



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

[23-6247](#)

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CALL TO ORDER

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 Lavallee, Assistant City Manager James Clinch, Deputy City Clerk Toni Cone, and for certain items on the agenda: Police Chief Charlie Thorpe, Utilities Director Javier Vargas, Planning and Zoning Director Roger Clark, Planner Brittany Smith, Planner Josh Law, and Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. RECOGNITION

[23-6248](#)

Proclaim the Month of October 2023 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month", Presented to Sigrid Stang, SPARCC Victim Advocate, and Venice Police Department Detective Lieutenant Jason Adams and Officer Seth Kenny

Mayor Pachota presented this proclamation.

[23-6249](#)

Proclaim the Week of October 16-22, 2023 as "City Government Week", Presented to City Manager Ed Lavallee

Vice Mayor Boldt presented this proclamation.

[23-6250](#)

Proclamation October 8-14, 2023 as "Fire Prevention Week" Presented to Fire Chief Giddens and Fire Department Staff

Mayor Pachota presented this proclamation.

[23-6251](#)

Swearing in: Paramedics Luis Campos and Brian Collins

Clerk Michaels performed this swearing in.

[23-6252](#)

Swearing in: Fire Inspector Troy Deines

Clerk Michaels performed this swearing in.

[23-6253](#)

Sergeant Keith Quick Lieutenant Promotion and 15-Year Service Award

Clerk Michaels performed this swearing in and Chief Thorpe and City Manager Lavallee provided recognition.

Recess was taken from 9:30 a.m. until 9:40 a.m.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

Jake Ilardi, 113 Ogburn Street, Osprey, spoke in favor of an all-wheel plaza in Venice.

Eric Wright, 408 Briar Road, spoke in favor of an all-wheel park in Venice.

Steve Carr, 149 Avens Drive, on behalf of the Central Venice Coalition, spoke on the Capital Improvement Schedule (CIS), thanked City staff for adjusting the CIS document, reporting to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), traffic mitigation on Pinebrook Road other than widening to four lanes, and flooding concerns at Curry Creek.

Ruth Cordner, 246 Montelluna Drive, spoke on the Land Development Regulations (LDRs), unified control, turn over of the Cielo community, and litigation.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

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

A. CITY CLERK

[23-6254](#)

Minutes of the Budget Public Hearing September 25, 2023 and Regular City Council Meeting September 26, 2023

These minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

[23-6255](#)

Appoint Om Patel to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to Complete the Unexpired Term of Brandon Laver from October 10, 2023 to August 31, 2025

This appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[23-6256](#)

Appoint Robert Ward to the Public Art Advisory Board to Complete the Unexpired Term of Sandra Sibley from October 10, 2023 to November 30, 2024

This appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[23-6257](#)

Appoint Jack Bertram to the Environmental Advisory Board Student Seat to Serve a Term from October 10, 2023 to September 30, 2024

This appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY MANAGER

Finance

[23-6258](#)

Approve Accounts Receivable Write-Offs

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Human Resources

[23-6259](#)

Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and Between the City of Venice and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 1718

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

[23-6260](#)

Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) State Revolving Fund (SRF) Amendment 2 to Loan Agreement DW580480, Incorporating Water Supply Well RO-8E Into the Loan with the Booster Pump Station and Switchgear and Generator Projects. This Amendment Increases the Loan by \$4,200,000, Making the Total Loan Amount \$30,451,118.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

There were none.

Recess was taken from 9:54 a.m. until 10 a.m.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. CONTRACT

[CON. NO.
160-2023](#)

Consider the Purchase of a 7.8-Acre Parcel of Land Located at 1795 East Venice Avenue (Parcel ID Nos. 0412080005, 0415080006 and 0415080002) from FNG Holdings-Land LLC, for a Purchase Price of 3,400,000

Mayor Pachota read the item and opened the public hearing.

Written communications were provided in advance.

Utilities Director Vargas provided a presentation regarding the proposed real estate purchase proposal including aerial maps and photos, concerns for providing service to residents during storm, reasons the water treatment plant needs to be relocated, why the proposed property would be appropriate for the water treatment plant, and answered a Council question on whether there is adequate space at the location, stating there are approximately 8 acres which includes enough property to create appropriate buffers between the plant and neighbors.

Discussion took place regarding concerns about having insufficient information, technical issues, other options, hardening current facility, reservations, and residents not knowing what the water treatment plant is like.

Utilities Director Vargas gave an overview and recommended the same treatment that we have, most efficient use of property, future expansion, and future water supply.

Discussion continued regarding the fortuitous location, gateway, visibility, maintenance, and purchase price.

City Manager Lavallee stated there is no commitment to build anything at this point, and more research would need to be done if the water treatment plant were relocated. The property would be acquired for future use, and is an optimal location.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, to approve the purchase of a 7.8 -Acre Parcel of land Located at 1795 East Venice Avenue (Parcel ID Nos. 0412080005, 0415080006 and 0415080002) from FNG Holdings-Land LLC, for a purchase price of \$3,400,000. 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

B. PRELIMINARY PLAT PETITION

[CC 22-39PP](#)

Consider and Act Upon Preliminary Plat Amendment Petition No. 22-39PP for Cielo, a Portion of the Milano Planned Unit Development

(PUD), Creating a 10.42-Acre Parcel for Commercial Development, Located at Laurel Road and Jacaranda Boulevard (Quasi-Judicial)

Mayor Pachota read the item and opened the public hearing.

City Attorney Fernandez questioned Council Members concerning ex-parte communications and conflicts of interest. Ms. Moore, Mayor Pachota, Dr. Fiedler, Mrs. Frank, and Mr. Longo disclosed site visits.

Written communication was provided in advance.

Attorney Jeffery Boone, agent, being duly sworn, showed site, changing designations, to be consistency with planned unit development (PUD) amendment, referenced the staff report, the City approval process, and requested approval.

Lee Dube, 268 Caserta Court, being duly sworn, expressed concerns about Cielo residents purchasing there with the parcel in question being designated as preserve land, the developer, the price, Cielo home owners, ongoing issues with developer, developer not turning over community control after 90 percent of the parcel have been sold as of July, construction issues, and accountability.

Ruth Cordner, 246 Montelluna Drive, being duly sworn, spoke against Cielo rezoning and replat, Pat Neal's development of commercial property despite representation during sales to Ceilo homeowners, replat while legal case is pending, and homeowner rights.

Anthony Demeo, 249 Mestra Place, being duly sworn, spoke against the replat for Cielo, open space, and recommended postponing a decision until after litigation has been handled.

Kenneth Barron, 209 Corelli Drive, being duly sworn, spoke against the preliminary plat application and about the common property, 10 acres being sold without residents knowledge, and recommended an independent land use attorney opinion.

Tyler Cassell, 201 Medici Terrace, being duly sworn, spoke against the Cielo preliminary plat application, and about homeowner issues.

Mr. Boone responded regarding legal opinions, and the amendment meeting requirements.

Discussion took place regarding approving the plat while in litigation.

Attorney Fernandez noted this decision does not affect pending litigation, and the development order states if Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. 22-38RZ litigation results in denial this order would be void.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Longo, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, to approve Development Order No. 22-39PP for Cielo. 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 from 11:00 a.m. until 11:10 a.m.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[23-6195](#)

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

Attorney Jeffery Boone stated the language for the pre-annexation agreement was being worked on with City staff, and requested a continuance to the next City Council meeting on October 24th, 2023.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Ms. Moore, to continue Item No. 23-6195 to the October 24, 2023 City Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. ORDINANCES - FIRST 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.

Attorney Jackson Boone answered a Council question regarding changes or alterations to the land use designation or zoning designation based on the annexation, and stated all three petitions are dependent upon each other.

There was no public comment.

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, Ordinance No. 2023-35 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.
2023-36](#)**

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.

Planner Law answered a Council question regarding incompatibility and density concerns.

Discussion took place regarding density and intensity options.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark explained the planned unit development (PUD) zoning, intensities, and compatibility being considered at site and development plan approval.

Discussion took place regarding the aerial and GCCF Master Plan, workforce housing, and tools available for density bonus.

Attorney Jackson Boone, agent, spoke on land use designations, reduction in vehicle trips, proposal to amend the future land use map to place a medium density residential future land use designation on the property, site map, compatibility matrix table, easements, site and development plan, consistency with comprehensive plan, Florida Statutes, the land development code, and requested approval.

There was no public comment.

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, Ordinance No. 2023-36 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.](#)
[2023-37](#)

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)

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Pachota announced this is a quasi-judicial procedure and opened the public hearing.

City Attorney Fernandez questioned Council Members concerning ex-parte communications and conflicts of interest. Mrs. Frank and Mayor Pachota disclosed site visits.

Written communications were provided in advance.

Planner Josh Law, being duly sworn, answered Council questions regarding density for residential multi-family 2 (RMF 2) and residential multi-family 3 (RMF-3).

Discussion took place regarding density concerns, and locking in the maximum density up to 13 units per acre.

Applicant Jackson Boone, agent, being duly sworn, addressed density concerns, affordability, market rate, Mirasol, rents dropping due to increased availability, market-driven, consistency with the comprehensive plan and land development code requested approval, and answered Council questions regarding density, affordable/workforce housing, and existing density in area.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark, being duly sworn, answered Council questions regarding density in mixed use areas, ratio, PUD density, and noted this property is not part of the GCCF.

Rick Cordner, 246 Montelluna Drive, being duly sworn, spoke on Nest SA088, an active Bald Eagle nest and showed picture of the nest in a cell tower, recommended an environmental consultant, and approval of the petition being contingent on protecting nest.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark stated a site and development plan has been submitted, and the applicant is aware of the nest and working

with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Attorney Boone commented the applicant is working with the appropriate agencies on the Eagles' Nest.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frank, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, that based on the evidence in the record, Ordinance No. 2023-37 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 2 - Dr. Fiedler and Mr. Longo

Recess was taken from 11:27 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.

[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.

There were no written communications.

Planner Smith answered questions from Council regarding the subject property, project description, existing conditions, and possible uses per zoning. She stated that all uses in the staff report are possible in the Joint Planning Agreement (JPA), but this application is for a self-storage facility with a proposed future land use and zoning of commercial.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark clarified this application is for annexation only, not for a particular use.

Brian Lichterman, applicant, presented the petition for annexation, project components, and aerial site map.

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, Ordinance No. 2023-38 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.](#)
[2023-39](#)

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 read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Written communications were provided in advance.

Planner Smith answered a Council question regarding potential incompatibility noted on page 5 of the staff report, stating MUR and commercial are classified as "potentially incompatible," and the applicant has put forth potential solutions.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark responded to Council questions regarding land use, the Joint Planning Agreement (JPA) area, low intensity use, and the possible land uses.

Recess was taken from 1:36 p.m. until 1:40 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark reviewed the use table and responded to council questions regarding concerns about putting commercial in a residential area, responding the applicant can request the uses available, they put limitations on specific use, and conceptual plans.

Brian Lichterman, applicant, presented the project components to include property location map, aerial map, view of rendering, elevated view from Vistera, comprehensive plan amendment, and answered Council questions regarding surrounding lands, and landscaping.

Ron Sivitz, agent, spoke on concerns from property owners, color palettes, architectural features, resident concerns, and building height.

Discussion took place regarding comments from residents not happy to have commercial near their residences, compatibility, powerline easements, innocuous use, berm, swale, height, setbacks, number of storage units in the area, number of units, and potential zoning.

Discussion took place regarding concerns with height and number of stories.

Attorney Fernandez stated the agenda item could be postponed and reconsidered after the rezone hearing to address Council concerns, and Planning Commission recommendations.

Recess was taken from 2:25 p.m. until 2:40 p.m.

Attorney Fernandez provided guidance as to compatibility and commercial or different commercial, noted comprehensive plan level does not deal with the details, Council can hear rezone first and postpone action on this agenda item until after the rezone. She noted if the parcel is annexed into the City it must have a zoning designation assigned.

A motion was made by Mr. Longo, seconded by Ms. Moore to postpone Ordinance No. 2023-39 until after Council hears the presentation for Ordinance No. 2023-40. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[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)

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Pachota announced this is a quasi-judicial procedure and opened the public hearing.

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

Written communications were provided in advance.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark, being duly sworn, answered a Council question regarding the height by right on the parcel, stating it is 35 feet.

Brian Lichterman, agent, being duly sworn, and Ron Sivitz, agent, being duly sworn, provided a presentation to include proposed future development on aerial photo, preliminary site and development plan, rendering of elevated view, rendering view from Visterra Residential Community, gates, roof lines, A/C equipment being in the middle or screened, traffic, and answered Council questions regarding entrance to

the proposed property, parking, signage, dimensions of the building, number of units, and lighting.

Discussion took place regarding a stipulation in the ordinance to be used for self storage only in the future, and height limit as of right does not need be addressed in the ordinance.

Diana Watters, 273 Mestre Place, being duly sworn, spoke against the proposed storage units and proposed zoning.

Jill Pozarek, 161 Portofino Drive, being duly sworn, spoke against having the storage unit in a residential area.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark commented on the stipulation on the conceptual site plan, and design style for elevations will be in staff's oversight to make sure it occurs based on city code.

Mr. Lichterman commented on the City comprehensive plan encouraging mixed-use, and this will be much lower impact.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

Discussion took place regarding support for the petition, setbacks, concerns about the petition, and concerns regarding commercial development.

A motion was made by Mr. Longo, seconded by Ms. Moore, that based on the evidence in the record, Ordinance No. 2023-40 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading with the stipulation that the subject property will be used for self storage and the development will be consistent with the conceptual site plan and elevations provided by the applicant in the record. 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.](#)
[2023-39](#)

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

There was no public comment.

Mayor closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Longo, seconded by Ms. Moore, that based on the

evidence in the record, Ordinance No. 2023-39 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. 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.

Council waived a staff presentation.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

Discussion took place regarding support for the ordinance and setback measurements.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Mrs. Frank, that Ordinance No. 2023-41 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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

[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

Discussion took place regarding excess water usage, real time meter data, staff monitoring, and technology notifications.

There was consensus for staff to investigate technology for further utility

monitoring.

City Manager Lavallee answered a Council question regarding initiating a conversation with the State and County on the Auburn-Pinebrook Road extension of multi-use trail (MURT) improvements and adding them to the CIS next year. He noted these items do not belong in the CIS and he will follow up with Council Members.

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, that Ordinance No. 2023-42 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

There was consensus to complete the meeting today.

[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.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Longo, that Ordinance No. 2023-46 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

B. RESOLUTIONS

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

A Resolution of the Venice City Council Superseding Resolution No. 2014-20, and Authorizing the City of Venice Special Magistrate to Reduce Fines Imposed by the Special Magistrate of Former Code Enforcement Board; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

City Attorney Fernandez responded to a Council question noting this change is a housekeeping issue. .

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, that Resolution No. 2023-40 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

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

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the City of Venice Personnel Procedures and Rules, 2020 Edition, by Amending Section 2.1, Access to Group Health Coverage; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Howard, that Resolution 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

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

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Accepting Utilities and Improvements Installed by Vistera At Venice Owner 2 LLC, and Accepting a One Year Developers Maintenance Bond and Bill of Sale, and Providing an Effective Date (Vistera of Venice Multi-Family Project, Phase 2)

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Longo, that Resolution 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

[RES. No.
2023-43](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Accepting Utilities and Improvements Installed by Laurel Road Development, LLC, and Accepting a One Year Developers Maintenance Bond and Bill of Sale, and Providing an Effective Date (Mirasol)

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Howard, that Resolution No. 2023-43 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

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

A Resolution of the City Council of Venice, Florida, Amending Resolution No. 2021-31 to Adopt a Revised Use of Logo Policy; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

Discussion took place regarding changes, clearly defining legislative versus operational uses, Council to approve logo revisions or changes to the policy, and Section C, the City Manager approving with Council providing final approval.

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Howard, that Resolution No. 2023-44 be approved and adopted with the modification of Subsection C that any

additional logos be modified or adopted only with the consent of the City Manager and final approval by City Council. 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

C. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[23-6261](#)

Consider Recommendation from the Public Art Advisory Board to Place a Seahorse "Valor" Sculpture in the Venice Police Department Lobby

It was noted that the Police Department was in favor of this.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frank, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve the recommendation from the Public Art Advisory Board to place a seahorse "Valor" sculpture in the Venice Police Department lobby. 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

[23-6262](#)

Consider Recommendation from the Public Art Advisory Board to Place a Venice Heritage, Inc. Hibiscus Flower Painting on the Venice Museum Building Known as the Triangle Inn

It was noted that the Historical Resources Staff was in favor of this.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, to approve the recommendation from the Public Art Advisory Board to place a Venice Heritage, Inc. hibiscus flower painting on the Venice Museum building known as the Triangle Inn. 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

[23-6263](#)

Charter Officer Pay Increase for Fiscal Year 2024 (Mayor Pachota)

Discussion took place regarding Clerk pay, department heads, balance between staff, proposed 9% for City Clerk, recommended option of 7.5%, comparisons to department head increases, employment agreements, and deferred compensation.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Ms. Moore, to increase the City Clerk and City Manager pay by 7.5%. 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

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Consolidation of the Environmental Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Public Art Advisory Board into a Citizen Advisory Board, with Meetings Called on an as Needed Basis

City Attorney Fernandez provided an update and history of the topic and noted some of the Public Art duties could fall under staff in the future.

Discussion took place regarding the Environmental Advisory Board (EAB), Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Public Art Advisory Board, concerns about consolidation or sunseting, opportunity for revitalization, using task forces when needed, reinvention, history, strategic planning, and activities of the new Citizen Advisory Board being directed by City Council.

City Attorney Fernandez will bring back an ordinance based on the discussion.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Dr. Fiedler, for the City Attorney to create ordinance language to support the Citizen Advisory Board document, and sunseting the Environmental Advisory Board, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the Public Art Advisory Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Mr. Longo

VIII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

City Attorney Fernandez had no report.

City Clerk

Clerk Michaels had no report.

City Manager

City Manager Lavallee reported attending the Florida League of Cities (FLC) seminar regarding entrepreneurial leadership design with Human Resources Director Bullock.

IX. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Longo

Mr. Longo reported on attending the United Way long term recovery meetings, 191 residents in South Sarasota County, including a large number in the City of Venice having homes redone by the United Way World Renew. He also commented on the productivity of the Economic Development Council (EDC) meeting.

Council Member Moore

Ms. Moore had no report.

Council Member Fiedler

Dr. Fiedler inquired on the status of the Northeast Park meetings to include next steps for the park. Assistant City Manager Clinch stated the conceptual plan will be brought to City Council and the preliminary budget numbers to be considered. Dr. Fiedler also reported on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) system that is open for funding requests.

Council Member Frank

Mrs. Frank reported on attendance at the Public Art Advisory Board, and the contributions of two City employees as board members to the Venice Housing Authority.

Council Member Howard

Mr. Howard reported on Planning Commission activities.

Vice Mayor Boldt

Vice Mayor Boldt had no report.

Mayor Pachota

Mayor Pachota reported on his October and November schedules, and upcoming holiday events including the tree lighting, and the holiday parade.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no one signed up to speak.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk