



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Friday, June 12, 2020

9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

Virtual Meeting - LDR Workshop with Planning Commission (See Instructions Below)

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Feinsod called the meeting to order at 9:02 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

Dr. Neunder joined the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Nick Pachota

ALSO PRESENT

Planning Commission Members Barry Snyder, Shaun Graser, Bill Willson, Richard Hale, Kit McKeon and Richard Lawson, City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, Deputy City Clerk Danielle Lewis, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Planning Manager Roger Clark and Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Graser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PRESENTATION

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Jeff Shrum, Development Services Director: Land Development Regulations Update

Mr. Snyder spoke regarding the land development regulations (LDR)

update, workshops conducted with other advisory boards, new city zoning map, Chapter 87, decision authorities by application type to include annexations, comprehensive plan map and text amendments, LDR text revisions, zoning map revisions, site and development plans, preliminary plats, and public hearings.

Mr. Shrum commented on new Florida legislation establishing time lines for review of active land use petitions.

Mr. Snyder spoke to site and development plans and preliminary plats, public hearings, and the planning commission's review of conceptual plans.

Mr. Shrum spoke regarding staff streamlining review process and options for public hearings.

Mr. Snyder spoke to proposed language on planning commission's final approval decision for site and development plans and preliminary plats, deviations from the code for design alternatives, conditional uses, height exceptions and variances, and decision making authority for vested rights, final plats and other permits.

Discussion followed regarding public hearings, difference between site and development plans and preliminary plats, and council having final approval decisions for height exceptions, variances and conditional uses.

Dr. Neunder joined the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Discussion continued on decision authority for height exceptions, variances and design alternatives, avoiding litigation, planning commission having the final approval decision for petitions that are in compliance with the LDRs and comprehensive plan, technical review committee (TRC), appeals, council's review process, preliminary plats, process for vetting projects, and key differences in decision authorities.

Ms. Fernandez responded to questions regarding council appeals.

Discussion ensued regarding public perception on vetting process, public hearings, and council having final approval decision on variations to the comprehensive plan and LDRs.

Mr. Shrum commented on deviations to the comprehensive plan, and current procedures for design alternatives, variances, height exceptions and conditional uses.

Discussion followed on difference between a conditional use and variance

and council's review process.

Mr. Snyder spoke on architectural controls, architectural review board (ARB)'s jurisdiction, and northeast area residents' desire for Northern Italian architectural controls in their area.

Discussion followed regarding historic properties, historic preservation board (HPB), architectural styles and developments in central and northeast Venice, expanding ARB's jurisdiction, preserving architectural styles, different types/levels of architectural controls in different parts of the city, planned unit developments (PUDs), ARB's review of projects prior to planning commission, integration of ARB and planning commission roles and responsibilities, and combining the ARB and HPB.

Mr. Snyder spoke to HPB's draft ordinance to include the city becoming a Certified Local Government (CLG) and the board's desire to expand their jurisdiction and decision authority, regulating properties on the local historic register, and planning commission's observation.

Discussion followed regarding Bert Harris Act, HPB's draft ordinance, merging boards, HPB's jurisdiction, property owners rights, overlapping intent between boards, and ARB's control over historic properties.

Mr. Graser left the meeting at 10:35 a.m. and did not return.

Mr. Cautero spoke to HPB's function, draft ordinance, and vested property rights.

Ms. Fernandez noted comments were provided to Historical Resources Director Harry Klinkhamer on the draft ordinance.

Discussion continued on boards overlapping and having a liaison to assist with board coordination.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk