



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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Establishing a Start and End Time for Regularly Scheduled Meetings and Date and Time for Meeting Continuations (Holic)

Discussion took place regarding meeting start and end time, having the Wednesday morning after council meetings available, quasi-judicial proceedings, benchmarking, comparison with other city populations and council meeting times, meetings extended into a second day, and Mr. Cautero's conversations with potential council candidates.

Mr. Persson noted his analysis regarding council meetings and his experience with other cities.

Discussion ensued on amount of work council gets done, previous process, the county commission's process, flexibility on stop time, full agendas, sunshine law, different council views, time for constituents, council member wages and amount of work entailed, establishing start and end date, other optional days for meeting extensions, and wording for motion.

Discussion continued regarding increasing council salaries and charter review committee's position, correlation between more time and efficiency, giving priority to city business, non-profit presentations versus reports, consent agendas, city code on council members speaking twice, respecting staff and council member time, ability to extend end time, purpose of continuing meeting to a second day, continuing agenda items to next scheduled council meeting, and extending second day only for quasi-judicial proceedings.

Mayor Holic passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Cautero.

A motion was made by Mayor Holic, seconded by Council Member Daniels, that Venice City Council establish a start time of 9 a.m. and stop time of 5:00 p.m. for regularly scheduled meetings, special meetings and workshops shall be published with start times and stop times as appropriate for the meeting, should council desire to continue a meeting beyond the scheduled stop time, it must be done by approval of the majority of council no later than one hour prior to the posted stop of that meeting, and should a regularly scheduled council meeting be deemed to need a second day for continuation or completion of a meeting that contains a quasi-judicial hearing, the second day shall be the Wednesday immediately following the Tuesday of the meeting with a start time of 9:30 a.m. and stop time of 3:30 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.