



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting
Virtual Meeting

VIRTUAL MEETING (See Instructions Below)

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[20-4538](#)

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CALL TO ORDER

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

Ms. Fernandez referenced Executive Order No. 20-69 issued by Governor DeSantis and Executive Order No. 2020-04 issued by the city regarding public meetings, and commented on public participation in public meetings.

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Newsom joined the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Present: 6 - Mayor Ron Feinsod, Council Member Richard Caetero, Vice Mayor Charles Newsom, Dr. Margaret Fiedler, Council Member Helen Moore and Dr. Joseph Neunder

Excused: 1 - Council Member Nick Pachota

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, and for certain items on the agenda: Finance Director Linda Senne, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, and Director of Public Works James Clinch.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stelzer offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Dr. Neunder, seconded by Dr. Fiedler, to excuse Mr. Pachota's absence. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Caetero, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore and Dr. Neunder

Excused: 1 - Mr. Pachota

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Newsom

I. RECOGNITION

[20-4539](#) Proclaim the Week of June 7-13, 2020 as "National Garden Week", Presented to Venice Area Garden Club

Mayor Feinsod read the proclamation.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

Ms. Stelzer read an email received from Edward and Maureen Graybill regarding racial equality and justice.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Dr. Fiedler, to approve items in the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore and Dr. Neunder

Excused: 1 - Mr. Pachota

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Newsom

A. MAYOR

[20-4540](#) Appoint Benjamin Abramson to the Historic Preservation Board to Complete the Unexpired Term of William Jervey from June 9, 2020 Until November 30, 2020

This appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[20-4541](#) Reappoint Roger Effron to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to Serve a Term from July 1, 2020 Until June 30, 2023

This reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY CLERK

[20-4542](#) Minutes of the May 21, 2020 Special Virtual Meeting - Assisting Businesses During COVID-19 and May 26, 2020 Virtual Meeting

These minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. CITY MANAGER

Airport

[20-4543](#) Approve 2nd Amendment to Lease Agreement between the City of Venice and Tito Gaona's Flying Fantasy Circus, Inc.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

There were none.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO.
2020-19](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Vacating a Portion of an Existing Right-of-Way Located in Lot 1 and Lot 2, and a Portion of a 20 Foot Wide Alley, All Within Block 79, Venice Gulf View Section, as Recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 77, Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida; Providing for the Relocation of City Utilities; Accepting a Warranty Deed for a New Public Alley; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

Mayor Feinsod opened the public hearing.

No written communication was received and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Feinsod closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Council Member Moore, that Resolution No. 2020-19 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Causero, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore and Dr. Neunder

Excused: 1 - Mr. Pachota

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Newsom

B. ORDINANCES – FINAL READING

[ORD. NO.
2020-16](#)

An Ordinance Amending City of Venice Ordinance No. 2019-32 which Adopted the Official Budget of the City of Venice, Florida for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2019 and Ending September 30, 2020; by Increasing the Total Revenue by \$1,882,351 and Total Expenditures by \$1,882,351; and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Feinsod opened the public hearing.

No written communication was received and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Feinsod closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Dr. Neunder, that

Ordinance No. 2020-16 be approved and adopted.

Ms. Senne responded to council questions regarding revenue from general fund reserves and fire impact fees.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore and Dr. Neunder

Excused: 1 - Mr. Pachota

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Newsom

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[20-4514](#)

Approve Pre-Annexation Agreement Between City of Venice and Marilyn Johnson, Trustee of Trust Number 2020089, u/a/d, January 13, 1983 and Brian McMurphy for Property Located on Curry Lane (Casto)

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Dr. Neunder, to approve Item No. 20-4514.

Ms. Stelzer noted location map will be included with the pre-annexation agreement.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore and Dr. Neunder

Excused: 1 - Mr. Pachota

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Newsom

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

[ORD. NO. 2020-17](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 30, Emergency Services, by Adding Article III, Emergency Medical Aid Fees; Adding Section 30-40, Definitions; Adding Section 30-41, Emergency Medical Aid Fees; Adding Section 30-42, When Due; How Paid; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

No one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Dr. Neunder, that Ordinance No. 2020-17 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore and Dr. Neunder

Excused: 1 - Mr. Pachota

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Newsom

B. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO. 2020-16](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement By and Between Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Venice for Funding Compensation of Maintenance and Operation of Lighting on the State Highway System; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Council Member Moore, that Resolution No. 2020-16 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Causero, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore and Dr. Neunder

Excused: 1 - Mr. Pachota

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Newsom

[RES. NO. 2020-18](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida Adopting a Funding Policy for Use of Public Funds to Support Capital Campaigns, Special Events and Other Public, Private or Non-Profit Endeavors; and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Council Member Causero, that Resolution No. 2020-18 be approved and adopted.

Mr. Lavalley responded to council questions regarding budget allocations for special events.

Discussion followed on funding policy.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Causero, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore and Dr. Neunder

Excused: 1 - Mr. Pachota

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Newsom

[RES. NO. 2020-20](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending Resolution No. 2020-12, Which Accepted Utilities and Improvements Installed by Border and Jacaranda Holdings, LLC for Cielo Sub-Phase 2 and Accepted a One Year Developers Cash Maintenance Bond and Bill of Sale, to Add Lots 57-63 to the Bill of Sale; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Dr. Neunder, that Resolution No. 2020-20 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore and Dr. Neunder

Excused: 1 - Mr. Pachota

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Newsom

C. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[20-4544](#)

Rescind Council Action Taken on April 14, 2020 Relative to Laurel Road: Postpone Motion for Item No. 20-4475 to the First Meeting in Council Chambers. Original Motion for Item No. 20-4475: That the City Proceed With a Funding Agreement with Sarasota County, and Have Staff and Pat Neal Present a Report to Council at the Next Meeting Held in Council Chambers (Fiedler)

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Dr. Neunder, to approve Item No. 20-4544.

Dr. Fiedler explained purpose for her request.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore and Dr. Neunder

Excused: 1 - Mr. Pachota

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Newsom

An amendment was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Council Member Cautero, to strike original motion language and replace with "approve entering into a local funding agreement with Sarasota County for the use of impact fee funds for the administration of a conceptual design process for improvements to Laurel Road, with stated conditions by Sarasota County".

Per council's request, Mr. Lavallee explained funding methodology.

Discussion continued on the county's agreement with the city's request, engineering study, and proactive planning.

The motion, as amended, carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore and Dr. Neunder

Excused: 1 - Mr. Pachota

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Newsom

[20-4545](#)

Response and Actions Related to COVID-19

There was no discussion.

Recess was taken at 9:43 a.m. until 9:50 a.m.

Vice Mayor Newsom joined the meeting.

D. PRESENTATIONS[20-4546](#)

Leigh Holt, Strategic Planning Manager, The Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (15 min.)

Leigh Holt, Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), provided a presentation and spoke to 2045 long range transportation plan, MPO's role and responsibility, funding, transit needs, investment priorities, and transportation investment survey.

Discussion followed regarding population projections, Pinebrook Road improvements from Center Road to Laurel Road, Center Road to East Venice Avenue level of service (LOS), Venice Avenue bridge, 2019 Northeast area transportation study by Kimley-Horn and Associates, dedicated turn lanes on U.S. 41, evacuation routes, River Road, average project timeframes, percentage of projects funded by municipal bonds, funding sources, revenue projections, and gas tax revenue.

[20-4547](#)

Stantec Senior Consultant, Peter Napoli: Impact Fee Study (10 min)

Peter Napoli, Stantec Consulting, provided a presentation and spoke to project and impact fee background, general government, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and solid waste impact fees, conclusion/recommendation, and next steps for implementation.

Discussion followed regarding adoption of general government impact fees.

Ms. Fernandez noted code will need to be amended to include impact fees.

Ms. Senne commented on impact fee ordinance, adoption process, and general government impact fee fund.

Mr. Clinch spoke on the solid waste and recycling rate stakeholders work group's approval of solid waste impact fees to include removal of can fees, solid waste and recycling fund, and cost of new trucks.

Discussion followed regarding the stakeholders work group making a presentation to council, recycling surcharge, staff presenting a draft ordinance at the next council meeting, general and solid waste impact fees, consolidating impact fees, the city's control over impact fees, and adoption timeframe.

VIII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

Ms. Fernandez had no report.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer had no report.

City Manager

Mr. Lavallee commented on striping of the pedestrian pathway and outdoor dining expansion in downtown.

IX. COUNCIL REPORTS***Council Member Cautionero***

Mr. Cautionero inquired on correspondence received regarding speeding on Pinebrook Way and requested staff respond to the Pinebrook Homeowners Association (HOA).

Council Member Moore

Ms. Moore had no report.

Council Member Fiedler

Dr. Fiedler thanked Venice MainStreet and the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce for their COVID-19 notice for businesses, commented on the number of council meetings scheduled this month, and requested council consider moving some of the meetings to July.

Discussion followed on continuing with the meetings as scheduled.

Council Member Pachota

Mr. Pachota was absent.

Council Member Neunder

Dr. Neunder had no report.

Council Member Newsom

Vice Mayor Newsom had no report.

Mayor Feinsod

Mayor Feinsod commented on emails received regarding the city's police department and racism.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk