



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

[23-6270](#)

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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, Dr. Mitzie Fiedler, Vice Mayor Jim Boldt, Ms. Helen Moore, Mrs. Rachel Frank, Mr. Dick Longo and Mr. Rick Howard

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Kelly Michaels, City Manager Ed Lavalley, Assistant City Manager James Clinch, and Recording Secretary Amanda Hawkins-Brown, and for certain items on the agenda: Planning and Zoning Director Roger Clark, Planning Manager Amy Nelson, Senior Planner Nicole Tremblay, Planner Brittany Smith, and City Engineer Kathleen Weeden.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Michaels provided the invocation and Mr. Longo lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Longo announced his resignation effective at the conclusion of today's meeting.

I. RECOGNITION

Mayor Pachota presented Mr. Longo with plaque for his service on the City Council.

[23-6271](#)

Proclaim November 15, 2023 as "GIS Day" and the Week of November 13-17, 2023 as "Geography Awareness Week", Presented to City of Venice GIS Staff Don Hubbard, Kelsey Shope, Christina Rimes, Steven Berens and Will Smith

This Proclamation was presented by Mayor Pachota and City Manager Lavallee.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

Recess was taken at 9:10 A.M. TO 9:20 A.M.

Ronald Smith, 200 Park Blvd North, spoke on the Sawgrass Community rezoning, golf course request to opt out, and Waterford LLC recent land purchases throughout Venice.

Michael Juchnowicz, 341 Seaboard Ave, spoke on Police salaries.

Don O'Connell, 433 Menedez Street, spoke on affordable housing, conditional use standards in the Land Development Code, and land available within city limits that could be considered for affordable housing.

George Davis, 121 Castile Street, spoke on the sunseting of the three advisory boards, noting is opposition as it related to the environmental board, and expressed concerns with the creation of Citizens Advisory Board.

John Manoush, 193 Savona Way North, spoke in support of the proposed Northeast Park and in favor of open space.

Taras Kowalczen, 226 Martellago Drive, spoke in support of the Northeast Park and including pickleball courts.

Roger Effron, 293 Mestre Place, spoke in support of the Northeast Park.

Barbara Puccia 179 Valenza Loop, spoke in support of the Northeast Park, having additional pickleball courts, and available funding.

Sandra Nick, 118 Palazzo Court, spoke in support of the Northeast Park, additional pickleball courts, adding funding and the collection of park impact fees.

Roger Quinn, 101 Mestre Court, spoke on public's interest in pickleball and in support of adding additional pickleball courts to the Northeast Park.

Jeri Quinn, 101 Mestre Court, spoke in support of additional pickleball courts at the Northeast Park.

Jeffrey Boone, 1001 Avenida Del Circo, spoke in opposition of the rezoning of Sawgrass Community.

Amelia Lombardi, 5095 Olivia Road, spoke in support of adding a skate

and bike park in the City.

Recess was taken at 10:04 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Mr. Longo, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. CITY CLERK

[23-6272](#)

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting October 10, 2023

These minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY ATTORNEY

[23-6273](#)

Request Private Attorney-Client Session on November 28, 2023 at Noon for Neal Communities of SWF, LLC, et al v. City of Venice

This request was approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. CITY MANAGER

Engineering

The [23-6274](#)

Accept Utility Easement Adjacent to Curry Lane from 2705 Venice Properties, LLC, for Lift Station

This agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[23-6275](#)

Accept Utility Easement Along the East Property Boundary of Lot 4, Woodland Acres from 2705 Venice Properties, LLC

This agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

V. PRESENTATION WITH ACTION

[23-6276](#)

Kathleen Weeden, City Engineer, A.J. Ribas, VP/Project Manager, A2 Group, Inc., and Kelsie Shy, Landscape Architect, Kimley-Horn & Associates: Northeast Venice Park (20 min.)

Recess was taken from 10:20 A.M. to 10:25 A.M.

City Engineer Weeden and Kelsie Shy, Consultant, presented the conceptual plan, anticipated project schedule, aerial map, location, public outreach efforts, amenities survey results, community workshop, public response to plan, dog park, parking, restrooms building, shaded seating, fitness section, playground, walking trail, rendering with four or eight

pickleball courts, additional amenities, noise abatement, rendering of playground, shade sails, variety of play equipment, option for themes, fitness equipment options, elements for dog section, prefabricated structure for restroom, and a bike amenities section.

A.J. Ribas, Contractor, presented the 30% rough order of magnitude, raising site, landscaping, infrastructure, estimated costs, fencing, shade structures, poured in place surfacing, equipment, electrical work, and future alternatives.

City Engineer Weeden continued on funding available, lighting advantages, security lighting, maintenance of park, shade structures, parking, future allocations and earnings, funding available per Sarasota County.

Discussion took place regarding, additional pickleball courts, amount of parking spaces, furnishings, number of restrooms, allocation of funds, timeline for completion, artificial turf, level of maintenance needed, donation opportunities, size of dog park, open space, wildlife in retention pond, maintaining stormwater management quality, shade structure cost, water bottle refill station, and dog water fountain.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve the Northeast Park conceptual plan with the addition of four more pickleball courts and relocation of 2.4 million from the park impact fees to budget for construction of the park. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

Discussion took place regarding including additional options for artificial turf and security lighting, ability to upgrade at a future date, and considering amenities with budget restrictions.

An additional motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Howard, to include the addition of artificial turf and security lighting in the approved conceptual plan of the Northeast Park. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

Recess was taken at 11:10 A.M. to 11:20 A.M.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[23-6195](#)

Approve Pre-Annexation Agreement Between the City of Venice and Douglas Girard Andrew for Oaks at Venice

City Attorney Fernendez spoke regarding parties reaching an agreement on the language for the pre-annexation agreement and the revised agreement being provided in the agenda.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, to approve item No. 23-6195. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[ORD. NO.
2023-43](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Annexing Certain Lands Lying Contiguous to the City Limits, Pursuant to Petition No. 23-27AN by Douglas Andrews, Into the Corporate Limits of the City of Venice, Florida, and Redefining the Boundary Lines of the City to Include Said Additions; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

City Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Written communications were provided in advance.

Senior Planner Tremblay answered Council's question on access points for property.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Ms. Moore, that based on the evidence in the record, that Ordinance No. 2023-43 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

[ORD. NO.
2023-44](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the 2017-2027 City of Venice Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Associated Pages Pursuant to Petition No. 23-28CP to Change the Future Land Use Designation of Specific Real Property Generally Located East of Albee Farm Road from Sarasota County Low Density Residential to City of Venice Medium Density Residential (MEDR); 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.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Written communications were provided in advance.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Longo, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, that based on the evidence in the record, that Ordinance No. 2023-44 be approved on first reading and scheduled for second reading. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

[ORD. NO.
2023-45](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. 23-29RZ, to Change the Zoning Designation for the Properties Generally Located East of Albee Farm Road (2.81 ± Acres), from Sarasota County Open Use Estate 2 (OUE-2) to City of Venice Residential Multi-Family 3 (RMF-3); Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date (Quasi-Judicial)

Mayor Pachota announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing.

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

City Attorney Fernandez questioned Council members concerning ex-parte communications and conflicts of interest. Mr. Howard disclosed a site visit.

Written communications were provided in advance.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Longo, that based on the evidence in the record, that Ordinance No. 2023-45 be approved on first reading and scheduled for second reading. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

Lunch recess was taken from 11:29 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

[ORD. NO.
2023-14](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. 23-13RZ, to Change the Zoning Designation for the Sawgrass Community Generally Located at the West Side of North Auburn Road Between East Venice

Avenue and Edmondson/Border Road (316+ Acres) from Sarasota County Residential Single Family 2 (RSF-2) with a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Overlay to City of Venice PUD; Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date (Quasi-Judicial)

Mayor Pachota announced this is a quasi-judicial hearing.

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

City Attorney Fernandez questioned Council members concerning ex-parte communications and conflicts of interest. Mr. Longo disclosed being a resident of Sawgrass for 10 years, communication from neighbors and affirmed that he could remain unbiased and did not have any financial interest.

Written communications were provided in advance.

Planning Manager Nelson, being duly sworn, presented project description, general information, location map, aerial photo, site photos, surrounding properties, current future land use map, current zoning, proposed zoning, proposed Binding Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan strategies reviewed, findings of fact, Land Development Code compliance, concurrency and mobility, staff stipulation recommendation, restriction for open space, and answered Council questions on stipulation, history of intent for rezoning, golf course being included in open space calculation, significance of stipulation, concerns for owners conflict with open space dedication, current percentage of open space, percentage requirement in code, and Sarasota County's open space requirements. Planning and Zoning Director Clark spoke on research done, documents from county, memorializing what community currently has, ownership of open space by percentage, and answered Council questions on whether there has been history of similar situations, golf course being in various land segments and not just one lot, and whether the amenity center is considered part of open space.

Susan Hizon, 402 Marsh Creek Road, being duly sworn, spoke on personal history in community, density, open space, no intent of commercial property during development, sale of golf course, impression given that nothing was going to change regarding green space and in favor of the rezoning.

Ronald Pedersen, 505 Marsh Creek Road, being duly sworn, spoke on history in neighborhood and in favor of ordinance.

Jonathan Free, 421 Marsh Creek Road, being duly sworn, spoke in favor of ordinance.

Jeffrey Boone and Jackson Boone, 1001 Avenida Del Circo, being duly sworn, spoke regarding Sawgrass annexation agreements in 1991 and 1994, approved plat from 1997, Sarasota County code, County cluster housing regulations, comparison of PUD standards from Sarasota County to City of Venice, rezoning causing restriction on golf course property and removal of property rights and golf course's request to opt-out of rezoning.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark and Planning Manager responded regarding 50% open space requirement, and presented memorandum of agreement between Taylor Woodrow and Waterford Golf Club.

City Attorney Fernandez spoke on the staff research and ability to move forward with rezoning.

Discussion took place regarding option for zoning districts, creation of another zoning district would require a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, overlay language, City does not do overlays, Mixed Use Residential (MUR) Future land use designation, staff communications with opposition, time frame since annexation, homeowners rights, Planned Unit Development (PUD) 50% open space requirement, private property rights for golf course, urgency of request, intentions for rezoning from five years ago, adding stipulation that staff and golf course owner meet, and requirement of a second reading.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Longo, that based on the evidence in the record, that Ordinance No. 2023-14 be approved on first reading and scheduled for second reading. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

No: 1 - Mrs. Frank

Recess was taken at 2:00 P.M. to 2:10 P.M.

B. ORDINANCES – FINAL READING

[ORD. NO. 2023-35](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Annexing Certain Lands Lying Contiguous to the City Limits, Pursuant to Petition No. 23-18AN by Stephen T. Deans and Cherie L. Deans, into the Corporate Limits of the City of Venice, Florida, and Redefining the Boundary Lines of the City to Include Said Additions; 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.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing

There were no written communications.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, that based on the evidence in the record, that Ordinance No. 2023-35 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

[ORD. NO.
2023-36](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the 2017-2027 City of Venice Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Associated Pages Pursuant to Petition No. 23-19CP to Change the Future Land Use Designation of Specific Real Properties Located at 3590 and 3600 Laurel Road East from Sarasota County Major Employment Center (MEC) and City of Venice Mixed Use Residential (MUR) to City of Venice Medium Density Residential (MEDR); 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.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Written communications were provided in advance.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Howard, that based on the evidence in the record, that Ordinance No. 2023-36 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

[ORD. NO.
2023-37](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. 23-20RZ, to Change the Zoning Designation for the Properties Located at 3590 and 3600 Laurel Road East (21.34 ± Acres Combined), from City of Venice Residential Multi-Family 2 (RMF-2) and Sarasota County Open Use Estate (OUE) to City of Venice Residential Multi-Family 3 (RMF-3); Providing for

Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date (Quasi-Judicial)

Mayor Pachota announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing.

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

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

Written communications were provided in advance.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

Discussion took place regarding density.

A motion was made by Mr. Longo, seconded by Mrs. Frank, that based on the evidence in the record, that Ordinance No. 2023-37 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

- Yes:** 6 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard
- No:** 1 - Dr. Fiedler

[ORD. NO.
2023-38](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Annexing Certain Lands Lying Contiguous to the City Limits, Pursuant to Petition No. 22-55AN by Teresa Eberling, Into the Corporate Limits of the City of Venice, Florida, and Redefining the Boundary Lines of the City to Include Said Additions; 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.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Written communications were provided in advance.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

Council inquired on neighborhood notice process.

Mayor Pachota reopened the public hearing.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark spoke on public notice procedure of a legal advertisement at least 15 days in advance of hearing, notice sent to owners within 250 feet of property, sign posted on property, and notices to registered neighborhood associations.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Ms. Moore, that based on the evidence in the record, that Ordinance No. 2023-38 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

Recess was taken at 2:20 P.M. to 2:25 P.M.

[ORD. NO.
2023-39](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the 2017-2027 City of Venice Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Associated Pages Pursuant to Petition No. 22-56CP to Change the Future Land Use Designation of Specific Real Property Located at 2114 Border Road from Sarasota County Major Employment Center (MEC) to City of Venice Commercial; 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.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Written communications were provided in advance..

Planning and Zoning Director Clark and Planner Smith answered Council questions on size of property, whether there is an open space requirements, setbacks, whether current pond and pine trees buffer would remain, and definition of Mixed Use Commercial (MUC).

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Longo, seconded by Mrs. Frank, that based on the evidence in the record, that Ordinance No. 2023-39 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

No: 1 - Vice Mayor Boldt

[ORD. NO.
2023-40](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. 22-57RZ, to Change the Zoning Designation for the Property Located at 2114 Border

Road (5.35 ± Acres), from Sarasota County Open Use Estate 1 (OUE-1) to City of Venice Commercial; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date (Quasi-Judicial)

Mayor Pachota announced this is a quasi-judicial hearing.

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

City Attorney Fernandez questioned Council members concerning ex-parte communications and conflicts of interest. Mr. Howard, Ms. Moore, Vice Mayor Boldt, Dr. Fiedler, and Mrs. Frank disclosed site visits.

Written communication were provided in advance.

Brian Lichterman and Ron Sivitz, Applicants, being duly sworn, answered Council questions on square footage of buildings, pine trees buffer, setbacks, lighting, and height of buildings.

Ron Walters, 273 Bocelli Drive, being duly sworn, spoke against rezone, current pine treeline, height of buildings, no notice received for neighborhood workshop, lighting, and architecture.

Mary Lucus, 325 Bocelli Drive, being duly sworn, spoke on not receiving notice for workshop, against rezone, height of buildings, landscaping, lighting, and hours of operations.

Kenneth Baron, 209 Corelli Drive, being duly sworn spoke on being a member of the North Venice Neighborhood Alliance, notice to homeowners, and adding stipulations to approval.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark clarified registered neighborhood associations for notices, buffering, tree requirements, and Site and Development Plan review process.

Brian Lichterman, Ron Sivitz, and Dan Lussier, Applicants, being duly sworn, responded regarding working with community, exceeding setback requirements, plan for lights to not impact homeowners, willingness to add more trees, operation hours, stipulation to keep proposed site plan, need for storage, compliance with interlocal agreements and Comprehensive Plan, low intensity use, low impact on infrastructure, additional design to match community, and answered Council questions regarding hours of operations.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

Discussion took place regarding density, height, type of business being low impact, location, and size.

A motion was made by Mr. Longo, seconded by Ms. Moore, that based on the evidence in the record, that Ordinance No. 2023-40 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Pachota, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank and Mr. Longo

No: 3 - Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt and Mr. Howard

[ORD. NO.
2023-41](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 87, Land Development Code, by Amending Section 3.1.4., Building Placement Requirements, to Clarify Setback Measurement on Private Streets and in Residential Mobile Home Zoning Districts; 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.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

There were no written communications.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, that based on the evidence in the record, that Ordinance No. 2023-41 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

[ORD. NO.
2023-42](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Providing an Annual Update of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Schedule for Fiscal Years 2024-2028 Including a Long-Range Schedule of Capital Improvements for Years 2029-2033 Contained in the Appendix of the City of Venice 2017-2027 Comprehensive Plan; 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.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

There were no written communications.

Assistant City Manager Clinch answered Council questions on impact of water treatment plant relocation, the Wellfield Park expenditure, Capital Investment Schedule (CIS) not being a funding commitment, Tarpon Center Drive project, and City Hall improvements.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Ms. Moore, that based on the evidence in the record, that Ordinance No. 2023-42 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

[ORD. NO.
2023-46](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Further Amending Chapter 50, Personnel, Article III, Pensions and Retirement, Division 3, Municipal Police Officers' Pension Trust Fund, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Venice, Florida, as Subsequently Amended; Amending Section 50-131, Definitions; Amending Section 50-134, Finances and Fund Management; Amending Section 50-146, Minimum Distribution of Benefits; Providing for Severability of Provisions; Repealing All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

There we no written communications,

There were no public comments.

Mayor closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Howard, that based on the evidence in the record, that Ordinance No. 2023-46 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

Recess was taken at 3:30 P.M. to 3:35 P.M.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE

[ORD. NO.
2023-48](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article VIII, Boards, Section 2-382,

Environmental Advisory Board, Section 2-383, Public Art Advisory Board, and Chapter 46, Parks and Recreation, Article I, In General, Section 46-3, Master Plan for Development of Parks System, Section 46-4, Approval of Development or Change in Use of Park Lands, and Article II, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, by Dissolving the Environmental Advisory Board, the Public Art Advisory Board, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Establishing a Citizen Advisory Board; 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.

Discussion took place regarding exclusion of the Historic and Architectural Preservations Board (HAPB), new Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) language, direction from Council, nine person membership, conflicts of interest, meeting schedule not being defined, attendance policy, past issues with agenda contents and membership, task forces, issues with appointment process, education programs, Certified Local Governments (CLG), use of coalitions, and appearance of lack of concern for environment.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Ms. Moore, that based on the evidence in the record, that Ordinance No. 2023-48 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank and Mr. Howard

No: 1 - Mr. Longo

B. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[23-6277](#)

Consider Revised Quasi-Judicial Procedures (Attorney Fernandez)

City Attorney Fernandez spoke on comparison to other jurisdictions, the City having more generous time limits than others and all parties participation.

Jeffrey Boone spoke in favor of update, concerns with time limits on cross examinations, clarifications of defined parties, concern for no redirect examination, exhibits submittal deadlines, remedy needed for late submittals, and allowing people to speak on behalf of another.

Discussion took place regarding affected parties, guidelines needed for speaking on behalf of others, making adjustments for more efficient process, refining affected party qualifications, and City Attorney's consideration of outside party recommendations.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Ms. Moore, to direct the

City Attorney to draft an ordinance approving the revised Quasi-judicial procedures. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

[23-6278](#)

Update on Staff Directives from the February 15, 2023 Transportation Workshop (Dr. Fiedler)

Discussion took place regarding the status of items from directives given at the Transportation Workshop.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Longo, to direct staff to provide City Council with an update on the Staff Directives from the February 15, 2023 Transportation Workshop. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Longo and Mr. Howard

IX. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

City Attorney wished Mr. Longo farewell.

City Clerk

Clerks Michaels spoke on needing a new representative for the County canvassing board and legal requirements for participation on that board.

Mayor Pachota appointed Ms. Moore to serve on the Canvassing Board.

City Clerk

Clerk Michaels spoke on current scheduling conflicts for an Executive Session for November 13th and asked for council consensus on a time.

Executive Session was scheduled for Monday, November 13th at 3:00 P.M.

City Manager

City Manager thanked Mr. Longo for his service and noted the upcoming Make the Difference Day, the Convocation of Governments (COG) attended with Vice Mayor Boldt, and Student Government Day.

X. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Moore

Ms. Moore spoke on the Historic and Architectural Preservation Board (HAPB) attempted public presentation last week, and the new water station on Venice Avenue on the way to beach.

Council Member Fiedler

Dr. Fiedler said farewell to Mr. Longo.

Council Member Howard

Mr. Howard thanked Mr. Longo for his support this year.

Council Member Longo

Mr. Longo thanked the Council for his time here.

Council Member Frank

Ms. Frank wished Mr. Longo farewell and noted she will be attending IEMO II.

Vice Mayor Boldt

Vice Mayor spoke on reading to kids events, Convocation of Government (COG) meeting, North Port's victory in the de-annexation with Wellen Park, Sarasota Airport use report, Sarasota County School Board breaking ground for new grade school, support for fire training academy, Sarasota Hospital's expectation to complete the expansion of the Venice campus by 2024, purchase of land on Venice Avenue, and citizen involvement.

Mayor Pachota

Mayor Pachota wished Mr. Longo farewell.

XI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jeff Boone and Annie Boone thanked Mr. Longo for his service, support, representation of the citizens and dedication.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 P.M.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk

