



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Council Member Deborah Anderson, Council Member Richard Causero and Council Member Fred Fraize

Also Present:

City Attorney Dave Persson, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavalley, Recording Secretary Edward Klotz, and for certain items on the agenda: Interim Fire Chief Shawn Carvey, Acting Police Chief Tom Mattmuller, Acting Finance Director Linda Senne, and Director of Administrative Services Alan Bullock.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Holic offered a moment of silence for the San Bernardino, California shooting victims.

Ms. Stelzer offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Anderson.

I. RECOGNITION

[15-1647](#)

Recognize Friends of Pinebrook Park for Adoption of Pinebrook Park through Keep Sarasota County Beautiful Program

Wendi Crisp, Program Coordinator, Keep Sarasota Beautiful, welcomed and thanked Friends of Pinebrook for their partnership with Keep Sarasota Beautiful.

Mayor Holic recognized Friends of Pinebrook Park.

[15-1648](#)

Presented to Linda Senne, Interim Finance Director: 2014 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) Award

Mayor Holic presented this award.

[15-1649](#) 15-year Service Award, Jerald Manchester, Municipal Service Worker II, Airport

This item will be presented at a future council meeting.

[15-1650](#) Retirement Certificate, Joseph Zann, Level II Engineering and Stormwater Technician

Vice Mayor McKeon presented the Retirement Certificate to Joseph Zann.

[15-1596](#) 20-year Service Award and Retirement Certificate, Pamela Johnson, Public Information Officer

Mayor Holic presented the 20-year Service Award and Retirement Certificate to Pamela Johnson.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

James Ainslie, 406 Villas Drive, commented on the utilities department, installation of water lines, issuing contracts, investigating contractors, major water leaks, and the emergency phone line.

Discussion ensued with Mayor Holic commenting that the city manager will handle the emergency phone line, the need for a live person answering this line and a request was made for the city manager to bring information back to council.

Roger Efron, 298 Mestre Place, recommended that Mr. Carvey be appointed as fire chief and noted the positive impact that Mr. Carvey has had on the community. Mr. Efron also recommended that the city keep the fire department rather than consolidate, and noted the attendance of citizens to the Comprehensive Plan workshops. He also stated that he is pleased with the process and thanked Mr. Shrum and Mr. Snyder in their efforts.

Don O'Connell, 500 Hauser Lane, commented on the engineering department's design of the Lord Higel House parking lot and also spoke on behalf of Mr. Carvey being appointed the fire chief.

Erin Silk, Venice MainStreet, presented to the city and staff a certificate of recognition for the downtown holiday lighting displays.

Lillian Reilly, 244 St. Augustine Avenue, asked if St. Augustine will return to a two way road and stated that the parking spaces were never used except during big events. Ms. Reilly expressed that she was upset about the lack of availability of hearing devices for the hearing impaired to be able to participate in publicly held meetings and the poor condition of some of the sidewalks on the island.

Mr. Lavallee stated that no formal decision was made regarding St. Augustine and that the matter would be looked into and a decision would be made. Ms. Stelzer assured Ms. Reilly and council that hearing devices are available.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A Motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item No. 15-1656. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A. MAYOR

[15-1651](#) Appoint Nick Flerlage to the Environmental Advisory Board to Serve a Term from December 8, 2015 until December 31, 2018

This appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[15-1652](#) Appoint Ronald Courtney to the Environmental Advisory Board to Serve a Term from December 8, 2015 Until December 31, 2018

This appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[15-1653](#) Mayor and City Council Liaison Appointments

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY CLERK

[15-1654](#) Minutes of the August 25, 2015, and August 28, 2015 Regular Meeting and the October 2, 2015 Special Meeting

These minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. CITY ATTORNEY

[15-1655](#) Request Private Attorney Client Session: Anthony Lorenzo and Citizens for Sunshine, Inc. vs. City of Venice, et al

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

B. COUNCIL ACTION

[15-1657](#) Request Council Approval to Appoint and Swear in Interim Fire Chief Shawn Carvey as Fire Chief

Without objection, Mayor Holic reordered the agenda to act on this item.

Discussion ensued with the majority of council in support of the appointment with Mr. Daniels expressing concerns regarding a promise

of employment, the potential for a future buyout that would cost taxpayers, and the uncertainties of what the future holds for the fire department.

Following the motion Mayor Holic presented the oath to Mr. Carvey as the newly appointed fire chief.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member McKeon to appoint and swear in Interim Fire Chief Shawn Carvey as fire chief. The motion carried by voice vote with Mr. Daniels opposed.

III. CONSENT SECTION: Continued

D. CITY MANAGER

Planning and Zoning

15-1656

Authorize the Mayor to Execute a License Agreement Authorizing Venice Regional Bayfront Health Systems, Inc. to Construct Signs on City-owned Property Adjacent to 540 The Rialto

Mr. Fraize expressed safety concerns with people hiding behind the larger sign and questioned the possibility of a size modification. Jeff Boone, attorney representing Venice Regional, noted that the changes are to the name and logo, slight size modifications, and relocation which will allow drivers more decision making time as well as no line of sight blockages, and the topic was approved by the planning commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon to approve Item No. 15-1656. The motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORD. NO. 2015-23

Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Venice, Florida, Chapter 50 Personnel, Article III, Pensions and Retirement; Division 2, Municipal Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund; Section 50-81, Definitions; Section 50-86, Benefit Amounts and Eligibility; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Stelzer stated that there were no written communications and that no one was signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, that Ordinance No. 2015-23 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Caution and Mr. Fraize

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO.
2015-26](#)

Accepting Utilities and Improvements Installed by Neal Communities of Southwest Florida, LLC, and Accepting a One Year Developers Maintenance Bond, and Bill Of Sale, and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels, that Resolution No. 2015-26 be approved and adopted.

Discussion ensued on warranties, who paid for the sewer lines, current policy, changing the current laws prior to changing the policy, and future discussion regarding warranties.

Jeff Boone, attorney representing Neal Communities, suggested council review what other cities are doing, elaborated on the impact fees that the city will collect as revenue, and clarified that maintenance was done by the developer or the homeowner's association. He also noted that the city was following standard procedure and that a bond is a safety net for the city allowing for control of infrastructure.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Caution and Mr. Fraize

Recess was taken from 10:27 a.m. until 10:37 a.m.

B. COUNCIL ACTION

[15-1658](#)

Request Council Discuss the Email from Sarasota County Regarding the Points of Discussion for Consolidation and Consider Directing Staff to Use the Interlocal Agreement as the Basis of Comparison for Negotiations in Establishing Criteria for Consolidation of Fire Services Between the City of Venice and Sarasota County (Holic)

Mayor Holic began the discussion by commenting on a letter (memo) received from Sarasota County regarding the fire department merger, capital contribution, compensation of repair or replacement of the facilities and depreciation values on current equipment.

Mr. Lavalley noted the time and energy investment involved in this process and that specific items will be negotiated prior to obtaining a

public vote. Several questions were brought to attention and as a result the city manager elected to have city staff evaluate depreciation and facility condition and report back to council. Mr. Lavallee also noted that the county would like to have affirmation of interest from the public, the fire department, and the city prior to proceeding with the drafting of an interlocal agreement for the merger.

Discussion continued with notation of previous fire department mergers the county went through and final wording of the interlocal agreement.

Mr. Caution requested that a five year comparison study of city versus county, and revenues versus cost including capital cost be presented to council.

Discussion continued with an explanation of where funding was received, the impact on the city budget from the merger, and the current millage rate and how to reduce it, future workshops, and the need for more precise and correct information to reduce questions, misinformation and confusion. It was also suggested that control needed to be defined in future discussions.

This item was heard and will be added to the workshop agenda on January 11, 2016.

[15-1659](#)

Direct the City Manager to Find \$40,000 in the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget to be Used in Conjunction with Economic Development Advisory Board as Marketing Expenditures to Promote the City of Venice Prior to the End of Fiscal Year 2016 (Holic)

Mayor Holic presented background information on his memorandum dated December 2, 2015 and requested council action.

Discussion continued regarding tourism, Fox Lea Farm funding, Sarasota County's bed tax, and use of these funds in the past. The majority of council spoke in opposition of additional funding, the allocation of funds to for-profit organizations, and advisory boards having control over any amount of funding.

This item was heard and no action was taken.

[15-1660](#)

Approve a \$20,000 sponsorship for Fox Lea Farm Horse Jump at their Facility

There was no discussion and no action was taken.

[15-1661](#)

Request Council Approval to Request a Presentation by Director of Long-Range Planning Kathie Ebaugh, Sarasota County School District, Regarding School Site Selection and Partnerships to be Placed on the Next Workshop Agenda (Gates)

Ms. Gates spoke on a previous interactive presentation given by Ms.

Ebaugh at the Venice High School SAC meeting and suggested Ms. Ebaugh be invited to make her presentation to council. Ms. Gates noted that the interactive presentation allowed for the type of relationship to be fostered with Sarasota County School Board, field usage, and after school meeting rooms.

Mr. Cautero suggested that this could be added at the end of the upcoming Think Tank meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Anderson to have Director of Long-Range Planning Kathie Ebaugh, Sarasota County School District to be placed on a future workshop agenda regarding School Site Selection and Partnerships. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[15-1662](#)

Assign a Council Member to the School Board Site Location Selection Committee (Gates)

Ms. Gates spoke on the site selection committee for the new schools and her suggestion that council have representation on this committee. Ms. Ebaugh stated that having a council member on the committee would be detrimental to purchasing and negotiating power when acquiring sites. Ms. Gates recommended John Williams from the planning commission be the city's representative on the committee.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Gates that the council request that John Williams of the Planning Commission be appointed to the School Board Site Location Selection Committee. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[15-1663](#)

Approve Sending a Letter to Sarasota County School Board Requesting that the School Impact Fees be Adjusted to the 50% Level as Recommended by Lori White, Superintendent of Schools for Sarasota County School Board (Fraize)

Mr. Fraize spoke on current school impact fees and Ms. White's recommended increase to 50% and requested council send a letter to the Sarasota County School Board to increase the school impact fees and as a guidance for a better decision making process regarding school impact fees.

Discussion continued regarding growth, payment of impact fees, impact on the city, further discussion at the January 15 meeting, and the city interfering with school board decisions.

Jeff Boone, city resident, requested council postpone making a decision on this matter until more information can be gathered and presented, and provided a history of school impact fees, the difference between back fees and impact fees, and who is required to pay impact fees.

Pat Neal, 5800 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., requested council defer their

decision until further information could be gathered and presented and provided the reasoning for the school board's decision.

Mr. Daniels requested Mr. Boone and Mr. Neal make a presentation at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Fraize, seconded by Council Member Anderson to send a letter to the Sarasota County School Board requesting that the school impact fees be adjusted to the 50% Level as recommended by Lori White, Superintendent of Schools for Sarasota County School Board. The motion failed by voice vote with Ms. Gates, Mr. Cautero, Mr. Daniels and Mr. McKeon opposed.

Recess was taken from 12:15 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

[15-1672](#)

12:00 P.M. OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER - PRIVATE ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 286.011(8), TO DISCUSS ANTHONY LORENZO AND CITIZENS FOR SUNSHINE VS. CITY OF VENICE, et al

In attendance will be City Attorney Dave Persson, Attorney Steven Chase, Mayor John Holic, Vice Mayor Kit McKeon, Council Members Jeanette Gates, Bob Daniels, Rich Cautero, Fred Fraize, Deborah Anderson, City Manager Ed Lavalley, and Roberts Court Reporting. (Expected Duration 1 hour)

Recess was taken at 12:15 p.m. for the Private Attorney-Client Session.

Mayor Holic announced that a Private Attorney-Client Session would be held pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011(8) to discuss Anthony Lorenzo and Citizens for Sunshine, Inc. vs. City of Venice, et al.

In attendance will be City Attorney Dave Persson, Attorney Steven Chase, Mayor John Holic, Vice Mayor Kit McKeon, Council Members Jeanette Gates, Bob Daniels, Rich Cautero, Fred Fraize, Deborah Anderson, City Manager Ed Lavalley, and Roberts Court Reporting.

The session will last approximately one hour, after which the council meeting will reconvene in Council Chambers.

Mayor Holic announced at 1:30 p.m. that the Private Attorney-Client Session was over and the meeting was reconvened. All were present.

C. PRESENTATIONS - Will start at approximately 1:30 p.m.

[15-1667](#)

Dr. Chris Cortman: Social Black Belt (10 min.)

Dr. and Stephanie Cortman presented an overview of their not-for-profit organization and the impacts it has had on the Venice community, including the pilot program at Venice High School which is now in the

middle school and elementary schools. Ms. Cortman spoke of partnerships with various organizations and Dr. Cortman spoke on the successes of the program.

Mayor Holic noted their need for office space and an invitation was extended to the Cortmans to tour the Hamilton Building in their search for office space.

[15-1668](#)

Jim Linn, Attorney, Lewis, Longman and Walker and Pete Strong, Actuary, Gabriel Roeder Smith and Company: Police and Fire Pensions (15 min.)

Mr. Bullock provided introductory remarks on the pension plan, collective bargaining, and changes. He clarified that some employees chose to retain their police or fire pension plans while others transferred to the Florida Retirement System (FRS) and that new employees automatically become members of FRS.

Mr. Linn provided a summarization of the key assumptions revised in September and the results of the city's decision. He noted that the state came back with a change in investment earnings assumption and a reduction in earnings means an increase in costs for the city. Mr. Strong presented an overview and viable options available to the city to pay the current debt accumulated by the changes.

Discussion ensued on the 3% cost of living adjustment negotiated by the fire department, responsibilities of the pension board and where the biggest impacts would be felt.

Ms. Senne explained that the numbers being used in this presentation were accurate and included the Florida Retirement System as well as individual private pension plans, where the shortages were accumulated.

Discussion followed on the role of the pension board and Mr. Lavalley suggested the discussion continue at the January 11 workshop and questioned the effect on costs.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Daniels to send a letter regarding the changes in actuarial assumption and methods to the fire and police pension boards and request that the police pension board meet at an earlier date. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[15-1669](#)

Don Hadsell, Director of the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development: 2016-2021 Consolidated Plan Update (10 min.)

Mr. Hadsell spoke on the Sarasota consolidated plan and gave an overview of HUD funding and allocation of funds. He noted that accomplishments of Venice and the four elements that need to be

accomplished, a needs analysis, a market study, a strategic plan and a one year action plan. Mr. Hadsell listed the priorities from high to low and provided a timeline of steps that will take place in 2015-2016.

In response to Mr. Lavallee's question on how well funding sources cover the costs of the high priorities and where Venice fits into the Sarasota consolidated plan, Mr. Hadsell responded that additional funding would be needed, that homeless shelters would impact Venice, and the hope that funding would assist in the completion of the Grove Terrace Project (Venetian Walk).

In response to questions, Mr. Hadsell responded that the definition of affordable housing is market grade housing that receives a subsidy that makes it affordable to lower income individuals.

[15-1670](#)

Wayne Applebee, Sarasota County Director of Homeless Services: Homeless Update (10 min.)

Mr. Applebee provided an update on homeless services and strategies used to deal with families and children homelessness, adult homelessness and the administration behind those services. He discussed the success of the "emergency room" facilities in North Port and north Sarasota County and development of a master case management system which helps to coordinate all activities on the path of sustainability. Mr. Applebee spoke on the lack of affordable housing, having seven master case managers, the need for "emergency room" facilities for homeless adults and the timeline with the renovations of potential shelter sites.

Discussion ensued on the City of Sarasota and Sarasota County working in different directions and the need for coordination between the two efforts.

Discussion followed on defining "in your community", the Venice Salvation Army as a potential night time shelter, where normal affordable housing originates, outreach teams are needed to engage the homeless in a positive manner, the majority of the focus has been on families, and the need for funding to be spent on affordable housing prior to being used on infrastructure.

Mr. Daniels requested that council be provided with quarterly updates from Mr. Applebee and the need for better programs for those with mental health issues. Mr. Hadsell remarked that there is a crisis stabilization unit that is never full and that mental health facilities are held back for funding and legal issues, and alternative funding options were being aggressively sought and considered.

Recess was taken from 3:32 p.m. until 3:41 p.m.

B. COUNCIL ACTION-Continued[15-1664](#)

Request City Council Direct the Planning Commission and City Staff to Postpone the Seven Comprehensive Plan Meetings Scheduled in December to Gather Resident Input (Anderson)

Ms. Anderson spoke on prior concerns she had regarding the comprehensive plan meeting schedule and she was pleased with the turn out. Ms. Anderson requested that even though she is withdrawing her request she would like the ability to come back to the subject at a later time if necessary.

Ms. Anderson withdrew her request.

[15-1665](#)

Request the City Manager to Provide City Council with a Presentation on the Impact Fee Process, Protocol and Procedures (Cautero)

Mr. Cautero spoke on the increase of impact fees and revenue streams that are used for capacity and infrastructure expansion. It was suggested that a 5-10 year projection would benefit council in understanding the process.

Discussion ensued with the request to include special mitigation fees in the presentation as well as a small presentation to be provided by the city attorney providing a background and explanation of costs associated with the building of new homes in the city.

A motion was made by Council Member Cautero, seconded by Council Member Fraize to request the city manager provide city council with a presentation on impact fee process, protocol, and procedure specifically early next year, January 2016.

Mr. Daniels spoke on the Venice extraordinary mitigation fee that is collected from new housing development stating that three years ago a request was made of the finance and building departments to list all fees included in the permit.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon to amend the motion to include the Venice extraordinary mitigation fee on the report. The amendment carried on voice vote unanimously.

Ms. Anderson requested clarification on the extraordinary mitigation fee and questioned the status of an ongoing dispute.

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Fraize to amend the motion to include a small presentation on the dispute.

Discussion continued regarding the ongoing dispute and the appropriateness to discuss the matter. Mr. Persson noted that he can provide an explanation now or later, and clarify the cost to build a house in Venice.

The amendment to include a small presentation on the dispute passed by voice vote 5-2, with Mr. Daniels and Mr. McKeon opposed.

The original motion, with two amendments, to request the city manager to provide council with a presentation of impact fee process, protocol and procedure and to include the extraordinary mitigation fee with a small presentation on the dispute carried by voice vote unanimously.

[15-1666](#)

Council Discussion and Approval of Suggested Agenda Items for January 15, 2016 Convocation of Governments on School Facility Planning

There was a consensus to include the following five agenda items for the January 15, 2016 Convocation of Governments on School Facility Planning: funding for new schools, curriculum for building code and fire inspectors, joint use of property between the school/county/city, additional lighting needed on Bahama and Indian Avenues and Venice Performing Arts Center building signage improvement.

VI. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

[15-1671](#)

Council Email Policy

Mr. Persson provided council with an overview of the current email policy for council members and the safest way to not violate sunshine laws.

Discussion ensued with who should be copied, what should be copied, and emails should be closely monitored.

There was a consensus that all city council members will copy each other when sending email correspondence.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer had nothing to report.

Mr. Daniels asked Ms. Stelzer to provide a report starting in January on the status of meeting minutes.

Ms. Stelzer commented that by January the minutes should be caught up.

City Manager

Mr. Lavalley reported on the conditions of the water plant building, the relocation of the emergency operations center, the emergency operations center's capabilities and functionality, the need for a vulnerability assessment of all city owned properties, and a status update on staffing at the front desk of the police department.

VII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Holic

[15-1624](#)

Dispatch Consolidation

Mayor Holic reported on citizen concerns regarding the non-emergency line, which is being designated for administrative services; however, not for community service calls.

Discussion ensued regarding the reorganization of the police department, police department budget increases, arising issues from consolidation and staffing, and the operating procedures of the 911 call center.

Mr. Mattmuller commented on the non-emergency line, the number of complaints, the county is working on resolving their dispatch issues, the city is in the process of hiring a police service aid, and the county is launching a new program that will identify new incident calls from that of a group of calls involving the same incident.

Discussion ensued on council members touring the 911 call center.

Council Member Fraize

Mr. Fraize reported on his attendance at the Architectural Review Board workshop on the comprehensive plan, and the Environmental Advisory Board meeting and questioned a status update on the historical lights and emails.

Council Member McKeon

Mr. McKeon reported on the planning commission meeting including the comprehensive plan and sunshine and public records law update. He stated the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council is hosting an area wide conference on terrorism. Mr. McKeon stated that the Architectural Review Board (ARB) met and gave approval for the demolition and rebuilding of a house on Granada Ave. and expressed concerns regarding the lack of codes regulating tree removal and was assured by the building official that prior to removal of the tree a permit would be required.

Discussion ensued on tree removal permits being issued by the county, the city does not have an ordinance on trees, city council supervising the ARB, and council having the ability to reverse a board decision.

Council Member Daniels

Mr. Daniels reported that at a recent Tourist Development Council (TDC)

meeting Fox Lea Farm was awarded funding and that they were the only entity to receive funding. He mentioned that Venice is going through some changes and gave council some facts of changes that have taken place over time.

Council Member Gates

Ms. Gates reported on the Historic Preservation Board meeting where Mr. Humes reported on the lightning damage to the Lord Higel House and that the damage is covered by the city's insurance, Certified Local Government was discussed and the impact and implication on property owners, and sister cities.

Council Member Anderson

Ms. Anderson had no report.

Council Member Cautero

Mr. Cautero reported on the Venice MainStreet year-end meeting where 2015 accomplishments were discussed. Mr. Cautero asked if council had ever addressed the productivity and efficiency of council meetings which would include metrics on length of time in comparison to other cities of similar size.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jeff Boone, city resident, stated that there have been complaints regarding tourism for many years and that in his opinion the quality of life in Venice has improved due to tourism. He noted the benefits of tourism to businesses that rely on tourism for survival, city growth, and the sustainability of local city businesses that survived through the recession.

Discussion continued regarding the Architectural Review Board and their level of authority, current ordinances that delegated authority to the boards, accountability, tree removal permits, ordinances and codes. It was noted that a review of the ordinances was needed regarding tree removal and Mr. Persson mentioned that a certificate of compliance is needed for the demolition of a home, but that there was no criteria in the code on granting the certificate.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk