

Council Directive to City Manager

The preservation of historic properties is a priority for the Venice City Council. It is in the City's best interest to support property owners' investment in preserving the City's architectural history. Property owners should be encouraged, and even incited, to preserve rather than replace historic buildings and appurtenances.

The City can play an important role in encouraging the preservation of privately held properties by providing incentives and benefits to property owners in support of this initiative. Many communities have created incentive programs that offer reward and benefit to the property owner and enhanced value to the architectural landscape and culture of the community.

Propose that the City Manager initiate a study of the various incentive programs operating in Florida communities directed at the preservation of historic properties. Include in the study, a survey of local property owners to determine their interest and level of support for such incentive programs. If appropriate, include projected costs associated with specific private property incentive programs. Report findings to the City Council. Advise if there are constraints or obstacles to undertaking the project as defined.