



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Council Member Deborah Anderson, Council Member Richard Causero and Council Member Fred Fraize

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Dave Persson, Assistant City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, Assistant City Clerk Heather Taylor, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, and for certain items on the agenda: Finance Director Linda Senne, Public Works Director John Veneziano, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, Finance Controller Joe Welch, and Assistant City Manager Len Bramble.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Anderson joined the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Ms. Taylor offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Persson.

I. RECOGNITION

[17-2643](#)

Proclaim April 29, 2017 as National Arbor Day, Presented to John Veneziano, Public Works Director

Mayor Holic presented this proclamation to Mr. Veneziano.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Danny Piper, 336 Bayshore Drive, presented a drawing and spoke regarding safety hazards on Bayshore Drive to include speeding and congestion, placing stop signs, service truck parking, adding sidewalks, and the comprehensive plan.

Sam Humphreys, 344 Bayshore Drive, spoke regarding children safety concerns on Bayshore Drive and adding sidewalks.

Don O'Connell, 500 Hauser Lane, spoke regarding historical preservation, money donated for the archives building, concern with proposal not meeting Mediterranean style and standard, and doing replica of the Triangle Inn to store archives.

Pam Mosolino, 452 Bayshore Drive, spoke regarding adding sidewalks or bicycle paths for safety on Bayshore Drive.

Mary Ann Hodge, 441 Bayshore Drive, suggested placing blinking lights along with the stop signs and posting speed limit is strictly enforced.

Sandy Oler, 232 St. Augustine, spoke on the Farmer's Market and signed petition opposing relocation of the market.

Mr. Lavallee provided a plan update regarding Bayshore Drive to include measuring traffic volume and speed, and examining intersections to determine installation of stop signs, consideration of speed bumps, consideration of sidewalks and drainage requirements, staff conducting survey, and reporting to council with staff recommendations.

Discussion followed regarding using pervious blacktop for a sidewalk versus concrete pavement.

Ms. Weeden noted public works placed speed counters to monitor the traffic volume, and spoke regarding issue with the drainage project, modifying swales, pervious pavement and costs, idea of widening shoulders and adding bike lanes, placing stop signs at Park Boulevard at either Bayshore or Bayside Drive, long term solution, sidewalk project time frame and funding, and conducting public outreach.

Discussion followed regarding bicycle lane, width of vehicles extending beyond opposing lane, vehicles stopping on travel lanes, safety concerns, Ms. Weeden addressing landscaping vehicle parking with residents, seasonal residents, sending out survey, May 5, 2017 capital improvement meeting, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) funding, safety rationales, and the 2016 County Wide Vehicle, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Report.

Council had no objection reordering the agenda to address the public hearing prior to the consent section.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

[CC 16-4PP](#)

Consider and Act Upon Preliminary Plat Petition No. 16-4PP for the 2.6-Acre Gulf Harbor Estates to Allow for Nine Single-Family Detached Lots and Associated Subdivision Improvements (Quasi Judicial)

Mayor Holic noted this was a quasi-judicial hearing and opened the

public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that preliminary plat petition no. 16-4PP and the public hearing be continued to May 23, 2017. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Mr. Persson noted discussions on this matter will be heard on May 23, 2017.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to approve items on the Consent Section with the exception of Item Nos. 17-15FP and 17-2645. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A. MAYOR

[17-2644](#) Reappoint John Burton to the Code Enforcement Board to Serve a Term from May 1, 2017 until April 30, 2020

This Reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. CITY MANAGER

Administrative Services

[17-2646](#) Approve Workers' Compensation Claim Settlement Regarding Bob Bosnyak in the Amount of \$35,100

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Engineering

[17-2647](#) Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Airspace Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation for the Right-of-Way of the Hatchett Creek (KMI) Bridge to Construct Public Parking

This Authorization was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[17-2648](#) Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Restoration Assistance Beach Management Funding Assistance Program Grant State of Florida Grant Agreement No. 13ST1, Amendment No. 3 for Venice Beach Nourishment

This Authorization was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Public Works

[17-2649](#) Approve the Purchase Agreements with Garland/DBS, Inc. for Re-roof of the Community Center in the Amount of \$569,990 and the Police Station in the Amount of \$253,992

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

[17-2650](#) Approve Change Order No. 1, Water Main Replacement Program, Phase Four, with Andrew Sitework, LLC., to Increase the Pipe Diameter to Six Inches in the Amount of \$129,122.42 Bringing the new Contract Amount to \$1,840,612.42

This Change Order was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT**B. CITY CLERK**

[17-2645](#) Change Time of the Public Hearings for Five Rezoning Ordinances from after 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. for City-Initiated Rezoning Petitions

Mayor Holic notified council he is personal friends with Jeanne and Richard Davis.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to approve Item No. 17-2645. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Engineering - Continued

[17-15FP](#) Accept the Completion and Payment Bond in the Amount of \$7,530,423.61 and Declaration of Maintenance Responsibilities from Neal Communities of South West Florida, LLC, the Declaration of Maintenance Responsibilities from Milano Neighborhood Association, Inc. and Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Engineer to Sign the Replat for Milano - Phase 2 - Replat 1 (A Replat of Tract 700 and a portion of Tract 608 "Milano Phase 2") from Neal Communities of South West Florida, LLC

A motion was made by Council Member Fraize, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to approve Item No. 17-15FP.

Mr. Fraize stated his concerns with water conservation at Villages of Milano. It was noted that this item is not addressing the engineering design of the water system.

Mr. Persson noted this is an approval of a preliminary plat and not a construction contract, and questions can be asked directly to staff.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

B. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO.
2017-09](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Economic Development Transportation Project Fund Agreement (Off-System Specific Appropriations) for Funds from the Florida Department of Transportation for Construction for City of Venice Road Improvements Project, Accepting Future Maintenance and Other Attendant Costs for the Improvements Funded; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Taylor read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, that Resolution No. 2017-09 be approved and adopted.

Discussion followed regarding public interpretation of project, order in which the roads are repaved, and flexibility to accommodate downtown events.

Ms. Weeden spoke on meeting with special event holders and requiring them to find an alternate location, Nokomis Avenue closure for placement of stormwater pipe, and project delay.

Discussion continued regarding accommodating events, road closures, placing restrictions on contractor, city's agreement with event holders, Sun Fiesta, staff meeting project timelines, April 18, 2018 project start date, parking issues, businesses on the bypass, detours, Ms. Weeden communicating closures with business owners, having the city's public information officer assist Ms. Weeden with answering questions, and public outreach.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Caution and Mr. Fraize

C. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[17-2654](#)

Approve the Shared Parking Agreement Between Sarasota County and the City of Venice for Parking at the Library and Venice Community Center

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Gates to approve Item No. 17-2654.

Discussion followed regarding replacement of parking lot lights.

Mr. Lavalley commented on the sidewalk, landscaping, lighting, and site

plan design.

Mr. Bramble spoke on conversations with the county regarding landscaping, updating existing parking lot light fixtures, sidewalks, and removal and replacement of curbing for compliance with American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Discussion took place regarding the sketch of the city lot and agreement with the county.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[17-2655](#)

Request Council Approval to Dispose of the Showmobile on PublicSurplus and be Sold to the Highest Bidder

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Gates to approve Item No. 17-2655.

Pam Syx, PR Audio, noted her concern with the city's handling process of the showmobile and work conducted to meet bidding criteria.

Discussion followed regarding the city's intent and value of the showmobile.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[17-2656](#)

Direct the City Manager to Prepare an Ordinance Establishing a Venice Historic Landmark Tax Relief Program (Lavallee)

Mr. Lavallee spoke on proposal, preserving historic properties, researching program that allows incentives to property owners, and tax credits.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon to approve Item No. 17-2656. Mayor Holic passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Cautero and seconded the motion.

Discussion continued on preserving historic buildings and landmarks, tax relief, age criteria, timing of proposal, cost to taxpayers, whether the county has a program for historical landmarks, strategic plan, general fund, amount of ongoing city projects, time needed to conduct research, and involving city staff with the project.

Mr. Lavallee spoke on the concept for the proposal.

Discussion ensued regarding the city manager researching a methodology and city staff involvement, tax benefits, the comprehensive plan, and preservation of historic properties.

An amendment to the motion was made by Mayor Holic, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to remove the wording "prepare an ordinance" and add the word "research" to the proposal.

Discussion followed regarding land development regulations (LDR),

historic tax relief, council's support, establishing a time limit, the city manager researching other communities and providing a timeline to council, postponing proposal until the end of the year, encouraging historic preservation without impacting the city, modifying ordinances, extending timeline for staff involvement, and the city manager directing the historic preservation board and Venice Heritage to start researching project.

The amendment carried by voice vote 5-2 with Mr. Daniels and Ms. Anderson opposed.

The motion carried by voice vote 5-2 with Mr. Daniels and Ms. Anderson opposed.

Vice Mayor Cautero passed the gavel to Mayor Holic.

Recess was taken from 10:54 a.m. until 11:05 a.m.

VII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

Mr. Persson had no report.

City Clerk

Ms. Taylor had no report.

City Manager

Mr. Lavallee had no report.

VIII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Fraize

Mr. Fraize noted attending the Florida Housing Coalition Seminar and spoke on topics discussed at the meeting.

Mr. Daniels returned to the dais at 11:06 a.m.

Mr. McKeon returned to the dais at 11:07 a.m.

Mayor Holic provided additional information regarding statistics and affordable housing.

Council Member Gates

Ms. Gates spoke regarding the BBQ Bash, the Braves Stadium, and River Road widening construction.

Council Member McKeon

Mr. McKeon provided an update regarding the comprehensive plan and May 3, 2017 transmittal hearing.

Council Member Anderson

Ms. Anderson spoke on traffic concerns and issues.

Council Member Cautero

Mr. Cautero reported on the Coastal Advisory Committee to include funding requested for a Venice police marine unit and youth boating project.

Council Member Daniels

Mr. Daniels reported on the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meetings.

Discussion took place regarding road projects, traffic, and Florida's transportation system.

Mayor Holic

[17-2657](#)

2017 ALICE Report Update

Mayor Holic provided highlights from the report to include poverty, school reduced lunches, low income households, contribution by employers, rent costs, necessity for assets, PGT providing health and child care for workers, workforce housing, and Career Edge.

[17-2658](#)

Venice's Credit Score Ranked Among the Best

Mayor Holic commented on Venice's credit score ranking and reported on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

A. PRESENTATIONS AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION WILL BE HEARD AT 1:00 P.M. - AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE DELAYED OR MOVED FORWARD TO ACCOMMODATE PRESENTATIONS

[17-2651](#)

Margaret Wuerstle, Executive Director, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council: Projects and Resources of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (10 min.)

Ms. Wuerstle provided a presentation on the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and spoke regarding projects and resources, monthly forum for elected officials, affordable housing and grants available, statutory requirements, assisting with individual needs, research, benefit of collaboration, jobs and prosperity agenda, arts,

culture, heritage, and sense of place, focus, promise zone, goals, and contact information.

Discussion followed regarding determining jobs needed in the Southwest Florida area, affordable housing, promise zone, diversifying business based tourism and construction, medical manufacturing and I-75 corridor from Tampa to Miami, and coordinating with different areas and directors.

Recess was taken from 12:04 p.m. until 1:15 p.m.

[17-2652](#)

Public Works Director John Veneziano, Controller Joe Welch and Lee Lichtle, Chair, Solid Waste and Recycling Rate Stakeholders' Work Group: Consider Proposed Changes to the Solid Waste Fund Revenues in the FY 18 Budget and Direct to Prepare an Ordinance to Revise the Solid Waste Rates

Ms. Fernandez joined the meeting and took over for Mr. Persson.

Mr. Welch provided a presentation and spoke on rate study, formation and progress of the stakeholder's group, recommendations to include increasing rates on can services and roll-offs, eliminating fee for special household collections, no changes to commercial dumpster rates, garbage monthly collection and disposal rate comparison (including recycling), standard roll-off rate comparison, basis for recommendations, what these rate changes will achieve, and rate model.

Mr. Lichtle spoke on previous promises made to council.

Discussion took place regarding automated pickup, different container sizes, yard waste limitation, roll-off dumpsters, raising residential rates, closing borders and being sole providers, recovering revenue costs, enterprise funds, seasonal residents, outside bidding, and placing cans on one side of the street.

Discussion continued regarding Sarasota County Waste Management, dumpsters, The Woods, creating equity, fiscal year (FY) 2006 rate increase, moderate rates, maintaining twice a week pickup, bidding services, privatization, closing borders, and requiring city dumpsters for city projects.

Mayor Holic read a letter received recognizing Patricia Matero from the public works department.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Fraize, to approve the solid waste fund revenues in the FY 2018 budget and direct staff to prepare an ordinance to revise the solid waste rates.

Discussion followed regarding concerns with raising rates and impact on residents, potential impact of a fire assessment fee, subsidizing funds,

millage rate increase, and reviewing impact of increases in the budget.

Ms. Senne noted voting can occur during the budget process and ordinance will take effect on October 1, 2017.

Discussion continued on can identifications, cost of services, and subsidizing funds.

The motion carried by voice vote 6-1 with Ms. Gates opposed.

[17-2653](#)

Finance Director Linda Senne: Quarterly Financial and Investment Reports (10 min.)

Mayor Holic left the dais at 2:20 p.m.

Ms. Senne presented the quarterly financial report and spoke on general fund revenues.

Mayor Holic returned to the dais at 2:23 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding control of fees and fines in the general fund revenue.

Ms. Senne continued to speak on general fund revenues and budget.

Discussion followed regarding revenues that can be increased.

Ms. Senne spoke on general fund budget amendments, expenditures, and balance.

Discussion took place regarding sales tax, and state funds and revenues.

Ms. Senne spoke on operating expenses, and the one-cent sales tax fund to include revenue, projects, expenses, and projected fund balance for FY 2018.

Discussion followed regarding engineering projects, capital improvement program (CIP) workshop, amount of staff hours and money spent on projects, longevity of project permits, and bid expiration date.

Ms. Senne spoke regarding building permit fees, airport, water and sewer utilities fund revenues, expenditures, and operating expenses.

Discussion followed on rent adjustment for the Mobile Home Park, utility fund rate adjustment, and fluctuating capital based on status of project.

Ms. Senne spoke on the stormwater fund revenue, operating budget and expenses.

Discussion followed regarding the one-cent sales tax purchases, replacement fund, Venice Pier Group fund, general fund, government half-cent sales tax, municipal revenue sharing, formula calculation with the county, and detailing high valued line items in the budget.

Discussion took place regarding employee flexible spending and participation.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk