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DATE: May 22, 2024

MEETING DATE: May 28, 2024

SUBJECT / TOPIC: City of Venice Centennial Plan
 100 years of your "City on the Gulf"

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of Venice has the distinct honor of celebrating the 100-year anniversary of its incorporation on July 1, 2026. City staff members from the City Manager's office and Historical Resources have been working over the past year to establish the vision and framework for this momentous event. With the assistance of Mayor Pachota, many community meetings have occurred with stakeholders and partner organizations to gather input, share ideas, and develop these Centennial planning recommendations.

An update of the Centennial planning activities was presented to City Council and the Venice community at the December 12th City Council meeting. Since that time, the team has been developing the Centennial Celebration Plan that is presented today for review and endorsement. This comprehensive plan is meant to serve as a guiding document, to assist both the city and the public through the process of planning, promoting, funding, and executing this significant community event.

The following important elements are detailed within the planning document:

- 1) The objectives and themes for the upcoming Centennial Celebration.
- 2) The proposed celebration time-period, beginning in November 2025 and extending until May 2027.
- 3) The significant historical dates and recommended City events to commemorate those milestones.
- 4) A recommended budget for the City sponsored events and promotional activities.
- 5) A list of the proposed City sponsored events and promotional activities.
- 6) A description of the partnership process for any organization that wants to be a part of the City's Centennial.
- 7) The timeline for "Next Steps" to ensure proper preparation and execution of this event.

Community partnerships and collaboration are integral to the success of the City's Centennial Celebration. With the steadfast support of the City Council, dedicated City staff, and invaluable stakeholders and partners, the upcoming Centennial will not only be a success, but will embody the spirit of the Venice community.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Six: Preserve the Venice Quality of Life through Proper Planning

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: Endorsement of the City of Venice Centennial Plan

Yes N/A

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