	668 (43.9 days)
Residential SFR/Multi-Family Window/Door/Shutter	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	530 (26.9 days)	375 (28.19 days)	560 (63.0 days)	631 (50.6 days)
Residential Fuel/Gas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	246 (21.7 days)	137 (32.95 days)	321 (65.8days)	358 (73.8 days)
Residential Pool	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	88 (27.5 days)	53 (40.43 days)	96 (68.8 days)	101 (59.9 days)
Commercial Alteration/Renovation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	101 (44.5 days)	120 (47.91 days)	204 (83.4 days)	167 (203.9 days)
Sign w/electric	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	93 (57.7 days)	106 (43.63 days)	88 (81.0 days)	123 (94.3 days)
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,450 (37.4 days)	1286 (63.5 days)	1286 (63.5 days)	1586 (73.2 days)



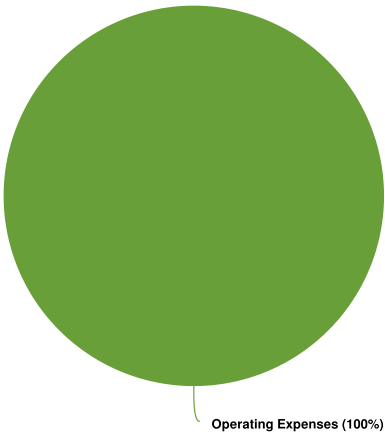
Expenditures Summary

\$1,044,075 **-\$325,355**
(-23.76% vs. prior year)

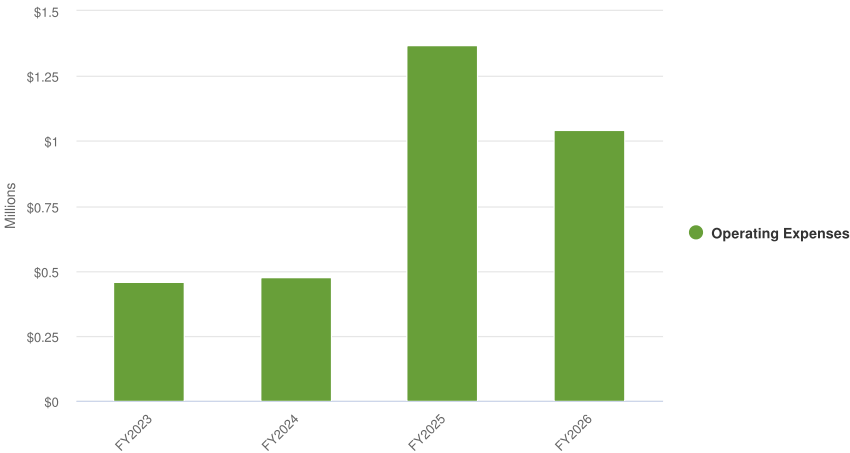
Development Services Proposed and Historical Budget vs. Actual



Expenditures by Expense Type
Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Development Services Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
General Government						
Development Services						
Regular Salaries & Wages	\$293,377	\$305,177	\$585,875	\$400,000	\$596,290	1.8%
FICA Taxes	\$21,857	\$23,041	\$44,845	\$28,500	\$45,650	1.8%
Retirement Contributions	\$37,039	\$31,825	\$54,190	\$42,000	\$47,460	-12.4%
Group Insurance	\$62,667	\$53,823	\$105,810	\$66,500	\$68,440	-35.3%
Worker's Compensation	\$4,648	\$1,518	\$12,710	\$1,800	\$8,410	-33.8%
Unemployment Compensation	\$1,376	\$1,725	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$1,575	5%
Economic Development	\$12,500	\$51,242	\$60,000	\$400,000	\$200,000	233.3%
Growth Model Svcs	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	0%
Development Svcs Manager	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$10,000	-75%
Comp Plan/Land Dev Regulations	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$12,500	\$5,000	-83.3%
Land Development Code	\$1,309	\$0	\$40,000	\$12,500	\$20,000	-50%
Misc Professional Services	\$14,348	\$1,105	\$365,000	\$0	\$10,000	-97.3%
Travel & Per Diem	\$204	\$766	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$3,500	40%
Legal Notices-Plan & Zoning	\$2,403	\$0	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$6,500	8.3%
Books, Pub & Memberships	\$4,309	\$5,166	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	0%
Training	\$317	\$177	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,250	25%
Total Development Services:	\$456,354	\$475,566	\$1,369,430	\$978,800	\$1,044,075	-23.8%
Total General Government:	\$456,354	\$475,566	\$1,369,430	\$978,800	\$1,044,075	-23.8%
Total Expenditures:	\$456,354	\$475,566	\$1,369,430	\$978,800	\$1,044,075	-23.8%



Planning, Zoning & Dev Review

Function:

Planning and Development Services are two functions within the Community Development Department. They provide a comprehensive range of services to the public and the development community, including, but not limited to, review of development proposals and site plans; changes to the Village's Comprehensive Plan; implementation of the Village's Land Development Code, and review of redevelopment plans and rezoning proposals.

History:

See the history provided in the *Development Services* cost center.

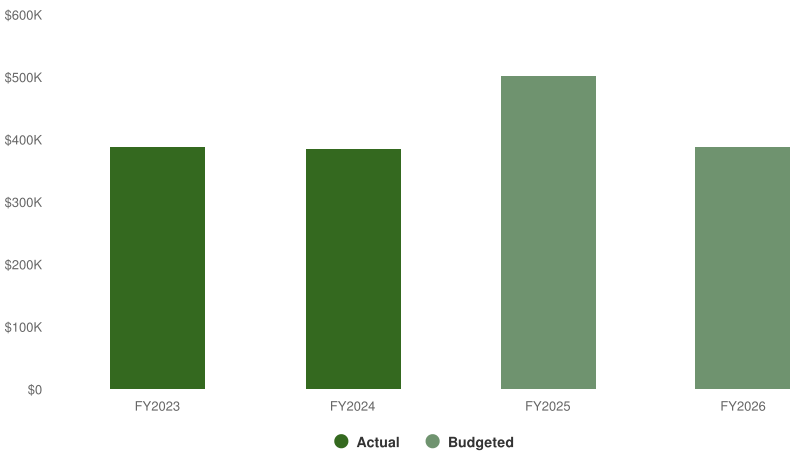
Strategic Planning:

See Comprehensive Plan excerpts provided in the *Development Services* cost center.

Expenditures Summary

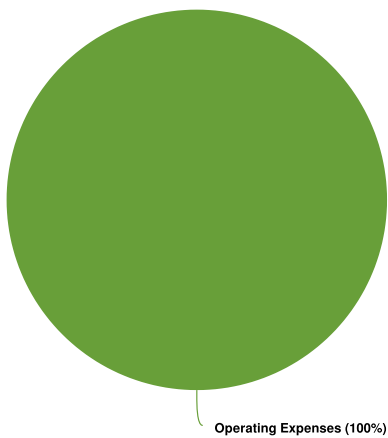
\$388,250 -\$113,850
(-22.67% vs. prior year)

Planning, Zoning & Development Proposed and Historical Budget vs. Actual

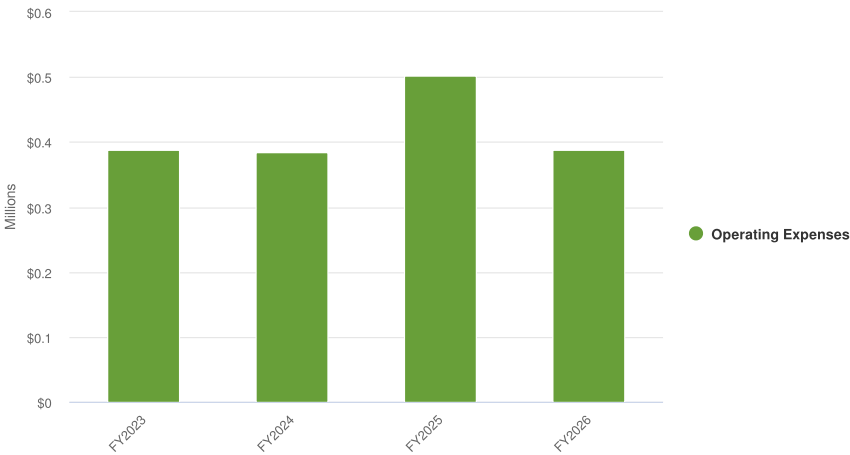


Expenditures by Expense Type

Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Planning, Zoning & Development Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
General Government						
Planning, Zoning, Dev Review						
Cost Recovery-Wages	\$126,498	\$54,981	\$125,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	-52%
Cost Recovery FICA Taxes	\$9,640	\$4,616	\$9,600	\$5,000	\$5,000	-47.9%
Cost Recovery Worker's Comp	\$0	\$445	\$2,000	\$500	\$500	-75%
Cost Recovery Unemploy Comp	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$250	\$250	-50%
Cost Recovery Prof Services	\$11,200	\$6,935	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	-50%
Planning & Zoning-Fixed Fee	\$240,443	\$317,532	\$350,000	\$315,000	\$315,000	-10%
Total Planning, Zoning, Dev Review:	\$387,781	\$384,510	\$502,100	\$388,250	\$388,250	-22.7%
Total General Government:	\$387,781	\$384,510	\$502,100	\$388,250	\$388,250	-22.7%
Total Expenditures:	\$387,781	\$384,510	\$502,100	\$388,250	\$388,250	-22.7%



Information Technology

Function:

Information Technology services provide information technology support and solutions for the needs of the Village. IT services are contracted through a private service provider and are operated as part of the Community Development Department.

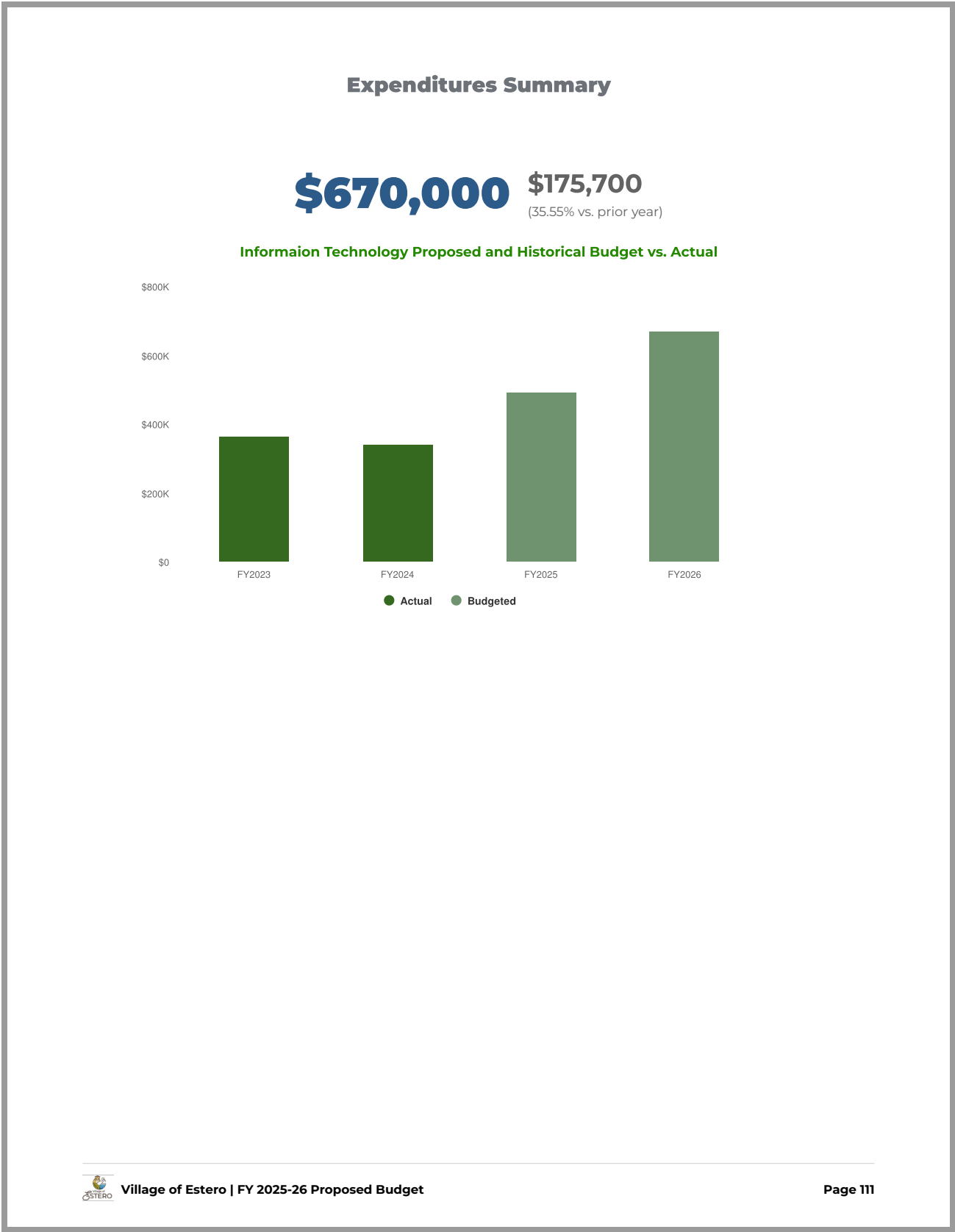
History:

2015	2016	2017	2020	2021
Village begins operations at Estero Fire Rescue building, with IT support provided by Estero Fire Rescue.	The Village enters into a contract with Calvin Giordano and Associates to provide IT services, in addition to Community Development services.	The Village responds to Hurricane Irma, effectively protecting Village IT infrastructure during the storm and restoring full operations within 24 hours post-storm.	The Village responds to the COVID-19 pandemic by transitioning all employees to remote work. To support long-term remote working, the Village replaces desktop computer with mobile workstations.	The Village approves multiple contracts that will transition operation and data storage to "the cloud."

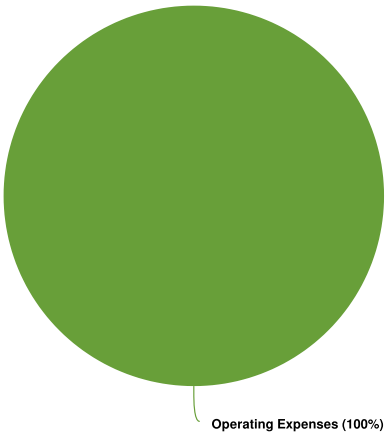
Workload and Performance Indicators:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Expenditures per capita	\$0.97	\$3.11	\$4.62	\$5.55	\$5.82	\$7.25	\$6.46	\$8.94
Percent of Village expenditures	0.55%	1.81%	0.47%	1.05%	1.65%	0.85%	1.89%	1.24%

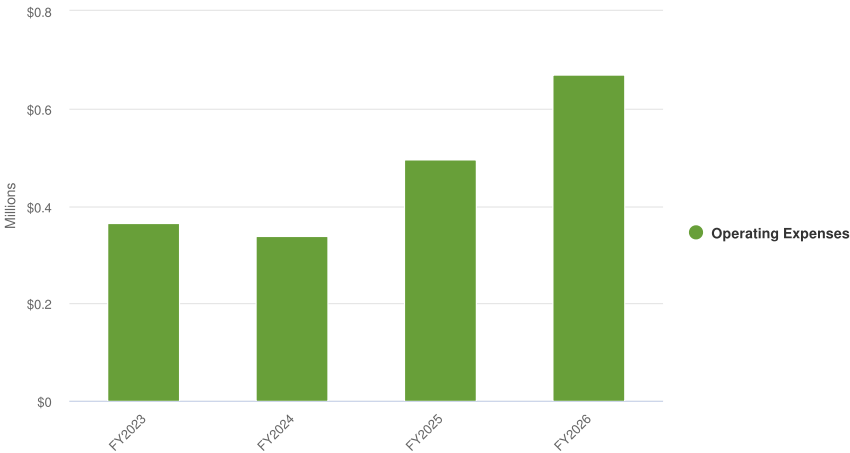




Expenditures by Expense Type
Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Information Technology Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
General Government						
Information Technology						
Information Technology Srvs	\$198,668	\$210,000	\$175,000	\$162,320	\$200,000	14.3%
Webmaster Srvs & Maintenance	\$54,139	\$52,073	\$34,300	\$97,680	\$150,000	337.3%
Audio Visual Services	\$0	\$0	\$120,000	\$60,000	\$100,000	-16.7%
Software Licensing	\$111,666	\$73,210	\$145,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	37.9%
Small tools & equipment	\$205	\$3,633	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	0%
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	0%
Total Information Technology:	\$364,678	\$338,917	\$494,300	\$525,000	\$670,000	35.5%
Total General Government:	\$364,678	\$338,917	\$494,300	\$525,000	\$670,000	35.5%
Total Expenditures:	\$364,678	\$338,917	\$494,300	\$525,000	\$670,000	35.5%



General Government

Function:

General Government Operations include cost of Village administrative operations which are not allocated to the special revenue or capital project funds or a specific department.

History:

See the "history" section in Village Manager section.

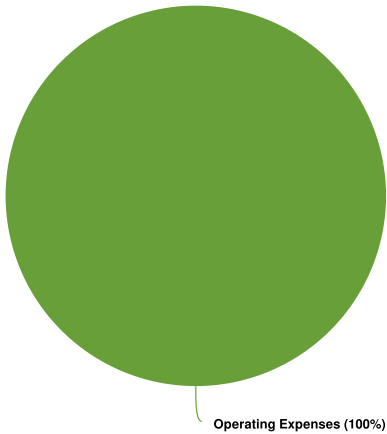
Workload and Performance Indicators:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Expenditures per capita	\$10.84	\$19.11	\$13.41	\$13.21	\$12.76	\$13.99	\$23.84	\$ 16.52
Percent of Village expenditures	6.20%	11.11%	1.37%	2.50%	3.61%	1.64%	2.25%	2.28%

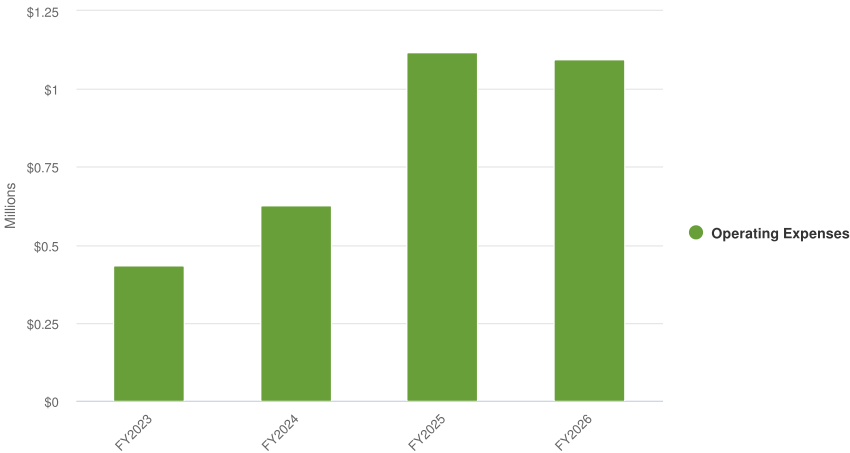




Expenditures by Expense Type
Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



General Government Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
General Government						
General Government						
Audio Visual Services	\$25,015	\$26,037	\$27,550	\$30,000	\$31,500	14.3%
Recruitment Services	\$11,492	\$7,335	\$12,500	\$20,000	\$20,000	60%
Lobbying Services	\$33,000	\$36,000	\$80,000	\$40,000	\$60,000	-25%
Misc Contractual Svcs	\$1,700	\$75,046	\$250,000	\$120,000	\$150,000	-40%
Travel	\$2,765	\$424	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$5,250	5%
Communications	\$14,800	\$6,074	\$6,500	\$7,250	\$7,500	15.4%
Freight & Postage	\$1,867	\$3,576	\$4,500	\$4,250	\$5,000	11.1%
Utilities	\$49,177	\$49,508	\$55,750	\$52,750	\$62,500	12.1%
Office Lease-Corkscrew Palms	\$114,658	\$263,293	\$295,000	\$272,500	\$300,000	1.7%
Equipment Rental & Leases	\$10,613	\$11,641	\$11,000	\$12,500	\$12,500	13.6%
Insurance	\$118,343	\$111,520	\$175,000	\$183,500	\$250,000	42.9%
Repairs & Maintenance	\$13,746	\$12,060	\$20,000	\$12,600	\$20,000	0%
Printing	\$83	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,500	66.7%
State Administrative Fees	\$0	\$0	\$9,500	\$0	\$0	-100%
Tax Collector Fees	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	-100%
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000	0%
Office Supplies	\$8,288	\$10,540	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	100%
Operating Supplies	\$27,089	\$12,172	\$25,000	\$21,500	\$25,000	0%
Bank Charges	\$269	\$215	\$500	\$250	\$250	-50%
Books Pub & Membership	\$1,047	\$904	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$2,000	0%
Capital Outlay - Mach & Equip	\$370	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Total General Government:	\$434,322	\$626,346	\$1,117,800	\$797,850	\$1,094,000	-2.1%
Total General Government:	\$434,322	\$626,346	\$1,117,800	\$797,850	\$1,094,000	-2.1%
Total Expenditures:	\$434,322	\$626,346	\$1,117,800	\$797,850	\$1,094,000	-2.1%



Disaster Response

Function:

Disaster Services operations include debris removal, flood mitigation and other disaster response and preparedness related cost.

History:

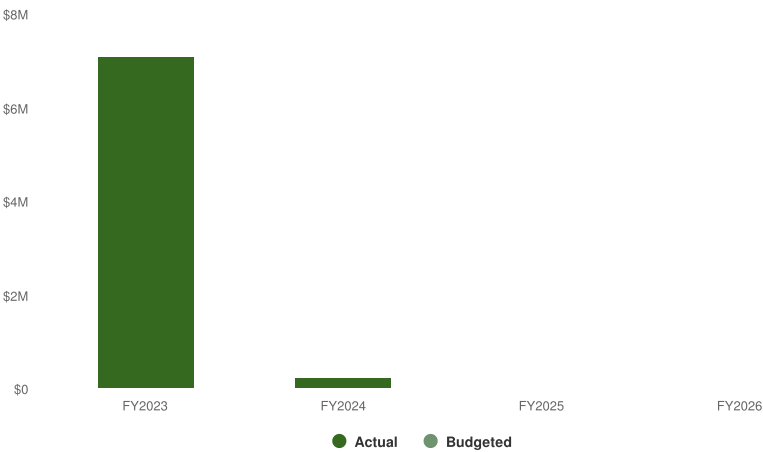
2017	2020	2021	2022
Village provides emergency response to Hurricane Irma, beginning on September 10.	Village provides emergency response to COVID-19 pandemic, including the provision of testing sites and PPE. In total, ~100,000 masks branded masks were provided to residents free of charge.	Village continues to provide response to COVID-19 pandemic. No Village employees ever test positive for COVID-19. The Village approves a transition plan to "cloud computing", which will buttress the previous transition to mobile workstations, to increase mobility for future emergencies.	Village responded to Hurricane Ian, the costliest hurricane in Florida history.



Expenditures Summary

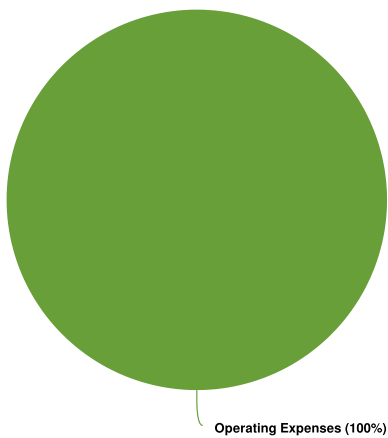
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(0.00% vs. prior year)

Disaster Response Proposed and Historical Budget vs. Actual

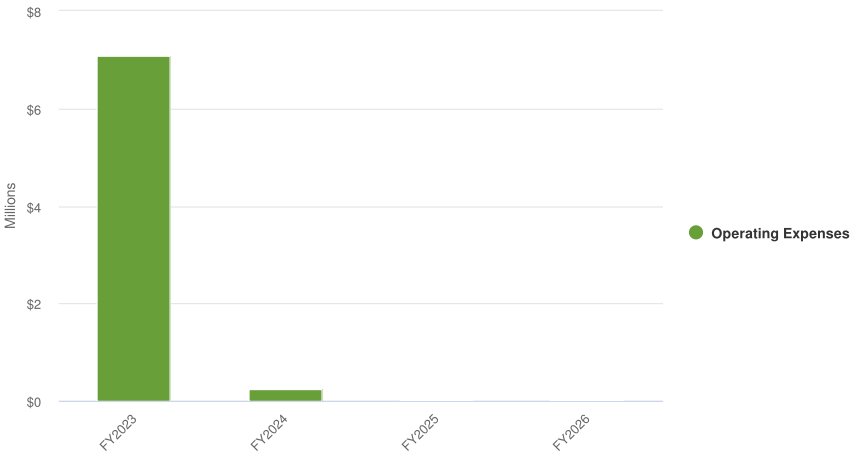


Expenditures by Expense Type

Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Disaster Response Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
General Government						
Disaster Response						
Hurricane Professional Srvcs	\$81,934	\$228,289	\$25,000	\$115,000	\$25,000	0%
Disaster Preparedness Services	\$43,499	\$7,910	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	0%
Misc Contracted Services	\$6,952,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Operating Supplies	\$11,934	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Total Disaster Response:	\$7,090,167	\$236,199	\$35,000	\$120,000	\$35,000	0%
Total General Government:	\$7,090,167	\$236,199	\$35,000	\$120,000	\$35,000	0%
Total Expenditures:	\$7,090,167	\$236,199	\$35,000	\$120,000	\$35,000	0%



Public Safety

Law Enforcement:

Law Enforcement and security services are provided by the Lee County Sheriff's office.

History:

2015	2018
Law Enforcement services are provided, Village-wide, by the Lee County Sheriff's Office, at no charge to the Village. This continues through the present day.	The Village receives a grant from the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) to provide marine patrols along the Estero River, to increase boater safety. This continues through the present day.

Workload and Performance Indicators:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Lee County Total Offenses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1565	2022	N/A	N/A
Homicide	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0	N/A	N/A
Aggravated Assault	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15	31	N/A	N/A
Simple Assault	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	69	63	N/A	N/A
Rape	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	4	N/A	N/A
Forcible Fondling	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	5	N/A	N/A
Burglary	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21	9	N/A	N/A
Robbery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	7	N/A	N/A
Arson	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0	N/A	N/A
Simple Stalking	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A
Threat/Intimidation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0	N/A	N/A
Motor Vehicle Theft	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20	14	N/A	N/A
Larceny Theft	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	240	168	N/A	N/A

Lee County Sheriff's Department no longer provides this information

Animal Services:

Animal Services are provided via an inter-local agreement with Lee County and provide animal control services through education, enforcement of laws and ordinances, community complaint resolution, and programs and services that include lost and found pets, adoptions, low-cost spay/neuter assistance and sheltering of stray and abused animals.

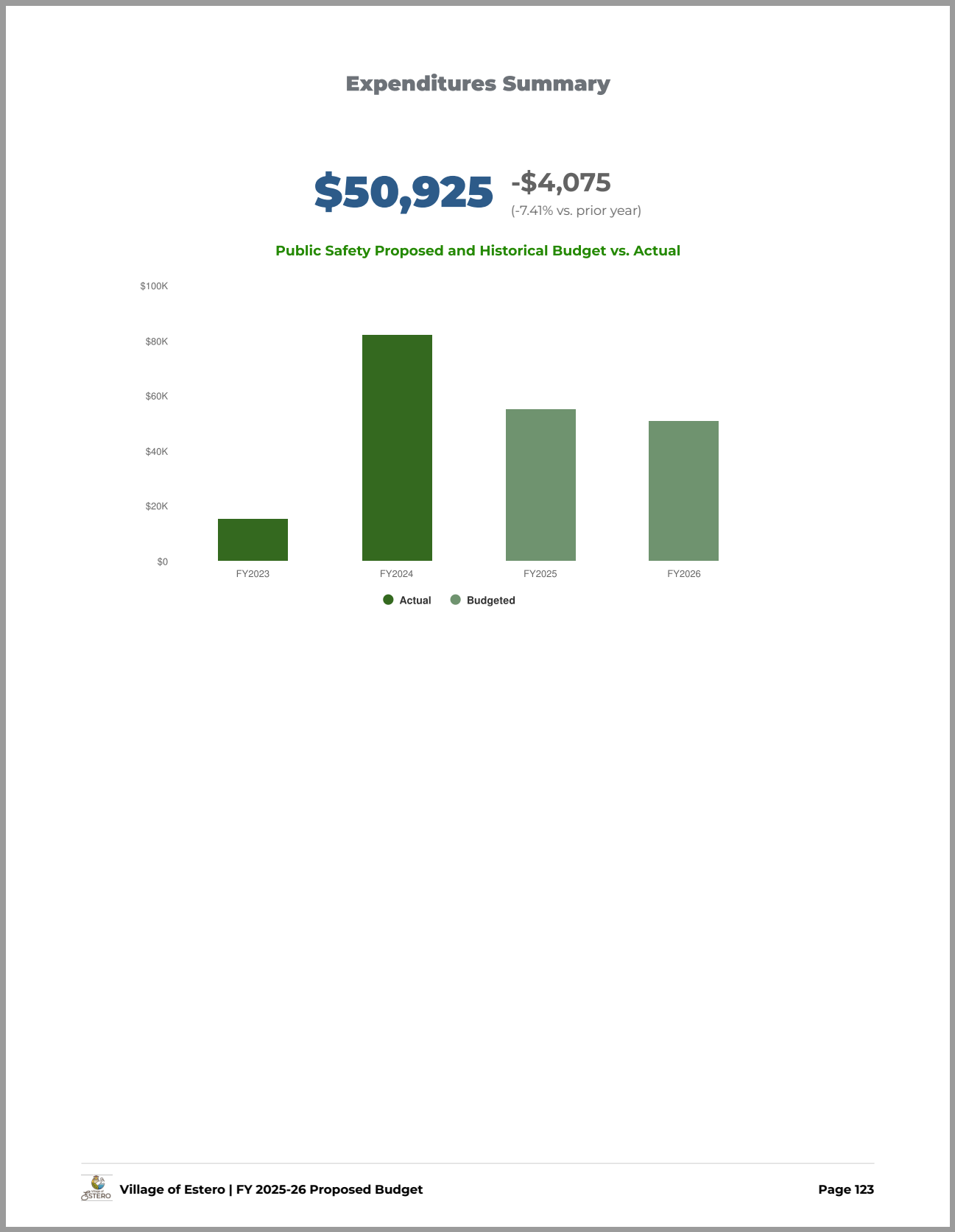
History:

The Village, operating under the "government-lite" mode, has a need for contractual assistance across a variety of disciplines. Animal Control is one such discipline. So, the Village has contracted with Lee County Animal Services, as multiple cities do in Lee County, to provide this service for Estero residents.

Workload and Performance Indicators:

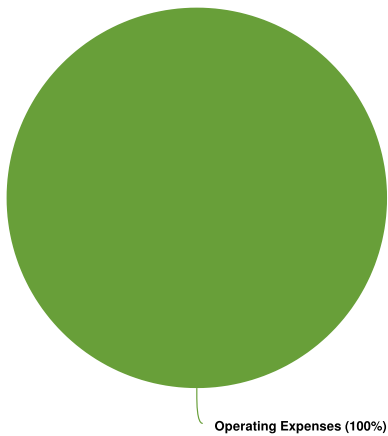
Type of Request (Days to Close)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Animals	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6 (5.0 days)	4 (19.8 days)	8 (1.3 days)	2 (3.0 days)



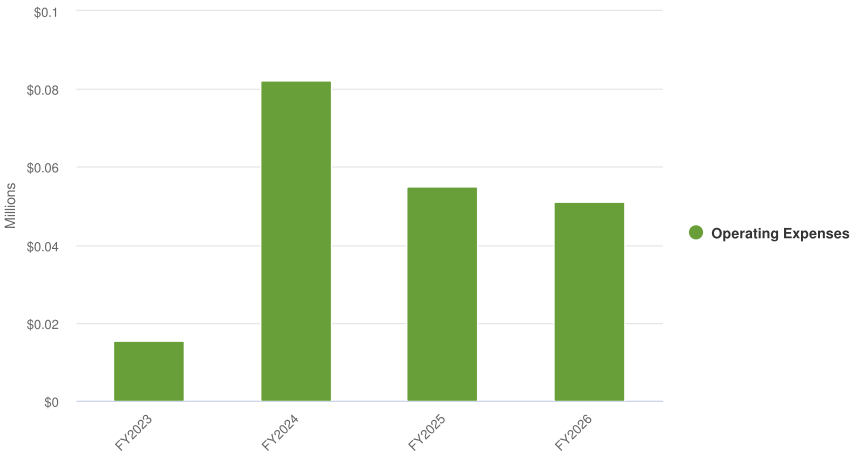


Expenditures by Expense Type

Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Public Safety Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
Public Safety						
Law Enforcement/Security						
Lee Cty Law Enforcement	\$4,022	\$5,115	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$6,300	-37%
Lee Cty Animal Control Svcs	\$11,348	\$77,074	\$45,000	\$42,500	\$44,625	-0.8%
Total Law Enforcement/Security:	\$15,370	\$82,189	\$55,000	\$48,500	\$50,925	-7.4%
Total Public Safety:	\$15,370	\$82,189	\$55,000	\$48,500	\$50,925	-7.4%
Total Expenditures:	\$15,370	\$82,189	\$55,000	\$48,500	\$50,925	-7.4%



Code Compliance

Function:

Code Compliance perform inspections throughout the Village to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations and is operated as part of the Community Development Department. Code Compliance officers perform inspections for zoning and nuisance code violations such as overgrown grass, building without permits, and similar violations.

History:

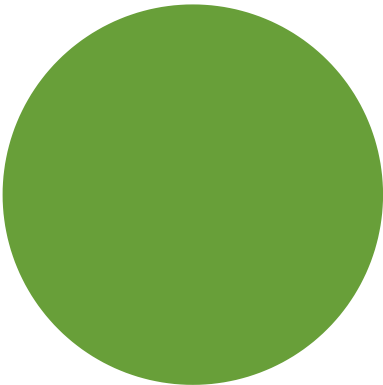
See the history provided in the *Development Services* cost center.

Strategic Planning:

See Comprehensive Plan excerpts provided in the *Development Services* cost center.

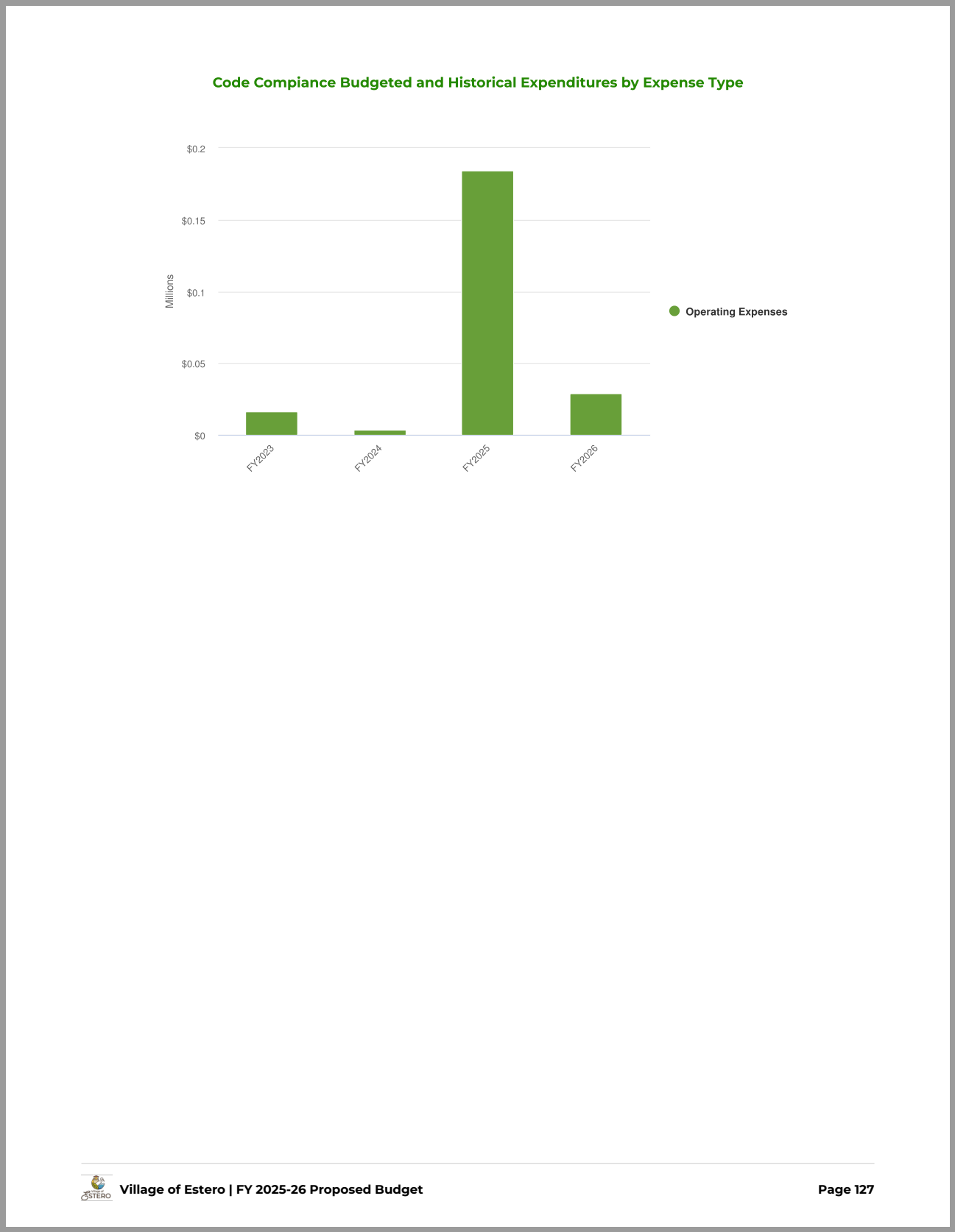
Expenditures by Expense Type

Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Operating Expenses (100%)





Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
General Government						
Code Compliance						
Special Magistrate Svcs	\$3,625	\$3,375	\$20,250	\$7,500	\$7,725	-61.9%
Code Compliance Contract Svcs	\$12,566	\$0	\$162,500	\$20,000	\$20,600	-87.3%
Other Chrges-Filing Fees	\$296	\$291	\$1,500	\$925	\$950	-36.7%
Total Code Compliance:	\$16,486	\$3,666	\$184,250	\$28,425	\$29,275	-84.1%
Total General Government:	\$16,486	\$3,666	\$184,250	\$28,425	\$29,275	-84.1%
Total Expenditures:	\$16,486	\$3,666	\$184,250	\$28,425	\$29,275	-84.1%



Physical Environment/Public Works

Function:

Public Works – Physical Environment is responsible for maintenance, construction, operations, and engineering support for the Village's environmental and stormwater infrastructure. It is also responsible for the preparation, implementation, execution and tracking of the capital improvement program which is related to the environment and stormwater. This includes responding to citizens' requests for action as they relate to the environment and stormwater.

History:

2017	2018	2020	2021	2022	2023
Village provides emergency response to Hurricane Irma, beginning on <u>September 10</u>	Village provides emergency response to Hurricane Irma, beginning on <u>September 10</u>	Village of Estero water monitoring begins	Village hires engineer to design and permit Estero River North Branch Drainage Improvements	Village of Estero purchases 10 acres along the Estero River	<u>July 26</u> agreement to allow the Village to acquire 100% of the stormwater management facilities serving the Hertz Arena and other proximate properties, and allowing the Village to share maintenance costs with KTB.

Strategic Stormwater Planning:

In 2018 the Village of Estero completed its first Stormwater Master Plan. Provided below is a summary of the master plan. This Stormwater Master Plan provides the details of the current regional hydrology affecting the Village and the current conditions of stormwater/surface water networks within the Village. The important benefit of this Master Plan is the development of an updated regional-scale model and detailed local-scale model. Both models can be utilized to evaluate the impacts of infrastructure projects or development projects on the existing stormwater system. Additional goals of the Stormwater Master Plan project are as follows:

- Provide a framework for evaluating Stormwater improvement projects and new developments;
- Identify drainage issues;
- Identify flood mitigation projects;
- Identify locations where additional water level/flow monitoring stations should be installed; and
- Develop regulatory standards and guidelines.

From a regional perspective, the overall Estero River watershed covers approximately 39,163 acres. The watershed includes quarries, Florida Gulf Coast University, Gulf Coast Town Center, Miromar Outlet Mall, and numerous residential communities. The Estero River North Branch sub-watershed begins at State Road 82 and extends southwest towards I-75 and then westward until it reaches the junction with the Estero River (Main Branch). The Estero River South Branch sub-watershed (South Branch) extends east of I-75 along the Corkscrew Road corridor, south of the Stoneybrook development and west to the junction point with the North Branch sub-watershed. The Halfway Creek main stream originates in a broad marsh system located east of I-75. The watershed boundary for Halfway Creek extends to the southern boundary of The Brooks, runs west of US-41, extends north at El Dorado Acres and continues north, containing portions of West Bay Club and Pelican Sound before reaching the limits of the Estero River Main Branch watershed. The eastern southern boundary of the Estero River watershed is adjacent to the Imperial River watershed. Based on conditions east of I-75 and south of Corkscrew Road, there are no known barriers or structures to separate the flow. Surface water can interact between the Estero River/Halfway Creek and Imperial River watersheds.

For the Halfway Creek existing conditions analysis, the critical portion of the creek is the area located between the south end of the West Bay Club community and the U.S 41 crossing. This portion of the creek is a large natural area containing wetlands and uplands and the creek is not well-defined. The model results reflect significant increases in peak water surface



elevations within this area. This is an area of concern since there are residential communities, such as Marsh Landing and Fountain Lakes, that discharge to this portion of Halfway Creek. The analysis of the other portions of Halfway Creek did not present any concerns.

For the Estero River South Branch existing conditions analysis, the most critical portion of the waterway is the area located upstream of the Three Oaks Parkway crossing to the Sanctuary Drive crossing. Within this portion, the waterway channel becomes narrower, forcing water to flow within the over banks that contain more vegetation and debris. The existing conditions model results reflect significant increases in peak water surface elevations within this area.

The existing conditions analysis for the Estero River North Branch identified several areas of concern within the waterway. One of the areas of concern is located within the Villages at Country Creek community. Within this area, there are significant increases in water levels along the river. Another portion of the North Branch that presented concerns is the section located between the northern boundary of Villages at Country Creek and the Rookery Drive crossing. The model indicates significant increases in water levels along this portion of the North Branch. Within the north diversion portion of the North Branch, which extends from Rookery Pointe, under Three Oaks Parkway and along the north side of Village, the model presents another condition of significant increases in water levels. Specifically, the increases in peak stages occur in the section of the northern diversion that travels through the natural area north of Village.

The existing conditions analysis for the Estero River Main Branch identified a couple of concerns. During the 25-year and 100-year design storm simulations, the model indicated moderate velocities of flow within the channel, located downstream of the U.S. 41 crossing. The high velocities allow the potential of the flow to transport sediments from upstream and into the Bay. During all four (4) design storm simulations, the model indicated a significant increase in water levels within the section of the river located between the Seminole Gulf Railroad crossing and the Sandy Lane crossing. This is an area where the river channel begins to change, becoming narrower, which causes water to flow within and above the banks of the river where there is more vegetation.

As part of this Stormwater Master Plan, the existing stormwater infrastructure conditions were evaluated to determine potential improvement projects. Local flooding during the late August and early September 2017 rainfall events aided in the identification of areas in need of improvements. The evaluation resulted in the identification of a total of ten (10) potential improvement projects. Eight (8) of the projects were evaluated through additional hydraulic modeling. The improvement projects were grouped by the sub-watershed in which they are located. The projects are as follows:

Estero River Main Branch

- Project Seven: Estero River Side Bank Sediment Removal Project Eight: Broadway Ave. Main Tributary
- Project Ten: Maintenance of the Seminole Gulf Railroad Ditch Project Nine: U.S. 41 Roadside Drainage Modifications

Estero River North Branch

- Project One: Villages at Country Creek Bypass Swale
- Project Two: Three Oaks Parkway Drainage Improvements
- Project Three: Village / Estero Parkway Drainage Improvements
- Project Four: Estero Parkway Culvert
- Project Six: Dry Creek Bed Sediment Removal

Estero River South Branch

- Project Five: River Ranch Road Drainage Improvements
- Project Ten: Maintenance of the South Branch south of Corkscrew Road

Halfway Creek

- Project Ten: Maintenance of Halfway Creek West of U.S. 41

The projects were ranked by priority, with the highest priority being a project to be implemented within 1-5 years. The ranking of the projects was based upon the following factors:

- Magnitude of Potential Benefits to the Overall System;
- Estimated Construction Cost for the Improvements or Activities;
- Ease or Difficulty of Implementing the Improvements or Activities: Permit Requirements, Coordination with Other Entities, etc.

In addition to recommended improvement projects, there are other activities the Village can implement to mitigate issues with negative impacts on the stormwater management system and damages related to flooding. These activities include placing language within the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan documents to establish policies and guidelines with respect to stormwater management. The recommended rule changes include minimum finished floor elevation criteria and setting a criterion for allowable discharge rates for new development projects. All the recommended rule changes and improvement projects will further aid the Village in addressing current and potential stormwater system issues.

The preparation of the Stormwater Master Plan successfully resulted in a greater understanding of the regional hydrology affecting the Village of Estero and the existing stormwater facilities within the Village. Collecting data of the Village's existing land uses, soil types, main drainage conveyance systems, conveyance structures and the conditions of the Estero River and Halfway Creek, allowed for the creation of the Local-Scale ICPR4 model.



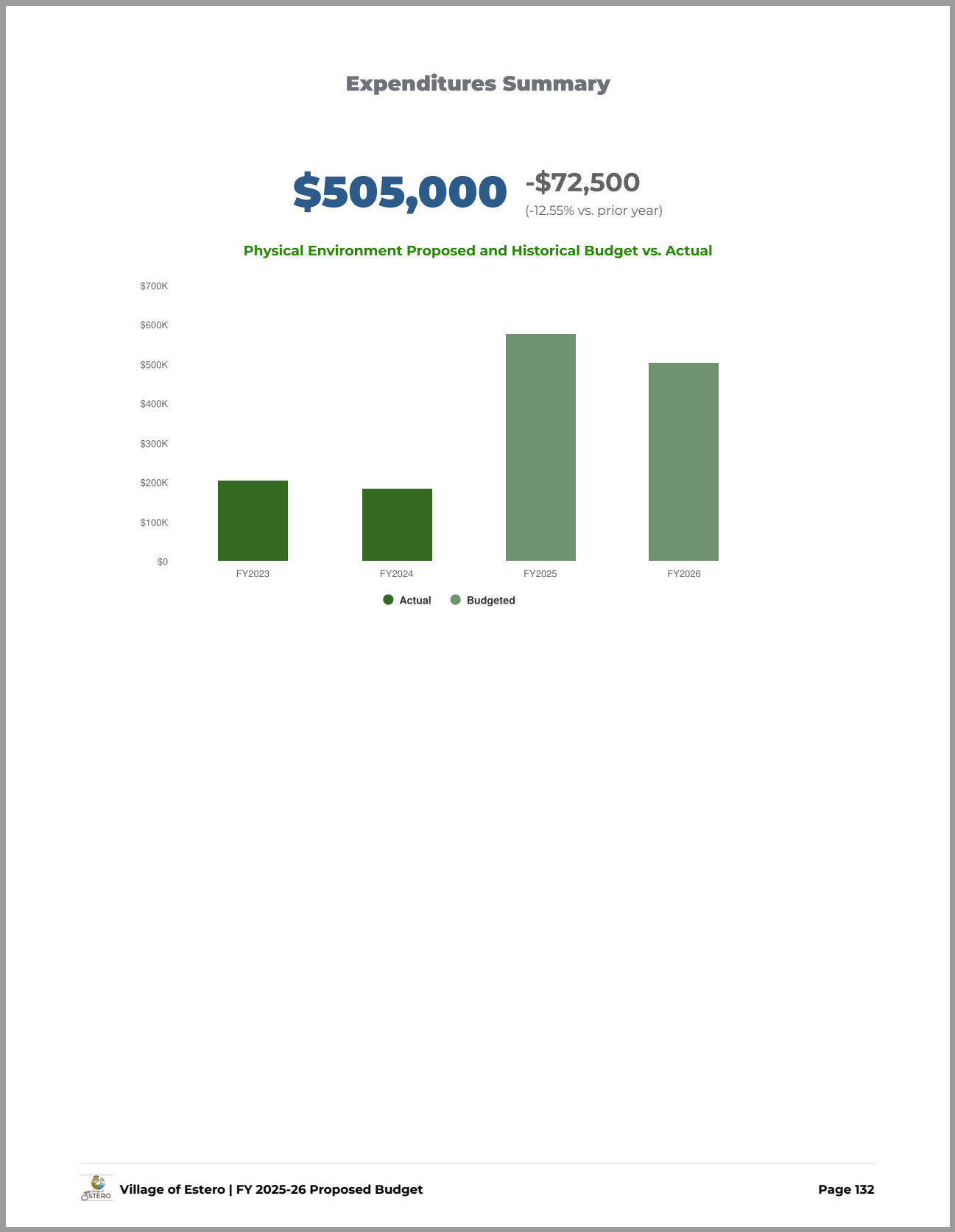
Strategic Utilities Planning:

The Village of Estero is not a water or sewer provider. Residents within Estero are provided water and sewer services by Lee County Utilities (LCU) or Bonita Springs Utilities (BSU). The following is a summary of the recent potable water quality parameters available from LCU and BSU:

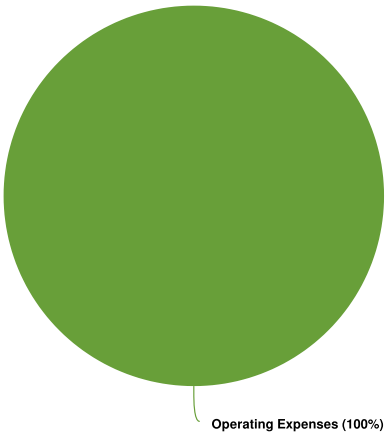
Workload and Performance Indicators:

Type of Request (Days to Close)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Animals	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6 (5.0 days)	4 (19.8 days)	8 (1.3 days)	2 (3.0 days)
Drainage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16 (23.3 days)	19 (22.6 days)	7 (172.5 days)	13 (55.1 days)
Landscaping	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	45 (26.2 days)	40 (10.8 days)	33 (30.2 days)	33 (9.1days)
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	33 (29.5 days)	43 (35.9 days)	48 (129.5 days)	27 (56.4 days)
Road Condition	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	53 (37.2 days)	56 (16.0 days)	34 (36.7 days)	34 (59.0 days)
Roadway Traffic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	39 (66.8 days)	29 (55.6 days)	32 (40.1 days)	34 (24.6 days)
Trash	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29 (7.6 days)	29 (8.7 days)	34 (7.0 days)	11 (4.0 days)
Water & Sewer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14 (9.9 days)	12 (5.4 days)	4 (5.0 days)	9 (1.6 days)

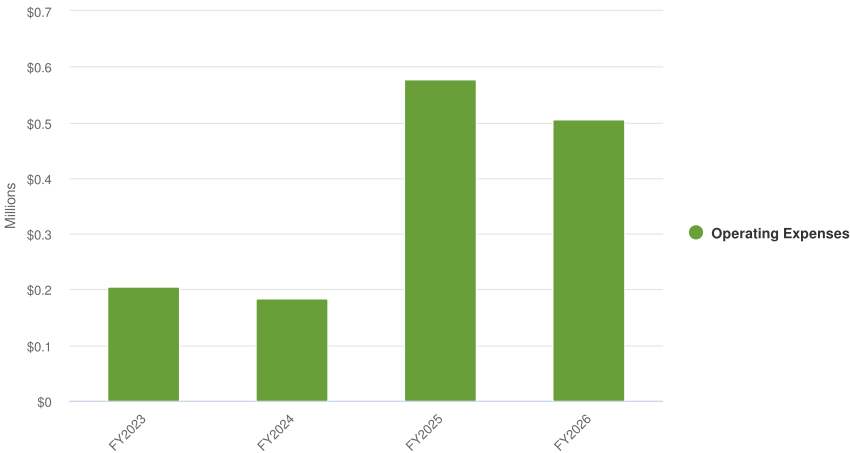




Expenditures by Expense Type
Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Physical Environment Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
Physical Environment						
Physical Environment						
Community Monitoring	\$5,000	\$39,886	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$100,000	300%
Water Level & Quality Monitor	\$84,172	\$113,845	\$170,000	\$250,000	\$200,000	17.6%
NPDES Compliance	\$32,208	\$1,542	\$5,000	\$12,000	\$15,000	200%
Reclaimed Water Study	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	-100%
Flood Plain-Corn Rating System	\$8,800	\$5,000	\$150,000	\$69,700	\$30,000	-80%
Estero River Maintenance	\$989	\$16,171	\$50,000	\$18,600	\$50,000	0%
Miscellaneous Stormwater Maint	\$68,958	\$2,500	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	-33.3%
Water Quality Joint Advocacy	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$10,000	33.3%
Total Physical Environment:	\$205,127	\$183,943	\$577,500	\$430,300	\$505,000	-12.6%
Total Physical Environment:	\$205,127	\$183,943	\$577,500	\$430,300	\$505,000	-12.6%
Total Expenditures:	\$205,127	\$183,943	\$577,500	\$430,300	\$505,000	-12.6%



Transportation/Public Works

Function:

Public Works – Transportation is responsible for maintenance, construction, operations and engineering support for the Village's roadway infrastructure, which includes roads, bridges, and roadway storm water systems, etc. It is also responsible for the preparation, implementation, execution and tracking of capital improvements related to transportation. This includes responding to citizens' requests for action as they relate to the environment and stormwater.

History:

2015	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Lee County provides transportation services, via contract, for the <u>2015 & 2016 fiscal years</u> .	Village assumes road ownership and capital & maintenance duties from Lee County on <u>January 7</u>	Broadway Ave W Culvert Replacement Completed <u>December 2018</u>	US-41 median landscaping project begins on <u>June 19</u>	US-41 Median landscaping installation completed	Estero Parkway Roadway Improvements completed	I-75 Interchange Construction completed	Village Council approved the design and permitting of four monument signs, two each on US 41 and Three Oaks Parkway/Imperial Parkway
	Village implements an online resident request system on <u>January 7</u>		I-75 at Corkscrew Road interchange improvement project begins on <u>October 16</u>	Trailside Drive & Poinciana Ave resurfacing completed			
	Village implements data metrics on <u>January 7</u>			Estero High/Williams Rd Turn Lanes completed			



Strategic Planning:

The Village of Estero completed a Village wide traffic study in 2017. Provided below is a summary of the Traffic Study's findings.

The Area-Wide Traffic Study included an analysis of the existing and projected future roadway and intersection conditions. The results of the analysis are outlined in more detail in the report.

The roadway analysis indicates that Corkscrew Road from Three Oaks Parkway to Bella Terra Boulevard is anticipated to operate over capacity in future conditions during the p.m. peak hour. Since the completion of the study Lee County has started construction on the widening of Corkscrew Road, which will address the future capacity issues.

The intersection analysis for this study indicates several intersections within The Village of Estero are currently operating with approaches at an unacceptable level of service during the a.m. peak-hour and/or p.m. peak-hour including the following:

- Corkscrew Road & Bella Terra Boulevard – Improvements under construction
- Corkscrew Road & Cypress Shadows Boulevard – Improvements under construction
- Corkscrew Road & Ben Hill Griffin Parkway – Improvements under construction
- Corkscrew Road & I-75 Northbound Ramps – Improvements completed in 2022
- Corkscrew Road & I-75 Southbound Ramps – Improvements completed in 2022
- Corkscrew Road & Three Oaks Parkway
- Corkscrew Road & US 41
- US 41 & Estero Parkway
- US 41 & Broadway
- US 41 & Pelican Sound Drive
- US 41 & Williams Road
- US 41 & Fountain Lakes Boulevard

Programmed improvements that are anticipated within the ten-year analysis period of this study, from the FDOT, Lee County DOT, Village of Estero, and various development were included in the analysis.

In addition to the existing intersection deficiencies, the future (2027) analysis indicates the following intersection is anticipated to operate unacceptably during the p.m. peak hour period.

- Corkscrew Road & Bella Terra Boulevard – Improvements under construction
- Coconut Road & Three Oaks Parkway

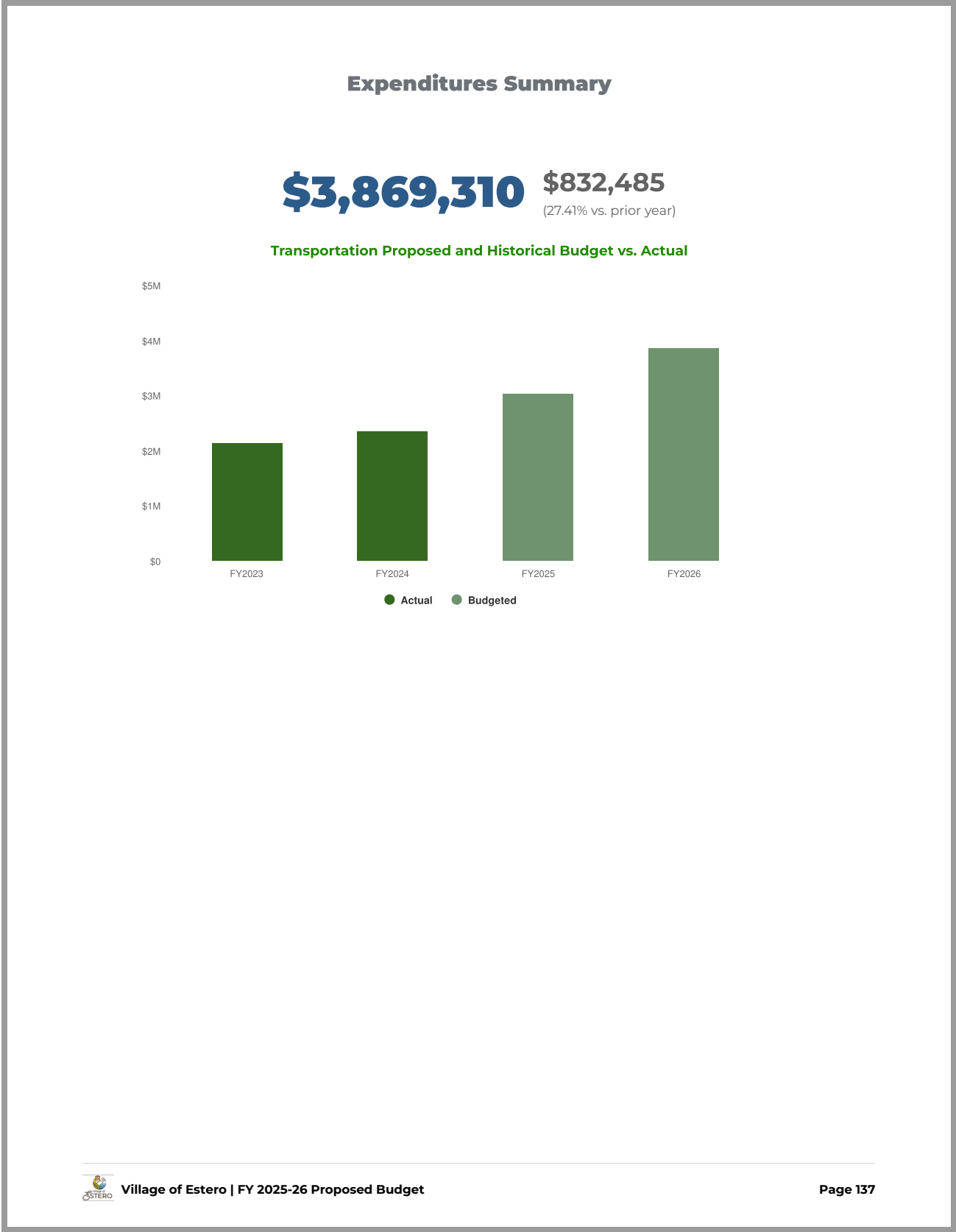
The following potential improvements were recommended to correct existing and future deficiencies (when warranted), for study area intersections in order to improve operations:

- Create median storage for the northbound left-turn at the intersection of Corkscrew Road & Cypress Shadows Boulevard – Improvements completed
- Extend the southbound left-turn lane at Corkscrew Road & Ben Hill Griffin Parkway and re-time the intersection – Improvements under construction
- Provide interim safety improvements at the intersection of Corkscrew Road & Corkscrew Woodlands Boulevard – Intersection closure expected late 2022
- Re-time intersection, extend the eastbound left-turn lane at Corkscrew Road & Three Oaks Parkway, and add an additional northbound right-turn lane (for dual northbound right-turn lanes), depending on available right-of way
- Re-time the intersection of US 41 & Corkscrew Road and add an additional westbound right-turn lane (for dual westbound right-turn lanes), depending on available right-of way
- Re-time the intersection of US 41 & Estero Parkway and explore the possibility of an additional westbound right-turn (for dual westbound right-turns)
- Add a right-turn lane at the intersection of US 41 & Williams Road and extend the eastbound left-turn lane (along with the closure of the driveway on the west leg of Williams Road)
- Signalize the intersection of US 41 & Fountain Lakes Boulevard (when warranted)
- Re-time the intersection of Three Oaks Parkway & Coconut Road including changing the signal cycle length

The safety analysis indicated that the study intersection signals appear to be in good shape as far as backplates, borders, and signal heads. It is recommended to confirm with Lee County DOT that the signal clearance interval times (yellow and all-red times) are adequate. It is also recommended to consider pavement friction improvements if skid numbers or visual inspection show poor pavement at the intersections of Ben Hill Griffin Parkway & Estero Parkway and Three Oaks Parkway & Williams Road. It is also recommended to consider lighting improvements at the intersection of Ben Hill Griffin Parkway & Estero Parkway and Three Oaks Parkway & Estero Parkway (Lighting improvements have been completed).

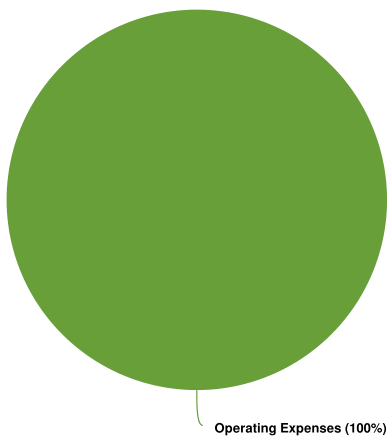
The public works department handles the requests for action (RFA) received by the Village related to public infrastructure. The Villages tracks RFA regarding Animals, Drainage, Landscaping, Road Condition, Roadway Traffic, Trash, Water & Sewer, and Other.



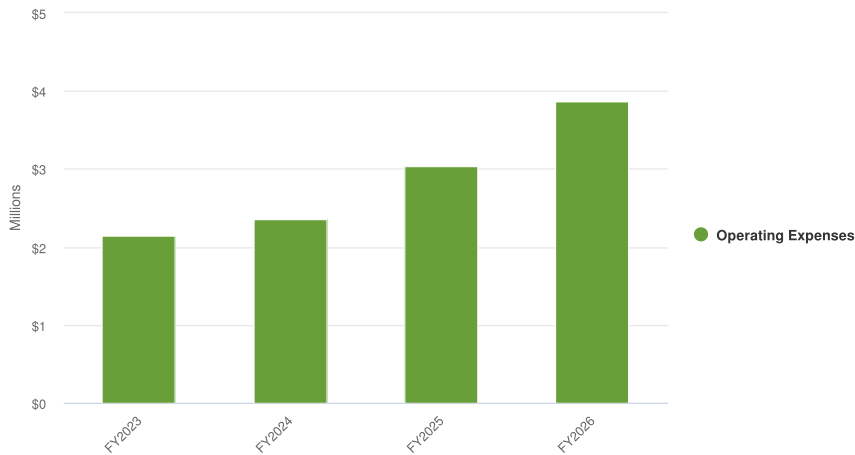


Expenditures by Expense Type

Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Transportation Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
Transportation						
Transportation						
Public Works Wages	\$318,807	\$314,165	\$341,225	\$324,500	\$376,450	10.3%
FICA Taxes	\$23,405	\$22,918	\$26,130	\$24,600	\$28,820	10.3%
Retirement Contribution	\$16,858	\$18,037	\$19,000	\$18,500	\$31,760	67.2%
Group Insurance	\$46,018	\$69,618	\$45,020	\$78,000	\$77,780	72.8%
Worker's Compensation	\$6,208	\$3,501	\$10,050	\$7,600	\$11,400	13.4%
Unemployment Compensation	\$772	\$859	\$1,000	\$950	\$1,100	10%
Traffic Counts	\$16,080	\$15,973	\$20,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	0%
Misc Professional Services	\$103,650	\$28,340	\$100,000	\$77,500	\$100,000	0%
Street Sweeping Services	\$28,610	\$21,200	\$30,000	\$26,500	\$35,000	16.7%
Right-of-Way Permit Review	\$7,363	\$12,082	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$20,000	-20%
Misc Construction Services	\$3,937	\$45,245	\$60,000	\$150,000	\$100,000	66.7%
Travel	\$5,400	\$5,228	\$6,500	\$6,000	\$7,500	15.4%
Communications	\$527	\$521	\$650	\$600	\$1,000	53.8%
Utilities	\$68,806	\$77,485	\$85,000	\$84,500	\$97,500	14.7%
Equipment & leases	\$2,905	\$2,996	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	100%
Street Light Insurance	\$12,857	\$9,643	\$14,750	\$12,600	\$15,000	1.7%
Bridge Maintenance	\$0	\$10,969	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$15,000	50%
Irrigation Maintenance	\$84,194	\$81,020	\$77,500	\$70,000	\$82,500	6.5%
Landscape Maintenance	\$891,139	\$1,152,492	\$1,180,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,651,000	39.9%
Mowing Maintenance	\$85,575	\$115,260	\$32,500	\$21,500	\$40,000	23.1%
Ditch Maintenance	\$213,677	\$36,749	\$157,000	\$135,000	\$175,000	11.5%
Street Light Maintenance	\$20,885	\$111,782	\$85,500	\$62,750	\$92,500	8.2%
Traffic Sign Maintenance	\$68,322	\$13,167	\$70,000	\$29,500	\$50,000	-28.6%
Traffic Signal Maintenance	\$5,273	\$5,949	\$66,000	\$35,000	\$50,000	-24.2%
Railroad Maintenance	\$19,670	\$14,752	\$150,000	\$90,000	\$125,000	-16.7%
Road Maintenance	\$84,478	\$160,901	\$412,000	\$725,000	\$650,000	57.8%
Operating Supplies	\$2,838	\$4,540	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	20%
Books, Publications & Members	\$1,839	\$302	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,000	33.3%
Training	\$369	\$1,003	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	-33.3%
Total Transportation:	\$2,140,461	\$2,356,696	\$3,036,825	\$3,390,100	\$3,869,310	27.4%
Total Transportation:	\$2,140,461	\$2,356,696	\$3,036,825	\$3,390,100	\$3,869,310	27.4%
Total Expenditures:	\$2,140,461	\$2,356,696	\$3,036,825	\$3,390,100	\$3,869,310	27.4%



Parks & Recreation

Function:

Parks and Recreation is responsible for park facilities within the Village. Currently, the Village owns several plots of land and provides programming via the YMCA.

History:

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Village agrees to purchase Estero on the River Property (62 acres along Estero River) on <u>September 20</u>	Village receives, via donation, the Happehatchee Center on <u>December 18</u> . This is a 5-acre strip of land between the Village-owned Estero on the River parcel.	The Village entered into a maintenance and programming contract with the YMCA for the Happehatchee site (now called "Camp Estero") on <u>June 17</u> . Programming begins onsite.	Numerous public meetings held regarding the new Estero land Development Code, with an expected adoption date of late 2020 or early 2021.	High-5 Entertainment submitted an unsolicited proposal to the Village of Estero in December 2022 to build an indoor/outdoor family entertainment center.

Strategic Planning:

Provided below is the executive summary from the Village Inaugural Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, which was adopted in 2020 (the text of this summary is provided below, while accompanying graphics may be found in the full report).

The Village of Estero selected Barth Associates to develop the Village's first Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan in summer 2018. The Master Plan assessed the current conditions, identified and prioritized recreation and open space needs and desires of the community, and addressed future opportunities related to the Estero Community Park and other existing parks. The Parks Master Plan was completed in four phases:

- Phase 1- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Phase 2- Needs and Priorities Assessment
- Phase 3- Long-Range Vision
- Phase 4- Implementation Strategy and Final Master Plan

1. Existing Conditions Analysis

The Village has thousands of acres of public and private natural areas that are protected as State parks, public lands or private preserve areas. These areas offer tremendous ecological, environmental, recreational and community benefits to the Village. The majority of residents live in planned neighborhoods that provide private recreation and amenity areas. There is also a large community park (Estero Community Park) run by Lee County, and another community park (Three Oaks Park) nearby.

The Village has been incorporated for only 5 years and does not own any park or recreation lands. The Village recently purchased approximately 66 acres of land along the Estero River. At the time of this report the property was not yet used for parks, recreation or open space. But, it may likely be used for park and open space in the future.

The Village's population is currently growing at approximately 2.9% per year, which is well above the national annual growth rate. The Village has a median age of 61.3 years old and is projected to continue its current aging trend. Over the next 15 years, the 55+ population is expected to grow to represent nearly two-thirds of the Village's total population. This is largely due to increased life expectancies and the remainder of the Baby Boomer generation shifting into the senior age groups.



2. Existing Parks and Recreation System

Even though the Village does not currently own any parks or recreation areas, residents have access to a wide variety of parks and recreation facilities. The existing parks and recreation system is comprised of the following "subsystems", including both public and private facilities as shown on the following map:

- Local and Community Parks (County, State, Homeowner Associations)
- Recreation Centers (County, Homeowner Associations)
- Athletics Fields (County, School District, Homeowner Associations)
- Trails and Bikeways (Village, Homeowner Associations, County, State)
- Natural Lands (State, County, Homeowner Associations)
- Aquatics (County, Homeowner Associations)
- Water Access (County, State, Homeowner Associations)
- Programs (Village)

3. Needs and Priorities Assessment

Barth Associates uses a mixed-methods, triangulated approach to needs assessments. Mixed-methods research combines the use of primary data collected through the planning process, and secondary data from other sources such as census data and previous reports. The primary data includes both quantitative and qualitative research techniques and data.

The term *triangulation* refers to the comparison of findings from various techniques to identify consistent themes and top priorities. For example, the findings from the mail/ telephone survey – the most statistically valid, quantitative technique available – are compared to the findings from the other techniques to identify consistent priorities. Specific needs assessment techniques used for the Village of Estero parks and recreation system include a Statistically-Representative Mail/Telephone Survey, Online Survey, Level-of-Service Analysis, Interviews and Focus Groups, and a Public Open House.

Over 800 people participated in the needs assessment process. Based on a review of the findings from all the needs assessment techniques, residents' top priorities include:

Facility Priorities

1. Natural Areas/Nature Parks
2. Multipurpose Trails
3. Performance Arts Center
4. Sidewalks
5. Restrooms for Existing Parks
6. Community Gardens
7. Athletic Fields
8. Boating Access

Program Priorities

1. Community Special Events
2. Fitness/Wellness Programs
3. Nature Programs/Environmental Education
4. Senior Leisure Programs

4. Long-Range Vision

There are no state or national standards to guide the development of a long-range parks and recreation vision in response to residents' needs and priorities; each community must develop its own vision based on its values, priorities, and resources.

Therefore, Village staff and consultants developed a long-range vision that:

- Leverages existing Village, county, state, federal, institutional, and private assets;
- Responds to residents' top priority needs;
- Reflects the Village's "government-light" philosophy;
- Is based on sound planning principles and aspirational level-of-service guidelines;
- Respects existing land development patterns and character.

The Village's vision for its parks and recreation system is to create:

- A high-quality, beautifully-maintained parks and recreation system that meets the needs of all Village residents including youth, families, adults, and retirees. The system will include parks, open space, and recreation areas owned by the Village, homeowner associations (HOAs), Lee County, the State of Florida, the Lee County School District, and other facility and program providers.



The Parks and Recreation System can be conceptualized as a network of interconnected “subsystems,” each with its own guiding principles, primary and secondary providers, and service-delivery models. The Village’s proposed subsystems include: *See chart in report*

Each existing and proposed park and open space should be designed and maintained to be consistent with the character of the surrounding “hub”, as illustrated below. For example, the Estero-on-the-River site should be designed to be compatible with the surrounding “Eco-Historical Hub”, while the proposed school/park campus in the “Village Center Hub” should be designed as a high-density, active, urban civic space.

In addition to the Estero-on-the-River site and the School/Park campus, the long-range vision also includes:

- Recommendations for enhancement of the Estero River, and protection of other natural areas;
- Expansion of facilities and programs at the existing Estero Community Center, and the development of a new private fitness center in the proposed town center;
- Expansion and improvement of athletic fields at Estero Community Park;
- Continued expansion and improvements to the Village’s bikeways, trails, and greenways system;
- Continued enhancement of opportunities for both motorized and non-motorized water access.

The long-range vision also includes recommendations for operations, maintenance, and programming of the Village’s parks and recreation system, consistent with the Village’s “government light” management philosophy. The vision for parks and recreation operations and programming is to act as a facilitator and coordinator of recreation programs and special events for Village residents, rather than as a direct service provider. This can be accomplished by collaborating with the County Parks and Recreation Department, the State Park, and others to provide recreation services for Village residents. For example, the Village could hire private instructors to provide indoor or outdoor programs or events at sites owned by an HOA, the Village, the County, State, or other agency. This will require a Recreation Program Plan for the Village that evaluates what programs exist today, who these programs are provided for, and how to provide additional programs in response to residents’ needs. The program plan should evaluate the quality of existing programs and facilities as well to determine if the Village should help strengthen these programs and facilities financially where appropriate to give residents a better experience.

A notable recommendation is to hire a well-qualified, energetic parks and recreation professional – with proven recreational and parks experience – to serve as the Village’s first parks and recreation employee, a “Recreation Partnering Coordinator” (RPC). The RPC would provide and manage recreation facilities, programs, and special events so that other service providers will respect and appreciate the value this position brings to the area. This position would focus on developing and implementing an approved recreation plan for the Village residents in coordination with the County Parks and Recreation staff and State Parks staff, as well as other recreation providers. Many of these programs can be supported by user fees, based on the value they offer to the user.

The vision is to also partner with other agencies to improve the quality of their facilities to meet Estero’s standards. This has proven difficult in other communities; the City of Weston, for example, concluded that they need to own their own facilities in order to ensure a level of excellence in both design and maintenance. The challenge will be to not duplicate other providers, but to enhance recreational opportunities by either providing additional programs or facilities, and/or improving the quality of existing programs and facilities.

5. Implementation Strategy

Parks and recreation projects prioritized by residents, staff, and consultants for implementation include:

- Estero-on-the River – Create Master Plan, develop site including trails
- Village Center, Community Park and School Campus – Create Master Plan for Village Center, including expanded and improved community park, additional athletic fields
- Performing Arts Center – Identify potential partners and sites
- Recreation Program Partner Coordinator – Hire an energetic parks and recreation professional to coordinate programs with partners
- Village Program Plan - Develop a Village Program Plan based on residents’ needs (e.g. additional community special events, fitness/wellness programs, nature and environmental education programs, and senior leisure programs)
- Open Space – Protect and enhance natural areas, particularly along Estero River Greenway
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity – Continue implementing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- Boating Access – Continue seeking opportunities to improve both motorized and non-motorized boating access, e.g. water taxi from Koreshan to Mound Key and Lovers Key

It is anticipated that the Village will use a variety of techniques to implement these, and other components of the long-range vision, in a fiscally conservative manner consistent with the government-light philosophy. Forms of implementation may include the Village’s Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) as funding becomes available; partnerships; challenge grants; local, state, and federal grants; updates to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Codes; impact fees; roadway



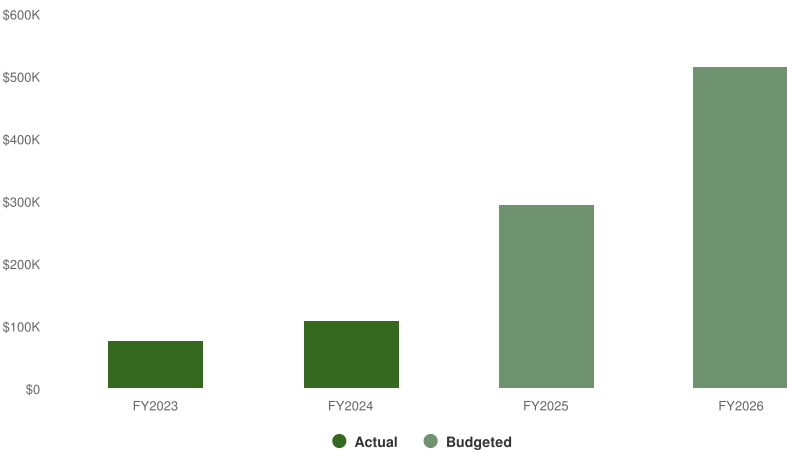
funding; other “pay-as-you-go” and “borrowing” funding alternatives; user fees; and philanthropy, including the Estero Forever Foundation. Village Council will strategically prioritize individual park improvements and programs as part of the annual budgeting process, as funding or other opportunities permit.



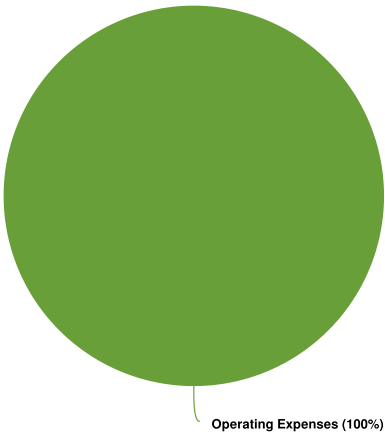
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\$514,800 **\$220,240**
(74.77% vs. prior year)

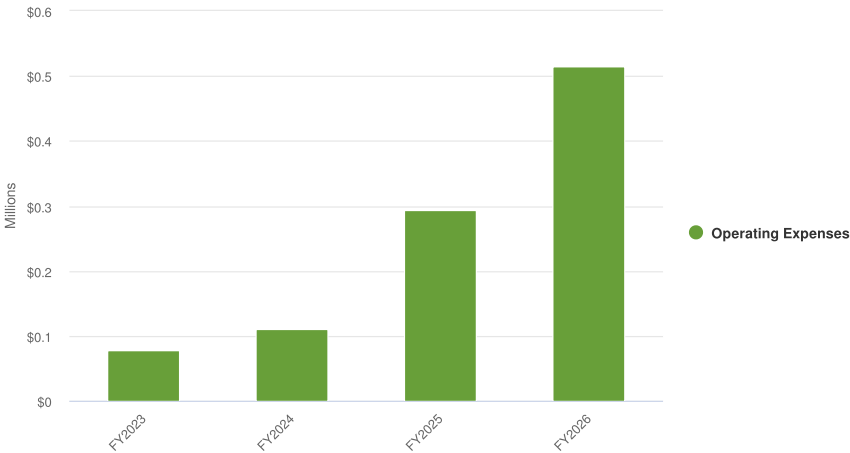
Parks & Recreation Proposed and Historical Budget vs. Actual



Expenditures by Expense Type
Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Parks & Recreation Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type

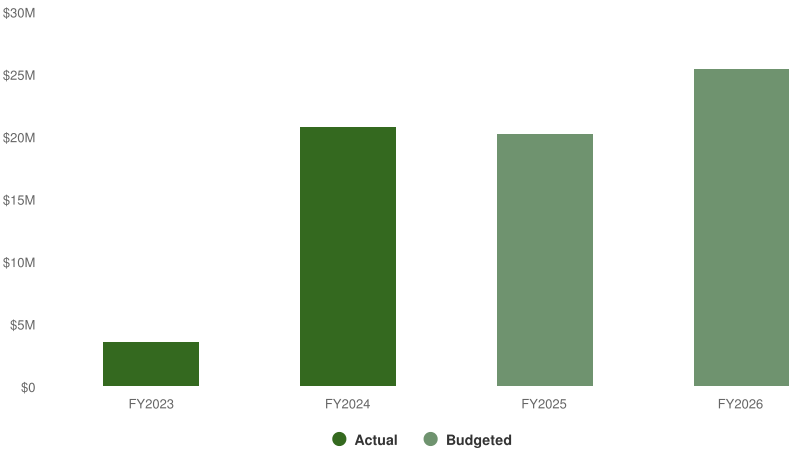


Transfers to Other Funds

Expenditures Summary

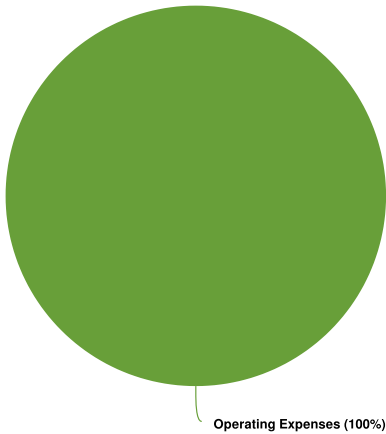
\$25,515,105 **\$5,210,490**
(25.66% vs. prior year)

Transfers Proposed and Historical Budget vs. Actual

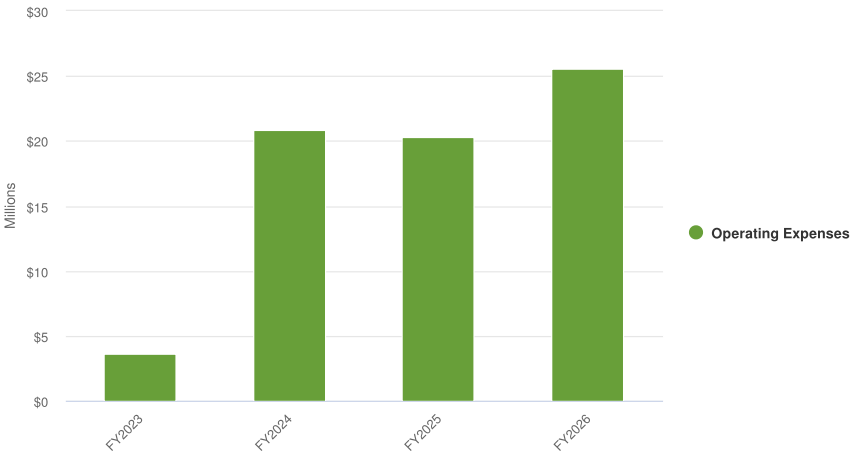


Expenditures by Expense Type

Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Transfers Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expenditures						
Transfers						
Transfers						
Gen Fd Trans to Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$920,000	N/A
Gen Fd Trans to Cap Projects	\$3,620,030	\$20,833,888	\$20,304,615	\$17,311,765	\$24,595,105	21.1%
Total Transfers:	\$3,620,030	\$20,833,888	\$20,304,615	\$17,311,765	\$25,515,105	25.7%
Total Transfers:	\$3,620,030	\$20,833,888	\$20,304,615	\$17,311,765	\$25,515,105	25.7%
Total Expenditures:	\$3,620,030	\$20,833,888	\$20,304,615	\$17,311,765	\$25,515,105	25.7%

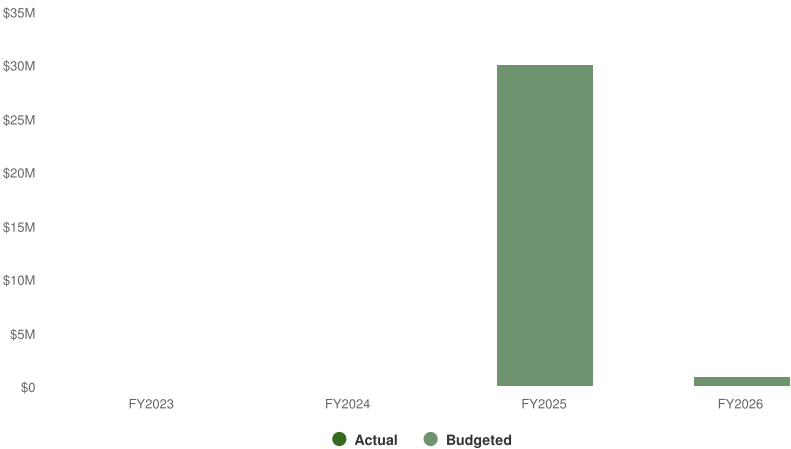


Debit Service Fund

Expenditures Summary

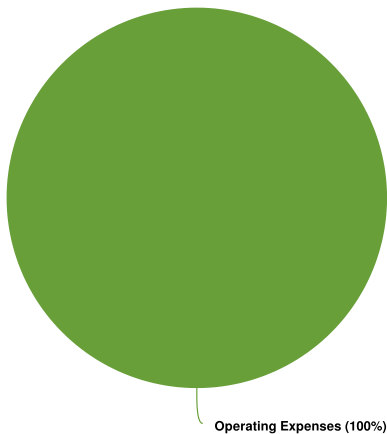
\$920,000 **-\$29,080,000**
(-96.93% vs. prior year)

Debit Service Fund Proposed and Historical Budget vs. Actual

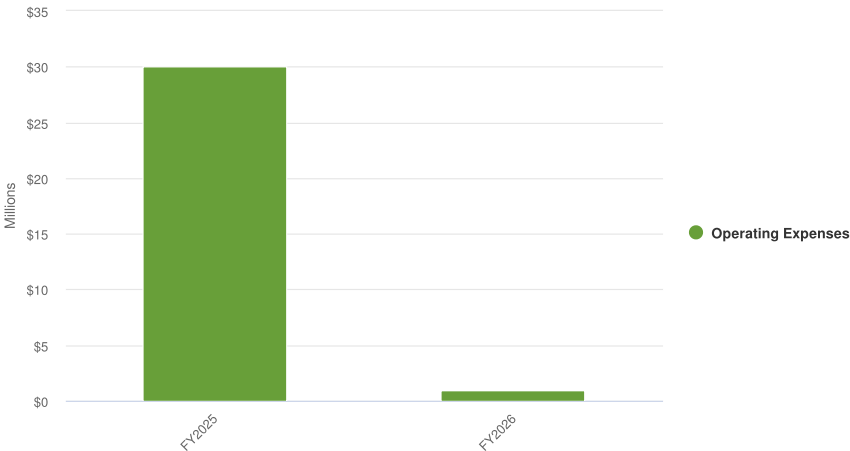


Expenditures by Expense Type

Budgeted Expenditures by Expense Type



Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2026 Budgeted	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expense Objects							
Operating Expenses							
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$920,000	\$920,000	-96.9%
Total Operating Expenses:	\$0	\$0	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$920,000	\$920,000	-96.9%
Total Expense Objects:	\$0	\$0	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$920,000	\$920,000	-96.9%



Building Fee Fund

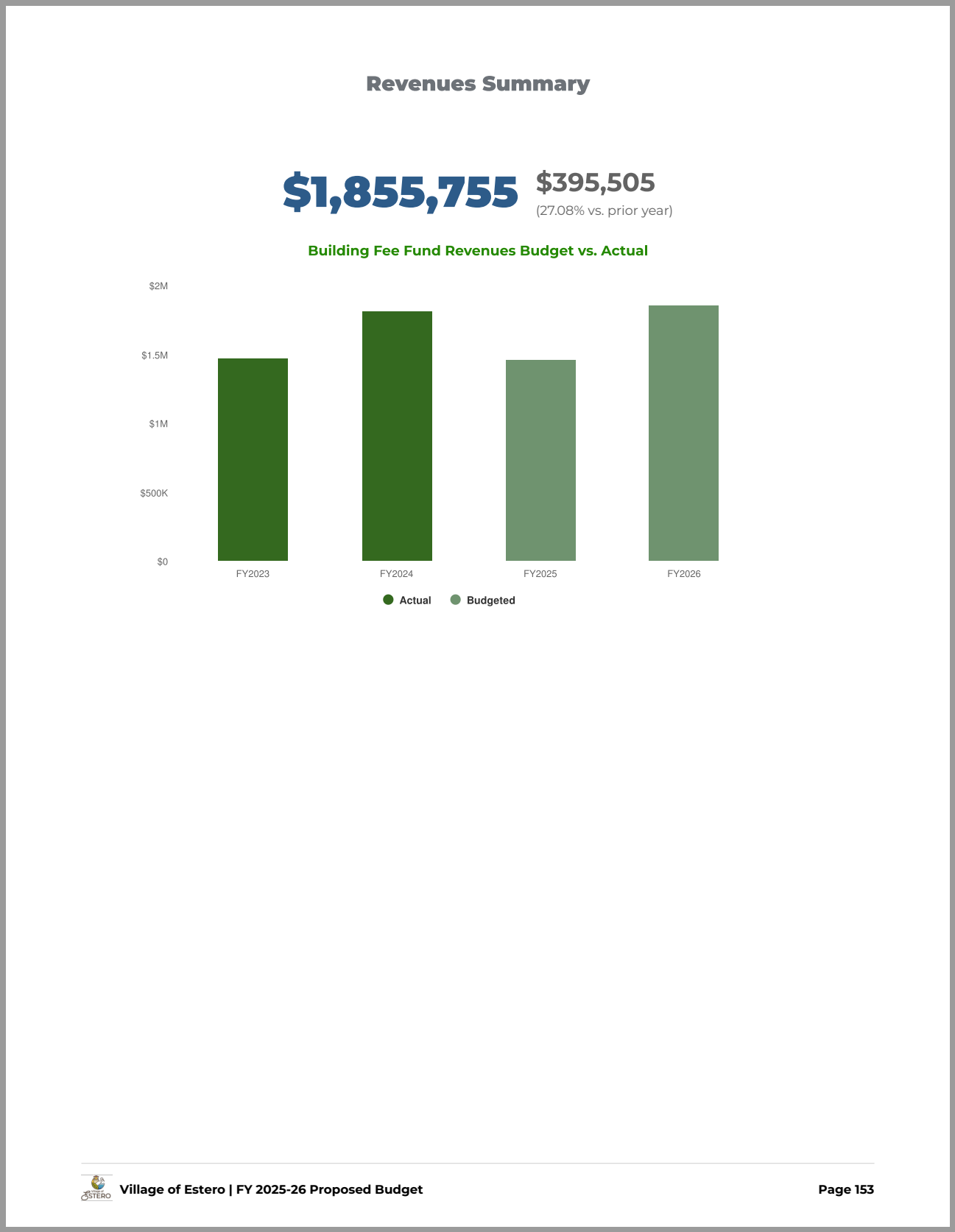
The Community Development Department provides a comprehensive range of services to the public and the development community including, but not limited to, review of development proposals; building permits; changes to the Village's Comprehensive Plan and redevelopment plans; and compliance with Village ordinances. Building permit services operate within the Community Development Department.

The building section of Community Development provides information to the public, as well as the development community relating to building permits, plan review, building inspections and building code requirements.

History:

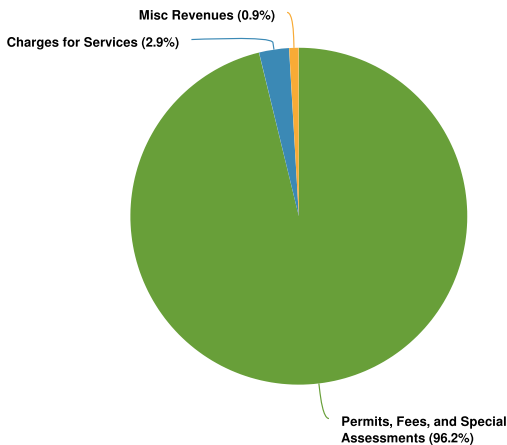
2016	2019	2020	2021
Village enters into contract with Calvin, Giordano and Associates (CGA) to provide community development services, including building services.	The Village begins the transition to accept fully digital permit applications and comes into full compliance with ADA digital accessibility guidelines.	The Village responds to the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing business via digital applications and paper application drop-offs, keeping both staff and the public safe while remaining productive. The Village reviews more permits during this challenging year than it did in 2019.	The Village receives approval to move forward with the procurement, purchase, and implementation of new building software, with the goal of improving customer service and staff efficiency, two tenets of the Village's "government lite" program.



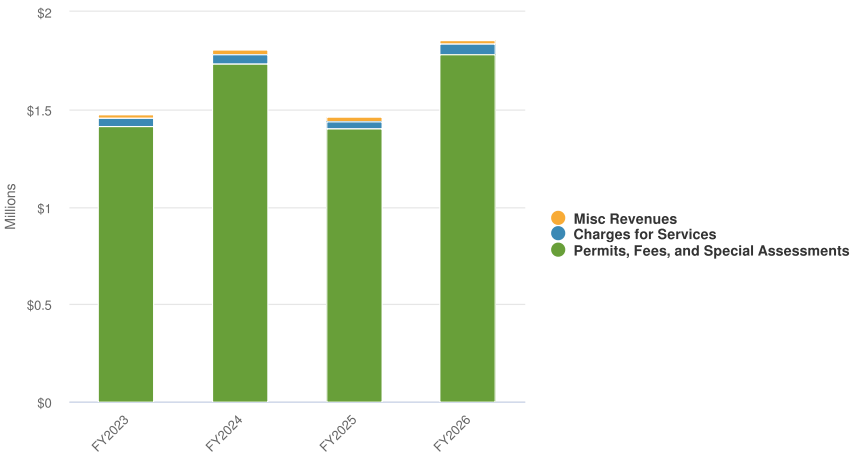


Revenues by Source

Building Fee Fund Budgeted Revenues by Source



Building Fee Fund Budgeted and Historical 2023 Revenues by Source



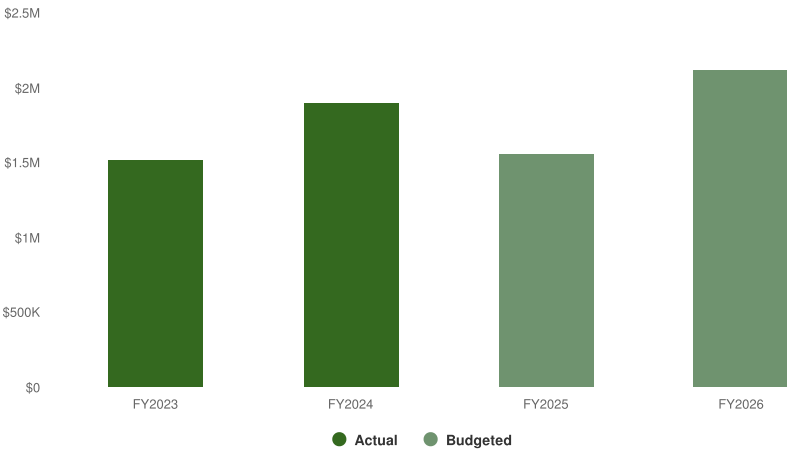
Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Revenue Source						
Permits, Fees, and Special Assessments						
Building Fees	\$1,415,655	\$1,736,628	\$1,400,000	\$1,549,687	\$1,782,140	27.3%
Surcharge Fee Retained	\$1,249	\$0	\$1,750	\$3,000	\$3,150	80%
Total Permits, Fees, and Special Assessments:	\$1,416,904	\$1,736,628	\$1,401,750	\$1,552,687	\$1,785,290	27.4%
Charges for Services						
Convenience Fee	\$40,651	\$43,134	\$35,000	\$54,239	\$53,465	52.8%
Total Charges for Services:	\$40,651	\$43,134	\$35,000	\$54,239	\$53,465	52.8%
Misc Revenues						
Interest income	\$16,175	\$28,641	\$23,500	\$24,000	\$17,000	-27.7%
Total Misc Revenues:	\$16,175	\$28,641	\$23,500	\$24,000	\$17,000	-27.7%
Total Revenue Source:	\$1,473,729	\$1,808,403	\$1,460,250	\$1,630,926	\$1,855,755	27.1%



Expenditures Summary

\$2,117,865 **\$563,265**
(36.23% vs. prior year)

Building Fee Fund Expenditures Budget vs. Actual



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expense Objects						
Operating Expenses						
Software Consultant	\$67,620	\$34,965	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	-50%
Building IT Contract Services	\$5,960	\$5,591	\$5,750	\$6,000	\$6,450	12.2%
Building Service Contract	\$1,343,606	\$1,713,653	\$1,300,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,900,000	46.2%
Communications	\$1,775	\$1,823	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	0%
Freight & Postage	\$423	\$837	\$750	\$500	\$1,000	33.3%
Utilities	\$7,499	\$8,438	\$8,500	\$9,450	\$12,500	47.1%
Office Lease-Corkscrew Palms	\$23,484	\$53,927	\$62,500	\$65,000	\$66,950	7.1%
Equipment Lease	\$8,255	\$8,718	\$8,600	\$16,500	\$12,500	45.3%
Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,360	\$2,429	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	33.3%
Office Supplies	\$3,742	\$3,368	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$4,000	14.3%
Operating Supplies	\$618	\$1,545	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0%
Software Licensing	\$15,300	\$14,025	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	-100%
Credit Card Fees	\$36,649	\$47,764	\$40,000	\$54,239	\$53,465	33.7%
Interest Expense	\$1,353	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Total Operating Expenses:	\$1,518,644	\$1,897,082	\$1,554,600	\$2,730,189	\$2,117,865	36.2%
Total Expense Objects:	\$1,518,644	\$1,897,082	\$1,554,600	\$2,730,189	\$2,117,865	36.2%

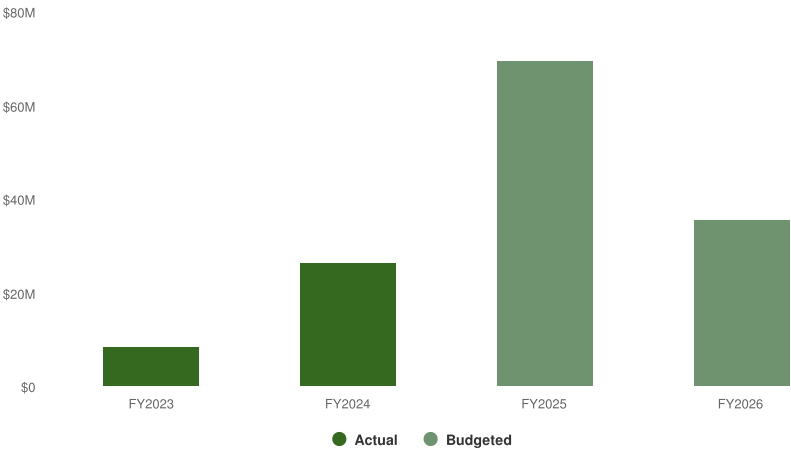


Capital Projects Fund

Revenues Summary

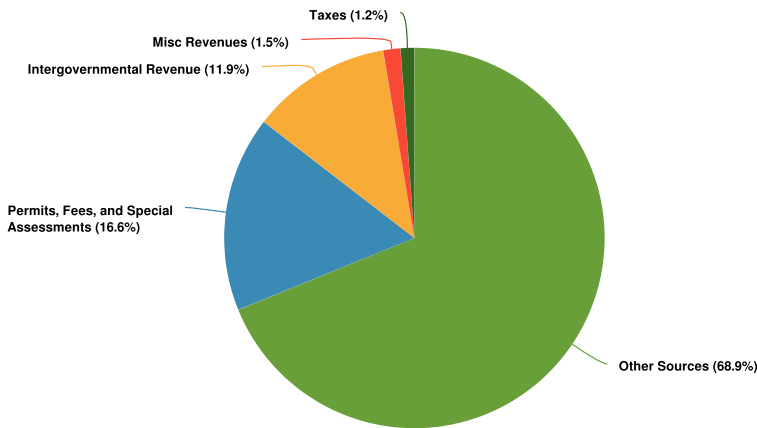
\$35,721,133 **-\$33,989,502**
(-48.76% vs. prior year)

Capital Projects Fund Revenue Budget vs. Actual

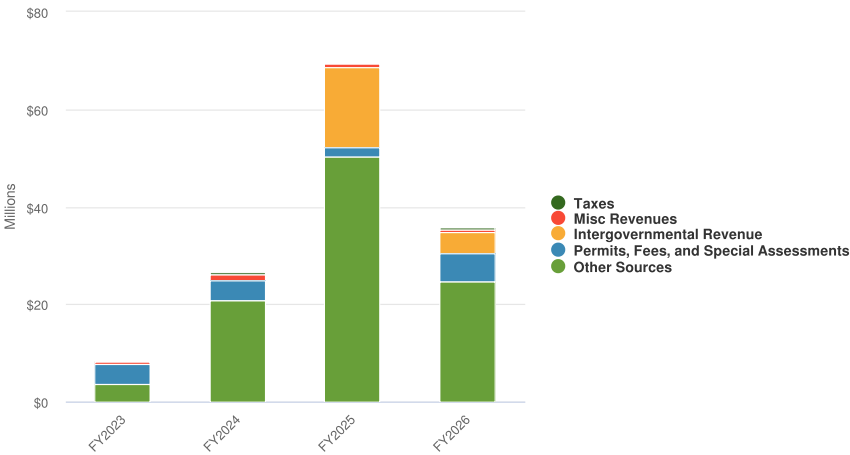


Revenues by Source

Capital Projects Fund Budgeted Revenues by Source



Capital Projects Fund Budgeted and Historical 2023 Revenues by Source



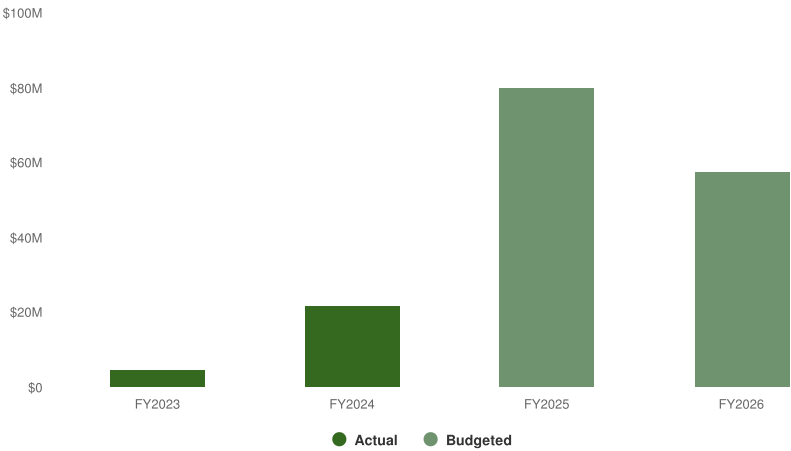
Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Revenue Source						
Taxes						
Local Option Gas Tax 1-5 Cent	\$465,738	\$446,575	\$415,000	\$425,000	\$415,000	0%
Total Taxes:	\$465,738	\$446,575	\$415,000	\$425,000	\$415,000	0%
Permits, Fees, and Special Assessments						
Road Imp Fee-Residential	\$3,015,550	\$2,874,348	\$1,250,000	\$2,500,000	\$4,589,310	267.1%
Road Imp Fees-Commercial	\$575,866	\$677,543	\$400,500	\$550,000	\$1,111,335	177.5%
Park Imp Fees-Residential	\$382,215	\$328,490	\$115,000	\$300,000	\$234,883	104.2%
Park Imp Fee-Commercial	\$120,774	\$151,060	\$67,500	\$225,000	\$0	-100%
Total Permits, Fees, and Special Assessments:	\$4,094,405	\$4,031,441	\$1,833,000	\$3,575,000	\$5,935,528	223.8%
Intergovernmental Revenue						
Federal Grant - Econ Environ	\$0	\$0	\$16,600,600	\$0	\$0	-100%
Grant Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,250,000	N/A
Total Intergovernmental Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$16,600,600	\$0	\$4,250,000	-74.4%
Misc Revenues						
Interest Income-Rd Impact	\$286,375	\$619,832	\$368,400	\$555,000	\$400,000	8.6%
Interest Income	\$2,722	\$5,421	\$3,225	\$4,878	\$0	-100%
Interest Inc-Com Prk Contri	\$2,585	\$5,079	\$1,575	\$4,569	\$3,000	90.5%
Interest Income	\$3,664	\$7,195	\$4,275	\$6,474	\$0	-100%
Interest Income-Park Imp	\$26,575	\$61,573	\$36,595	\$55,407	\$40,000	9.3%
Contributions & Donations	\$19,913	\$376,525	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	-100%
Interest Income-Gas Tax	\$55,697	\$113,460	\$68,350	\$102,000	\$82,500	20.7%
Total Misc Revenues:	\$397,530	\$1,189,086	\$557,420	\$728,328	\$525,500	-5.7%
Other Sources						
Cap Projects Trans from Gen Fd	\$3,620,030	\$20,833,888	\$20,304,615	\$17,311,765	\$24,595,105	21.1%
Transfer from Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$0	-100%
Total Other Sources:	\$3,620,030	\$20,833,888	\$50,304,615	\$17,311,765	\$24,595,105	-51.1%
Total Revenue Source:	\$8,577,703	\$26,500,990	\$69,710,635	\$22,040,093	\$35,721,133	-48.8%



Expenditures Summary

\$57,470,106 **-\$22,398,808**
(-28.04% vs. prior year)

Capital Projects Fund Expenditures Budget vs. Actual



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expense Objects						
Operating Expenses						
Capital Outlay - Infrastructure	\$2,149,488	\$1,094,749	\$22,926,714	\$500,000	\$14,125,106	-38.4%
Capital Outlay - Infrastructure	\$1,519,213	\$1,669,802	\$25,547,200	\$11,200,000	\$16,050,000	-37.2%
Gas Tax Trans to CIP	\$4,825	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Capital Outlay - Infrastructure	\$966,668	\$18,841,968	\$31,170,000	\$17,249,652	\$27,295,000	-12.4%
Total Operating Expenses:	\$4,640,195	\$21,606,519	\$79,643,914	\$28,949,652	\$57,470,106	-27.8%
Total Expense Objects:	\$4,640,195	\$21,606,519	\$79,643,914	\$28,949,652	\$57,470,106	-27.8%

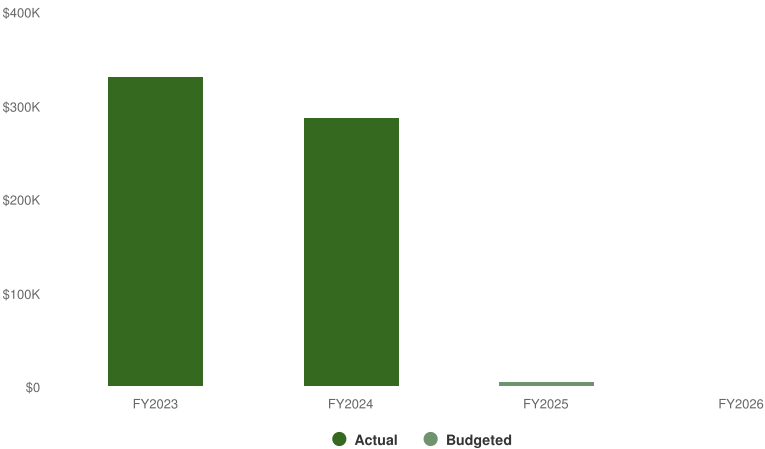


Driving Range Fund

Revenues Summary

\$0 **-\$5,015**
(-100.00% vs. prior year)

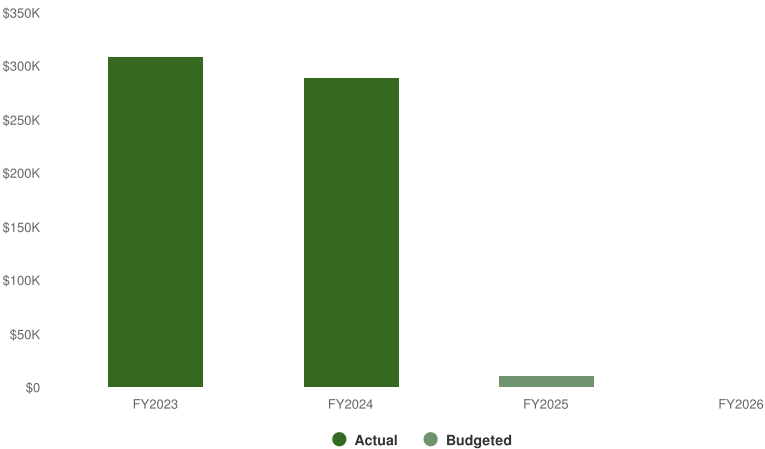
Driving Range Fund Revenue Budget vs. Actual



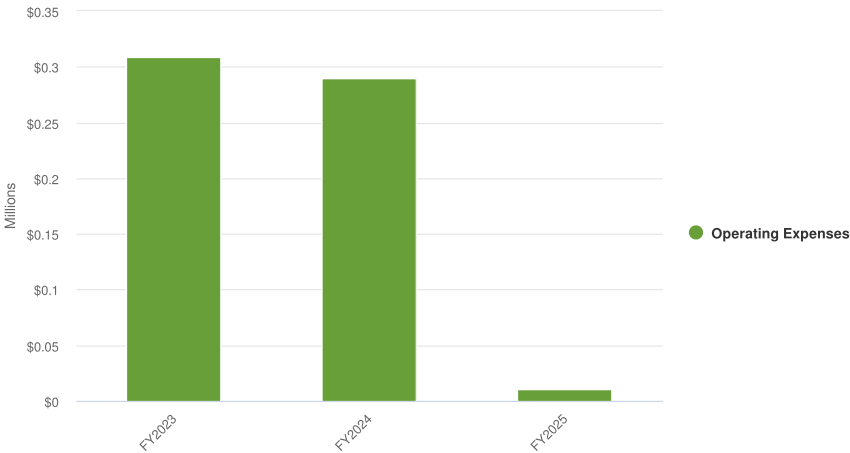
Expenditures Summary

\$0 **-\$10,800**
(-100.00% vs. prior year)

Driving Range Fund Expenditures Budget vs. Actual



Budgeted and Historical Expenditures by Expense Type



Name	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Adopted	FY2025 Projected	FY2026 Proposed	FY2025 Adopted vs. FY2026 Proposed (% Change)
Expense Objects						
Operating Expenses						
Misc Contracted Services	\$292,619	\$285,409	\$2,500	\$1,600	\$0	-100%
Communication Services	\$1,702	\$1,556	\$1,800	\$0	\$0	-100%
Utilities	\$2,849	\$2,604	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$0	-100%
Repair & Maintenance Services	\$1,908	\$225	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	-100%
Operating Supplies	\$44	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	-100%
Credit Card Fees	\$9,122	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Total Operating Expenses:	\$308,244	\$289,793	\$10,800	\$2,600	\$0	-100%
Total Expense Objects:	\$308,244	\$289,793	\$10,800	\$2,600	\$0	-100%



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



Roadway Improvements

5- Year Capital Improvement Plan - May 21, 2025									
	Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source	Budget FY 25-26	Budget FY 26-27	Budget FY 27-28	Budget FY 28-29	Budget FY 29-30	Total Cost
Roadway Improvements									
1	Corkscrew Rd Paths, Landscaping & Street Lighting	\$ 21,700,000	RIF	\$ 10,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,500,000
1			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1			LDOT-Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	River Ranch Road Improvements (Drainage, Road, Bike/Ped)	\$ 9,100,000	RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			GT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3	Broadway W. Improvements (Road, Bike/Ped, Drainage)	\$ 15,000,000	GT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3			RIF	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ -	\$ 10,900,000
3			Grant - Reimburse	\$ (1,300,000)	\$ (1,500,000)	\$ (6,100,000)	\$ (6,100,000)	\$ -	\$ (15,000,000)
3			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ -	\$ 4,100,000
5	Williams Road Widening (US41 - Via Coconut)	\$ 6,800,000	RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5			GT	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,000
6	Via Coconut Point Extension (South)	\$ 3,620,000	RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7	Roadway Assessment	\$ 500,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8	Village Traffic Study Update	\$ 250,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9	Via Coconut Point Railroad Crossing	\$ 650,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9			GT	\$ -	\$ 650,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650,000
Village of Estero Sub-total (all funding sources)				\$ 11,890,000	\$ 2,150,000	\$ 6,100,000	\$ 6,100,000	\$ -	\$ 26,240,000

Intersection Improvements

5- Year Capital Improvement Plan - May 21, 2025									
	Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source	Budget FY 25-26	Budget FY 26-27	Budget FY 27-28	Budget FY 28-29	Budget FY 29-30	Total Cost
Intersection Improvements									
1	US-41 - Pelican Colony Traffic Signal	\$ 1,280,000	Developer	\$ 1,100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000
2	Williams Road-Atlantic Gulf Drive Intersection	\$ 3,270,000	RIF	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000
2			GT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3	Corkscrew Rd-Three Oaks Pkwy. Intersection Improvements	\$ 556,400	LDOT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4	US41-Coconut Road Intersection Improvements	\$ 1,650,000	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5	US41-Williams Rd Intersection Improvements	\$ 325,000	RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5			GT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6	Coconut Road - Coconut Shores Roundabout	\$ 1,725,000	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6			GT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7	US41-Pelican Sound Intersection Improvements	\$ 2,325,000	Developer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8	US41-Corkscrew Rd Intersection Improvements	\$ 1,510,000	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9	Coconut Road - Meadowbrook Roundabout	\$ 1,625,000	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9			GT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10	North Point Railroad Crossing	\$ 450,000	RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11	Coconut Road - El Dorado Roundabout	\$ 1,625,000	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11			GT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Village of Estero Sub-total (all funding sources)				\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000



Bike-Pedestrian Improvements

5- Year Capital Improvement Plan - May 21, 2025									
	Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source	Budget FY 25-26	Budget FY 26-27	Budget FY 27-28	Budget FY 28-29	Budget FY 29-30	Total Cost
Bike-Pedestrian Improvements									
1	Williams Road Bike-Ped Improvements (East of Via Coconut)	\$ 6,250,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	Sandy Lane Bike-Ped Improvements	\$ 7,450,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			RIF	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000
2			Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3	Broadway Ave. East Bike-Ped Improvements	\$ 6,250,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4	Corkscrew Road Shared Use Path (Three Oaks-Sandy)	\$ 10,300,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5	Coconut Rd Sidewalk (Oakwilde to Via Coconut)	\$ 1,085,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5			RIF	\$ -	\$ 401,367	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 401,367
5			FDOT	\$ 330,000	\$ 353,633	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 683,633
6	Coconut Sidewalk (Via Coconut to U S 41)	\$ 815,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 244,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 244,400
6			FDOT	\$ -	\$ 190,000	\$ 380,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 570,600
7	Corkscrew West Bike/Ped (Koreshan to U S 41)	\$ 954,900	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 330,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 330,300
7			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7			FDOT	\$ -	\$ 190,000	\$ 434,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 624,600
8	Corkscrew Palms Blvd. Sidewalks	\$ 300,000	County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Bike-Pedestrian Improvements Continued

5- Year Capital Improvement Plan - May 21, 2025									
	Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source	Budget FY 25-26	Budget FY 26-27	Budget FY 27-28	Budget FY 28-29	Budget FY 29-30	Total Cost
Bike-Pedestrian Improvements									
9	Via Coconut Point Roundabouts Improvements	\$ 1,675,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9			RIF	\$ -	\$ 396,859	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 396,859
9			FDOT	\$ 524,000	\$ 754,141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,278,141
10	Corkscrew Rd Bike-Ped Improvements (E of US41)	\$ 19,250,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10			Lee County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11	Coconut Rd Shared Use Path	\$ 4,450,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12	Williams Rd West Bike-Ped Improvements (West of US41)	\$ 3,650,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
13	Broadway E. Shared Use Path (Sandy Ln to Three Oaks & Estero Pkwy)	\$ 4,420,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
13			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14	SUN Trail Estero Parkway South	\$ 5,063,500	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
15	SUN Trail Estero Parkway North	\$ 5,323,500	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
15			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16	FPL Shared Use Path (East I-75)	\$ 4,940,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
17	Utility Shared Use Path (West US 41)	\$ 10,621,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
17			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
18	Village Bike/Ped Master Plan Update	\$ 230,000	GF	\$ -	\$ 230,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 230,000
Village of Estero Sub-total (all funding sources)				\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,028,226	\$ 574,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,102,926



Landscaping Improvements

5- Year Capital Improvement Plan - May 21, 2025								
Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source	Budget FY 25-26	Budget FY 26-27	Budget FY 27-28	Budget FY 28-29	Budget FY 29-30	Total Cost
Landscaping Improvements								
1 I-75 Monument Signs	\$ 816,000	GF	\$ -	\$ 816,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 816,000
2 Ben Hill Griffin Monument Sign	\$ 100,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
3 Corkscrew Road Monument Sign	\$ 160,000	GF	\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,000
4 Via Coconut Point Landscape Improvements (Williams - Coconut)	\$ 5,900,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5 Ben Hill Griffin Pkwy Landscape Improvements	\$ 3,150,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,800,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,800,000
6 Corkscrew Rd Landscaping (Corkscrew Woodlands to Ben Hill Griffin)	\$ 2,800,000	GF	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000
7 US41 Shoulder Landscape Improvements	\$ 5,350,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8 Three Oaks Parkway Landscape Improvements (Excluding Brooks)	\$ 4,090,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9 Corkscrew Road Landscape Improvements West (US-41 to I-75)	\$ 4,360,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10 Estero Parkway Reuse Main - Phase 1	\$ 1,605,000	GF	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000
		Grant - Reimbursed	\$ -	\$ (802,500)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (802,500)
Village of Estero Sub-total (all funding sources)			\$ 160,000	\$ 4,816,000	\$ 2,900,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,876,000

Parks & Recreation

5- Year Capital Improvement Plan - May 21, 2025								
Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source	Budget FY 25-26	Budget FY 26-27	Budget FY 27-28	Budget FY 28-29	Budget FY 29-30	Total Cost
Parks & Recreation								
1 County Maintenance Facility	\$ 1,500,000	Partner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1		PIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1		GF	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000
1 Estero SportsPark Phase 1	\$ 13,800,000	Partner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1		PIF	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000
1 \$	13,800,000	RIF	\$ 4,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000
1		GF	\$ -	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 1,700,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,300,000
1 Estero SportsPark Phase 2	\$ 30,000,000	Partner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1		PIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 1,290,000
1 \$	14,590,000	RIF	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000
1		GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,100,000	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 10,800,000
1 Estero SportsPark Phase 3	\$ 13,000,000	Partner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1		PIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1		RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1		GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2 Estero SportsPark Entertainment Site Work	\$ 11,360,000	Partner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2		PIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2		RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2		GF	\$ 11,360,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,360,000



Parks & Recreation Continued

5- Year Capital Improvement Plan - May 21, 2025									
	Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source	Budget FY 25-26	Budget FY 26-27	Budget FY 27-28	Budget FY 28-29	Budget FY 29-30	Total Cost
Parks & Recreation									
2	Estero SportsPark High 5	\$ 6,125,000	Partner	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			PIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	Estero SportsPark Driving Range	\$ 2,275,000	Partner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			PIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			GF	\$ -	\$ 2,275,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,275,000
2	Village Sports Park Future Partners	\$ 4,725,000	Partner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			PIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,575,000	\$ 1,575,000	\$ 1,575,000	\$ 4,725,000
3	Estero RiverPark Phase 1 & 2 Improvements	\$ 12,000,000	GF	\$ 4,900,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,900,000
3			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3			PIF	\$ 660,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 660,000
3			GF	\$ 2,950,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,950,000
4	River Oaks Preserve	\$ 2,950,000	PIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4			Grant - Reimburse	\$ (2,500,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,500,000)
5	Eco-Historic Planning Study	\$ 450,000	GF	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225,000
5			Grant - Reimburse	\$ (225,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (225,000)
6	Village Parks & Rec. Master Plan Update	\$ 200,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000
Village of Estero Sub-total (all funding sources)				\$ 27,295,000	\$ 10,875,000	\$ 4,125,000	\$ 8,955,000	\$ 5,635,000	\$ 56,885,000

Stormwater Improvements

5- Year Capital Improvement Plan - May 21, 2025									
	Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source	Budget FY 25-26	Budget FY 26-27	Budget FY 27-28	Budget FY 28-29	Budget FY 29-30	Total Cost
Stormwater Improvements									
1	Estero River North Branch Drainage Improvements	\$ 6,739,000	GF	\$ 500,106	\$ 3,119,447	\$ 3,119,447	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,739,000
1			Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ (3,119,447)	\$ (3,119,447)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (6,238,894)
1			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	Estero River Sediment Removal (West of US 41)	\$ 2,750,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3	Estero River Sediment Removal (Railroad to Sandy Ln)	\$ 1,415,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4	Vulnerability Assessment	\$ 450,000	GF	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225,000
4			Grant - Reimburse	\$ (225,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (225,000)
Village of Estero Sub-total (all funding sources)				\$ 725,106	\$ 3,119,447	\$ 3,119,447	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,964,000



Utility Improvements

5- Year Capital Improvement Plan - May 21, 2025									
	Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source	Budget FY 25-26	Budget FY 26-27	Budget FY 27-28	Budget FY 28-29	Budget FY 29-30	Total Cost
Utility Improvements									
1	Package WWTP UEP Design & Permitting	\$ 420,000	Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1			PA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	Broadway W UEP Design & Permitting	\$ 1,475,000	Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			PA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2			GF	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000
3	Broadway E UEP Design & Permitting	\$ 1,550,000	Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3			PA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3			GF	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000
4	See See Street UEP Design & Permitting	\$ 240,500	Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4			PA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4			GF	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
5	Cypress Park UEP Design & Permitting	\$ 311,650	Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5			PA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6	Estero Bay Village UEP	\$ 2,021,000	Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ (208,400)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (208,400)
6			PA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,307,350)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,307,350)
6			GF	\$ -	\$ 2,021,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,021,000
7	Sunny Groves UEP	\$ 2,836,000	Grant - Reimburse	\$ (187,500)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (187,500)
7			PA	\$ -	\$ (1,939,500)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,939,500)
7			GF	\$ 2,836,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,836,000
8	Cypress Bend UEP	\$ 1,584,000	Grant - Reimburse	\$ (134,100)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (134,100)
8			PA	\$ -	\$ (1,053,900)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,053,900)
8			GF	\$ 1,584,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,584,000

Utility Improvements Continued

5- Year Capital Improvement Plan - May 21, 2025									
	Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source	Budget FY 25-26	Budget FY 26-27	Budget FY 27-28	Budget FY 28-29	Budget FY 29-30	Total Cost
Utility Improvements									
9	Estero River Heights UEP	\$ 11,400,000	Grant - Reimburse	\$ (2,450,000)	\$ (2,450,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,900,000)
9			PA	\$ -	\$ (3,650,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,650,000)
9			GT	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000
9			MRM	\$ 2,650,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,650,000
9			GF	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 5,700,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,750,000
10	Charring Cross UEP	\$ 5,700,000	Grant - Reimburse	\$ (1,250,000)	\$ (1,250,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,500,000)
10			PA	\$ -	\$ (1,775,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,775,000)
10			GT	\$ 1,425,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,425,000
10			MRM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10			GF	\$ 1,425,000	\$ 2,850,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,275,000
11	Sherrill & Luetich UEP	\$ 7,739,585	Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11			PA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11			GT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11			MRM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
11			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12	Trailside UEP	\$ 6,840,000	Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12			PA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12			MRM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
12			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



Utility Improvements Continued

5- Year Capital Improvement Plan - May 21, 2025									
	Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source	Budget FY 25-26	Budget FY 26-27	Budget FY 27-28	Budget FY 28-29	Budget FY 29-30	Total Cost
Utility Improvements									
13	Broadway E-Highlands UEP	\$ 4,200,000	Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
13			PA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
13			MRM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
13			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14	Sandy Ln-Groves UEP	\$ 5,160,000	Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14			PA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14			MRM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
15	Tanglewood UEP	\$ 1,440,000	Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
15			PA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
15			MRM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
15			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16	See See Street UEP	\$ 1,070,000	Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16			PA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16			MRM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16			GF	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000
17	Cypress Park UEP	\$ 1,820,000	Grant - Reimburse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
17			PA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
17			MRM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
17			GF	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000
				\$ 13,400,000	\$ 10,571,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,971,000

Building Facilities, Land Acquisition, and Information Technology

5- Year Capital Improvement Plan - May 21, 2025									
	Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source	Budget FY 25-26	Budget FY 26-27	Budget FY 27-28	Budget FY 28-29	Budget FY 29-30	Total Cost
Building Facilities									
1	Public Works Storage Facility	\$ 354,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	Village Hall	\$ 4,914,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3	Performing Arts Center	\$ 20,000,000	Private	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3			GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Village of Estero Sub-total (all funding sources)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source	Budget FY 25-26	Budget FY 26-27	Budget FY 27-28	Budget FY 28-29	Budget FY 29-30	Total Cost
Land Acquisition									
1	BERT	\$ 30,000,000	GF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1			RIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1			Debt	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Village of Estero Sub-total (all funding sources)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Funding Source	Budget FY 25-26	Budget FY 26-27	Budget FY 27-28	Budget FY 28-29	Budget FY 29-30	Total Cost
Information Technology									
1	Community Development Software	\$ -	Building	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Village of Estero Sub-total (all funding sources)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total	\$ 414,635,035		\$ 50,177,506	\$ 16,298,700	\$ 7,107,550	\$ 8,955,000	\$ 5,635,000	\$ 88,173,756
	Village total			\$ 57,470,106	\$ 32,559,673	\$ 16,819,147	\$ 15,055,000	\$ 5,635,000	\$ 127,538,926



APPENDIX



Glossary

Abatement: A reduction or elimination of a real or personal property tax, motor vehicle excise, a fee, charge, or special assessment imposed by a governmental unit. Granted only on application of the person seeking the abatement and only by the committing governmental unit.

Accounting System: The total structure of records and procedures that identify record, classify, and report information on the financial position and operations of a governmental unit or any of its funds, account groups, and organizational components.

Accrued Interest: The amount of interest that has accumulated on the debt since the date of the last interest payment, and on the sale of a bond, the amount accrued up to but not including the date of delivery (settlement date). (See Interest)

Amortization: The gradual repayment of an obligation over time and in accordance with a predetermined payment schedule.

Appropriation: A legal authorization from the community's legislative body to expend money and incur obligations for specific public purposes. An appropriation is usually limited in amount and as to the time period within which it may be expended.

Arbitrage: As applied to municipal debt, the investment of tax-exempt bonds or note proceeds in higher yielding, taxable securities. Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code restricts this practice and requires (beyond certain limits) that earnings be rebated (paid) to the IRS.

Assessed Valuation: A value assigned to real estate or other property by a government as the basis for levying taxes.

Audit: An examination of a community's financial systems, procedures, and data by a certified public accountant (independent auditor), and a report on the fairness of financial statements and on local compliance with statutes and regulations. The audit serves as a valuable management tool in evaluating the fiscal performance of a community.

Audit Report: Prepared by an independent auditor, an audit report includes: (a) a statement of the scope of the audit; (b) explanatory comments as to application of auditing procedures; (c) findings and opinions. It is almost always accompanied by a management letter which contains supplementary comments and recommendations.

Available Funds: Balances in the various fund types that represent non-recurring revenue sources. As a matter of sound practice, they are frequently appropriated to meet unforeseen expenses, for capital expenditures or other one-time costs.

Balance Sheet: A statement that discloses the assets, liabilities, reserves and equities of a fund or governmental unit at a specified date.

Betterments (Special Assessments): Whenever a specific area of a community receives benefit from a public improvement (e.g., water, sewer, sidewalk, etc.), special property taxes may be assessed to reimburse the governmental entity for all or part of the costs it incurred. Each parcel receiving benefit from the improvement is assessed for its proportionate share of the cost of such improvements. The proportionate share may be paid in full or the property owner may request that the assessors apportion the betterment over 20 years. Over the life of the betterment, one year's apportionment along with one year's committed interest computed from October 1 to October 1 is added to the tax bill until the betterment has been paid.

Bond: A means to raise money through the issuance of debt. A bond issuer/borrower promises in writing to repay a specified sum of money, alternately referred to as face value, par value or bond principal, to the buyer of the bond on a specified future date (maturity date), together with periodic interest at a specified rate. The term of a bond is always greater than one year. (See Note)

Bond and Interest Record: (Bond Register) – The permanent and complete record maintained by a treasurer for each bond issue. It shows the amount of interest and principal coming due each date and all other pertinent information concerning the bond issue.

Bonds Authorized and Unissued: Balance of a bond authorization not yet sold. Upon completion or abandonment of a project, any remaining balance of authorized and unissued bonds may not be used for other purposes, but must be rescinded by the community's legislative body to be removed from community's books.

Bond Issue: Generally, the sale of a certain number of bonds at one time by a governmental unit.



Bond Rating (Municipal): A credit rating assigned to a municipality to help investors assess the future ability, legal obligation, and willingness of the municipality (bond issuer) to make timely debt service payments. Stated otherwise, a rating helps prospective investors determine the level of risk associated with a given fixed-income investment. Rating agencies, such as Moody's and Standard and Poors, use rating systems, which designate a letter or a combination of letters and numerals where AAA is the highest rating and C1 is a very low rating.

Budget: A plan for allocating resources to support particular services, purposes and functions over a specified period of time. (See Performance Budget, Program Budget)

Capital Assets: All real and tangible property used in the operation of government, which is not easily converted into cash, and has an initial useful life extending beyond a single financial reporting period. Capital assets include land and land improvements; infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water and sewer lines; easements; buildings and building improvements; vehicles, machinery and equipment. Communities typically define capital assets in terms of a minimum useful life and a minimum initial cost. (See Fixed Assets)

Capital Budget: An appropriation or spending plan that uses borrowing or direct outlay for capital or fixed asset improvements. Among other information, a capital budget should identify the method of financing each recommended expenditure, i.e., tax levy or rates, and identify those items that were not recommended. (See Capital Assets, Fixed Assets)

Cash: Currency, coin, checks, postal and express money orders and bankers' drafts on hand or on deposit with an official or agent designated as custodian of cash and bank deposits.

Cash Management: The process of monitoring the ebb and flow of money in an out of municipal accounts to ensure cash availability to pay bills and to facilitate decisions on the need for short-term borrowing and investment of idle cash.

Certificate of Deposit (CD): A bank deposit evidenced by a negotiable or non-negotiable instrument, which provides on its face that the amount of such deposit plus a specified interest payable to a bearer or to any specified person on a certain specified date, at the expiration of a certain specified time, or upon notice in writing.

Classification of Real Property: Assessors are required to classify all real property according to use into one of four classes: residential, open space, commercial, and industrial. Having classified its real properties, local officials are permitted to determine locally, within limitations established by statute and the Commissioner of Revenue, what percentage of the tax burden is to be borne by each class of real property and by personal property owners.

Collective Bargaining: The process of negotiating workers' wages, hours, benefits, working conditions, etc., between an employer and some or all of its employees, who are represented by a recognized labor union. regarding wages, hours and working conditions.

Consumer Price Index: The statistical measure of changes, if any, in the overall price level of consumer goods and services. The index is often called the "cost-of-living index."

Cost-Benefit Analysis: A decision-making tool that allows a comparison of options based on the level of benefit derived and the cost to achieve the benefit from different alternatives.

Debt Burden: The amount of debt carried by an issuer usually expressed as a measure of value (i.e., debt as a percentage of assessed value, debt per capita, etc.). Sometimes debt burden refers to debt service costs as a percentage of the total annual budget.

Debt Service: The repayment cost, usually stated in annual terms and based on an amortization schedule, of the principal and interest on any particular bond issue.

Encumbrance: A reservation of funds to cover obligations arising from purchase orders, contracts, or salary commitments that are chargeable to, but not yet paid from, a specific appropriation account.

Enterprise Funds: An enterprise fund is a separate accounting and financial reporting mechanism for municipal services for which a fee is charged in exchange for goods or services. It allows a community to demonstrate to the public the portion of total costs of a service that is recovered through user charges and the portion that is subsidized by the tax levy, if any. With an enterprise fund, all costs of service delivery--direct, indirect, and capital costs—are identified. This allows the community to recover total service costs through user fees if it chooses. Enterprise accounting also enables communities to reserve the "surplus" or net assets unrestricted generated by the operation of the enterprise rather than closing it out to the general fund at year-end. Services that may be treated as enterprises include, but are not limited to, water, sewer, hospital, and airport services.



Equalized Valuations (EQVs): The determination of the full and fair cash value of all property in the community that is subject to local taxation.

Estimated Receipts: A term that typically refers to anticipated local revenues often based on the previous year's receipts and represent funding sources necessary to support a community's annual budget. (See Local Receipts)

Exemptions: A discharge, established by statute, from the obligation to pay all or a portion of a property tax. The exemption is available to particular categories of property or persons upon the timely submission and approval of an application to the assessors. Properties exempt from taxation include hospitals, schools, houses of worship, and cultural institutions. Persons who may qualify for exemptions include disabled veterans, blind individuals, surviving spouses, and seniors.

Expenditure: An outlay of money made by municipalities to provide the programs and services within their approved budget.

Fiduciary Funds: Repository of money held by a municipality in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and other funds. These include pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and agency funds.

Fixed Assets: Long-lived, assets such as buildings, equipment and land obtained or controlled as a result of past transactions or circumstances.

Fixed Costs: Costs that are legally or contractually mandated such as retirement, FICA/Social Security, insurance, debt service costs or interest on loans.

Float: The difference between the bank balance for a local government's account and its book balance at the end of the day. The primary factor creating float is clearing time on checks and deposits. Delays in receiving deposit and withdrawal information also influence float.

Full Faith and Credit: A pledge of the general taxing powers for the payment of governmental obligations. Bonds carrying such pledges are usually referred to as general obligation or full faith and credit bonds.

Fund: An accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that are segregated for the purpose of carrying on identified activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with specific regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

Fund Accounting: Organizing financial records into multiple, segregated locations for money. A fund is a distinct entity within the municipal government in which financial resources and activity (assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenditures) are accounted for independently in accordance with specific regulations, restrictions or limitations. Examples of funds include the general fund and enterprise funds. Communities whose accounting records are organized according to the Uniform Municipal Accounting System (UMAS) use multiple funds.

GASB 34: A major pronouncement of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board that establishes new criteria on the form and content of governmental financial statements. GASB 34 requires a report on overall financial health, not just on individual funds. It requires more complete information on the cost of delivering value estimates on public infrastructure assets, such as bridges, road, sewers, etc. It also requires the presentation of a narrative statement the government's financial performance, trends and prospects for the future.

GASB 45: This is another Governmental Accounting Standards Board major pronouncement that each public entity account for and report other postemployment benefits in its accounting statements. Through actuarial analysis, municipalities must identify the true costs of the OPEB earned by employees over their estimated years of actual service.

General Fund: The fund used to account for most financial resources and activities governed by the normal appropriation process.

General Obligation Bonds: Bonds issued by a municipality for purposes allowed by statute that are backed by the full faith and credit of its taxing authority.

Governing Body: A board, committee, commission, or other executive or policymaking body of a municipality or school district.

Indirect Cost: Costs of a service not reflected in the operating budget of the entity providing the service. An example of an indirect cost of providing water service would be the value of time spent by non-water department employees processing water bills. A determination of these costs is necessary to analyze the total cost of service delivery. The matter of indirect costs arises most often in the context of enterprise funds.



Interest: Compensation paid or to be paid for the use of money, including amounts payable at periodic intervals or discounted at the time a loan is made. In the case of municipal bonds, interest payments accrue on a day-to-day basis, but are paid every six months.

Interest Rate: The interest payable, expressed as a percentage of the principal available for use during a specified period of time. It is always expressed in annual terms.

Investments: Securities and real estate held for the production of income in the form of interest, dividends, rentals or lease payments. The term does not include fixed assets used in governmental operations.

Line Item Budget: A budget that separates spending into categories, or greater detail, such as supplies, equipment, maintenance, or salaries, as opposed to a program budget.

Local Aid: Revenue allocated by the state or counties to municipalities and school districts.

Maturity Date: The date that the principal of a bond becomes due and payable in full.

Municipal(s): (As used in the bond trade) "Municipal" refers to any state or subordinate governmental unit. "Municipals" (i.e., municipal bonds) include not only the bonds of all political subdivisions, such as cities, towns, school districts, special districts, counties but also bonds of the state and agencies of the state.

Note: A short-term loan, typically with a maturity date of a year or less.

Objects of Expenditures: A classification of expenditures that is used for coding any department disbursement, such as "personal services," "expenses," or "capital outlay."

Official Statement: A document prepared for potential investors that contains information about a prospective bond or note issue and the issuer. The official statement is typically published with the notice of sale. It is sometimes called an offering circular or prospectus.

Operating Budget: A plan of proposed expenditures for personnel, supplies, and other expenses for the coming fiscal year.

Overlapping Debt: A community's proportionate share of the debt incurred by an overlapping government entity, such as a regional school district, regional transit authority, etc.

Performance Budget: A budget that stresses output both in terms of economy and efficiency.

Principal: The face amount of a bond, exclusive of accrued interest.

Program: A combination of activities to accomplish an end.

Program Budget: A budget that relates expenditures to the programs they fund. The emphasis of a program budget is on output.

Purchased Services: The cost of services that are provided by a vendor.

Refunding of Debt: Transaction where one bond issue is redeemed and replaced by a new bond issue under conditions generally more favorable to the issuer.

Reserve Fund: An amount set aside annually within the budget of a town to provide a funding source for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures.

Revaluation: The assessors of each community are responsible for developing a reasonable and realistic program to achieve the fair cash valuation of property in accordance with constitutional and statutory requirements. The nature and extent of that program will depend on the assessors' analysis and consideration of many factors, including, but not limited to, the status of the existing valuation system, the results of an in-depth sales ratio study, and the accuracy of existing property record information.

Revenue Anticipation Note (RAN): A short-term loan issued to be paid off by revenues, such as tax collections and state aid. RANs are full faith and credit obligations.



Revenue Bond: A bond payable from and secured solely by specific revenues and thereby not a full faith and credit obligation.

Revolving Fund: Allows a community to raise revenues from a specific service and use those revenues without appropriation to support the service.

Sale of Real Estate Fund: A fund established to account for the proceeds of the sale of municipal real estate other than proceeds acquired through tax title foreclosure.

Stabilization Fund: A fund designed to accumulate amounts for capital and other future spending purposes, although it may be appropriated for any lawful purpose.

Surplus Revenue: The amount by which cash, accounts receivable, and other assets exceed liabilities and reserves.

Tax Rate: The amount of property tax stated in terms of a unit of the municipal tax base; for example, \$14.80 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable real and personal property.

Tax Title Foreclosure: The procedure initiated by a municipality to obtain legal title to real property already in tax title and on which property taxes are overdue.

Trust Fund: In general, a fund for money donated or transferred to a municipality with specific instructions on its use. As custodian of trust funds, the treasurer invests and expends such funds as stipulated by trust agreements, as directed by the commissioners of trust funds or by the community's legislative body. Both principal and interest may be used if the trust is established as an expendable trust. For nonexpendable trust funds, only interest (not principal) may be expended as directed.

Uncollected Funds: Recently deposited checks included in an account's balance but drawn on other banks and not yet credited by the Federal Reserve Bank or local clearinghouse to the bank cashing the checks. (These funds may not be loaned or used as part of the bank's reserves and they are not available for disbursement.)

Undesignated Fund Balance: Monies in the various government funds as of the end of the fiscal year that are neither encumbered nor reserved, and are therefore available for expenditure once certified as part of free cash.

Unreserved Fund Balance (Surplus Revenue Account): The amount by which cash, accounts receivable, and other assets exceed liabilities and restricted reserves. It is akin to a "stockholders' equity" account on a corporate balance sheet. It is not, however, available for appropriation in full because a portion of the assets listed as "accounts receivable" may be taxes receivable and uncollected. (See Free Cash)

Valuation (100 Percent): The legal requirement that a community's assessed value on property must reflect its market, or full and fair cash value.



**Village of Estero
Renewal Recommendation
Plan Year Effective Date: October 1, 2025**





BACKGROUND

The Village of Estero currently offers eligible employees and their dependents medical insurance through the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT). The current program is a POS plan utilizing United Healthcare's national Choice Plus network. Additionally, benefit eligible employees receive dental insurance, vision insurance, life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment coverage paid by the Village. The Village's program was last marketed in 2023 and it was determined that FMIT continued to be the most competitive option.



MEDICAL / PRESCRIPTION

The renewal from FMIT generated a -5% or \$14,850 annual decrease for the upcoming 2025-2026 plan year. Pricewaterhouse (PwC) forecasted the 2025 medical trend increase at 8.0% and an 8.5% increase for 2026. Medical cost drivers include medical inflation coupled with a tight labor market as well as rising pharmaceutical costs and an increase in specialty drug utilization. Additional factors include challenging hospital negotiations and provider consolidation.

Due to the favorable renewal decrease, it was decided to review alternate plan options offered by FMIT. The introduction of a high deductible health plan (HDHP) would enable employees to contribute pre-tax dollars to a health savings account. Additionally, the account grows tax free and withdrawals for qualified medical expenses are also tax free. Village contributions to a health savings account are not subject to FICA taxes which reduces payroll tax liability.

A health savings account can also be utilized in retirement to pay for eligible medical expenses; however, upon age 65 and/or Medicare enrollment, a participant can no longer contribute to a health savings account on a pre-tax basis but funds accumulated in the health savings account can be utilized to pay for Medicare premiums as well as eligible medical expenses.

The HDHP is structured with a \$1,650 individual deductible and a \$3,300 family deductible. This plan does not include copays; all services including prescriptions would be subject to the annual deductible. If an employee enrolls with a dependent, collectively, the employee and dependent(s) must satisfy the \$3,300 deductible before the insurance carrier picks up 90% of the in-network cost and the employee pays 10%. The premium for this plan also generates a savings compared to current costs. If 50% of the employees elect the new HDHP and the other 50% elect the current Plan 4, the combined savings to the Village is approximately \$21,500 annually. The generated savings will ultimately depend on the number of employees who elect the new HDHP offering.

Due to the premium differential, it is common for employers to contribute to a health savings account for those who are enrolled in a HDHP. It is being proposed that the Village contribute

\$1,075 for the period 10/1/25-12/31/25 for those enrolling as employee only. For those enrolling with dependents, the proposed contribution is \$2,137.50 for the same period. The deductibles on both the HDHP and Plan 4 reset to \$0 on 1/1/26. A health savings account contribution of \$850 is being proposed for the period 1/1/26-9/30/25 for employee only coverage and \$1,650 for those enrolling with dependents. The IRS maximum contribution toward a health savings account in calendar year 2026 is \$4,400 for an employee enrolled as a single and \$8,750 for someone enrolled with dependents. The IRS also allows a catch-up contribution of \$1,000 annually for those age 55 and older.

Village staff and Gehring Group are recommending renewing with FMIT at a decrease as well as offering a HDHP as part of a dual option. The new HDHP offering would provide a lower payroll deduction and the ability to fund a health savings account with pre-tax dollars. The dual option offering and the growing popularity of HDHPs will also serve as a recruitment and retention tool.



DENTAL

The Village's current dental program is also offered through FMIT/Delta Dental. Employees can select a contracted Delta Dental provider and utilize up to an annual benefit maximum of \$1,500 per person as well as flexibility to access non-contracted providers. The Delta Dental program will continue the current benefit structure as well as provide child orthodontia coverage up to age 19. The rates for the upcoming plan year are remaining the same. No change to Village or employee contributions.



VISION

The Village currently offers employees and their dependents vision insurance through FMIT/United Healthcare. Members enrolled in the vision plan receive an exam and lenses every 12 months and frames every 24 months. The frame allowance at a contracted provider's office or retail outlet is up to \$130 with an additional 30% off the remaining balance. Contact lenses are also covered in network up to \$150 allowance. The premium for the vision plan will remain the same for the upcoming plan year.



LIFE AND DISABILITY

The City's basic life and accidental death & dismemberment benefits are provided through FMIT/The Standard. FMIT's renewal offer consisted of a 0% increase with no change in rates or benefits.



RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

Village staff and Gehring Group are recommending the following:

Coverage	Current Carrier	Recommended Carrier	Overall Cost Impact
Medical	FMIT/UHC	FMIT/UHC	-7.3%* (\$21,500)*
Dental	FMIT/Delta Dental	FMIT/Delta Dental	0%
Vision	FMIT/UHC	FMIT/UHC	0%
Life Basic and Voluntary	FMIT/The Standard	FMIT/The Standard	0%

**Estimated savings based on enrollment estimates into the new HDHP offering.*

**Village of Estero
Medical Insurance Evaluation
Effective Date: October 1, 2025**

Schedule of Benefits	Current		Renewal (Dual Option)			
	F.M.I.T. - UHC Choice Plus - Plan 4		F.M.I.T. - UHC Choice Plus - Plan 4		F.M.I.T. - UHC Choice Plus HDHP - Plan 5	
	In Network	Out of Network	In Network	Out of Network	In Network	Out of Network
Calendar Year Deductible (CYD)						
Single	\$500	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,650	\$2,500
Family	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,300	\$5,000
Out of Pocket Maximum					<i>Includes CYD, Coinsurance, and Copays, Incl. Rx</i>	
Single	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$3,750	\$8,050
Family	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$7,500	\$16,100
Coinsurance (Member Responsibility)	20%	30%	20%	30%	10%	30%
Non Hospital Services						
Primary Care Physician Office Visit	\$25	30% after CYD	\$25	30% after CYD	10% after CYD	30% after CYD
Specialist Office Visit	\$50	30% after CYD	\$50	30% after CYD	10% after CYD	30% after CYD
Preventive Services	No Charge	Not Covered	No Charge	Not Covered	No Charge	Not Covered
Laboratory Services	No Charge	30% after CYD	No Charge	30% after CYD	10% after CYD	30% after CYD
Advanced Imaging - CT, PET, MRI	20% after CYD	30% after CYD	20% after CYD	30% after CYD	10% after CYD	30% after CYD
Urgent Care Center	\$50	30% after CYD	\$50	30% after CYD	10% after CYD	30% after CYD
Hospital Services						
Inpatient	20% after CYD	30% after CYD	20% after CYD	30% after CYD	10% after CYD	30% after CYD
Outpatient	20% after CYD	30% after CYD	20% after CYD	30% after CYD	10% after CYD	30% after CYD
Physician Services	20% after CYD	30% after CYD	20% after CYD	30% after CYD	10% after CYD	30% after CYD
Outpatient Surgery at an ASC	20% after CYD	30% after CYD	20% after CYD	30% after CYD	10% after CYD	30% after CYD
Physician Services at an ASC	20% after CYD	30% after CYD	20% after CYD	30% after CYD	10% after CYD	30% after CYD
Emergency Room	\$150		\$150		10% after CYD	
Mental Health/Substance Abuse						
Inpatient	20% after CYD	30% after CYD	20% after CYD	30% after CYD	10% after CYD	30% after CYD
Outpatient (Office Visit / Other)	\$25 / 20% after CYD	30% after CYD	\$25 / 20% after CYD	30% after CYD	10% after CYD	30% after CYD
Prescription Drug Benefit					<i>Pharm Ded: Rx copays apply after CYD</i>	
Tier 1	\$10	Tier 1-3 Copay + any amount over the allowed amount	\$10	Tier 1-3 Copay + any amount over the allowed amount	\$10	Tier 1-3 Copay + any amount over the allowed amount
Tier 2	\$35		\$35		\$35	
Tier 3	\$60		\$60		\$60	
Tier 4	N/A		N/A		N/A	
Specialty	Applicable Tier (1-3)		Applicable Tier (1-3)		Applicable Tier (1-3)	
Mail Order - 90 day supply	\$25 / \$87.50 / \$150	Not Covered	\$25 / \$87.50 / \$150	Not Covered	\$25 / \$87.50 / \$150	Not Covered
Monthly Rates	4 5					
Employee	0 1	\$1,418.43		\$1,347.51		\$1,279.42
Employee + Spouse	2 2	\$3,049.64		\$2,897.16		\$2,750.78
Employee + Child(ren)	1 0	\$2,624.12		\$2,492.91		\$2,366.96
Employee + Family	1 1	\$4,255.60		\$4,042.82		\$3,838.55
Monthly Premium	8	\$24,752		\$22,950		
Annual Premium		\$297,028		\$275,395		
\$ Annual Increase / (Decrease)		N/A		-\$21,633		
% Annual Increase / (Decrease)		N/A		-7.3%		

Village of Estero
Dental Insurance Evaluation
Effective Date: October 1, 2025



Schedule of Benefits	Current		Renewal	
	F.M.I.T. - Delta Dental PPO 1500		F.M.I.T. - Delta Dental PPO 1500	
	In Network	Out of Network	In Network	Out of Network
Calendar Year Maximum	\$1,500		\$1,500	
Rollover	None		None	
Deductibles				
Single	\$50		\$50	
Family	\$150		\$150	
Deductible Waived for Diagnostic and Preventive Services?	Yes		Yes	
Benefits				
Preventative	100%	100%	100%	100%
Basic	80%	80%	80%	80%
Major	50%	50%	50%	50%
Endodontics/Periodontics Covered as?	Basic		Basic	
Orthodontia	Child Only		Child Only	
Child Orthodontia (Up to age 19)	50%		50%	
Orthodontia - Lifetime Max	\$1,000		\$1,000	
Waiting Period - Timely Entrants				
Basic Services	None		None	
Major Services	None		None	
Child Orthodontia	None		None	
Out of Network Reimbursement Level	Contracted Fees		Contracted Fees	
Rate Guarantee	Expires 9/30/2025		Expires 9/30/2026	
Monthly Rates				
Employee 1	\$33.61		\$33.61	
Employee + Spouse 5	\$67.36		\$67.36	
Employee + Child(ren) 1	\$71.58		\$71.58	
Employee + Family 1	\$110.27		\$110.27	
Monthly Premium 8	\$552		\$552	
Annual Premium	\$6,627		\$6,627	
\$ Annual Increase / (Decrease)	N/A		\$0	
% Annual Increase / (Decrease)	N/A		0.0%	

Village of Estero
Vision Insurance Evaluation
Effective Date: October 1, 2025



SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS	Current		Renewal	
	FMIT - UHC Plan V1114		FMIT - UHC Plan V1114	
	<i>In Network</i>	<i>Out of Network</i>	<i>In Network</i>	<i>Out of Network</i>
Exam Copay	\$10 Copay	Up to \$40	\$10 Copay	Up to \$40
Materials Copay	No Charge	Varies	No Charge	Varies
Frequency				
Exam Copay	12 months		12 months	
Lenses	12 months		12 months	
Frames	24 months		24 months	
Benefits Payable	<i>Copay</i>	<i>Reimbursement</i>	<i>Copay</i>	<i>Reimbursement</i>
Single Lenses	No Charge	Up to \$40	No Charge	Up to \$40
Bifocal Lenses	No Charge	Up to \$60	No Charge	Up to \$60
Trifocal Lenses	No Charge	Up to \$80	No Charge	Up to \$80
Lenticular Lenses	No Charge	Up to \$80	No Charge	Up to \$80
<u>Lenses and Frames</u>	<i>Reimbursement</i>		<i>Reimbursement</i>	
Elective Contact Lenses (<u>Non-Selection</u> lenses)	\$150 Allowance - applies toward fitting/evaluation and lenses	Up to \$150	\$150 Allowance - applies toward fitting/evaluation and lenses	Up to \$150
Medically Necessary Contact Lenses	No Charge	Up to \$210	No Charge	Up to \$210
Frames	\$130 Allowance + 30% off balance	Up to \$45	\$130 Allowance + 30% off balance	Up to \$45
Rate Guarantee	Expires 9/30/2025		Expires 9/30/2026	
Monthly Rates				
Employee 2	\$5.71		\$5.71	
Employee + Spouse 4	\$10.21		\$10.21	
Employee + Child(ren) 1	\$10.36		\$10.36	
Employee + Family 1	\$18.20		\$18.20	
Monthly Premium 8	\$81		\$81	
Annual Premium	\$970		\$970	
\$ Annual Increase / (Decrease)	N/A		\$0	
% Annual Increase / (Decrease)	N/A		0.0%	

Village of Estero
Basic Life/AD&D Insurance Evaluation
Effective Date: October 1, 2025



Schedule of Benefits	Current	Renewal
	FMIT Plan 44 The Standard	FMIT Plan 44 The Standard
Basic Life and AD&D Benefit		
Eligibility: Class 1: All Active Full Time Employees	2x Annual Salary up to \$300,000	2x Annual Salary up to \$300,000
Core Benefits		
Waiver of Premium	No	No
Accelerated Benefit	Up to 75%, Minimum of \$5,000 & Maximum of \$500,000	Up to 75%, Minimum of \$5,000 & Maximum of \$500,000
Age Reduction Schedule (Benefits Reduced to):	60% at Age 70-74 40% at Age 75-76 30% at Age 80+	60% at Age 70-74 40% at Age 75-76 30% at Age 80+
Rate Guarantee	Expires 9/30/2025	Expires 9/30/2026
Rate		
Employee Basic Term Life and AD&D Rate / \$1,000*	\$0.390	\$0.390
Volume	\$1,978,200	\$1,978,200
Monthly Premium	\$771	\$771
Annual Premium	\$9,258	\$9,258
\$ Annual Increase / (Decrease)	N/A	\$0
% Annual Increase / (Decrease)	N/A	0.0%

*Line of Duty employees are currently charged the rate of \$0.40 per \$1,000 of coverage.

Village of Estero
Executive Summary
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	Enroll	Current				Renewal			
		Employer Monthly	Employee Monthly	Employee Per Pay (26)	Total Monthly	Employer Monthly	Employee Monthly	Employee Per Pay (26)	Total Monthly
Medical - HDHP Plan 5		FMIT/UHC Plan 4				FMIT/UHC HDHP Plan 5			
Employee	1	\$1,418.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,418.43	\$1,279.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,279.42
Employee + Spouse	2	\$2,641.84	\$407.80	\$188.22	\$3,049.64	\$2,382.94	\$367.84	\$169.77	\$2,750.78
Employee + Children	0	\$2,322.70	\$301.42	\$139.12	\$2,624.12	\$2,095.08	\$271.88	\$125.48	\$2,366.96
Employee + Family	1	\$3,546.31	\$709.29	\$327.36	\$4,255.60	\$3,198.77	\$639.78	\$295.28	\$3,838.55
Plan 5 Annual Total	4	\$122,981	\$18,299	-	\$141,280	\$110,929	\$16,506	-	\$127,434
\$ Increase / (Decrease)		N/A	N/A	-	N/A	-\$12,052	-\$1,793	-	-\$13,845
% Increase / (Decrease)		N/A	N/A	-	N/A	-9.8%	-9.8%	-	-9.8%
Medical - Plan 4		FMIT/UHC Plan 4				FMIT/UHC Plan 4			
Employee	0	\$1,418.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,418.43	\$1,347.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,347.51
Employee + Spouse	2	\$2,641.84	\$407.80	\$188.22	\$3,049.64	\$2,509.75	\$387.41	\$178.80	\$2,897.16
Employee + Children	1	\$2,322.70	\$301.42	\$139.12	\$2,624.12	\$2,206.56	\$286.35	\$132.16	\$2,492.91
Employee + Family	1	\$3,546.31	\$709.29	\$327.36	\$4,255.60	\$3,368.99	\$673.83	\$311.00	\$4,042.82
Plan 4 Annual Total	4	\$133,832	\$21,916	-	\$155,748	\$127,141	\$20,820	-	\$147,961
\$ Increase / (Decrease)		N/A	N/A	-	N/A	-\$6,692	-\$1,096	-	-\$7,787
% Increase / (Decrease)		N/A	N/A	-	N/A	-5.0%	-5.0%	-	-5.0%
Total Annual Medical Increase	8	\$256,813	\$40,214	-	\$297,028	\$238,069	\$37,326	-	\$275,395
\$ Increase / (Decrease)		N/A	N/A	-	N/A	-\$18,744	-\$2,889	-	-\$21,633
% Increase / (Decrease)		N/A	N/A	-	N/A	-7.3%	-7.2%	-	-7.3%
Dental		FMIT/Delta Dental PPO 1500				FMIT/Delta Dental PPO 1500			
Employee	1	\$33.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33.61	\$33.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33.61
Employee + Spouse	5	\$33.61	\$33.75	\$15.58	\$67.36	\$33.61	\$33.75	\$15.58	\$67.36
Employee + Children	1	\$33.61	\$37.97	\$17.52	\$71.58	\$33.61	\$37.97	\$17.52	\$71.58
Employee + Family	1	\$33.61	\$76.66	\$35.38	\$110.27	\$33.61	\$76.66	\$35.38	\$110.27
Annual Total	8	\$3,227	\$3,401	-	\$6,627	\$3,227	\$3,401	-	\$6,627
\$ Increase / (Decrease)		N/A	N/A	-	N/A	\$0	\$0	-	\$0
% Increase / (Decrease)		N/A	N/A	-	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%
Rate Guarantee		Expires 9/30/2025				Expires 9/30/2026			
Vision		FMIT/UHC Plan V1115				FMIT/UHC Plan V1115			
Employee	2	\$5.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.71	\$5.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.71
Employee + Spouse	4	\$5.71	\$4.50	\$2.08	\$10.21	\$5.71	\$4.50	\$2.08	\$10.21
Employee + Children	1	\$5.71	\$4.65	\$2.15	\$10.36	\$5.71	\$4.65	\$2.15	\$10.36
Employee + Family	1	\$5.71	\$12.49	\$5.76	\$18.20	\$5.71	\$12.49	\$5.76	\$18.20
Annual Total	8	\$548	\$422	-	\$970	\$548	\$422	-	\$970
\$ Increase / (Decrease)		N/A	N/A	-	N/A	\$0	\$0	-	\$0
% Increase / (Decrease)		N/A	N/A	-	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%
Rate Guarantee		Expires 9/30/2025				Expires 9/30/2026			
Basic Life and AD&D		FMIT/The Standard				FMIT/The Standard			
Total Life and AD&D Rate		\$0.390	\$0.000	-	\$0.390	\$0.390	\$0.000	-	\$0.390
Estimated Life Volume		\$1,978,200	\$0	-	\$1,978,200	\$1,978,200	\$0	-	\$1,978,200
Annual Premium		\$9,258	\$0	-	\$9,258	\$9,258	\$0	-	\$9,258
\$ Increase / \$ Decrease		N/A	N/A	-	N/A	\$0	\$0	-	\$0
& Increase / % Decrease		N/A	N/A	-	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	-	0.0%
Rate Guarantee		Expires 9/30/2025				Expires 9/30/2026			
ANNUAL TOTAL		\$269,846	\$44,037	-	\$313,883	\$251,102	\$41,148	-	\$292,250
\$ Increase / (Decrease)		N/A	N/A	-	N/A	-\$18,744	-\$2,889	-	-\$21,633
% Increase / (Decrease)		N/A	N/A	-	N/A	-6.9%	-6.6%	-	-6.9%

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**DRAFT MINUTES
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

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

July 2, 2025 9:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Pastor Kevin Morris Estero Community 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, Community Development Director Mary Gibbs, Finance Director Kevin Greenville, Public Works Director David Willems, Accounting Supervisor Lindsey McNeal, Deputy Village Clerk Tammy Duran, and Village Clerk Carol Sacco.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS, AND DELETIONS

Motion: Motion to approve agenda.

Motion by: Councilmember Lopez

Seconded by: Councilmember Fayhee

Action: Approved agenda.

Vote: (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

In Person

Larry Rosenburg, Fountain Lakes
Barbara Drabek, Riverwoods Plantation
Brawley Adams, Estero Palms

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Larry Rosenburg, Fountain Lakes
Frank Dimaria, Wildcat Run

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) June 18, 2025 Village Council Meeting Minutes
- (b) Financial Report for Month ended May 2025

Motion: Motion to approve consent agenda.

Motion by: Councilmember Hunt

Seconded by: Councilmember Ward

Action: Approved consent agenda.

Vote: (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

5. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS DEFERRED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

6. ACTIONS

- (a) Resolution No. 2025 - 10 Proposed Millage rate for Fiscal year 2025-2026

A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Determining the Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, Setting the Date, Time and Place for the Public Hearings Required by State Law; Directing Staff to Transmit Necessary Documentation Pursuant to the Requirements of Florida Statutes and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Revenue of the State of Florida; and Providing an Effective Date.

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Council Questions or Comments

None

Public Comments

None

Motion: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-10.

Motion by: Vice Mayor Zalucki

Seconded by: Councilmember Fayhee

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2025-10.

Vote: (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

(b) Resolution No. 2025 - 11 Budget Amendment

A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Approving the First Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to Approve the Use of Village Funds and to Recognize the Audited Carryforward in Each Fund Making Related Findings; Providing for Severability and for an Effective Date.

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Kevin Greenville, Finance Director

Lindsey McNeal, Accounting Supervisor

Council Questions or Comments

Vice Mayor Zalucki

Public Comments

None

Motion: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-11.

Motion by: Councilmember Lopez

Seconded by: Councilmember McLain

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2025-11.

Vote: (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

(c) Resolution No. 2025-12 Amending Defined Contributions Retirement Plan

A Resolution of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida; Amending the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan for the Employees of Estero, Florida; Providing for Conflicting Resolutions; and Providing an Effective Date.

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager
Kevin Greenville, Finance Director

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmembers Ward, Lopez, and Zalucki

Public Comments

None

Motion: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-12.

Motion by: Councilmember Hunt

Seconded by: Councilmember Fayhee

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2025-12.

Vote: (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

(d) Banking Services Request for Proposal (RFP) 101125**Staff Presentation/Comments**

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager
Kevin Greenville, Finance Director
Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmembers Ward, Hunt, and Vice Mayor Zalucki

Public Comments

None

Motion: Motion to approve the scoring ranking and award a mutually agreeable contract to the top scoring firm which is Synovus Bank to provide banking services for the Village. Should negotiations fail with the top scoring firm, authorize negotiations to begin with the second scoring firm and award a mutually agreeable contract and so on, and authorize the Village Manager to sign a contract and any other additional implementation documents within the scope of the contract on behalf of

the Village of Estero Council and begin implementation of Banking Services to the awarded bank.

Motion by: Councilmember Fayhee

Seconded by: Councilmember Ward

Action: Approved the scoring ranking and award a mutually agreeable contract to the top scoring firm which is Synovus Bank to provide banking services for the Village. Should negotiations fail with the top scoring firm, authorize negotiations to begin with the second scoring firm and award a mutually agreeable contract and so on, and authorize the Village Manager to sign a contract and any other additional implementation documents within the scope of the contract on behalf of the Village of Estero Council and begin implementation of Banking Services to the awarded bank.

Vote: (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

- (e) Utility Expansion Program Phase 1 Construction Manager at Risk Contract
Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Addendum 01 (Cypress Bend)

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Robert Wiley, Project Manager

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmember McLain and Vice Mayor Zalucki

Public Comments

None

Motion: Motion to approve Contract Number EC 2024-36 GMP Addendum 01 in the amount of \$2,120,269 with Wright Construction Group, Inc. for the construction of the Cypress Bend RV Resort wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) site conversion to Lee County Utilities and authorize the Village Manager to sign the contract and other additional implementing documents within the scope of the contract on behalf of the Village of Estero Council, and to approve and execute any subsequent amendments or modifications which do not require an increase in the not to exceed budget.

Motion by: Councilmember McLain

Seconded by: Councilmember Lopez

Action: Approved Contract Number EC 2024-36 GMP Addendum 01 in the amount of \$2,120,269 with Wright Construction Group, Inc. for the construction of the Cypress Bend RV Resort wastewater treatment plant

(WWTP) site conversion to Lee County Utilities and authorize the Village Manager to sign the contract and other additional implementing documents within the scope of the contract on behalf of the Village of Estero Council, and to approve and execute any subsequent amendments or modifications which do not require an increase in the not to exceed budget.

Vote: (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

- (f) Utility Expansion Program Phase 1 Construction Manager at Risk Contract
Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Addendum 02 (Sunny Grove)

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Robert Wiley, Project Manager

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmembers McLain, Ward, and Hunt

Public Comments

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Susan Harville, Sunny Grove Park

Daniel Merritt, Sunny Grove Park

Rick Rumble, Sunny Grove Park

Motion: Motion to approve Contract Number EC 2024-36 GMP Addendum 02 in the amount of \$2,540,946 with Wright Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Sunny Grove Park wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) site conversion to Lee County Utilities and authorize the Village Manager to sign the contract and other additional implementing documents within the scope of the contract on behalf of the Village of Estero Council, and to approve and execute any subsequent amendments or modifications which do not require an increase in the not to exceed budget.

Motion by: Councilmember Hunt

Seconded by: Councilmember McLain

Action: Approved Contract Number EC 2024-36 GMP Addendum 02 in the amount of \$2,540,946 with Wright Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Sunny Grove Park wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) site conversion to Lee County Utilities and authorize the Village Manager to sign the contract and other additional implementing documents within the scope of the contract on behalf of the Village

of Estero Council, and to approve and execute any subsequent amendments or modifications which do not require an increase in the not to exceed budget.

Vote: (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

(g) Hurricane Ian Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Grant Management Support

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Council Questions or Comments

None

Public Comments

None

Motion: Motion to approve Supplemental Task Order with Hagerty Consulting, Inc. to assist the Village in HMGP Program Management Support and authorize Village Manager or delegate staff to execute a task order.

Motion by: Councilmember Lopez

Seconded by: Councilmember Fayhee

Action: Approved Supplemental Task Order with Hagerty Consulting, Inc. to assist the Village in HMGP Program Management Support and authorize Village Manager or delegate staff to execute a task order.

Vote: (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

(h) Chris-Tel Contract Amendment – Maintenance Building

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Presentation/Information by

Trenton Gaskins, Vieste

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmembers McLain, Hunt, and Vice Mayor Zalucki

Public Comments

None

Motion: Motion to approve the contract amendment with Chris-Tel Construction, in addition to a 5% owner's contingency for the amount of \$2,224,726.00 and authorize the Village Manager to sign the contract and other additional implementation documents on behalf of the Village of Estero Council.

Motion by: Councilmember Hunt

Seconded by: Councilmember Lopez

Action: Approved the contract amendment with Chris-Tel Construction, in addition to a 5% owner's contingency for the amount of \$2,224,726.00 and authorize the Village Manager to sign the contract and other additional implementation documents 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:

7. FIRST READINGS

(a) First Reading Ordinance No. 2025-07 Pelican Sound Zoning Amendment

An Ordinance of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Approving With Conditions an Amendment to the Residential Zoning for the River Club Area of Pelican Sound Planned Development Located Along the Estero River; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Mary Gibbs, Community Development Director

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmember McLain, Ward, and Vice Mayor Zalucki

Public Comments

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Kenneth Pryor, Pelican Sound

Motion: Motion to pass first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-07 and set second reading and public hearing for September 17, 2025.

Motion by: Vice Mayor Zalucki

Seconded by: Councilmember Fayhee

Action: Passed first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-07 and set second reading and public hearing for September 17, 2025

Vote: (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

(b) First Reading Ordinance No. 2025-09 Authority to Approve Plats

An Ordinance of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Amending § 2-301, § 2-303, and § 2-502 of the Village Land Development Code Regarding Plat Approvals; Making Related Findings; and Providing for Severability, Codification and an Effective Date.

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

Mary Gibbs, Community Development Director

Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Council Questions or Comments

Councilmembers McLain

Public Comments

None

Motion: Motion to pass first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-09 and set second reading and public hearing for September 10, 2025.

Motion by: Councilmember Fayhee

Seconded by: Councilmember Ward

Action: Passed first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-09 and set second reading and public hearing for September 10, 2025.

Vote: (Roll Call)

Aye: Councilmembers Hunt, Fayhee, Lopez, Ward, Vice Mayor Zalucki, and Mayor Ribble.

Nay: Councilmember McLain

Abstentions:

8. SECOND READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) Second Reading Ordinance No. 2025-04 Land Development Code Flood Amendments

An Ordinance of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Amending Land Development Code Section 7-3 “Flood Hazard Reduction Standards” to Include a Requirement for Nonconversion Agreements for Elevated Structures with Enclosures

Below the Required Elevation, Clarify the Process for Flood Variance Appeals, Clarify Specific Use of FEMA Elevation Certificates and Dry Floodproofing Certifications, Limit Partitioning of Enclosed Areas Below Flood, and Amend Related Definitions; Providing for Severability; Providing for Conflicts; and Providing for an Effective Date.

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager
Mary Gibbs, Community Development Director

Council Questions or Comments

Mayor Ribble

Public Comments

None

Motion: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-04.

Motion by: Councilmember Lopez

Seconded by: Councilmember Hunt

Action: Approved Ordinance No. 2025-04.

Vote: (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

- (b) Continuation of Second reading of Zoning Ordinance No. 2025-02 Home2 Suites at Coconut Point

An Ordinance of the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, Approving with Conditions an Amendment to the Mixed Use Planned Development Zoning and Deviations for a 2.37-Acre Property Located in the Coconut Point Development of Regional Impact (DRI); and Approving DRI Development Order Amendments for Property Bounded by US 41 on the West, Williams Road on the North, Seminole Gulf Railroad Right-Of-Way on the East and the Southern Boundary for the Village of Estero Limits, All in the Village of Estero, Florida; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

No ex parte communication or conflicts of interest were noted.

Staff Presentation/Comments

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager
Mary Gibbs, Community Development Director

Council Questions or Comments

None

Public Comments

None

Motion: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-02 with staff recommended.
revision to Condition 10

Motion by: Vice Mayor Zalucki
Seconded by: Councilmember Ward

Action: Approved Ordinance No. 2025-02 with staff recommended
revision to Condition 10.

Vote: (Roll Call)

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

Nay:

Abstentions:

9. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Ribble

10. VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

11. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Steve Sarkozy, Village Manager

12. ADJOURNMENT at 10:50 am

Motion by Councilmember Ward

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

By: _____

By: _____

Carol Sacco, CMC, Village Clerk

Joanne Ribble, Mayor

(td/CS)

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2025

Agenda Item:

Financial Report for the month ended June 30, 2025.

Description:

This financial report provides budget to actual comparisons for the month ending June 30, 2025, which is the **ninth** month of the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Activity year to date is trending as projected during the third quarter of the fiscal year.

- *Ad valorem (real estate) taxes:* June is the ninth month of ad valorem taxes being remitted to the Village from the Lee County Tax Collector. In June, the Village received 0.5%, or \$31,788 of the annual budgeted ad valorem taxes. Year-to-date collections total 101% of the budgeted amount.
- *General Fund:* Revenue Sharing Sales Tax (62%), and State Revenue Sharing Fuel Tax (60%) began strong this fiscal year, Half-Cent Sales Tax (64%) totaled \$2,686,771 received through May.
- *Available funds:* total funds categorized as available are \$43,040,043 which includes the General Fund Capital Projects reserve of \$21,958,069.

Action Requested:

Accept financial reports.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact of this report.

Prepared by: Kevin Greenville, CPA Finance Director

Attachments:

1. June 30, 2025, Budget Report All Funds
2. June 30, 2025, Available Funds Report



**Village of Estero
Budget Report All Funds
For Month Ending June 2025**

	Account Description	Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Budget	Budget Variance Amount	Year to Date Percentage
Revenue						
001-General Fund						
311000	Ad Valorem Taxes	-31,787.76	-6,647,760.59	-6,560,880.00	86,880.59	101.32%
312410	Local Option Gas Tax-1-6 Cent	-57,478.95	-421,584.24	-625,000.00	-203,415.76	67.45%
315200	Local Communications Svcs Tax	-89,504.39	-733,834.39	-950,500.00	-216,665.61	77.21%
316000	Local Business Tax	-194.08	-5,576.18	-27,000.00	-21,423.82	20.65%
323100	Franchise Fees-Electric	-249,989.52	-1,798,136.90	-2,850,000.00	-1,051,863.10	63.09%
323400	Franchise Fees-Natural Gas	-16,545.73	-111,647.41	-102,500.00	9,147.41	108.92%
323700	Franchise Fees-Solid Waste	0.00	-91,961.51	-137,500.00	-45,538.49	66.88%
329500	ROW Permits	0.00	-1,050.00	-1,000.00	50.00	105.00%
331500	Federal Grant - Econ Environ	-1,408,614.72	-5,409,720.28	-8,476,900.00	-3,067,179.72	63.82%
334400	State Grant - Transportation	0.00	0.00	-145,000.00	-145,000.00	0.00%
335140	Rev Sharing-Mobile Home Lic Tx	-86.25	-2,604.73	-3,750.00	-1,145.27	69.46%
335150	Rev Sharing-Alcohol Beverage Tx	0.00	-31,546.15	-31,250.00	296.15	100.95%
335160	Rev Sharing-Sales Tax	-77,760.47	-529,299.14	-850,000.00	-320,700.86	62.27%
335180	Rev Sharing-1/2 Cent Sales Tax	-348,947.39	-2,686,770.92	-4,200,000.00	-1,513,229.08	63.97%
335430	Rev Sharing-Fuel Tax	-2,525.83	-116,187.62	-195,000.00	-78,812.38	59.58%
341300	Administrative Fee	-1,844.16	-62,706.54	-150,000.00	-87,293.46	41.80%
341301	Cost Recovery-Admin Charge	-2,750.00	-11,800.00	-15,000.00	-3,200.00	78.67%
341900	Dev & Zoning-Fixed Fees	-5,750.00	-61,170.00	-60,000.00	1,170.00	101.95%
341909	Dev & Zoning-Cost Recovery Fee	-6,767.01	-57,982.85	-90,500.00	-32,517.15	64.07%
342500	Code Comp & Contractor License	0.00	0.00	-45,000.00	-45,000.00	0.00%
359000	Fines & Forfeitures	-46.71	-1,461.60	-250.00	1,211.60	584.64%
361100	Interest Income	-117,693.26	-1,178,156.81	-650,000.00	528,156.81	181.25%
362000	Rents & Royalties	-3,000.00	-27,000.00	-36,000.00	-9,000.00	75.00%
369900	Miscellaneous Revenue	-254.80	-9,486.23	-65,000.00	-55,513.77	14.59%

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Account Description		Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Budget	Budget Variance Amount	Year to Date Percentage
Total for General Fund		-2,421,541.03	-19,997,444.09	-26,268,030.00	-6,270,585.91	76.13%
105-Driving Range						
000-Non Divisional						
361100	Interest Income	-538.10	-5,393.27	-5,015.00	378.27	107.54%
Total for Non Divisional		-538.10	-5,393.27	-5,015.00	378.27	107.54%
Total for Driving Range		-538.10	-5,393.27	-5,015.00	378.27	107.54%
110-Building Fee Fund						
445-Building Dept						
322000	Building Permit Fees	-88,500.72	-1,050,530.73	-1,400,000.00	-349,469.27	75.04%
329501	Surcharge Fee Retained	0.00	-9,321.60	-1,750.00	7,571.60	532.66%
341302	Convenience Fee	-3,033.07	-26,135.90	-35,000.00	-8,864.10	74.67%
361100	Interest Income	-1,826.43	-18,306.06	-23,500.00	-5,193.94	77.90%
Total for Building Dept		-93,360.22	-1,104,294.29	-1,460,250.00	-355,955.71	75.62%
Total for Building Fee Fund		-93,360.22	-1,104,294.29	-1,460,250.00	-355,955.71	75.62%
201-Debt Service						
000-Non Divisional						
384000	Debt Proceeds	0.00	0.00	-30,000,000.00	-30,000,000.00	0.00%
Total for Non Divisional		0.00	0.00	-30,000,000.00	-30,000,000.00	0.00%
Total for Debt Service		0.00	0.00	-30,000,000.00	-30,000,000.00	0.00%
300-Capital Projects						
350-Road Impact Fees						
324310	Road Imp Fee-Residential	-39,984.00	-789,684.00	-1,250,000.00	-460,316.00	63.17%
324320	Road Imp Fees-Commercial	0.00	-433,516.55	-400,500.00	33,016.55	108.24%
361100	Interest Income	-39,527.09	-396,173.85	-368,400.00	27,773.85	107.54%
Total for Road Impact Fees		-79,511.09	-1,619,374.40	-2,018,900.00	-399,525.60	80.21%
351-Comm Park Impact Fees						

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Account Description		Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Budget	Budget Variance Amount	Year to Date Percentage
361100	Interest Income	-345.72	-3,465.13	-3,225.00	240.13	107.45%
	Total for Comm Park Impact Fees	-345.72	-3,465.13	-3,225.00	240.13	107.45%
352-Reg Park Imp Fee						
	Total for Reg Park Imp Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
353-Comm Park Contributions						
361100	Interest Income	-323.89	-3,246.29	-1,575.00	1,671.29	206.11%
	Total for Comm Park Contributions	-323.89	-3,246.29	-1,575.00	1,671.29	206.11%
354-Public Land						
361100	Interest Income	-458.84	-4,598.90	-4,275.00	323.90	107.58%
	Total for Public Land	-458.84	-4,598.90	-4,275.00	323.90	107.58%
355-Park Impact Fees						
324610	Park Imp Fees-Residential	-6,140.00	-121,265.00	-115,000.00	6,265.00	105.45%
324620	Park Imp Fee-Commercial	0.00	-159,194.00	-67,500.00	91,694.00	235.84%
361100	Interest Income	-3,926.56	-39,355.29	-36,595.00	2,760.29	107.54%
	Total for Park Impact Fees	-10,066.56	-319,814.29	-219,095.00	100,719.29	145.97%
360-Physical Environment						
381001	Transfer from General Fund	40,133.95	227,606.16	-10,304,615.00	-10,532,221.16	-2.21%
	Total for Physical Environment	40,133.95	227,606.16	-10,304,615.00	-10,532,221.16	-2.21%
365-Transportation						
366000	Contributions & Donations	0.00	-361,598.56	-16,600,600.00	-16,239,001.44	2.18%
381001	Transfer from General Fund	1,559,049.41	5,826,707.44	-30,000,000.00	-35,826,707.44	-19.42%
	Total for Transportation	1,559,049.41	5,465,108.88	-46,600,600.00	-52,065,708.88	-11.73%
366-Gas Tax						
312420	Local Option Gas Tax 1-5 Cent	-41,349.21	-304,682.48	-415,000.00	-110,317.52	73.42%
361100	Interest Income	-7,235.43	-72,519.56	-143,350.00	-70,830.44	50.59%
	Total for Gas Tax	-48,584.64	-377,202.04	-558,350.00	-181,147.96	67.56%

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Account Description		Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Budget	Budget Variance Amount	Year to Date Percentage
600-Parks & Recreation						
381001	Transfer from General Fund	354,729.90	5,781,379.64	-10,000,000.00	-15,781,379.64	-57.81%
	Total for Parks & Recreation	354,729.90	5,781,379.64	-10,000,000.00	-15,781,379.64	-57.81%
	Total for Capital Projects	1,814,622.52	9,146,393.63	-69,710,635.00	-78,857,028.63	-13.12%
	Total for Revenue	-700,278.73	-11,955,344.75	-127,443,930.00	-85,483,570.25	9.38%
001-General Fund						
000-Non Divisional						
581360	Transfer to Physical Envriment	40,133.95	227,606.16	12,304,615.00	12,077,008.84	1.85%
581365	Transfer to Transportation	1,559,049.41	5,826,707.44	30,000,000.00	24,173,292.56	19.42%
581600	Transfer to Parks& Rec CapProj	354,729.90	5,781,379.64	8,000,000.00	2,218,620.36	72.27%
	Total for Non Divisional	1,953,913.26	11,835,693.24	50,304,615.00	38,468,921.76	23.53%
100-Village Council						
511000	Executive Salaries	10,356.43	93,207.87	124,300.00	31,092.13	74.99%
521000	FICA Taxes	792.29	7,130.61	9,600.00	2,469.39	74.28%
524000	Workers Compensation	43.83	175.32	1,910.00	1,734.68	9.18%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	100.64	1,220.61	2,000.00	779.39	61.03%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	0.00	1,176.32	23,000.00	21,823.68	5.11%
554000	Books Pub & Memberships	0.00	8,527.50	9,500.00	972.50	89.76%
555000	Training	690.00	3,030.00	1,500.00	-1,530.00	202.00%
	Total for Village Council	11,983.19	114,468.23	171,810.00	57,341.77	66.62%
101-Village Manager						
511000	Executive Salaries	20,009.46	190,057.14	260,130.00	70,072.86	73.06%
512000	Regular Salaries & Wages	13,418.24	127,376.70	195,000.00	67,623.30	65.32%
513000	Other Salaries & Wages	665.38	6,271.11	8,300.00	2,028.89	75.56%
521000	FICA Taxes	2,657.94	21,443.88	35,410.00	13,966.12	60.56%
522000	Retirement Contributions	2,101.00	19,956.05	44,250.00	24,293.95	45.10%



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523000	Group Health Insurance	8,566.49	69,274.55	95,035.00	25,760.45	72.89%
524000	Workers Compensation	188.47	753.88	7,100.00	6,346.12	10.62%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	42.18	510.51	850.00	339.49	60.06%
531000	Professional Services	0.00	0.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	0.00%
534000	Misc Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00%
534101	Public Relations	1,268.00	41,436.28	20,000.00	-21,436.28	207.18%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	0.00	-1,438.47	12,500.00	13,938.47	-11.51%
541000	Communication Services	3,146.99	28,322.91	38,000.00	9,677.09	74.53%
554000	Books Pub & Memberships	0.00	6,741.00	4,000.00	-2,741.00	168.53%
555000	Training	0.00	-185.00	4,250.00	4,435.00	-4.35%
	Total for Village Manager	52,064.15	510,520.54	844,825.00	334,304.46	60.43%
	110-Village Attorney					
531101	Legal Services	20,161.02	173,187.51	212,500.00	39,312.49	81.50%
531102	Land Use Legal Services	3,352.50	25,076.25	85,000.00	59,923.75	29.50%
531103	Code Enforcement Legal	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00%
531106	Land Dev Code Legal	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00%
531109	Miscellaneous legal	0.00	588.80	12,500.00	11,911.20	4.71%
531402	Comprehensive Plan	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00%
	Total for Village Attorney	23,513.52	198,852.56	352,000.00	153,147.44	56.49%
	115-Village Clerk					
512000	Regular Salaries & Wages	3,462.60	32,884.45	130,715.00	97,830.55	25.16%
521000	FICA Taxes	264.88	2,515.57	10,015.00	7,499.43	25.12%
522000	Retirement Contributions	1,130.76	10,732.73	8,845.00	-1,887.73	121.34%
523000	Group Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	24,640.00	24,640.00	0.00%
524000	Workers Compensation	17.53	-1,206.88	2,550.00	3,756.88	-47.33%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	42.18	501.74	850.00	348.26	59.03%

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	Account Description	Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Budget	Budget Variance Amount	Year to Date Percentage
531117	Election Services	0.00	28,210.96	85,000.00	56,789.04	33.19%
534102	Codification	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	0.00	895.28	1,250.00	354.72	71.62%
548000	Legal Notices	667.76	2,806.23	5,000.00	2,193.77	56.12%
554000	Books Pub & Memberships	0.00	225.00	500.00	275.00	45.00%
555000	Training	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00%
	Total for Village Clerk	5,585.71	77,565.08	273,115.00	195,549.92	28.40%
130-Finance						
512000	Regular Salaries & Wages	29,420.94	279,155.36	388,490.00	109,334.64	71.86%
521000	FICA Taxes	2,188.03	20,385.31	29,750.00	9,364.69	68.52%
522000	Retirement Contributions	2,768.00	26,291.53	36,000.00	9,708.47	73.03%
523000	Group Health Insurance	8,451.76	68,063.66	85,465.00	17,401.34	79.64%
524000	Workers Compensation	131.49	525.96	7,120.00	6,368.45	7.39%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	62.02	751.55	1,250.00	-4,962.50	60.12%
531000	Professional Services	0.00	6,212.50	10,000.00	3,787.50	62.13%
532000	Auditing Services	0.00	4,000.00	51,000.00	47,000.00	7.84%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	0.00	1,422.39	4,500.00	3,077.61	31.61%
554000	Books Pub & Memberships	0.00	383.50	2,000.00	1,616.50	19.18%
555000	Training	0.00	210.00	2,000.00	1,790.00	10.50%
	Total for Finance	43,022.24	407,401.76	617,575.00	204,486.70	65.97%
170-Information Technology						
531110	IT Contracted Services	11,644.75	132,971.91	175,000.00	42,028.09	75.98%
531111	Webmaster Srvs & Maintenance	25,317.00	65,301.21	34,300.00	-31,001.21	190.38%
531112	Audio Visual Services	0.00	0.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00%
552001	Software Licensing	611.84	159,362.93	145,000.00	-14,362.93	109.91%
552002	Small Tools & Equipment	0.00	842.74	10,000.00	9,157.26	8.43%

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564000	Capital Outlay - Mach & Equip	0.00	66,808.00	10,000.00	-56,808.00	668.08%
	Total for Information Technology	37,573.59	425,286.79	494,300.00	69,013.21	86.04%
	180-General Government					
531112	Audio Visual Services	1,635.00	23,882.28	27,550.00	3,667.72	86.69%
531113	Recruitment Services	0.00	19,046.45	12,500.00	-6,546.45	152.37%
531114	Lobbying Services	12,930.00	40,902.00	80,000.00	39,098.00	51.13%
534000	Misc Contracted Services	2,175.00	59,743.80	250,000.00	190,256.20	23.90%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	0.00	197.19	5,000.00	4,802.81	3.94%
541000	Communication Services	1,042.83	8,889.77	6,500.00	-2,389.77	136.77%
542000	Freight & Postage	332.00	2,481.91	4,500.00	2,018.09	55.15%
543000	Utilities	4,522.01	46,137.85	55,750.00	9,612.15	82.76%
544100	Building Lease	26,601.01	225,739.80	295,000.00	69,260.20	76.52%
544200	Equipment Rental & Leases	1,183.43	5,402.32	11,000.00	5,597.68	49.11%
545000	Insurance	239,066.25	423,015.00	175,000.00	-248,015.00	241.72%
546000	Repair & Maintenance Services	1,925.29	9,931.19	20,000.00	10,068.81	49.66%
547000	Printing	0.00	130.38	1,500.00	1,369.62	8.69%
549101	State Administrative Fees	0.00	7.11	9,500.00	9,492.89	0.07%
549102	Tax Collector Fees	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00%
549103	Contingency	0.00	0.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	0.00%
551000	Office Supplies	1,456.74	20,190.08	7,500.00	-12,690.08	269.20%
552000	Operating Supplies	888.30	9,713.71	25,000.00	15,286.29	38.85%
552005	Bank Charges	0.00	156.77	500.00	343.23	31.35%
554000	Books Pub & Memberships	66.78	599.23	2,000.00	1,400.77	29.96%
	Total for General Government	293,824.64	896,166.84	1,117,800.00	221,633.16	80.17%
197-COVID						
	Total for COVID	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%

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201-Law Enforcement/Security						
534201	Lee Cty Law Enforcement	504.00	3,895.00	10,000.00	6,105.00	38.95%
534501	Lee Cty Animal Control Svcs	0.00	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00%
Total for Law Enforcement/Security		504.00	3,895.00	55,000.00	51,105.00	7.08%
210-Code Compliance Services						
531115	Special Magistrate Svcs	0.00	2,000.00	20,250.00	18,250.00	9.88%
531201	Code Compliance Contract Svcs	20,124.44	160,470.96	162,500.00	2,029.04	98.75%
549105	Other Chrges-Filing Fees	0.00	170.50	1,500.00	1,329.50	11.37%
Total for Code Compliance Services		20,124.44	162,641.46	184,250.00	21,608.54	88.27%
298-Lee County Marine Patrol						
534202	Lee Cty Marine Patrol	0.00	0.00	43,860.00	43,860.00	0.00%
Total for Lee County Marine Patrol		0.00	0.00	43,860.00	43,860.00	0.00%
299-Disaster Response						
531000	Professional Services	10,679.50	82,914.75	25,000.00	-57,914.75	331.66%
531116	Disaster Preparedness Services	0.00	1,805.47	10,000.00	8,194.53	18.05%
Total for Disaster Response		10,679.50	84,720.22	35,000.00	-49,720.22	242.06%
360-Physical Environment						
531000	Professional Services	671.00	3,582.00	25,000.00	21,418.00	14.33%
531301	Water Level & Quality Monitor	16,276.50	82,055.21	170,000.00	87,944.79	48.27%
531305	NPDES Compliance	0.00	7,988.00	5,000.00	-2,988.00	159.76%
531415	Reclaimed Water Study	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00%
531502	Flood Plain-Com Rating System	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00%
534000	Misc Contracted Services	3,210.00	4,543.98	50,000.00	45,456.02	9.09%
546301	Stormwater Maint	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00%
549106	Water Quality Joint Advocacy	0.00	5,000.00	7,500.00	2,500.00	66.67%
Total for Physical Environment		20,157.50	103,169.19	577,500.00	474,330.81	17.86%

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365-Transportation						
512000	Regular Salaries & Wages	26,297.73	247,462.36	341,225.00	93,762.64	72.52%
521000	FICA Taxes	1,923.90	18,288.10	26,130.00	7,841.90	69.99%
522000	Retirement Contributions	2,334.42	19,283.81	19,000.00	-283.81	101.49%
523000	Group Health Insurance	7,689.43	62,226.27	45,020.00	-17,206.27	138.22%
524000	Workers Compensation	2,515.84	10,063.36	10,050.00	-13.36	100.13%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	49.62	600.93	1,000.00	399.07	60.09%
531306	Traffic Counts	4,490.00	15,300.00	20,000.00	4,700.00	76.50%
534000	Misc Contracted Services	10,958.50	163,908.92	100,000.00	-63,908.92	163.91%
534301	Street Sweeping Services	0.00	16,000.00	30,000.00	14,000.00	53.33%
534302	Right-of-Way Permit Review	0.00	5,784.41	25,000.00	19,215.59	23.14%
534306	Misc Construction Services	7,335.50	71,251.00	60,000.00	-11,251.00	118.75%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	282.87	4,082.19	6,500.00	2,417.81	62.80%
541000	Communication Services	48.08	344.06	650.00	305.94	52.93%
543000	Utilities	4,592.77	41,509.13	85,000.00	43,490.87	48.83%
544200	Equipment Rental & Leases	330.00	2,970.00	2,500.00	-470.00	118.80%
545000	Insurance	3,214.25	12,857.00	14,750.00	1,893.00	87.17%
546302	Bridge Maintenance	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00%
546304	Irrigation Maintenance	37,199.20	91,471.98	77,500.00	-13,971.98	118.03%
546305	Landscape Maintenance	290,993.72	916,714.09	1,180,000.00	263,285.91	77.69%
546306	Mowing Maintenance	0.00	0.00	32,500.00	32,500.00	0.00%
546307	Ditch Maintenance	52,415.88	154,089.38	157,000.00	2,910.62	98.15%
546309	Street Light Maintenance	0.00	5,448.50	85,500.00	80,051.50	6.37%
546310	Traffic Sign Maintenance	0.00	0.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00%
546311	Traffic Signal Maintenance	0.00	0.00	66,000.00	66,000.00	0.00%
546312	Railroad Maintenance	0.00	32,888.00	150,000.00	117,112.00	21.93%

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546313	Road Maintenance	0.00	99,034.93	412,000.00	312,965.07	24.04%
552000	Operating Supplies	398.00	651.42	5,000.00	4,348.58	13.03%
554000	Books Pub & Memberships	21.25	1,077.25	1,500.00	422.75	71.82%
555000	Training	0.00	49.00	3,000.00	2,951.00	1.63%
	Total for Transportation	453,090.96	1,993,356.09	3,036,825.00	1,043,468.91	65.64%
439-Development Services						
512000	Regular Salaries & Wages	21,767.66	227,133.22	585,875.00	358,741.78	38.77%
521000	FICA Taxes	1,665.25	17,778.60	44,845.00	27,066.40	39.64%
522000	Retirement Contributions	2,523.54	20,293.14	54,190.00	33,896.86	37.45%
523000	Group Health Insurance	4,057.98	26,095.77	105,810.00	79,714.23	24.66%
524000	Workers Compensation	1,485.84	5,943.36	12,710.00	6,766.64	46.76%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	99.23	1,149.90	1,500.00	350.10	76.66%
531000	Professional Services	0.00	3,649.00	60,000.00	56,351.00	6.08%
531315	Growth Model Srvs	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00%
531316	Development Srvcs Manager	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00%
531402	Comprehensive Plan	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00%
531403	Land Development Code	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00%
534000	Misc Contracted Services	913.75	344,388.28	365,000.00	20,611.72	94.35%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	0.00	589.47	2,500.00	1,910.53	23.58%
548000	Legal Notices	208.18	540.04	6,000.00	5,459.96	9.00%
554000	Books Pub & Memberships	0.00	5,041.01	10,000.00	4,958.99	50.41%
555000	Training	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
	Total for Development Services	32,721.43	652,601.79	1,369,430.00	716,828.21	47.65%
440-Planning, Zoning, Dev Review						
512000	Regular Salaries & Wages	6,286.12	8,667.60	125,000.00	116,332.40	6.93%
521000	FICA Taxes	480.89	662.00	9,600.00	8,938.00	6.90%

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524000	Workers Compensation	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00%
531000	Professional Services	0.00	48,653.25	15,000.00	-33,653.25	324.36%
549104	Planning & Zoning-Fixed Fee	36,562.91	313,125.68	350,000.00	36,874.32	89.46%
	Total for Planning, Zoning, Dev Review	43,329.92	371,108.53	502,100.00	130,991.47	73.91%
	601-Parks Master Plan					
512000	Regular Salaries & Wages	0.00	0.00	140,000.00	140,000.00	0.00%
521000	FICA Taxes	0.00	0.00	10,710.00	10,710.00	0.00%
522000	Retirement Contributions	0.00	0.00	14,700.00	14,700.00	0.00%
523000	Group Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	31,950.00	31,950.00	0.00%
524000	Workers Compensation	0.00	0.00	2,150.00	2,150.00	0.00%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00%
531000	Professional Services	30,847.92	255,309.73	0.00	-255,309.73	0.00%
534601	YMCA Operating Agreement	3,604.68	97,683.44	69,300.00	-28,383.44	140.96%
543000	Utilities	831.83	6,246.77	7,750.00	1,503.23	80.60%
544200	Equipment Rental & Leases	45.02	2,656.83	2,500.00	-156.83	106.27%
546000	Repair & Maintenance Services	19,817.79	31,502.56	15,000.00	-16,502.56	210.02%
	Total for Parks Master Plan	55,147.24	393,399.33	294,560.00	-98,839.33	133.55%
	Total for General Fund	3,057,235.29	18,230,846.65	60,274,565.00	42,038,031.81	30.25%
	105-Driving Range					
	600-Parks & Recreation					
534000	Misc Contracted Services	0.00	825.83	2,500.00	1,674.17	33.03%
541000	Communication Services	0.00	-24.47	1,800.00	1,824.47	-1.36%
543000	Utilities	50.65	736.30	3,000.00	2,263.70	24.54%
546000	Repair & Maintenance Services	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
552000	Operating Supplies	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%

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Total for Parks & Recreation		50.65	1,537.66	10,800.00	9,262.34	14.24%
Total for Driving Range		50.65	1,537.66	10,800.00	9,262.34	14.24%
110-Building Fee Fund						
445-Building Dept						
531000	Professional Services	0.00	3,205.00	100,000.00	96,795.00	3.21%
531110	IT Contracted Services	495.31	4,707.80	5,750.00	1,042.20	81.87%
531401	Building Service Contract	391,646.17	1,754,462.57	1,300,000.00	-454,462.57	134.96%
541000	Communication Services	156.51	1,060.57	2,000.00	939.43	53.03%
542000	Freight & Postage	68.00	465.30	750.00	284.70	62.04%
543000	Utilities	860.90	6,726.37	8,500.00	1,773.63	79.13%
544100	Building Lease	5,448.40	46,235.86	62,500.00	16,264.14	73.98%
544200	Equipment Rental & Leases	717.36	11,976.51	8,600.00	-3,376.51	139.26%
546000	Repair & Maintenance Services	225.46	1,633.18	3,000.00	1,366.82	54.44%
551000	Office Supplies	192.51	1,948.17	3,500.00	1,551.83	55.66%
552000	Operating Supplies	0.00	60.00	5,000.00	4,940.00	1.20%
552001	Software Licensing	1,275.00	11,475.00	15,000.00	3,525.00	76.50%
552009	Credit Card Fees	3,541.40	29,423.25	40,000.00	10,576.75	73.56%
Total for Building Dept		404,627.02	1,873,379.58	1,554,600.00	-318,779.58	120.51%
Total for Building Fee Fund		404,627.02	1,873,379.58	1,554,600.00	-318,779.58	120.51%
201-Debt Service						
000-Non Divisional						
581600	Transfer to Parks& Rec CapProj	0.00	0.00	30,000,000.00	30,000,000.00	0.00%
Total for Non Divisional		0.00	0.00	30,000,000.00	30,000,000.00	0.00%
Total for Debt Service		0.00	0.00	30,000,000.00	30,000,000.00	0.00%
300-Capital Projects						
350-Road Impact Fees						



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581365	Transfer to Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	Total for Road Impact Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
351-Comm Park Impact Fees						
	Total for Comm Park Impact Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
352-Reg Park Imp Fee						
	Total for Reg Park Imp Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
354-Public Land						
	Total for Public Land	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
355-Park Impact Fees						
581365	Transfer to Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	Total for Park Impact Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
360-Physical Environment						
563000	Capital Outlay - Infrastructure	40,133.95	227,606.16	22,926,714.00	22,699,107.84	0.99%
	Total for Physical Environment	40,133.95	227,606.16	22,926,714.00	22,699,107.84	0.99%
365-Transportation						
563000	Capital Outlay - Infrastructure	1,559,049.41	5,826,707.44	25,772,200.00	19,945,492.56	22.61%
	Total for Transportation	1,559,049.41	5,826,707.44	25,772,200.00	19,945,492.56	22.61%
366-Gas Tax						
581365	Transfer to Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	Total for Gas Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
600-Parks & Recreation						
561000	Capital Outlay - Land	0.00	700,157.50	0.00	0.00	0.00%
563000	Capital Outlay - Infrastructure	354,729.90	5,081,222.14	31,170,000.00	0.00	0.00%
	Total for Parks & Recreation	354,729.90	5,781,379.64	31,170,000.00	0.00	0.00%
	Total for Capital Projects	1,953,913.26	11,835,693.24	79,868,914.00	42,644,600.40	0.00%
	Total for Expense	5,415,826.22	31,941,457.13	171,708,879.00	114,373,114.97	18.60%

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Net Revenue / Expense	4,715,547.49	19,986,112.38	44,264,949.00	28,889,544.72	45.15%



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General Fund Capital Projects	\$ 21,958,069
Building Fee Fund	(395,399)
Gas Tax Capital Projects	3,054,072
Developer Contribution	296,077
Road Impact Fees	17,032,903
Estero Park Entry Contribution	112,066
Park Imp Fees	844,399
Driving Range	<u>137,856</u>
Total Available Funds	<u>\$ 43,040,043</u>

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2025

Agenda Item:

Financial Report for the month ended July 31, 2025.

Description:

This financial report provides budget to actual comparisons for the month ending May 31, 2025, which is the **tenth** month of the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Activity year to date is trending as projected during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year.

- *Ad valorem (real estate) taxes:* May is the eighth month of ad valorem taxes being remitted to the Village from the Lee County Tax Collector. In July, the Village received 1%, or \$72,580 of the annual budgeted ad valorem taxes. Year-to-date collections total 102% of the budgeted amount.
- *General Fund:* Revenue Sharing Sales Tax (70%), and State Revenue Sharing Fuel Tax (67%) began strong this fiscal year, Half-Cent Sales Tax (71%) totaled \$2,996,437 received through July.
- *Available funds:* total funds categorized as available are \$40,143,437 which includes the General Fund Capital Projects reserve of \$19,058,859.

Action Requested:

Accept financial reports.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact of this report.

Prepared by: Kevin Greenville, CPA Finance Director

Attachments:

1. July 31, 2025, Budget Report All Funds
2. July 31, 2025, Available Funds Report



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Account Description		Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Budget	Budget Variance Amount	Year to Date Percentage
Revenue						
001-General Fund						
311000	Ad Valorem Taxes	-72,579.78	-6,720,340.37	-6,560,880.00	159,460.37	102.43%
312410	Local Option Gas Tax-1-6 Cent	-54,240.01	-475,824.25	-625,000.00	-149,175.75	76.13%
315200	Local Communications Srvs Tax	-83,543.83	-817,378.22	-950,500.00	-133,121.78	85.99%
316000	Local Business Tax	-194.14	-5,770.32	-27,000.00	-21,229.68	21.37%
323100	Franchise Fees-Electric	-258,098.15	-2,056,235.05	-2,850,000.00	-793,764.95	72.15%
323400	Franchise Fees-Natural Gas	-13,647.08	-125,294.49	-102,500.00	22,794.49	122.24%
323700	Franchise Fees-Solid Waste	0.00	-91,961.51	-137,500.00	-45,538.49	66.88%
329500	ROW Permits	-450.00	-1,500.00	-1,000.00	500.00	150.00%
331500	Federal Grant - Econ Environ	-1,250,751.50	-7,020,471.78	-8,476,900.00	-1,456,428.22	82.82%
334400	State Grant - Transportation	-152,667.52	-152,667.52	-145,000.00	7,667.52	105.29%
335140	Rev Sharing-Mobile Home Lic Tx	-849.50	-3,454.23	-3,750.00	-295.77	92.11%
335150	Rev Sharing-Alcohol Beverage Tx	0.00	-31,546.15	-31,250.00	296.15	100.95%
335160	Rev Sharing-Sales Tax	-68,456.02	-597,755.16	-850,000.00	-252,244.84	70.32%
335180	Rev Sharing-1/2 Cent Sales Tax	-309,666.28	-2,996,437.20	-4,200,000.00	-1,203,562.80	71.34%
335430	Rev Sharing-Fuel Tax	-15,026.93	-131,214.55	-195,000.00	-63,785.45	67.29%
341300	Administrative Fee	-1,679.26	-64,385.80	-150,000.00	-85,614.20	42.92%
341301	Cost Recovery-Admin Charge	-1,000.00	-12,800.00	-15,000.00	-2,200.00	85.33%
341900	Dev & Zoning-Fixed Fees	-2,036.00	-63,206.00	-60,000.00	3,206.00	105.34%
341909	Dev & Zoning-Cost Recovery Fee	-13,414.82	-71,397.67	-90,500.00	-19,102.33	78.89%
342500	Code Comp & Contractor License	0.00	0.00	-45,000.00	-45,000.00	0.00%
359000	Fines & Forfeitures	-157.61	-1,619.21	-250.00	1,369.21	647.68%
361100	Interest Income	-111,594.30	-1,289,751.11	-650,000.00	639,751.11	198.42%
362000	Rents & Royalties	-3,000.00	-30,000.00	-36,000.00	-6,000.00	83.33%
369900	Miscellaneous Revenue	-318.79	-9,805.02	-65,000.00	-55,194.98	15.08%

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Account Description		Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Budget	Budget Variance Amount	Year to Date Percentage
Total for General Fund		-2,413,371.52	-22,770,815.61	-26,268,030.00	-3,497,214.39	86.69%
105-Driving Range						
000-Non Divisional						
361100	Interest Income	-510.17	-5,903.44	-5,015.00	888.44	117.72%
Total for Non Divisional		-510.17	-5,903.44	-5,015.00	888.44	117.72%
Total for Driving Range		-510.17	-5,903.44	-5,015.00	888.44	117.72%
110-Building Fee Fund						
445-Building Dept						
322000	Building Permit Fees	-75,738.99	-1,126,269.72	-1,400,000.00	-273,730.28	80.45%
329501	Surcharge Fee Retained	-929.73	-10,251.33	-1,750.00	8,501.33	585.79%
341302	Convenience Fee	-2,639.33	-28,775.23	-35,000.00	-6,224.77	82.21%
361100	Interest Income	-1,731.65	-20,037.71	-23,500.00	-3,462.29	85.27%
Total for Building Dept		-81,039.70	-1,185,333.99	-1,460,250.00	-274,916.01	81.17%
Total for Building Fee Fund		-81,039.70	-1,185,333.99	-1,460,250.00	-274,916.01	81.17%
201-Debt Service						
000-Non Divisional						
384000	Debt Proceeds	0.00	0.00	-30,000,000.00	-30,000,000.00	0.00%
Total for Non Divisional		0.00	0.00	-30,000,000.00	-30,000,000.00	0.00%
Total for Debt Service		0.00	0.00	-30,000,000.00	-30,000,000.00	0.00%
300-Capital Projects						
350-Road Impact Fees						
324310	Road Imp Fee-Residential	-29,988.00	-819,672.00	-1,250,000.00	-430,328.00	65.57%
324320	Road Imp Fees-Commercial	0.00	-433,516.55	-400,500.00	33,016.55	108.24%
361100	Interest Income	-37,475.74	-433,649.59	-368,400.00	65,249.59	117.71%
Total for Road Impact Fees		-67,463.74	-1,686,838.14	-2,018,900.00	-332,061.86	83.55%

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351-Comm Park Impact Fees						
361100	Interest Income	-327.78	-3,792.91	-3,225.00	567.91	117.61%
Total for Comm Park Impact Fees		-327.78	-3,792.91	-3,225.00	567.91	117.61%
352-Reg Park Imp Fee						
Total for Reg Park Imp Fee		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
353-Comm Park Contributions						
361100	Interest Income	-307.08	-3,553.37	-1,575.00	1,978.37	225.61%
Total for Comm Park Contributions		-307.08	-3,553.37	-1,575.00	1,978.37	225.61%
354-Public Land						
361100	Interest Income	-435.03	-5,033.93	-4,275.00	758.93	117.75%
Total for Public Land		-435.03	-5,033.93	-4,275.00	758.93	117.75%
355-Park Impact Fees						
324610	Park Imp Fees-Residential	-4,605.00	-125,870.00	-115,000.00	10,870.00	109.45%
324620	Park Imp Fee-Commercial	0.00	-159,194.00	-67,500.00	91,694.00	235.84%
361100	Interest Income	-3,722.79	-43,078.08	-36,595.00	6,483.08	117.72%
Total for Park Impact Fees		-8,327.79	-328,142.08	-219,095.00	109,047.08	149.77%
360-Physical Environment						
381001	Transfer from General Fund	0.00	-227,606.16	-10,304,615.00	-10,077,008.84	2.21%
Total for Physical Environment		0.00	-227,606.16	-10,304,615.00	-10,077,008.84	2.21%
365-Transportation						
366000	Contributions & Donations	0.00	-361,598.56	-16,600,600.00	-16,239,001.44	2.18%
381001	Transfer from General Fund	-1,310,195.00	-7,136,902.44	-30,000,000.00	-22,863,097.56	23.79%
Total for Transportation		-1,310,195.00	-7,498,501.00	-46,600,600.00	-39,102,099.00	16.09%
366-Gas Tax						
312420	Local Option Gas Tax 1-5 Cent	-39,480.25	-344,162.73	-415,000.00	-70,837.27	82.93%
361100	Interest Income	-6,859.93	-79,379.49	-143,350.00	-63,970.51	55.37%

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Total for Gas Tax		-46,340.18	-423,542.22	-558,350.00	-134,807.78	75.86%
600-Parks & Recreation						
381001	Transfer from General Fund	-2,189,368.14	-7,970,747.78	-10,000,000.00	-2,029,252.22	79.71%
Total for Parks & Recreation		-2,189,368.14	-7,970,747.78	-10,000,000.00	-2,029,252.22	79.71%
Total for Capital Projects		-3,622,764.74	-18,147,757.59	-69,710,635.00	-51,562,877.41	26.03%
Total for Revenue		-6,117,175.96	-42,103,907.19	-127,443,930.00	-55,335,007.81	33.04%
001-General Fund						
000-Non Divisional						
581360	Transfer to Physical Envirnment	0.00	227,606.16	12,304,615.00	12,077,008.84	1.85%
581365	Transfer to Transportation	1,310,195.00	7,136,902.44	30,000,000.00	22,863,097.56	23.79%
581600	Transfer to Parks& Rec CapProj	2,189,368.14	7,970,747.78	8,000,000.00	29,252.22	99.63%
Total for Non Divisional		3,499,563.14	15,335,256.38	50,304,615.00	34,969,358.62	30.48%
100-Village Council						
511000	Executive Salaries	10,356.43	103,564.30	124,300.00	20,735.70	83.32%
521000	FICA Taxes	792.29	7,922.90	9,600.00	1,677.10	82.53%
524000	Workers Compensation	0.00	175.32	1,910.00	1,734.68	9.18%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	101.90	1,322.51	2,000.00	677.49	66.13%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	20.00	1,196.32	23,000.00	21,803.68	5.20%
554000	Books Pub & Memberships	185.00	8,712.50	9,500.00	787.50	91.71%
555000	Training	-300.00	2,730.00	1,500.00	-1,230.00	182.00%
Total for Village Council		11,155.62	125,623.85	171,810.00	46,186.15	73.12%
101-Village Manager						
511000	Executive Salaries	20,009.46	210,066.60	260,130.00	50,063.40	80.75%
512000	Regular Salaries & Wages	13,418.24	140,794.94	195,000.00	54,205.06	72.20%
513000	Other Salaries & Wages	665.38	6,936.49	8,300.00	1,363.51	83.57%
521000	FICA Taxes	2,657.94	24,101.82	35,410.00	11,308.18	68.07%



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522000	Retirement Contributions	2,101.00	22,057.05	44,250.00	22,192.95	49.85%
523000	Group Health Insurance	7,159.85	76,434.40	95,035.00	18,600.60	80.43%
524000	Workers Compensation	0.00	753.88	7,100.00	6,346.12	10.62%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	42.71	553.22	850.00	296.78	65.08%
531000	Professional Services	0.00	0.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	0.00%
534000	Misc Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00%
534101	Public Relations	814.68	42,250.96	20,000.00	-22,250.96	211.25%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	0.00	-1,438.47	12,500.00	13,938.47	-11.51%
541000	Communication Services	3,146.99	31,469.90	38,000.00	6,530.10	82.82%
554000	Books Pub & Memberships	0.00	6,741.00	4,000.00	-2,741.00	168.53%
555000	Training	365.00	180.00	4,250.00	4,070.00	4.24%
Total for Village Manager		50,381.25	560,901.79	844,825.00	283,923.21	66.39%
110-Village Attorney						
531101	Legal Services	16,627.75	189,815.26	212,500.00	22,684.74	89.32%
531102	Land Use Legal Services	6,318.00	31,394.25	85,000.00	53,605.75	36.93%
531103	Code Enforcement Legal	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00%
531106	Land Dev Code Legal	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00%
531109	Miscellaneous legal	0.00	588.80	12,500.00	11,911.20	4.71%
531402	Comprehensive Plan	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00%
Total for Village Attorney		22,945.75	221,798.31	352,000.00	130,201.69	63.01%
115-Village Clerk						
512000	Regular Salaries & Wages	3,462.62	36,347.07	130,715.00	94,367.93	27.81%
521000	FICA Taxes	264.88	2,780.45	10,015.00	7,234.55	27.76%
522000	Retirement Contributions	1,130.76	11,863.49	8,845.00	-3,018.49	134.13%
523000	Group Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	24,640.00	24,640.00	0.00%
524000	Workers Compensation	0.00	-1,206.88	2,550.00	3,756.88	-47.33%

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		Actual	Actual	Amount	Amount	Percentage
525000	Unemployment Compensation	42.71	544.45	850.00	305.55	64.05%
531117	Election Services	0.00	28,210.96	85,000.00	56,789.04	33.19%
534102	Codification	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	0.00	895.28	1,250.00	354.72	71.62%
548000	Legal Notices	907.08	3,713.31	5,000.00	1,286.69	74.27%
554000	Books Pub & Memberships	0.00	225.00	500.00	275.00	45.00%
555000	Training	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00%
Total for Village Clerk		5,808.05	83,373.13	273,115.00	189,741.87	30.53%
130-Finance						
512000	Regular Salaries & Wages	29,347.59	308,502.95	388,490.00	79,987.05	79.41%
521000	FICA Taxes	2,182.41	22,567.72	29,750.00	7,182.28	75.86%
522000	Retirement Contributions	2,768.00	29,059.53	36,000.00	6,940.47	80.72%
523000	Group Health Insurance	7,063.96	75,127.62	85,465.00	10,337.38	87.90%
524000	Workers Compensation	0.00	525.96	7,120.00	6,305.64	7.39%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	62.81	814.36	1,250.00	-4,962.50	65.15%
531000	Professional Services	0.00	6,212.50	10,000.00	3,787.50	62.13%
532000	Auditing Services	0.00	4,000.00	51,000.00	47,000.00	7.84%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	2,891.26	4,313.65	4,500.00	186.35	95.86%
554000	Books Pub & Memberships	530.00	913.50	2,000.00	1,086.50	45.68%
555000	Training	0.00	210.00	2,000.00	1,790.00	10.50%
Total for Finance		44,846.03	452,247.79	617,575.00	159,640.67	73.23%
170-Information Technology						
531110	IT Contracted Services	11,113.17	144,085.08	175,000.00	30,914.92	82.33%
531111	Webmaster Srvs & Maintenance	1,634.63	66,935.84	34,300.00	-32,635.84	195.15%
531112	Audio Visual Services	0.00	0.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00%
552001	Software Licensing	10,780.08	170,143.01	145,000.00	-25,143.01	117.34%

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552002	Small Tools & Equipment	477.21	1,319.95	10,000.00	8,680.05	13.20%
564000	Capital Outlay - Mach & Equip	0.00	66,808.00	10,000.00	-56,808.00	668.08%
Total for Information Technology		24,005.09	449,291.88	494,300.00	45,008.12	90.89%
180-General Government						
531112	Audio Visual Services	1,395.00	25,277.28	27,550.00	2,272.72	91.75%
531113	Recruitment Services	0.00	19,046.45	12,500.00	-6,546.45	152.37%
531114	Lobbying Services	3,993.00	44,895.00	80,000.00	35,105.00	56.12%
534000	Misc Contracted Services	0.00	59,743.80	250,000.00	190,256.20	23.90%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	0.00	197.19	5,000.00	4,802.81	3.94%
541000	Communication Services	5,352.61	14,242.38	6,500.00	-7,742.38	219.11%
542000	Freight & Postage	816.79	3,298.70	4,500.00	1,201.30	73.30%
543000	Utilities	3,692.10	49,829.95	55,750.00	5,920.05	89.38%
544100	Building Lease	24,148.36	249,888.16	295,000.00	45,111.84	84.71%
544200	Equipment Rental & Leases	1,415.17	6,817.49	11,000.00	4,182.51	61.98%
545000	Insurance	0.00	423,015.00	175,000.00	-248,015.00	241.72%
546000	Repair & Maintenance Services	1,105.29	11,036.48	20,000.00	8,963.52	55.18%
547000	Printing	0.00	130.38	1,500.00	1,369.62	8.69%
549101	State Administrative Fees	0.00	7.11	9,500.00	9,492.89	0.07%
549102	Tax Collector Fees	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00%
549103	Contingency	0.00	0.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	0.00%
551000	Office Supplies	472.53	20,662.61	7,500.00	-13,162.61	275.50%
552000	Operating Supplies	511.76	10,225.47	25,000.00	14,774.53	40.90%
552005	Bank Charges	0.00	156.77	500.00	343.23	31.35%
554000	Books Pub & Memberships	63.21	662.44	2,000.00	1,337.56	33.12%
Total for General Government		42,965.82	939,132.66	1,117,800.00	178,667.34	84.02%
197-COVID						

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Total for COVID		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
201-Law Enforcement/Security						
534201	Lee Cty Law Enforcement	504.00	4,399.00	10,000.00	5,601.00	43.99%
534501	Lee Cty Animal Control Srvs	0.00	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00%
Total for Law Enforcement/Security		504.00	4,399.00	55,000.00	50,601.00	8.00%
210-Code Compliance Services						
531115	Special Magistrate Srvs	0.00	2,000.00	20,250.00	18,250.00	9.88%
531201	Code Compliance Contract Srvs	18,771.87	179,242.83	162,500.00	-16,742.83	110.30%
549105	Other Chrges-Filing Fees	0.00	170.50	1,500.00	1,329.50	11.37%
Total for Code Compliance Services		18,771.87	181,413.33	184,250.00	2,836.67	98.46%
298-Lee County Marine Patrol						
534202	Lee Cty Marine Patrol	0.00	0.00	43,860.00	43,860.00	0.00%
Total for Lee County Marine Patrol		0.00	0.00	43,860.00	43,860.00	0.00%
299-Disaster Response						
531000	Professional Services	8,471.50	91,386.25	25,000.00	-66,386.25	365.55%
531116	Disaster Preparedness Services	0.00	1,805.47	10,000.00	8,194.53	18.05%
Total for Disaster Response		8,471.50	93,191.72	35,000.00	-58,191.72	266.26%
360-Physical Environment						
531000	Professional Services	6,142.30	9,724.30	25,000.00	15,275.70	38.90%
531301	Water Level & Quality Monitor	12,248.75	94,303.96	170,000.00	75,696.04	55.47%
531305	NPDES Compliance	0.00	7,988.00	5,000.00	-2,988.00	159.76%
531415	Reclaimed Water Study	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00%
531502	Flood Plain-Com Rating System	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00%
534000	Misc Contracted Services	0.00	4,543.98	50,000.00	45,456.02	9.09%
546301	Stormwater Maint	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00%
549106	Water Quality Joint Advocacy	0.00	5,000.00	7,500.00	2,500.00	66.67%

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Total for Physical Environment		18,391.05	121,560.24	577,500.00	455,939.76	21.05%
365-Transportation						
512000	Regular Salaries & Wages	26,320.44	273,782.80	341,225.00	67,442.20	80.24%
521000	FICA Taxes	1,925.64	20,213.74	26,130.00	5,916.26	77.36%
522000	Retirement Contributions	2,334.42	21,618.23	19,000.00	-2,618.23	113.78%
523000	Group Health Insurance	6,422.40	68,648.67	45,020.00	-23,628.67	152.48%
524000	Workers Compensation	0.00	10,063.36	10,050.00	-13.36	100.13%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	50.24	651.17	1,000.00	348.83	65.12%
531306	Traffic Counts	0.00	15,300.00	20,000.00	4,700.00	76.50%
534000	Misc Contracted Services	45,391.92	209,300.84	100,000.00	-109,300.84	209.30%
534301	Street Sweeping Services	0.00	16,000.00	30,000.00	14,000.00	53.33%
534302	Right-of-Way Permit Review	0.00	5,784.41	25,000.00	19,215.59	23.14%
534306	Misc Construction Services	6,285.75	77,536.75	60,000.00	-17,536.75	129.23%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	1,535.92	5,618.11	6,500.00	881.89	86.43%
541000	Communication Services	40.90	384.96	650.00	265.04	59.22%
543000	Utilities	4,966.96	46,476.09	85,000.00	38,523.91	54.68%
544200	Equipment Rental & Leases	330.00	3,300.00	2,500.00	-800.00	132.00%
545000	Insurance	0.00	12,857.00	14,750.00	1,893.00	87.17%
546302	Bridge Maintenance	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00%
546304	Irrigation Maintenance	0.00	91,471.98	77,500.00	-13,971.98	118.03%
546305	Landscape Maintenance	8,025.75	924,739.84	1,180,000.00	255,260.16	78.37%
546306	Mowing Maintenance	0.00	0.00	32,500.00	32,500.00	0.00%
546307	Ditch Maintenance	0.00	154,089.38	157,000.00	2,910.62	98.15%
546309	Street Light Maintenance	0.00	5,448.50	85,500.00	80,051.50	6.37%
546310	Traffic Sign Maintenance	0.00	0.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00%
546311	Traffic Signal Maintenance	0.00	0.00	66,000.00	66,000.00	0.00%

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546312	Railroad Maintenance	0.00	32,888.00	150,000.00	117,112.00	21.93%
546313	Road Maintenance	155.44	99,190.37	412,000.00	312,809.63	24.08%
552000	Operating Supplies	686.72	1,338.14	5,000.00	3,661.86	26.76%
554000	Books Pub & Memberships	0.00	1,077.25	1,500.00	422.75	71.82%
555000	Training	0.00	49.00	3,000.00	2,951.00	1.63%
Total for Transportation		104,472.50	2,097,828.59	3,036,825.00	938,996.41	69.08%
439-Development Services						
512000	Regular Salaries & Wages	23,290.62	250,423.84	585,875.00	335,451.16	42.74%
521000	FICA Taxes	1,781.77	19,560.37	44,845.00	25,284.63	43.62%
522000	Retirement Contributions	2,523.54	22,816.68	54,190.00	31,373.32	42.10%
523000	Group Health Insurance	3,556.95	29,652.72	105,810.00	76,157.28	28.02%
524000	Workers Compensation	0.00	5,943.36	12,710.00	6,766.64	46.76%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	100.49	1,250.39	1,500.00	249.61	83.36%
531000	Professional Services	0.00	3,649.00	60,000.00	56,351.00	6.08%
531315	Growth Model Srvs	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00%
531316	Development Srvc Manager	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00%
531402	Comprehensive Plan	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00%
531403	Land Development Code	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00%
534000	Misc Contracted Services	1,209.50	345,597.78	365,000.00	19,402.22	94.68%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	0.00	589.47	2,500.00	1,910.53	23.58%
548000	Legal Notices	321.72	861.76	6,000.00	5,138.24	14.36%
554000	Books Pub & Memberships	0.00	5,041.01	10,000.00	4,958.99	50.41%
555000	Training	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Total for Development Services		32,784.59	685,386.38	1,369,430.00	684,043.62	50.05%
440-Planning, Zoning, Dev Review						
512000	Regular Salaries & Wages	4,793.16	13,460.76	125,000.00	111,539.24	10.77%

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Account Description		Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	Budget Variance	Year to Date
		Actual	Actual		Amount	Percentage
521000	FICA Taxes	366.66	1,028.66	9,600.00	8,571.34	10.72%
524000	Workers Compensation	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00%
531000	Professional Services	8,255.00	56,908.25	15,000.00	-41,908.25	379.39%
549104	Planning & Zoning-Fixed Fee	33,677.92	346,803.60	350,000.00	3,196.40	99.09%
Total for Planning, Zoning, Dev Review		47,092.74	418,201.27	502,100.00	83,898.73	83.29%
601-Parks Master Plan						
512000	Regular Salaries & Wages	0.00	0.00	140,000.00	140,000.00	0.00%
521000	FICA Taxes	0.00	0.00	10,710.00	10,710.00	0.00%
522000	Retirement Contributions	0.00	0.00	14,700.00	14,700.00	0.00%
523000	Group Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	31,950.00	31,950.00	0.00%
524000	Workers Compensation	0.00	0.00	2,150.00	2,150.00	0.00%
525000	Unemployment Compensation	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00%
531000	Professional Services	70,277.05	325,586.78	0.00	-325,586.78	0.00%
534601	YMCA Operating Agreement	1,500.00	99,183.44	69,300.00	-29,883.44	143.12%
543000	Utilities	1,891.33	8,138.10	7,750.00	-388.10	105.01%
544200	Equipment Rental & Leases	45.02	2,701.85	2,500.00	-201.85	108.07%
546000	Repair & Maintenance Services	7,300.00	38,802.56	15,000.00	-23,802.56	258.68%
Total for Parks Master Plan		81,013.40	474,412.73	294,560.00	-179,852.73	161.06%
Total for General Fund		4,013,172.40	22,244,019.05	60,274,565.00	38,024,859.41	36.90%
105-Driving Range						
600-Parks & Recreation						
534000	Misc Contracted Services	0.00	825.83	2,500.00	1,674.17	33.03%
541000	Communication Services	0.00	-24.47	1,800.00	1,824.47	-1.36%
543000	Utilities	50.65	786.95	3,000.00	2,213.05	26.23%
546000	Repair & Maintenance Services	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%

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For Month Ending July 2025

Account Description		Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	Budget Variance	Year to Date
		Actual	Actual		Amount	Percentage
552000	Operating Supplies	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
	Total for Parks & Recreation	50.65	1,588.31	10,800.00	9,211.69	14.71%
	Total for Driving Range	50.65	1,588.31	10,800.00	9,211.69	14.71%
110-Building Fee Fund						
445-Building Dept						
531000	Professional Services	0.00	3,205.00	100,000.00	96,795.00	3.21%
531110	IT Contracted Services	472.70	5,180.50	5,750.00	569.50	90.10%
531401	Building Service Contract	173,058.82	1,927,521.39	1,300,000.00	-627,521.39	148.27%
541000	Communication Services	162.24	1,222.81	2,000.00	777.19	61.14%
542000	Freight & Postage	159.66	624.96	750.00	125.04	83.33%
543000	Utilities	681.75	7,408.12	8,500.00	1,091.88	87.15%
544100	Building Lease	4,946.05	51,181.91	62,500.00	11,318.09	81.89%
544200	Equipment Rental & Leases	637.77	12,614.28	8,600.00	-4,014.28	146.68%
546000	Repair & Maintenance Services	225.46	1,858.64	3,000.00	1,141.36	61.95%
551000	Office Supplies	65.00	2,013.17	3,500.00	1,486.83	57.52%
552000	Operating Supplies	0.00	60.00	5,000.00	4,940.00	1.20%
552001	Software Licensing	1,275.00	12,750.00	15,000.00	2,250.00	85.00%
552009	Credit Card Fees	3,216.23	32,639.48	40,000.00	7,360.52	81.60%
	Total for Building Dept	184,900.68	2,058,280.26	1,554,600.00	-503,680.26	132.40%
	Total for Building Fee Fund	184,900.68	2,058,280.26	1,554,600.00	-503,680.26	132.40%
201-Debt Service						
000-Non Divisional						
581600	Transfer to Parks& Rec CapProj	0.00	0.00	30,000,000.00	30,000,000.00	0.00%
	Total for Non Divisional	0.00	0.00	30,000,000.00	30,000,000.00	0.00%
	Total for Debt Service	0.00	0.00	30,000,000.00	30,000,000.00	0.00%
300-Capital Projects						

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Account Description		Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Budget	Budget Variance Amount	Year to Date Percentage
350-Road Impact Fees						
581365	Transfer to Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total for Road Impact Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
351-Comm Park Impact Fees						
Total for Comm Park Impact Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
352-Reg Park Imp Fee						
Total for Reg Park Imp Fee		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
354-Public Land						
Total for Public Land		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
355-Park Impact Fees						
581365	Transfer to Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total for Park Impact Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
360-Physical Environment						
563000	Capital Outlay - Infrastructure	0.00	227,606.16	22,926,714.00	22,699,107.84	0.99%
Total for Physical Environment		0.00	227,606.16	22,926,714.00	22,699,107.84	0.99%
365-Transportation						
563000	Capital Outlay - Infrastructure	1,310,195.00	7,136,902.44	25,772,200.00	18,635,297.56	27.69%
Total for Transportation		1,310,195.00	7,136,902.44	25,772,200.00	18,635,297.56	27.69%
366-Gas Tax						
581365	Transfer to Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total for Gas Tax		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
600-Parks & Recreation						
561000	Capital Outlay - Land	0.00	700,157.50	0.00	0.00	0.00%
563000	Capital Outlay - Infrastructure	2,189,368.14	7,270,590.28	31,170,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Total for Parks & Recreation		2,189,368.14	7,970,747.78	31,170,000.00	0.00	0.00%
Total for Capital Projects		3,499,563.14	15,335,256.38	79,868,914.00	41,334,405.40	0.00%

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Village of Estero
Budget Report All Funds
For Month Ending July 2025

Account Description	Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Budget	Budget Variance Amount	Year to Date Percentage
Total for Expense	7,697,686.87	39,639,144.00	171,708,879.00	108,864,796.24	23.09%
Net Revenue / Expense	1,580,510.91	-2,464,763.19	44,264,949.00	53,529,788.43	-5.57%

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Village of Estero
Available Funds Report
For the Month Ending July 25

Available Funds Report

General Fund Capital Projects	\$ 19,058,859
Building Fee Fund	(505,191)
Gas Tax Capital Projects	3,100,413
Developer Contribution	285,574
Road Impact Fees	17,100,367
Estero Park Entry Contribution	112,374
Park Imp Fees	852,727
Driving Range	<u>138,316</u>
Total Available Funds	<u>\$ 40,143,437</u>

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2025

Agenda Item:

Resolution No. 2025-13 establishing Auditor Selection Committee and appointing members.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-13 and following adoption Motion to appoint the ASC members.

Background:

Under Florida law, a municipality must be audited annually by an outside auditor. While the Village procures other forms of services by way of the Village's procurement code, to help ensure an open selection of auditing services, Florida Statutes § 218.391(2) requires the governing body of each municipality to establish an auditor selection committee (ASC).

Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 218.391(3), it shall be the duty of the ASC to:

- a. Establish factors to use for the evaluation of audit services to be provided by a certified public accounting firm duly licensed under Florida Statutes Chapter 473 and qualified to conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Such factors shall include, but are not limited to, ability of personnel, experience, ability to furnish the required services, and such other factors as may be determined by the ASC to be applicable to its particular requirements.
- b. Publicly announce, with assistance from the Village's procurement staff, requests for proposals for external auditor services. Public announcements must include, at a minimum, a brief description of the audit and indicate how interested firms can submit a proposal.
- c. Provide interested firms with a request for proposals (RFP). The RFP shall include information on how proposals are to be evaluated and such other information the ASC determines is necessary for interested firms to prepare a proposal.
- d. Review and comply with the Auditor Selection and Auditor Selection Committee Guidance manual published by the Florida Auditor General and published at:

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https://flauditor.gov/pages/pdf_files/auditor%20selection%20guidance.pdf

- e. Evaluate proposals provided by qualified firms. If compensation/cost is one of the factors established pursuant to paragraph (a), it shall not be the sole or predominant factor used to evaluate proposals.
- f. Rank and recommend to the Village Council in order of preference no fewer than three firms deemed the most highly qualified to perform the required services after considering the factors established pursuant to paragraph (a). If fewer than three firms respond to the RFP, the ASC shall recommend such firms as it deems to be the most highly qualified.

The attached Resolution establishes an auditor selection committee and requires that upon adoption, Council will appoint one of its sitting members who shall serve as the ASC chair, and two regular members who shall not be the Village Manager, Village Finance Director, or a Village employee. Once established, the Members of the ACS shall meet at such times and on dates to allow it to perform its purpose.

Committee Membership

Florida Statutes § 218.391(2)(b) provides that a municipal auditor selection committee must consist of at least three members, one member of which must be a member of the governing body, who shall serve as the chair of the committee. The statute also provides that an employee, a chief executive officer, or a chief financial officer of the municipality may not serve as a member of an auditor selection committee, although such persons may serve such committees in an advisory capacity.

The Village Manager will make recommendations to the Council with respect to persons eligible to serve, and Village staff will, as authorized by the statute, provide consulting assistance to the ASC as it performs its duties.

Under the Resolution, once the ASC has performed its duties, it will disband and the Village staff will finalize negotiations with the selected auditor firm which contract will be brought back to Council for final review and approval.

Action Requested:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-13, and following adoption Motion to appoint the ASC members.

Process and Timeline:

If approved by Council, Village staff will coordinate the committee's meeting logistics and the related RFP process. Final recommendations of the committee will be presented to the Council for its final action to select a Village auditor firm.

Financial Impact:

The function of the committee will have negligible financial impact.

Prepared by: Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Attachment:

1. Resolution No. 2025-13

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA,
ESTABLISHING AN AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE;
MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes § 218.391(2) requires the governing body of Florida's municipalities to establish an auditor selection committee; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes § 218.391(2)(b) provides that a municipal auditor selection committee must consist of at least three members, one member of which must be a member of the governing body, who shall serve as the chair of the committee; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes § 218.391(2)(c) provides that an employee, a chief executive officer, or a chief financial officer of the municipality may not serve as a member of an auditor selection committee; however, an employee, a chief executive officer, or a chief financial officer of the municipality may serve in an advisory capacity.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes § 218.391(2)(d) provides that the primary purpose of the auditor selection committee is to assist the governing body in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required in Florida Statutes § 218.39.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, that:

Section 1. Creation and Makeup of Committee

- a. The Auditor Selection Committee (ASC) is hereby established as an advisory committee. Membership shall consist of two regular members selected by the Village Council who shall not be the Village Manager, Village Finance Director, or a Village employee.
- b. Upon adoption of this Resolution, the Estero Village Council shall appoint one of its sitting members to the ACS, who shall serve as the ASC chair.
- c. Members of the ACS shall meet at such times and on dates so as to allow it to perform its purpose.

Section 2. Purpose and Duties of Committee

Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 218.391(3), it shall be the duty of the ASC to:

- a. Establish factors to use for the evaluation of audit services to be provided by a certified public accounting firm duly licensed under Florida Statutes Chapter 473 and qualified to

conduct audits in accordance with government auditing standards as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Such factors shall include, but are not limited to, ability of personnel, experience, ability to furnish the required services, and such other factors as may be determined by the ASC to be applicable to its particular requirements.

- b. Publicly announce, with assistance from the Village's procurement staff, requests for proposals for external auditor services. Public announcements must include, at a minimum, a brief description of the audit and indicate how interested firms can submit a proposal.
- c. Provide interested firms with a request for proposals (RFP). The RFP shall include information on how proposals are to be evaluated and such other information the ASC determines is necessary for interested firms to prepare a proposal.
- d. Review and comply with the Auditor Selection and Auditor Selection Committee Guidance manual published by the Florida Auditor General and published at:

https://flauditor.gov/pages/pdf_files/auditor%20selection%20guidance.pdf
- e. Evaluate proposals provided by qualified firms. If compensation/cost is one of the factors established pursuant to paragraph (a), it shall not be the sole or predominant factor used to evaluate proposals.
- f. Rank and recommend to the Village Council in order of preference no fewer than three firms deemed the most highly qualified to perform the required services after considering the factors established pursuant to paragraph (a). If fewer than three firms respond to the RFP, the ASC shall recommend such firms as it deems to be the most highly qualified.

Section 3. Disbandment; Contract Approval

- a. Once the ASC has performed its duties as set forth in § 2 above, including transmitting its recommendations to the Village Council, the ASC shall disband. Any finalization of negotiations of a contract with the selected firm shall be completed by the Village Manager or designee.
- b. Once the Village Manager has successfully completed negotiations, a recommended final contract shall be presented to the Council for consideration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, provision or word of this Resolution is held unconstitutional or otherwise legally invalid, same shall be severable and the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected by such invalidity, such that any remainder of the Resolution shall withstand any severed provision, as the Village Council would have adopted the Resolution even absent the invalid part.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 10th day of September, 2025.

Attest:

Joanne Ribble, Mayor

Carol Sacco, Village Clerk

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2025

Agenda Item:

Agreement for Tourist Development Tax Funding FY 2025-2026

Motion to approve Agreement for Tourist Development Tax Funding FY 2025-2026

Background:

Florida Statutes § 125.0104 and Lee County Ordinances 13-14 and 16-18 authorize the collection of a Tourist Development Tax (TDT) from hotel stays and similar tourist-driven events within the County.

Pursuant to these legal authorities, and the Lee County Tourist Development Plan (TDP), the County and its municipalities agree to a distribution of TDT funds for each jurisdiction to use for tourism development efforts authorized by state law, controlling caselaw, and the County's TDP.

The Village applied to the County for allocation of TDT funds to assist in the development of the Village's Estero River Park Phase Two Trails Project (the Project), and the County has agreed to provide cost reimbursement funding for the Project (with the Village fronting costs and submitting for reimbursement from the County) in a not-to-exceed amount of \$163,000.00. Any Project costs exceeding this amount would not be subject to reimbursement under the agreement. The Village Manager recommends approval of the agreement which has been reviewed by the Village Attorney.

Action Requested:

Motion to approve Agreement for Tourist Development Tax Funding FY 2025-2026

Process and Timeline:

If approved by Council, the agreement will be transmitted to Lee County for final approval by the County Commission.

Financial Impact:

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Approving the agreement will allow the Village to construct trails at Estero River Park with the benefit of \$163,000.00 of TDT funds, thus not requiring the Village to bear those costs.

Prepared by: Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Attachment:

1. Agreement for Tourist Development Tax Funding FY 2025-2026

**TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AND
THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO
FOR
ESTERO RIVER PARK PHASE 2 TRAILS**

THIS GRANT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, a political subdivision and charter county of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the “**COUNTY**” and the VILLAGE OF ESTERO hereinafter referred to as “**RECIPIENT**”, for funding provided pursuant to the **COUNTY’S** Tourist Development Plan and Florida Statutes Section 125.0104.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes §125.0104 and Lee County Ordinances No. 13-14 and 16-18, and as may be further amended from time to time, Lee County collects Tourist Development Tax; and

WHEREAS, the **COUNTY** has the authority to enter into this Agreement and distribute Tourist Development Tax funds in the amount and manner set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the **COUNTY** and **RECIPIENT** acknowledge that the Tourist Development Tax may only be spent in accordance with state law, case law and the Tourist Development Plan adopted by Lee County; and

WHEREAS, the **COUNTY** approved the **RECIPIENT’S** request for funding under its Tourist Development Tax Plan for implementation of the following Project:

NAME: *Estero River Park Phase 2 Trails*

NUMBER: *403429*

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the covenants and obligations set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties intending to be legally bound hereby agree to perform the duties described herein in this Agreement as follows:

1. SCOPE OF WORK

The **RECIPIENT** will perform the work necessary to complete the Project in accordance with the Beach and Shoreline Funding Program Guidelines and the Project Plan (*attached*). **RECIPIENT** may not make any major alterations, changes or substitutions to the Project without obtaining prior written approval from the **COUNTY**. The Director of the Visitor and Convention Bureau or Program Manager may approve minor changes, alterations and/or substitutions. **RECIPIENT** shall be solely responsible for managing and controlling the Project, including the hiring and supervising of any consultants or contractors it engages.

- 1.1 The parties agree that time is of the essence in the performance of each obligation under this Agreement.
- 1.2 The parties acknowledge that the Project is construction of trails at Estero River Park.

2. CONTRACT PERIOD

Capital Awards: This Agreement is effective as of October 1, 2025 (the "Effective Date") and shall continue until the earlier occurs (a) completion of the work and payment of the related expenditures for the approved Project Request (the "Expiration Date") or (b) the date on which either Party terminates this Agreement (the "Termination Date"), but no longer than 3 years from the effective date without TDC status review and approval. The **RECIPIENT** shall not be eligible for reimbursement for any work that is commenced, or costs that are incurred, prior to the effective date or subsequent to the expiration date of this Agreement. Capital awards may be requested for carryover twice before TDC project status review and approval is needed.

3. FUNDING

This Agreement is a cost reimbursement Agreement. The parties agree that the total cost of the Project will be One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$163,100.00). The **COUNTY** will reimburse the **RECIPIENT** for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$163,100.00) for charges incurred during the contract period.

- 3.1 The **RECIPIENT** shall pay Project costs prior to requesting reimbursement from the **COUNTY**. The **COUNTY** shall reimburse the **RECIPIENT** allowable Project costs in accordance with the Project Budget set forth in the Project Plan.
- 3.2 To receive payment, the **RECIPIENT** shall submit requests for reimbursement and supporting documentation to the **COUNTY** MONTHLY, with the final month no later than thirty (30) days after the contract period. The invoices must describe the services performed, show proof of payment, and all supporting documentation related to the expenses. The invoice packets must be a PDF format and transmitted digitally. The County may modify administrative guidelines from time to time. The **COUNTY** will forward the documentation to the Clerk of Courts Office for payment. Any other additional documentation requested by the **COUNTY** or the Clerk shall be provided. Sufficient supporting invoices and documentation to support pre-audit and post-audit review must accompany invoices.
- 3.3 The **RECIPIENT** may contract with consultant(s), contractor(s) or both to accomplish the Project without approval of the **COUNTY**.
- 3.4 The parties acknowledge that the Project was approved for funding by the **COUNTY** based upon the benefits expected to be achieved by the Project. The parties also acknowledge that the **RECIPIENT** is solely responsible for implementing the Project in such a manner that the expected benefits are achieved. If at any point during the progression of the Project, the **COUNTY** determines that it is likely that the Project will not be completed, the **COUNTY** shall provide the **RECIPIENT** with fifteen (15) days advance written notice that the **COUNTY** shall withhold payments to the **RECIPIENT** until such time as the **RECIPIENT** demonstrates that the Project shall reach completion, to provide the **RECIPIENT** with an opportunity to cure the deficiencies.
- 3.5 **RECIPIENT** agrees to comply with the following Special Conditions for funding of this project: none.
- 3.6 **RECIPIENT** shall provide the **COUNTY** evidence of substantial activity within six (6) months of the beginning of the fiscal year the grant funding is awarded.

- 3.7 Unspent or unencumbered funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year may not be carried over into the next fiscal year for maintenance grants. Capital grants may be carried over, with appropriate approval.
- 3.8 In the event any dispute or disagreement arises during the course of the Project, including whether expenses are reimbursable according to the Project Request, the **RECIPIENT** is under a duty to seek clarification and resolution of any issue, discrepancy, or dispute by providing the details and basis of the dispute to the Director, Visitor and Convention Bureau, no later than ten (10) days after the precipitating event. If not resolved by the Director, Visitor and Convention Bureau, within ten (10) days of receipt of notice the dispute will be forwarded to the Assistant County Manager assigned to the Visitor and Convention Bureau. The Assistant County Manager in consultation with the County Attorney's Office will issue the **COUNTY'S** final determination. The **RECIPIENT'S** continuation of the Project work as required under this subparagraph shall not constitute a waiver of any legal remedy available to the **RECIPIENT** concerning the dispute.

4. COMPLETION DATES

The **RECIPIENT** shall commence and complete the Project and meet the deadlines in accordance with the Project Schedule set forth in the Project Plan. In the event of hurricanes, tornado, floods, acts of God, acts of war, or other such catastrophes, or other man-made emergencies such as labor strikes or riots, which are beyond the control of the **RECIPIENT**, the **RECIPIENT'S** obligation to meet the time frames provided in this Agreement shall be suspended for the period of time the condition continues to exist. During such suspension, this Agreement shall remain in effect. When the **RECIPIENT** can resume performance of its obligations under this Agreement, in whole or in part, it shall immediately give the **COUNTY** written notice to that effect and shall resume performance no later than two (2) working days after the notice is delivered. The suspension of the **RECIPIENT'S** obligations provided for in this paragraph shall be the **RECIPIENT'S** sole remedy for the delays set forth herein.

5. REPAYMENT

- 5.1 Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, **COUNTY** has an absolute right to recoup Grant Funds. **COUNTY** may refuse to reimburse **RECIPIENT** for any cost if

COUNTY determines, in its sole discretion, that such cost was not incurred in compliance with the terms of this Agreement. **COUNTY** may demand return of the Grant Funds if **COUNTY** terminates this Agreement.

- 5.2 In the event the **RECIPIENT** is obligated to repay the **COUNTY** under any paragraph of this Agreement, the **RECIPIENT** shall repay the **COUNTY** within a reasonable time, as determined by the **COUNTY** in its sole discretion.
- 5.3 Capital equipment purchased with grant proceeds may not be disposed of without approval from the **COUNTY**. Sale proceeds may be required to be repaid to the **COUNTY**'s Beach and Shoreline Program.
- 5.4 The **RECIPIENT** shall pay attorney's fees and costs incurred by the **COUNTY**, including appeals, as a result of the **RECIPIENT'S** failure to repay the **COUNTY** as required by this Agreement.
- 5.5 This Repayment Paragraph, including all subparagraphs, shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

6. PROJECT RECORDS

The **RECIPIENT** shall maintain accurate records of all expenditures, and **RECIPIENT** shall make records related to this Agreement available at all reasonable times for inspection, review or audit by the **COUNTY**.

Records shall be kept for a period of at least three (3) years following the end of the funding period. Each party shall comply with Chapter 119, F.S., the Public Records Act, including allowing public access to the Project documents and materials made or received by either party.

Should either party assert any exemption to the requirements of Chapter 119, F.S., the burden of establishing such exemption, by way of injunctive or other relief as provided by law, shall be upon the asserting party. This paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

7. REPORTS

- 7.1 **RECIPIENT** shall provide quarterly status updates to the **COUNTY** describing the progress of the Project, adherence to the Project Schedule and any developments affecting the Project. The **RECIPIENT** shall promptly advise the **COUNTY** of issues that arise that may impact the successful and timely completion of the Project. Quarterly reports shall be submitted to the **COUNTY'S** Program Manager, Visitor and Convention Bureau no later than forty-five (45) days following the completion of the quarterly reporting period.
- 7.2 Status reports must be current to receive reimbursement.

- 7.3 The **RECIPIENT** shall provide the reports and documents referenced in this paragraph at no cost to the **COUNTY**.

8. LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 8.1 To the extent permitted by Florida law, the **RECIPIENT** assumes all risks relating to the Project and agrees to be solely liable for, and to indemnify and hold the **COUNTY** harmless from all claims, loss, damage and other expenses, including attorney's fees and costs and attorneys' fees and cost on appeal, arising from the Project.
- 8.2 The **COUNTY** shall not be liable to any person, firm or corporation that contracts with the **RECIPIENT** to provide goods and services associated with the Project conducted with the funding. Nor shall the **COUNTY** be liable to any person, firm or corporation for claims against the **RECIPIENT** or debts incurred by the **RECIPIENT**.
- 8.3 This Liability and Indemnification paragraph, including all subparagraphs, shall not be construed as a waiver of the **RECIPIENT'S** sovereign immunity or an extension of the **RECIPIENT'S** liability beyond the limits established in Section 768.28, F.S., nor be construed as consent by the **RECIPIENT** to be sued by third parties in any manner arising out of this Agreement.
- 8.4 Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted as a waiver of the **COUNTY'S** sovereign immunity or an extension of its liability beyond the limits established in Section 768.28, F.S., nor be construed as consent by the **COUNTY** to be sued by third parties in any manner arising out of this Agreement. This Liability and Indemnification paragraph, including all subparagraphs, shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

9. TERMINATION

- 9.1 The **COUNTY**, by written notice to **RECIPIENT** may terminate this Agreement immediately and cancel any unpaid disbursement if the **COUNTY** determines, in its sole discretion, that:
- a) **RECIPIENT** used any portion of the grant funds for purposes not included in the terms of this Agreement.
 - b) **RECIPIENT** is not making satisfactory progress toward the completion of the Project or has violated the terms of this Agreement.
- Upon receipt of the written notice, **RECIPIENT** shall not provide any further deliverables after receiving the notice of termination.

Within 30 days after receiving written notice from the **COUNTY** of such termination, the **RECIPIENT** shall return the funds reimbursed. The **COUNTY** will have no liability to pay the **RECIPIENT** any further sums in relation to this Agreement.

- 9.2 **RECIPIENT** may terminate this Agreement for inability to obtain all permits and local government approvals necessary to complete the Project or inability to complete the Project. To effect termination, **RECIPIENT** shall provide **COUNTY** with written "Notice of Termination". **RECIPIENT** shall refund all grant funds provided under this Agreement to the **COUNTY** for the Project within 30 days of termination.

- 9.3 This Funding Agreement terminates three (3) years after approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

10. LAW COMPLIANCE

The **RECIPIENT** shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and guidelines related to performance under this Agreement.

11. ASSIGNMENT

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, no party may assign any of its rights or delegate any of its obligations under this Agreement, including any operation or maintenance duties related to the Project, without the prior written consent of the other party. Any attempted assignment in violation of this paragraph is void. This paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

12. GOVERNING LAW

The laws of the State of Florida shall govern the construction, enforcement, and interpretation of this Agreement, regardless of and without reference to whether any applicable conflicts of laws principles may point to the application of the laws of another jurisdiction. The Parties expressly consent to exclusive jurisdiction and venue in any state court located in Lee County, Florida, and waive any defense of forum non conveniens, lack of personal jurisdiction, or like defense.

13. SEVERABILITY

If any paragraph or paragraphs of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining paragraphs shall not in any way be affected or impaired

thereby. Notwithstanding the above, if a paragraph or paragraphs of this Agreement setting forth the requirements or expectations of the benefit of promoting tourism resulting from the Project is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable during the term of this Agreement, this Agreement shall terminate in accordance with the Repayment paragraph. This paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

14. COUNTERPARTS

The parties may execute this Agreement, and any amendments related to this Agreement, each of which constitutes an original, and all of which, collectively, constitute only one Agreement. The signatures of all the parties need not appear on the same counterpart.

15. MISCELLANEOUS

- 15.1 The **RECIPIENT** covenants to the **COUNTY** that it has lawful authority to enter into this Agreement and has authorized the execution of this agreement by its authorized representative.
- 15.2 This Agreement embodies the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. There are no provisions, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained in this Agreement; and this Agreement supersedes all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either verbal or written, between the Parties. If a court of competent jurisdiction voids or holds unenforceable any provision of this Agreement, then that provision shall be enforced only to the extent that it is not in violation of law or is not otherwise unenforceable, and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 15.3 This Agreement may not be modified, amended or extended orally. This Agreement may only be amended by written agreement executed by the governing bodies of both parties.

16. CONTACT INFORMATION

COUNTY

Lee County Board of County Commissioners
Director, Visitor and Convention Bureau
2201 Second Street, Suite 600
Fort Myers, FL 33901

RECIPIENT

VILLAGE OF ESTERO
Village Manager
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle
Estero, FL 33928

The Parties' respective contact and notice information is set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph and may be subject to change at the Parties' discretion. If the contact information changes, the Party making such change will notify the other Party in writing. When the term "written notice" is used to specify a notice requirement herein, said notice shall be deemed to have been given (i) when personally delivered; (ii) when transmitted by email, if the sender on the same day sends a confirming copy of such notice by certified or registered mail; (iii) the next business day following the day on which the same has been delivered prepaid to a recognized overnight delivery service; or (iv) the third business day following the day on which the same is sent by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, with return receipt.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth above,
the Parties, through their duly-authorized representatives, sign this Agreement and
represent and warrant that they understand the Agreement as of this _____ day of
_____, 20_____.

ATTEST:
KEVIN KARNES, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE
RELIANCE OF LEE COUNTY ONLY

BY: _____
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

ATTEST:
VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

BY: _____

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY: _____
VILLAGE ATTORNEY

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2025

Agenda Item:

Resolution No. 2025-16 Veterans Day event

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-16.

Background: Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday observed annually on November 11, which commemorates and honors the service of all United States military veterans. The Village of Estero has, between 2017 and 2024, sponsored and conducted six Veterans Day events (no events occurred in 2020 and 2022 due to COVID and Ian) to honor veterans living in the Village.

The Village Council has historically provided a budget for the Veterans Day event in which staff has kept expenses. The event's costs have been between \$2018 and \$7,043 (depending on variables such as whether promotional items were produced and distributed to attendees, and the costs of advertising). By way of example, the budget history of the event is:

2017 – \$5758.86 (first time advertisement cost us \$3000 this year)
2018 – \$2018.67 (no giveaways)
2019 – \$2657.03 (550 wrists bands given out only \$440.00)
2020 – canceled Covid
2021 -- \$6292.50 (Umbrellas 500 x 6.76 = \$3383.00)
2022 – canceled Hurricane Ian
2023 -- \$6924.50 (Therma Bags 450 x 6.42- \$2950.33)
2024 -- \$7043.85 – (Therma Bags 400 x \$6.42 = \$2568.00)

For 2025, the Village staff have set aside Saturday, November 8th for the Veterans Day event, and preliminary work on planning elements for the event has occurred. The preliminary schedule of events is as follows:

10:00 AM Warm Up Music – TBA

10:15 AM Welcome by Councilman Lopez

10:20 AM Invocation by Pastor Angi Heathcoat Ocean Church

10:25 AM Presentation of Colors, Estero JROTC (American/Fl, 6 Branch Flags)

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- 10:30 AM National Anthem by Estero High School Band
- 10:35 AM Pledge of Allegiance, Led by TBA
- 11:45 AM Greeting & Recognition of Dignitaries by Joanne Ribble, Mayor of Estero
- 11:00 AM Singing of “This Land is your Land. This Land is my Land” & “You’re a Grand Old Flag” by New Horizons Group
- 11:10 AM Keynote Address by Florida State Representative Mike Giallombardo U.S. Army Veteran (Operation Iraqi Freedom)
- 11:20 AM Goldstar Families by American Gold Star Mothers of Southwest Florida TBA
- 11:30 AM Armed Forces Medley by TBA
- 11:40 AM God Bless America by Estero High School Band
- 11:45 AM Closing Remarks & Recognition of Planning Team & Sponsors, TBA
- 11:50 AM 21 Gun Salute (LCSO) and Taps TBA
- 12:00 PM God Bless the USA by TBA

Close – Play music until thin or 12pm End

While preliminary planning has occurred, the Village Manager desires to receive direction from the Council regarding the budget for the 2025 event. Based on historical trends, and increasing costs, the Village Manager has recommended a budget of **\$10,000** for the event for 2025.

Looking past the 2025 event, the Village Manager has noted to Council that since the Village operates under the “government lite” model, staff resources are limited with respect to the time needed to plan this complex event. And due to the Village’s procurement rules and potential Sunshine law issues, individual Council Members are not properly suited to expend Village funds, conduct all the necessary meetings, and ensure all documents and procedures are lawful and protect the Village from liability.

Therefore, the Village Manager has recommended exploration of alternative program sponsorship models for future years, wherein a private community entity could become the event’s producer and the Village could become a financial co-sponsor. The Manager

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therefore is asking for permission to further explore such potential arrangements and, if any are identified, to develop proposed terms for the Council's consideration for 2026 and beyond.

Action Requested: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-16.

Process and Timeline: If approved by Council, the Village Manager will proceed with finalizing the event and complying with the Resolution's direction.

Financial Impact: The Council will be establishing the event's budget at the meeting.

Prepared by: Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Attachment: Resolution No. 2025-16

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA,
ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR THE 2025 VETERANS DAY EVENT;
DIRECTING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO TAKE CERTAIN RELATED
ACTIONS; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday observed annually on November 11, which commemorates and honors the service of all United States military veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero has, between 2017 and 2024, sponsored and conducted six Veterans Day events (no events occurred in 2020 and 2022 due to COVID and Ian) to honor veterans living in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the event has cost the Village between \$2018 and \$7,043 (depending on variables such as whether promotional items were produced and given out, and the costs of advertising); and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has historically provided a budget for the Veterans Day event in which staff has kept expenses; and

WHEREAS, for 2025, the Village staff have set aside Saturday, November 8th for the Veterans Day event; and

WHEREAS, while the Village has been preliminarily working on planning elements for the event, the Village Manager has requested the Village Council to establish a budget for the 2205 event, and has recommended exploration of alternative program sponsorship models for future years; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has considered the event's history, the Village Manager's input, and finds that the provisions of this Resolution are in the Village's best interests.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, that:

Section 1. 2025 Veterans Day Event Budget

- a. The total expenditures for the 2025 Estero Veterans Day event shall not exceed \$_____.
- b. The Village Manager and relevant Village staff are authorized to acquire the services and commodities necessary to conduct the event.
- c. Donated items or services shall be accepted by the Village Manager to reduce event costs to the extent the Manager determines doing so is in keeping with the Village's overall interests.

Section 2. Future Events—Alternative Sponsorship Model

- a. In keeping with the "government lite" philosophy of the Village, the Village Manager is directed to explore opportunities for the Village to allow a private entity to put on the Veterans Day event in the future where the Village may be a financial sponsor of the event, but would not be required to expend staff time and resources in the direct planning of the event.

- b. If the Village Manager is successful in identifying a suitable entity to put on the event, the Manager is authorized to develop, with the assistance of the Village Attorney, such sponsorship agreement as may be necessary to ensure the event remains at a level of quality sought by the Village, and to ensure the Village's legal interests are addressed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, provision or word of this Resolution is held unconstitutional or otherwise legally invalid, same shall be severable and the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected by such invalidity, such that any remainder of the Resolution shall withstand any severed provision, as the Village Council would have adopted the Resolution even absent the invalid part.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 10th day of September, 2025.

Attest:

Joanne Ribble, Mayor

Carol Sacco, Village Clerk

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2025

Agenda Item:

Agreement with the Estero Forever Foundation for Happehatchee Complex property management activities.

Motion to approve Agreement between Village of Estero and the Estero Forever Foundation for Happehatchee Complex property management activities.

Background:

On April 3rd 2024, the Village entered into a Framework of Cooperation (the Framework) with the Estero Forever Foundation (EFF), the purpose of which was to allow the Village to leverage the community work of the EFF in ways which would allow both the EFF and Village to fulfill their respective missions in efficient and innovative ways. The Framework established a general agreement between the parties related to financial support and management, and contemplated future agreements between the parties related to specific projects or initiatives.

The Village owns certain largely undeveloped real property consisting of subtropical forest, located on Corkscrew Road, south of the Estero River ("the Property"). The Property is generally referred to as the Happehatchee Property, and includes the Happehatchee Center. The Village is in the process of making certain physical improvements to the Property, and additional property it owns north of the Estero River. The Village's general vision is the development of more active recreational facilities on its property north of the Estero River, while maintaining more passive park and recreational opportunities and facilities on the Property south of the Estero River.

However, until those larger evolutionary changes occur, the Village has determined that the Property requires continued management and daily oversight and maintenance. The Village has determined that the EFF is well-situated to assume the duties of management of the Property and the parties have agreed to the terms set out in the attached agreement, at a cost to the Village of \$1,500 per month. Given the state of the Village's overall development plans for the Property, the term of the agreement is through December 31st 2025. The Village will re-assess its needs and any public access to the property at that time.

Action Requested:

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Motion to approve Agreement between Village of Estero and the Estero Forever Foundation for Happehatchee Complex property management activities.

Process and Timeline:

If approved by Council, Village staff will coordinate with the EFF regarding its property management work during the term of the agreement.

Financial Impact:

\$1,500 per month during the Agreement's term.

Prepared by: Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Attachment:

1. Agreement for Happehatchee Complex property management activities.

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO AND
THE ESTERO FOREVER FOUNDATION FOR MANAGEMENT
OF THE HAPPEHATCHEE COMPLEX**

This Agreement is entered into between the Parties this 10th day of September, 2025 (the “Effective Date”) by and between the Village of Estero, a Florida municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as the “Village”) located at 9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle, Estero, FL 33928, and the Estero Forever Foundation, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation, FEIN: 84-2466890 (hereinafter referred to as the “Foundation”), located at 20791 Three Oaks Parkway, Unit 763, Estero, FL 33929.

WHEREAS, on April 3rd 2024, the Village entered into a Framework of Cooperation (the Framework) with the Foundation, the purpose of which was to allow the Village to leverage the community work of the Foundation in ways which would allow both the Foundation and Village to fulfill their respective missions in efficient and innovative ways; and

WHEREAS the Framework established a general agreement between the Parties related to financial support and management, and contemplated future agreements between the Parties related to specific projects or initiatives; and

WHEREAS the Village owns certain largely undeveloped real property consisting of subtropical forest, located at the addresses 8661, 8701, 8751, 8761, 8791, and 8801 Corkscrew Rd., Estero, Florida, 33928, and south of the Estero River (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Property”); and

WHEREAS, the parcel located at 8791 Corkscrew Rd., Estero, Florida, 33928 (commonly referred to as the Happehatchee Center property and hereinafter referred to as “the Center”), has unique historical significance and unique operational requirements; and

WHEREAS the Center has, in past decades, been used by individuals and groups in the community of what is now the Village of Estero for access to nature, as well as to attend programs related to wellness, ecological and environmental education, scouting, crafts, and other similar programs; and

WHEREAS, the Village is in the process of making certain physical improvements to the Property, and additional property it owns north of the Estero River; and

WHEREAS, the Village’s general vision is the development of more active recreational facilities on its property north of the Estero River, while maintaining more passive park and recreational opportunities and facilities on the Property south of the Estero River; and

WHEREAS, until that larger evolutionary change occurs, the Village has determined that the Property requires continued management and daily oversight and maintenance, as well as incremental programming improvements to allow the public to gain better use of the Property, with priority being the creation of a place where community groups can meet; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that the Foundation is well-situated to assume the duties of management of the Center and the 8801 parcel under the terms of this Agreement, which the Foundation has agreed to.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Village shall pay the Foundation \$1,500 per month. The funds paid to the Foundation by the Village for the Foundation's operation of the Center shall be treated as Village Derived Funds, as that term is used in the Framework, and shall be used in the manner and for the purposes set forth in the Framework related to Village Derived Funds.
2. The Initial Term of this Agreement shall be from the Effective Date through close of business on Wednesday, December 31st 2025. The Parties may mutually agree to successive ninety-day terms. This Agreement may be terminated upon thirty-days written notice.
3. The Foundation's management of the Property shall include:
 - Light landscape maintenance including clearing of plant debris
 - Light maintenance of the structures on the Center (maintenance and repair efforts by the Foundation shall be coordinated with the Village Manager or designee in terms of the scope and schedule of the work, as well as the qualifications of the person(s) performing the work)
 - Monitoring of the structures on the Property and report to the Village Manager any maintenance or safety issues which may become known to the Foundation which would require Village resources to address
 - Training and overseeing Foundation volunteers who provide volunteer services at the Property
 - Overseeing access to the Property by individuals and groups, including ensuring persons and vehicles do not enter areas which are not authorized as open to the public or public driving/parking (where necessary, law enforcement may be summoned to assist in such efforts)
 - Coordinate with the Village Manager or designee on parking and property access rules and procedures
 - Development of fee-based and other programming for community groups geared toward attracting greater use of the Center by individuals or groups while allowing the Center to recognize some added revenue (all such programming to be approved by the Village Manager prior to implementation)

4. In exercising its management of the Center, the Foundation agrees to adhere to any Village operating policies applicable to the Center, as well as to any covenants which may apply to the Center.
5. The Village agrees to:
 - Pay for all current utility services
 - Provide through contracted resources mowing and major debris clearing services
 - Providing repair of buildings or equipment where the Village determines such work should be done (at the Village's option, the Foundation may be asked to acquire bids for certain repairs for which reimbursement to the Foundation would be provided)
 - Installing any infrastructure related to securing the Property and access thereto
6. Foundation shall comply with all applicable requirements contained in the Florida Public Records Law, including but not limited to any applicable provisions in Florida Statutes § 119.0701. Pursuant to that statute, the Foundation shall:
 - (a) Keep and maintain public records required by the Village to perform the services provided hereunder.
 - (b) Upon request from the Village's custodian of public records, provide the Village with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
 - (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed, except as authorized by law for the duration of the term of this Agreement and following completion of this Agreement if the Foundation does not transfer the records to the Village.
 - (d) Upon completion of the Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the Village all public records in the possession of the Foundation or keep and maintain public records required by the Village to perform the service. If the Foundation transfers all public records to the Village upon completion of the Agreement, the Foundation shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Foundation keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Foundation shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the Village, upon request from the Village's custodian of public records, in

a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the Village.

If the Foundation fails to comply with the requirements in this Article 7, the Village may enforce these provisions in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. If the Foundation fails to provide the public records to the Village within a reasonable time, it may be subject to penalties under Florida Statutes § 119.10.

IF THE FOUNDATION HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE FOUNDATION'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, THE FOUNDATION SHOULD CONTACT THE VILLAGE'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS: BY PHONE (239.221.5035), E-MAIL (records@estero-fl.gov), OR MAIL (VILLAGE OF ESTERO, OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK, 9401 CORKSCREW PALMS CIRCLE, ESTERO, FLORIDA 33928.

7. The performance of this Agreement shall be in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations. Additionally, the Foundation agrees that when performing under this Agreement it and its agents shall refrain from discriminating against any person on the grounds of race, religion, color, disability, national origin, gender, age or marital status.
8. The relationship of the Foundation to Village shall be that of an independent contracting entity. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as vesting or delegating to the Foundation or its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, any rights, interest or status as an employee of the Village. The Village shall not be liable to any person, firm or corporation that is employed by, contracts with, or provides goods or services to the Foundation in connection with the performance of this Agreement or for debts or claims accruing to such parties. The Foundation shall promptly pay, discharge or promptly take such action as may be necessary and reasonable to settle such debts or claims. In order to ensure it is capable of meeting its obligations under this Agreement.
9. The Foundation may not assign, transfer, subcontract, or encumber this Agreement, or any right or interest in this Agreement, without the express prior written consent of the Village.
10. No waiver of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be construed to be a waiver of any breach of any other provision. No delay in acting with regard to any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall be construed to be a waiver of such breach.

Every right and remedy of each of the Parties shall be cumulative and either Party, in its sole discretion, may exercise any and all rights or remedies stated in this Agreement or otherwise available at law or in equity.

11. This Agreement, together with the documents incorporated by reference, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes any prior understanding or agreement between the Parties, either verbal or written, respecting the same subject. This includes that certain assignment of activities issued by the Village Manager on July 18th 2023.
12. The insurance and indemnification provisions of the Framework are incorporated herein and are applicable to this Agreement.
13. This Agreement is subject to formal approval of the Village Council and the Board of the Foundation, and shall be effective as of the Effective Date, notwithstanding the actual date(s) of execution.
14. To the extent notice is required under this Agreement, it shall be provided by either hand delivery or U.S. Mail as follows:

To the Foundation:

Estero Forever Foundation, Inc.
Attn: Chairman
20791 Three Oaks Parkway, Unit 763
Estero, FL 33929

To the Village:

Village of Estero
Attn: Village Manager
9401 Corkscrew Palms Circle
Estero, FL 33928

A Party may amend the place of delivery of notice to that Party by written notice to the other Party without need of amending this Agreement.

WHEREFORE, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

Estero Forever Foundation, Inc.

Village of Estero

By: _____
Wayne Smith, Chairman

By: _____
Joanne Ribble, Mayor

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2025

Agenda Item:

Renewal of Forerunner floodplain management software for a period of two years.

Motion to approve the renewal of Forerunner floodplain management software for a period of two years 10/1/2025 through 9/30/2027.

Background:

The Village issued a Sole Source solicitation with no objections for Forerunner floodplain management software on 8/21/2024. Forerunner software is widely used in Southwest Florida for flood management record keeping. The Village has implemented the software and has been in use now for a year.

Description:

The Village currently uses 10 seats of the software with no expected increase. The vendor has offered the Village a discount and cost avoidance of renewal increases for extending the license for their software for a two-year renewal period. This price guarantees a fixed price for the two-year period.

Action Requested:

Renewal of Forerunner floodplain management software for a period of two years.

Motion to approve the renewal of Forerunner floodplain management software for a period of two years 10/1/2025 through 9/30/2027.

Process and Timeline:

Renewal of the software extends the Village's use for 10 users until 9/30/2027.

Financial Impact:

\$81,796 total for the two-year renewal period.

Prepared by: Steve Gillette

Attachment:

1. Forerunner renewal quotation



2025-2027 Renewal for Village of Estero, FL (2-year)

Thank you for your interest in Forerunner! Note that pricing is subject to adjustment as the details of the license and any additional packages are finalized. For questions, please contact:
Maya Colato: maya@withforerunner.com | (469) 210-3213

Overview

LICENSE TERM	OFFER DATE	OFFER EXPIRATION
2 Years	8/21/25	9/30/25

Base Pricing

LICENSE COST
\$40,898/year

LICENSE DETAILS

Our Base License provides access to Forerunner's core platform, including:

- Up to 10 user seats
- Access to the Properties geospatial object
- Access to the SI/SD, Logs, and Inspections record categories
- A 5% optimization fee is reflected in the year-over-year license cost in this proposal. Additional user seats, object types, record categories, add-ons, and customizations may incur additional fees.

X: _____

Steve Sarkozy

DATE: _____

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2025

Agenda Item: Resolution No. 2025-21 Acknowledging Grant Award and Requiring Public Notice

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-21.

Background: The Village of Estero had applied for a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funded in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

The Village has received a Final Notice from FEMA awarding the Village HMGP funds for the project HMGP-4673-(609)-Village of Estero, Estero River Watershed Utility, Infrastructure Retrofit. The grant is conditioned upon the Village's compliance with various federal regulations including a requirement that the Village provide a Public Notice regarding the award which notice must be open for comment for thirty days.

According to applicable FEMA guidance, the required Public Notice may be accomplished under one or more of the following methods:

- A sign posted at the project site or nearby intersection - Provide photograph of the sign
- A notice posted on the wall at the post office, community center or other public location - Provide copy of the notice and photograph of it posted at the location.
- A notice on a local government web site (Most recommended) - Provide web address
- A newspaper legal notice or article - Provide affidavit and copy of the notice
- A public meeting (ex. Village Council, transportation committee, HOA, etc.) - Provide meeting minutes and copy of the sign-in sheet
- Flyers mailed/handed out to the people who will be affected by the project - Copy of the flyer and address of who received the flyer
- Any additional ways the Village Manager believes information can be dispersed to the public.

The adoption of the Resolution is required to ensure compliance with the notice requirement.

Action Requested: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-21.

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Process and Timeline: If approved by Council, the Village Manager and Clerk will ensure the required Public Notice is issued and any comments will be collected and responded to.

Financial Impact: Negligible.

Prepared by: Robert Eschenfelder, Village Attorney

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2025-21
2. Broadway Ave w UEP - Map

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF DIRECTION FROM FDEM AND FEMA DIRECTING STAFF TO PUBLISH THE FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED BY FEMA AS PART OF THE HMGP GRANT AWARD PROCESS; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Village of Estero had applied for a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funded in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Village has received a notification from the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and FEMA advising that it is now time to publicly advertise a Final Notice prior to FEMA making a determination on awarding the Village HMGP funds for the project HMGP-4673- (609)- Village of Estero, Estero River Watershed Utility, Infrastructure Retrofit; and

WHEREAS, the grant is conditioned upon the Village's compliance with various federal regulations including a requirement that the Village provide a Public Notice regarding the potential award which notice must be open for comment for thirty days; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that adoption of this Resolution is necessary to ensure compliance with the notice requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida, that:

Section 1. Adoption of Notice

The Public Notice attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof is hereby adopted by the Village of Estero.

Section 2. Provision of Public Notice

The Village Manager, assisted by the Village Clerk, shall ensure the Public Notice under one or more of the following methods:

- A sign posted at the project site or nearby intersection - Provide photograph of the sign
- A notice posted on the wall at the post office, community center or other public location - Provide copy of the notice and photograph of it posted at the location.
- A notice on a local government web site (Most recommended) - Provide web address
- A newspaper legal notice or article - Provide affidavit and copy of the notice
- A public meeting (ex. Village Council, transportation committee, HOA, etc.) - Provide meeting minutes and copy of the sign-in sheet

- Flyers mailed/handed out to the people who will be affected by the project - Copy of the flyer and address of who received the flyer
- Any additional ways the Village Manager believes information can be dispersed to the public.

Section 3. Record of Public Comments

In accordance with FEMA's regulations, the Village Manager will keep a record of the methods of the Village's Public Notice posting, as well as any public comments, and the Village's response to such comments, and submit each of these to the relevant FEMA grant coordinator when the 30-day notice period is complete.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, provision or word of this Resolution is held unconstitutional or otherwise legally invalid, same shall be severable and the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected by such invalidity, such that any remainder of the Resolution shall withstand any severed provision, as the Village Council would have adopted the Resolution even absent the invalid part.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 10th day of September, 2025.

Attest:

Joanne Ribble, Mayor

Carol Sacco, Village Clerk

JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

September 10th 2025

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Florida Division of Emergency Management have received the following application for Federal grant funding. Final notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) consideration to provide funding in the form of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Funds will be provided in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority or low-income populations.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Applicant:

Village of Estero

Project Title:

HMGP-4673- (609)- Village of Estero, Estero River Watershed Utility, Infrastructure Retrofit

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations:

Phase A:

Pine Tree Lane
Coconut Drive
Park Place
Palmetto Terrace
Riverside Drive
Royal Palm Drive
Mederia Lane
Porthole Court
Armada Court

Phase B:

Broadway Ave West (west of River Drive)
Holiday Drive
Charing Cross Circle

Phase C:

Sherrill Lane
Leuttich Lane

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The project consists of the construction of sanitary sewer and potable water lines within the existing street rights-of-way, connection of the adjacent residences to the sewer and water lines, and elimination of the existing septic tanks. The Phase A area will include a sewer pumping station (lift station) constructed on the east side of Park Place between Royal Palm Drive and Mederia Lane. A force main will connect to the existing Lee County Utilities force main on Broadway Avenue West. The Phase B area will include a sewer lift station constructed on the north side of Broadway Avenue West, across from Charing Cross Circle. A force main will connect to the existing Lee County Utilities force main on Broadway Avenue West. The Phase C area will connect to the Phase B sewer lift station and also includes stormwater drainage improvements to reduce the potential for flooding in the area. As part of the project, roadways impacted by the installation of sewer and water lines will be reconstructed.

Construction of the project will provide safe potable water to all residences currently utilizing on site wells and provide safe and reliable sanitary sewer disposal facilities. The potable water and sanitary sewer services will be more likely to continue to function during times of flooding from either intense rainfall or tidal storm surge. To help ensure the functionality of the sanitary sewer systems, the lift stations include the provision for either a portable generator rapid connection or an on-site generator. An additional environmental benefit is that elimination of the septic systems is anticipated to reduce the currently identified nutrient and bacterial loading within the Estero River.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are

- Alternative 1: the no action alternative,
- Alternative 2: construction of a vacuum assisted sanitary sewer collection system (to minimize excavation depths) along with the standard potable water line system, and
- Alternative 3: relocation, acquisition/demolition of the affected residential neighborhoods.

These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because:

- Alternative 1: The potential for repetitive flooding to negatively impact the existing wells and septic systems is not alleviated and the needs of the neighborhoods would not be served;
- Alternative 2: Lee County Utilities is unwilling to accept ownership and operation of a vacuum assisted sanitary sewer collection system as it would be different from their other existing facilities and have different maintenance requirements; and
- Alternative 3: The existing owners within the project's neighborhoods do not desire to see their residences eliminated, would not retain the fabric of the community by removing several neighborhoods, and is cost prohibitive and therefore not practicable.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bureau of Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of September 10th 2025. The State will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed. Interested persons may

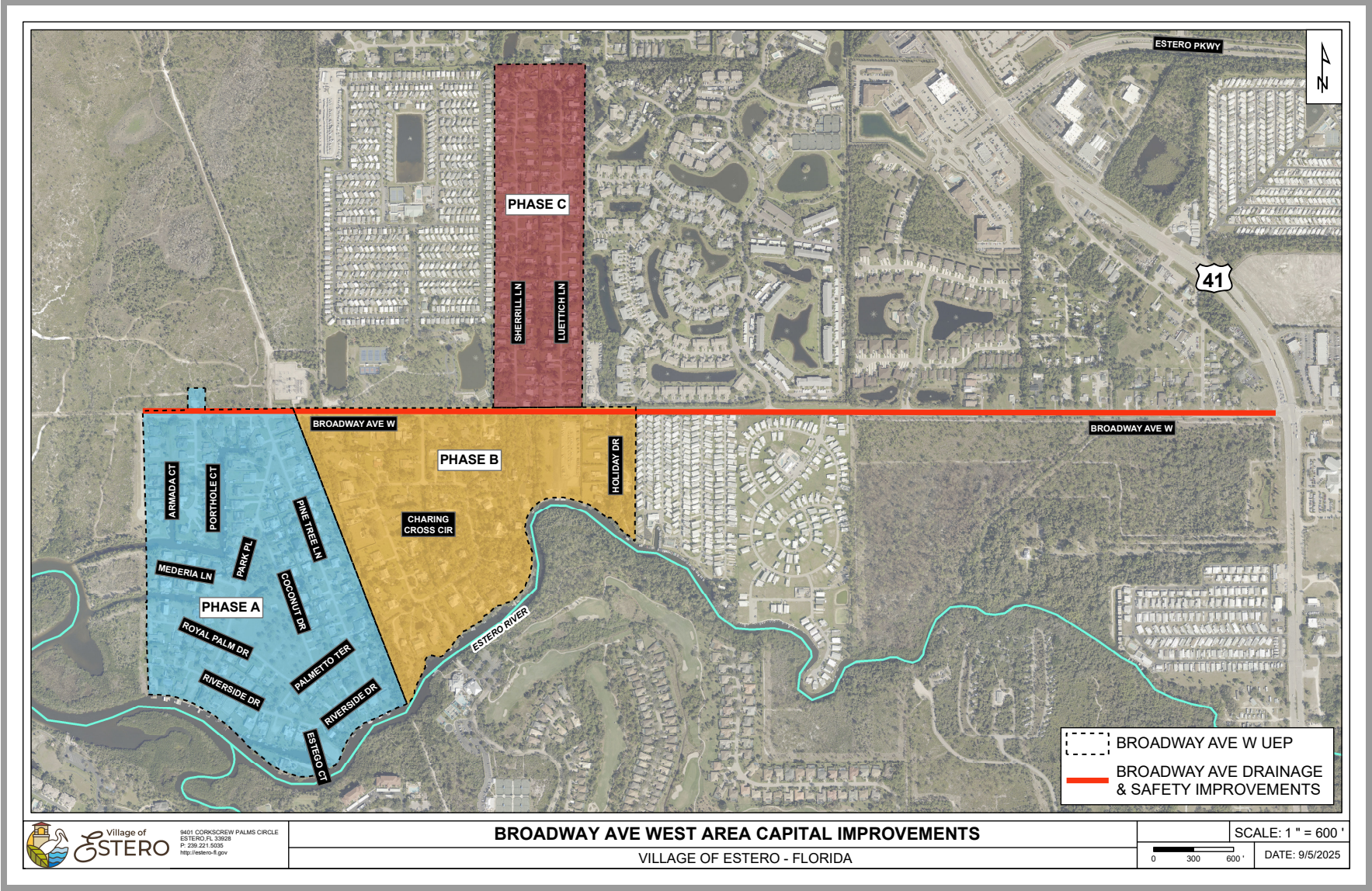
submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

Robert Wiley, Project Manager
Village of Estero

(239) 319-2810
wiley@estero-fl.gov

Kayla Born, State Lead Environmental Specialist
Florida Division of Emergency Management

(850) 273-9289
Kayla.Born@em.myflorida.com



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL
September 10, 2025

Agenda Item:

Second Reading for Ordinance No. 2025-09 Authority to Approve Plats

Approve Ordinance No. 2025-09

Background:

A plat is a detailed survey of a parcel of land showing the boundaries, dimensions, and other features of the land, and including individual lots, streets, and easements granted to government entities. The process of platting land in Florida is regulated by Chapter 177 of the Florida Statutes. Historically, plats have finally been approved by the local government's governing board prior to being recorded.

However, this legislative session, the Florida Legislature passed SB 784, which the Governor has signed into law, thus creating Chapter Law 2025-164. This new Chapter law alters how plats are to be approved by local governments. In particular, the Chapter Law amends Florida Statutes § 177.071 by adding the following new language in subsection (1)(a):

A plat or replat submitted under this part must be administratively approved and no further action or approval by the governing body of a county or municipality is required if the plat or replat complies with the requirements of s. 177.091. The governing body of the county or municipality shall designate, by ordinance or resolution, an administrative authority to receive, review, and process the plat or replat submittal, including designating an administrative official responsible for approving, approving with conditions, or denying the proposed plat or replat.

This new statutory language necessitates revisions to several provisions in the Village's Land Development Code to designate the Community Development Director as the "administrative authority" to approve plats since Council is no longer permitted to be involved in that process.

Importantly, plat applicants must still comply with the obligations in Chapter 177 and Village Code regarding the content of plats, and they will continue to be reviewed by Village staff, engineers, and legal counsel prior to acceptance.

Council First reading was held on July 2, 2025.

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Description:

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Action Requested:

Approve Ordinance No. 2025-09

Process and Timeline:

Council first reading July 2, 2025

Planning Zoning and Design Board recommended approval on July 8, 2025

Council second reading will be on September 10, 2025

Financial Impact: none

Prepared by: Mary Gibbs

Attachment:

1. Ordinance No. 2025-09

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, AMENDING § 2-301, § 2-303, AND § 2-502 OF THE VILLAGE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE REGARDING PLAT APPROVALS; MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a plat is a detailed survey of a parcel of land showing the boundaries, dimensions, and other features of the land, and including individual lots, streets, and easements granted to government entities; and

WHEREAS, the process of platting land in Florida is regulated by Chapter 177 of the Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, historically, plats have finally been approved by the local government's governing board prior to being recorded; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has passed SB 784, which the Governor has signed into law, thus creating Chapter Law 2025-164, which alters how plats are to be approved by local governments; and

WHEREAS, the new version of Florida Statutes § 177.071(1)(a) provides:

A plat or replat submitted under this part must be administratively approved and no further action or approval by the governing body of a county or municipality is required if the plat or replat complies with the requirements of s. 177.091. The governing body of the county or municipality shall designate, by ordinance or resolution, an administrative authority to receive, review, and process the plat or replat submittal, including designating an administrative official responsible for approving, approving with conditions, or denying the proposed plat or replat.

and

WHEREAS, this new statutory language necessitates revisions to several provisions in the Village's Land Development Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida:

Section 1. Section 2-301(A) of the Village Land Development Code is hereby amended as follows:

2-301. Village Council.

A. Powers and Duties. In addition to other authority granted to the Village Council by the Florida Constitution and state law, the Village Council has the following powers and duties under this LDC:

1. To review and decide the following:
 - A. Comprehensive plan amendments (Sec. 2-501.A, Comprehensive Plan Amendments);
 - B. LDC text amendments (Sec. 2-501.B, LDC Text Amendments);
 - C. Rezoning (Zoning map amendments) (Sec. 2-501.C, Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendment));
 - D. Planned developments and Amendments thereto (Sec. 2-501.D, Planned Development);
 - E. Special exceptions (as part of a rezoning) (Sec. 2-501.E, Special Exception);
 - F. Zoning variances (as part of a rezoning) (Sec. 2-506.A, Zoning Variance);
 - G. Flood variances (Sec. 2-506.B; Flood Variance);
 - H. ~~Plats (reserved)~~Sec. 2-502.C, Plat Review);
 - I. Vacation of easements, rights-of-way, or plats (Sec. 2-502.D, Vacation of Easement, Right-of-Way, or Plat);
 - J. Vested rights (Sec. 2-506.E, Vested Rights);
 - K. Final plan approvals (Sec. 2-501.F, Final Plan Approval);
 - L. Development agreements; and
 - M. Bar special permits (Sec. 2-501.G, Bar Special Permit).

Section 2. Section 2-303 of the Village Land Development Code is hereby amended as follows:

2-303. Community Development Director (Director).

A. General. The Village Council has established the Community Development Department as the Village department responsible for the planning functions of the Village, and for administering this LDC. The Community Development Director (Director) serves as the head of the Community Development Department and serves at the direction of the Village Manager.

B. Powers and Duties Under LDC. The Community Development Department, through the Director, has the following general powers and duties under this LDC:

1. To make decisions on the following:

- A. Limited development orders and amendments (Sec. 2-502.B, Limited Development Order);
 - B. Minor changes to development orders (Sec. 2-502.A, Development Order);
 - C. Certificates of concurrency (Sec. 2-503, Certificate of Concurrency);
 - D. Sign permits (except for monument signs) (Sec. 2-505.B, Monument Sign Permit);
 - E. Temporary use permits (Sec. 2-505.C, Temporary Use Permit);
 - F. Tree removal/vegetation permits (Sec. 2-505.D, Tree Removal/Vegetation Permit);
 - G. Administrative deviations (Sec. 2-506.C.2, Administrative Deviation);~~and~~
 - H. Administrative interpretations (Sec. 2-507, Administrative Interpretation);
 - I. Other administrative permits (Sec. 2-508, Other Administrative Permits);~~and~~
 - J. Approval of plats (Florida Statutes § 177.071(1)(b)).
2. To compile and maintain an Administrative Manual;
 3. To conduct pre-application conferences in accordance with Sec. 2-402, Pre-application Conference.
 4. To conduct public information meetings (Sec. 2-401, Public Information Meeting);
 5. To prepare a staff report to the Village Council or PZDB, as applicable, for the following applications for development permit:
 - A. Comprehensive plan amendments (Sec. 2-501.A, Comprehensive Plan Amendments);
 - B. LDC Text amendments (Sec. 2-501.B, LDC Text Amendments);
 - C. Rezoning (zoning map amendments) (Sec. 2-501.C, Rezoning (Zoning Map Amendment));
 - D. Planned developments and amendments (Sec. 2-501.D, Planned Development);
 - E. Special exceptions (as part of a map amendment) (Sec. 2-501.E, Special Exception);
 - F. ~~Plats (reservedSec. 2-502.C, Plat Review)~~;
 - G. Vacation of easements, rights-of-way, or plats (Sec. 2-502.D, Vacation of Easement, Right-of-Way, or Plat);
 - H. Vested rights (Sec. 2-506.E, Vested Rights);
 - I. Final plan approvals (Sec. 2-501.F, Final Plan Approval);
 - J. Bar special permits (Sec. 2-501.G, Bar Special Permit);
 - K. Development orders (Sec. 2-502.A, Development Order);
 - L. Certificates of appropriateness (Sec. 2-504, Historic Preservation Certificate of Appropriateness);

- M. Floodplain variances (Sec. 2-506.B, Flood Variance);
- N. Zoning variances (Sec. 2-506.A, Zoning Variance);
- O. Deviations (Sec. 2-506.C.1, Deviation);
- 6. To serve as professional staff liaison to the Village Council, the Planning Zoning and Design Board, and to provide technical assistance, as needed;
- 7. To enforce this LDC in accordance with adopted code enforcement procedures (Ordinance 2015-14); and-
- 8. To provide such assistance in the conduct of the Village land development regulations and planning programs as directed by the Village Manager.

Section 3. Section 2-502(C) of the Village Land Development Code (Site Development) is hereby amended as follows:

C. Plat Review.

1. *Generally.* This subsection supplements the procedural requirements of F.S. ch. 177 for review and decisions regarding plats and replats. It applies to all subdivisions of land, except the following:
 - A. A development platted or approved by Lee County prior to January 28, 1983, provided that all required improvements have been made or that a security for the performance of the improvements has been posted and is current.
 - B. The division of land for the conveyance of land to a federal, state, County or Village entity, or a public utility.
 - C. The division of land by judicial decree.
 - D. A division of land of two or fewer lots out of a parent parcel approved as a limited development order (Sec. 2-502.B.2, Limited Development Order Procedure).
2. *Plat Procedure.*
 - A. Within 7 business days after receipt of a plat or replat submittal, the Community Development Director shall provide written notice to the applicant acknowledging receipt of the plat or replat submittal and identifying any missing documents or information necessary to process the plat or replat submittal for compliance with Florida Statutes § 177.091. The written notice must also provide information regarding the plat or replat approval process, including requirements regarding the completeness of the process and applicable timeframes for reviewing, approving, and otherwise processing the plat or replat submittal.
~~Figure 2-502.C.2 identifies key steps in the plat and replat procedure, with noted modifications from the general procedures.~~

Figure 2-502.C.2: Plat Procedure Flowchart

- B. Plats shall be prepared in compliance with F.S. ch. 177 and shall contain all of the elements specified in the statute, this LDC (including Section 5-9, Plat Standards), and the Administrative Manual.
- C. Unless the applicant requests an extension of time, the director shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny the plat or replat submittal within the timeframe identified in the written notice provided to the applicant under subsection (2)(A) above. If the director does not approve the plat or replat, it must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for declining to approve the submittal. The written notice must identify all areas of noncompliance and include specific citations to each requirement the plat or replat submittal fails to meet. The director, or an official, an employee, an agent, or a designee of the governing body, may not request or require the applicant to file a written extension of time.
- DC. The Director may permit the combination or recombination of platted lots of record created through a plat recorded in the Official Records of Lee County, in accordance with Sec. 5-906, Lot Recombination, provided the density established through the original plat is not increased and the resulting lots comply with all other applicable requirements of this LDC.
- ED. A development order for the subject property shall be approved prior to approval of a plat.
- 3. *Post Decision-Making Actions.* All plats and replats shall be recorded by the applicant in the Official Records of Lee County.
- 4. *Plat Standards.* The Village Council acts in its ministerial capacity when reviewing and deciding plats and replats. Approval shall be granted if the plat meets the platting requirements of this LDC (see, Section 5-9, Plat Standards, and any technical requirements provided in the Administrative Manual, statutory plat requirements, and other applicable LDC requirements).

Section 4. For purposes of codification of any existing section of the Estero Village Code herein amended, words underlined represent additions to original text, words ~~stricken~~ are deletions from the original text, and words neither underlined nor stricken remain unchanged.

Section 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, provision or word of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or otherwise legally invalid, same shall be severable and the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity, such that any remainder of the Ordinance shall withstand any severed provision, as the Village Council would have adopted

the Ordinance and its regulatory scheme even absent the invalid part.

Section 6. The Codifier shall codify the substantive amendments to the Estero Village Code contained in Sections 1 through 3 of this Ordinance as provided for therein, and shall not codify the exordial clauses nor any other sections not designated for codification.

Section 7. Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 166.041(4)(a), prior to the date the public notice of the public hearing for this Ordinance was published, the Village prepared and posted on its website a business impact estimate which included: a) a summary of the Ordinance, a statement of the public purpose to be served by the Ordinance, b) an estimate of the direct economic impact of the Ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the Village, c) an estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur due to the Ordinance, d) identification of any new charge or fee on businesses created by the Ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible, e) an estimate of the Village's regulatory costs and of revenues from any new charges or fees imposed on businesses to cover such costs, and f) a good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the Ordinance.

Section 8. Pursuant to Florida Statutes § 166.041(4), this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida on the 2nd day of July, 2025.

ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida on the 10th day of September, 2025.

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

Attest:

By: _____

By: _____
Carol Sacco, Village Clerk

Joanne Ribble, Mayor