



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

There is an Executive Session at Noon

[25-0299](#)

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Nick Pachota, Vice Mayor Jim Boldt, Mrs. Rachel Frank, Mr. Ron Smith, Mr. Rick Howard, Mr. Kevin Engelke and Mr. Lloyd Weed

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Kelly Michaels, City Manager James Clinch, Deputy City Clerk Toni Gregory, Recording Secretary Amanda Hawkins-Brown, and for certain items on the agenda: Finance Director Linda Senne, Planning Manager Amy Nelson, Senior Planner Nicole Tremblay, Building Official Derek Applegate, and Airport Director Mark Cervasio.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Michaels offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by City Manager Clinch.

I. RECOGNITION

[25-0300](#)

Swearing in City Manager James Clinch

Clerk Michaels performed this swearing in assisted by Mayor Pachota.

[25-0301](#)

5-Year Service Award: Jason Esquijarosa, Firefighter/Paramedic

City Manager Clinch provided this recognition.

[25-0303](#)

15-Year Service Award: Tyler Eaton, Fire Battalion Chief

City Manager Clinch provided this recognition.

[25-0302](#)

10-Year Service Award: Will Smith, GIS Analyst, Utilities Department

City Manager Clinch provided this recognition.

Recess was taken from 9:20 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

There was no public comment.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve items in the Consent Section, except Item No. 25-0307. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. CITY CLERK

[25-0304](#)

Minutes of the June 30, 2025 Flamingo Ditch Workshop and July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting

These minutes were approved in the Consent Section.

B. CITY ATTORNEY

[25-0305](#)

Request Private Attorney-Client Session on September 23, 2025 at Noon for Patrick Lynch and Dominique Lynch v. City of Venice

This item was approved in the Consent Section.

C. CITY MANAGER

Airport

[25-0306](#)

Approve Third Amendment to the Zachrich Hangar Lease Agreement

This item was approved in the Consent Section.

Engineering

[25-0308](#)

Authorize the Mayor to Accept the Temporary Construction Easement from MAH Venice Investments, LLC for the Utilities New Water Booster Pump Station

This item was approved in the Consent Section.

[25-01FP](#)

Approve Final Plat for Hawthorn Hollows and Accept the Developers Completion and Payment Bond in the Amount of \$1,707,173.01 for Project Infrastructure Completion from P3 LAF Hawthorn Hollows LP, and Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Engineer to Sign the Final Plat

This item was approved in the Consent Section.

Human Resources

[25-0309](#) Approve Workers' Compensation Claim Settlement for Former Employee Ottone Guraly in the Amount of \$17,600

This item was approved in the Consent Section.

Planning and Zoning

[25-0310](#) Authorize the Mayor to Execute the State of Florida Division of Historical Resources Small Matching Grant Agreement (Grant #26.h.sm.200.011) for \$40,600 to Complete a Historic Resources Survey of the Edgewood and Seaboard Areas

This item was approved in the Consent Section.

Utilities

[25-0311](#) Approve Agreement Regarding Fence Replacement and Subsurface Utilities Installation with MAH Venice Investments, LLC for the Utilities Water Booster Pump Station

This item was approved in the Consent Section.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENTBuilding

[25-0307](#) Approve Interlocal Agreement Between the Cities of Venice, North Port, Sarasota, and Punta Gorda; the Counties of Charlotte County, and Sarasota; and the Town of Longboat Key for Mutual Aid with Building Inspections

Building Official Applegate answered Council questions regarding new agreement terms, use of agreement in the past, and use of the agreement during economic downturns.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Engelke, to approve Item No. 25-0307. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS***ORDINANCES – FINAL READING***

[ORD. NO. 2025-19](#) An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 87, Land Development Code, by Adding Section 6.10 Affordable Housing and Amending Section 9.1, Defined Terms, Pursuant to Text Amendment Petition No. 23-66AM, to Provide Standards for Affordable Housing Development Projects and to Implement Section

166.04151(7), Florida Statutes (the “Live Local Act”); Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

There were no written communications.

Senior Planner Nicole Tremblay presented an update to Planned District language, and a grammatical correction.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Engelke, that Ordinance No. 2025-19 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2025-26](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 87, Land Development Code, by Creating Section 2.2.4.5.D., Planned Public Hospital District (PPH), Pursuant to Text Amendment Petition No. 25-11AM, to Establish a New Planned Zoning District to Provide Zoning Standards Appropriate for the Unique Nature of a Public Hospital Campus and Related Facilities; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

There were no written communications.

There was no staff update.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Frank, that Ordinance No. 2025-26 be approved and adopted.

Discussion took place regarding amendments to the Land Development Code.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

No: 1 - Mr. Smith

[ORD. NO.
2025-27](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the 2017-2027 City of Venice Comprehensive Plan Pursuant to Petition No. 25-27CP, by Amending Strategies LU 1.2.9 Mixed Use Category, LU 1.2.9.C, Corridor (MUC) and LU-LR 1.1.1, Mixed Used Corridor (MUC), to Recognize the Planned Public Hospital (PPH) Zoning District and Modify the Intensity Standards of the MUC for the New Zoning District; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only

There was no written communications.

There was no staff update

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Engelke, seconded by Mr. Howard, that Ordinance No. 2025-27 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

No: 1 - Mr. Smith

[ORD. NO.
2025-28](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. 25-28RZ, to Change the Zoning Designation for the Property Generally Located at 2600 East Laurel Road from Laurel West to Planned Public Hospital District (PPH) with Modification of the Binding Master Plan; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date (Quasi-Judicial)

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

City Attorney Fernandez questioned Council Members concerning ex-parte communications and conflicts of interest. There were none.

There were no written communications.

There was no staff update.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, that Ordinance No. 2025-28 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

No: 1 - Mr. Smith

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

[ORD. NO. 2025-29](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46, Parks and Recreation, Article I, In General, Section 46-1, Descriptions of City Parks System; Authorized Uses, and Section 46-5, Naming or Renaming a City-Owned Facility or Park; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Engelke, that Ordinance No. 2025-29 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.

Discussion took place regarding removing Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) for review of city-initiated park renamings, CAB review as a referral option, and possible time delays with multiple reviews.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Howard and Mr. Engelke

No: 2 - Mr. Smith and Mr. Weed

[ORD. NO. 2025-30](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and Council, Division 2, Meetings, Subdivision I, In General, Section 2-53, Addressing Council, to Provide Time Limits for Presentations and Restrict the Number of Presentations Placed on an Agenda; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mrs. Frank, that Ordinance No. 2025-30 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.

Discussion took place regarding the reason for the council directive, and whether there were issues in the past.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

B. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO. 2025-16](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Rescinding Resolution No. 2009-18 Which Established a Procedure for City Council Endorsement of Site Nominations for Consideration by the Sarasota County Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection Program and Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition Program; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Engelke, seconded by Mr. Howard, that Resolution No. 2025-16 be approved and adopted.

Discussion took place regarding the change in the County process, CAB review, no requirement for City recommendation to County, and concerns regarding time delays for CAB review.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

No: 1 - Mr. Smith

[RES. NO. 2025-17](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida Authorizing the Issuance of not to Exceed \$17,500,000 in Aggregate Principal Amount City of Venice, Florida Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 for the Purpose of Financing and/or Reimbursing Costs of Acquiring, Constructing and Equipping the New Fire Station #52, an EOC Storage Facility and a New Solid Waste/Recycling and Fleet Maintenance Facility within the City; Covenanting to Budget and Appropriate Legally Available Non-Ad Valorem Revenues to Provide for the Payment Thereof; Making Certain Covenants and Agreements for the Benefit of the Holders of Such Bonds; Authorizing Certain Officials and Employees of the City to Take All Actions Required in Connection with the Sale, Issuance and Delivery of Such Bonds; Taking

Certain Other Actions with Respect to Such Bonds; Authorizing and Approving the Negotiated Sale of Such Bonds to the Underwriter Named Herein Subject to the Terms and Conditions Contained Herein; Approving the Form and Authorizing the Distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and Execution and Delivery of a Final Official Statement; Authorizing Certain Officials to Deem Final the Preliminary Official Statement for Purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15C2 12; Approving the Form and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Bond Purchase Agreement; Appointing the Paying Agent and Registrar; Approving the Form and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate; Providing Certain Other Matters Relating to the Series 2025 Bonds; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Engelke, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, that Resolution No. 2025-17 be approved and adopted, amending language in the title from "within the city" to "for the city".

Discussion took place regarding support for project, and recent bond rating.

Finance Director Linda Senne answered Council question regarding debt service and funds to be used, and spoke on the purpose of bond rating.

Bond Advisory Jeff Larson spoke on the bond process, and the City's review during the process.

Discussion took place regarding clarifying the title language.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

RES. NO.
2025-18

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Approving an Amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement for Project Number 456529-1-94-01 by and Between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Venice, Florida, for the Venice Municipal Airport Runway 5-23 Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPIs) Replacement; Authorizing Appropriate City Officials to Execute it; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Frank, that Resolution No.

2025-18 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

Discussion took place recognizing airport staff effort, the importance of Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPIs) systems, and noise abatement for the runway.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

**[RES. NO.
2025-19](#)**

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Accepting Utilities and Improvements from Rustic Oaks Community Development District and Accepting a One Year Developers Maintenance Bond and Bill of Sale, and Providing an Effective Date (Magnolia Bay South Phase 2)

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, that Resolution No. 2025-19 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

**[RES. NO.
2025-20](#)**

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Accepting Utilities and Improvements from Rustic Oaks Community Development District and Accepting a One Year Developers Maintenance Bond and Bill of Sale, and Providing an Effective Date (Magnolia Bay South Phase 2)

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

There was no public comment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Howard, that Resolution No. 2025-20 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

**[RES. NO.
2025-21](#)**

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Approving and Adopting an Updated Prospectus for the Venice Municipal Mobile Home Park; Approving and Adopting Updated Rules and Regulations for the Venice Municipal Mobile Home Park; Authorizing Appropriate City Staff to File the Updated Prospectus for the Venice Municipal Mobile Home Park with the State of Florida; Providing for Repeal of Resolution No. 904-87 and All Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing

an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Engelke, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, that Resolution No. 2025-21 be approved and adopted, with punctuation changes and insurance requirements in the lease agreement as presented.

Discussion took place regarding improvement to the mobile home park, and staff outreach to homeowners.

Airport Director Cervasio clarified language regarding insurance, and answered Council questions regarding communications with board and residents.

Property Manager David Brouillette, Realty Capital Advisors, spoke on residents and board opportunity to address concerns for 90 days before the rules take effect, and provision in the old rules regarding improvements to small lots.

Discussion continued regarding concern for additional language that limits owners ability to sell, the mobile home park providing valuable housing, and an option for the City to have first right of refusal on small lots.

City Attorney Fernandez clarified the 90-day waiting period in the statutes before rules take effect, and the City's ability to do a community workshop.

Recess was taken from 10:55 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 5 - Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

No: 2 - Mayor Pachota and Mr. Smith

C. PRESENTATION WITH ACTION

[25-0312](#)

Finance Director Linda Senne: Approve Changes to FY2026 Budget Since Budget Workshop (10 min.)

Finance Director Senne presented changes for FY 2026 since the budget workshop including June 1st property values, increase in revenue, increased EMS transport fees, added Firefighter positions, reduced Seaboard Master Plan funding, reduced Fire contribution to pension plan, added debt service payment for Fire Station 52, moved the Fleet Maintenance Facility expense, addition of Tarpon Center repaving, addition of awning for Marine Patrol, reduced budget for Fleet Facility.

Discussion took place regarding the review by Council, adjusting the roll back rate at the budget hearing, current stability in the budget, end of year projections, increased revenue, reserves, concerns for decreasing millage rate in case of emergency, Tarpon Center repaving adjustment, coordination with utilities projects, disaster reserves, individual impact of reducing rollback rate, importance of maintaining high bond ratings, personnel cost, balancing cost and level of service, providing options for September 9th hearing, pending union negotiations, reduction in reserves, potential fluctuations in housing values, and concerns for FY27 and later budgets.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Engelke, to approve changes to the FY2026 proposed budget since the June Budget Workshop. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

D. PRESENTATION

[25-0313](#)

Finance Director Linda Senne: Quarterly Financial Update (10 min.)

Finance Director Senne presented revenue and expenses in the general fund.

Recess was taken from 11:53 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS - Continued

MEDIATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

[25-0314](#)

Consider Mediated Settlement Agreement and Recommendation of the Special Magistrate in Response to a Request for Relief Filed by Border Road Investments, LLC and Visterra Associates, LLC Relating to Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. 23-63RZ for the GCCF Planned Unit Development (PUD) Located South of Laurel Road East, North of Border Road and East of I-75

City Attorney Fernandez provided an introduction and history of the petition.

Attorney Mark Bentley, serving in the role of mediator, via Zoom, answered Council questions regarding the process.

Senior Planner Nicole Tremblay, reviewed the terms of the agreement, Density and Unit Limits, Operational Interconnection, Land Uses, Height, Lot Detail Standards, Signage Standards, Height Exception Application Progress, and answered Council questions regarding density.

City Attorney Fernandez commented on density uses in the Planned Unit

Development (PUD).

Senior Planner Tremblay reviewed PUDs in the area and answered Council questions regarding the PUD, number of units and density, the date of the original application, and open space.

Pat Neal, Applicant, spoke on the history of Neal Communities, their relationship with the City, and showed a map of Vistera.

Attorney Jeffery Boone, Agent for Applicant, spoke to density, the Florida Land Use and Environmental Dispute Resolution Act (FLUEDRA) process, the order of denial, compatibility, and density.

Jim Collins, Agent for Applicant, presented the definition of compatibility, and reviewed surrounding densities.

Attorney Boone, further addressed Compatibility Decision Criteria, Common Review procedures, Application Requirements, Planned District Zoning Amendments application requirements, unified control, the three reasons for denial, court proceedings, density, PUDs, and answered Council questions regarding density, concessions, the proposed agreement, stipulations, and possible height exceptions.

Mr. Neal answered a Council question regarding changing market dynamics, and the impact of the hospital.

Mr. Collins showed map and answered Council question regarding building height in the area,

Attorney Boone responded to Council questions regarding the agreement, density, height, number of reduction in density.

Recess was taken from 3:13 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Olen Thomas, 248 Acerno Drive, spoke against the mediated settlement agreement, and commented on compromise, and unified control.

Joan Iacono, 1132 Bird Bay Way, spoke on behalf of Venice Thrives, against the mediated settlement agreement and stated there is a lack of plan for the future of Venice.

Steve Carr, 149 Avens Drive, spoke on behalf of the Central Venice Coalition, concern about height exceptions, and wording in the document.

Attorney Boone responded to questions from Council regarding

12/09/2021 was the date of the Vistera map.

Mr. Collins responded to an earlier question regarding density in GCCF PUD, and stated it was originally approved for 1,799 dwelling units.

Attorney Boone responded to public concerns, current PUD allows request of up to 55 feet in height, protecting existing SF development to the south and to the east.

John Neal, Applicant, stated Council has approved ALF units, needs of the city and residents.

A motion was made by Mr. Engelke, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreement.

Discussion took place regarding the settlement, density, previously denial, compatibility, compromise, long-term consequences, height exception, and financial impact.

The motion failed by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank and Mr. Engelke

No: 4 - Mayor Pachota, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard and Mr. Weed

F. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[25-0315](#)

Consider Request of Applicant Walt Kitonis to Attend and Participate Virtually in the September 9, 2025 Appeal Hearing for Petition No. 25-22VZ, 240 Base Avenue East

City Attorney Fernandez presented the request for the applicant to appear virtually for the appeal on September 9, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve the request of applicant Walt Kitonis to attend and participate virtually in the September 9, 2025 appeal hearing for Petition No. 25-22VZ 240 Base Avenue East. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

[25-0316](#)

Appoint Member to the Fire Pension Board of Trustees to Complete the Unexpired Term of Barbara Fraser from August 26, 2025 to September 30, 2026

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Howard, to appoint Maribeth Holland to complete the unexpired term of Barbara Fraser from August 26, 2025 to September 30, 2026. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

[25-0317](#)

Appoint two Members to the Historic and Architectural Preservation Board to Serve a Term from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2028

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, to reappoint Jon Barrick and Mark Beebe to the Historic and Architectural Preservation Board to serve terms from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2028. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

[25-0318](#)

Authorize the Appropriate Charter Officer to Review Charter Section 4.04(a) for Possible Referendum to Include the Assistant City Manager Selection Needing Council's Advice and Approval (Mayor Pachota)

Mayor Pachota introduced the topic.

Discussion took place regarding a charter review board, privilege of the City Manager to appoint their own Assistant City Manager, not putting the item on the ballot, confidence in the City Manager, consideration to remove advice and approval of the police chief and fire chief from charter to be consistent.

A motion was made by Mayor Pachota, seconded by Mr. Howard, to authorize the appropriate charter officer to review Charter Section 4.04(a) for possible referendum to include the Assistant City Manager selection needing Council's advice and approval. The motion failed by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 1 - Mayor Pachota

No: 6 - Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

VII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

City Attorney Fernandez had no report.

City Clerk

Clerk Michaels had no report, but offered to answer Council questions on the Legislative Referral Tracking Report. There were none.

[25-0319](#)

Legislative Referral Tracking Report

City Manager

City Manager Clinch thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the City, and reminded everyone of the Fire Station 52 groundbreaking, and noted there would Pickleball Courts groundbreaking in the future. He stated the City's portion of the Lord-Higel house had been completed, and there would be one more self-serve sandbag station on September 14th.

VIII. COUNCIL REPORTS***Council Member Engelke***

Mr. Engelke had no report.

Council Member Weed

Mr. Weed had no report.

Council Member Howard

Mr. Howard had no report.

Council Member Smith

Mr. Smith reported on the Southwest Regional Planning Council meeting, and provided a Pillar of the Community award recommendation.

Council Member Frank

Mrs. Frank had no report.

Vice Mayor Boldt

Vice Mayor Boldt had no report.

Mayor Pachota

Mayor Pachota reported on September 1st closure of City buildings for Labor Day, a Centennial exhibit at Venice Museum, and upcoming City events.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no public comment.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

ATTEST:


Nick Pachota (Sep 13, 2025 12:22:59 EDT)

Mayor - City of Venice



City Clerk

Meeting Minutes

Final Audit Report

2025-09-15

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