

In response to Mr. Myers, Mr. Tacy suggested a committee of five appointed by the Mayor subject to Council approval.

**XV. COUNCIL ACTION: EXEMPTING CITY OF VENICE RESIDENTS FROM PAYING PIER USER FEE WHILE GENERAL OBLIGATION RECREATION BONDS ARE OUTSTANDING**

(3:04) Mr. Tacy noted he perceives the community feeling regarding pier user fees is “double taxation” and offered his thoughts on the issue.

Council members exchanged views relative to pier revenue sources and the impact of implementing Mr. Tacy’s suggestion would have on the pier fund for maintenance and to the Sharky’s lease, if any.

(3:10) Mr. Tacy moved that customers be exempt from paying the fishing pier admission fee during the life of the Recreation Facility Capital Improvements General Obligation Bonds. Seconded by Mr. Farley. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.

**XVI. COUNCIL ACTION: VENICE HOUSING AUTHORITY’S (VHA) REQUEST TO REMOVE A COMMISSIONER FROM THE BOARD**

(3:12) Mr. Tacy briefed Council on action taken by the VHA board relative to the removal of Joseph Venuti, Sr. and steps taken, upon the Mayor’s request, to meet with the City Manager and City Attorney to review the possibility of the city offering immediate assistance to the VHA.

Mr. Hunt distributed and briefly explained a draft proposal addressing the 18 violations outlined by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the September 19<sup>th</sup> report for the city’s immediate assistance to offer management services for 90 days at a rate of \$4,061.82/biweekly, and explained four other alternatives outlined in his memorandum.

Mr. Hunt addressed Council members’ questions relative to length of the assignment and hiring a consultant with expertise in HUD regulations.

(3:19) Mr. Farley moved to assign Mr. Hunt or his designee the responsibility of management of the Venice Housing Authority (VHA) for a period of 90 days and report back to Council with a recommendation for an experienced individual to do the job, pending VHA’s approval. Seconded by Mr. Tacy.

(3:20) Mr. Anderson pointed out the extent of the assistance the City of Venice may be able to offer, given that VHA is a separate entity, and steps to follow, should the offer be accepted.

Mayor Calamaras restated the motion, to present Mr. Hunt’s proposal, as outlined, relative to management of the VHA, to the VHA Board for consideration. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.

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Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

(3:55) Mr. Tacy **moved** that Ordinance No. 2004-17 be approved on first reading. **Seconded** by Mr. Myers.

Mr. Simmonds noted his concerns relative to this ordinance with Mr. Tacy pointing out that Bon Secours-Venice Hospital and the feasibility that it be granted a wholesale rate are a separate issue. Mr. Hammett concurred with Mr. Simmonds.

ROLL CALL: MR. HAMMETT, YES; MR. MOORE, YES; MS. TAYLOR, YES; MR. TACY, YES; MR. SIMMONDS, YES; MR. MYERS, YES; MAYOR CALAMARAS, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

**X. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-12, AUTHORIZING JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT 2004-A FOR MULTIPLE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT THE AIRPORT – APPROVED AND ADOPTED**

Ms. Stelzer read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Moore **moved** that Resolution No. 2004-12 be approved and adopted. **Seconded** by Mr. Hammett.

Mr. Hernandez noted proposed improvement projects deal mainly with the on-going security and gate project.

Ms. Taylor left the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: MR. MOORE, YES; MR. TACY, YES; MR. MYERS, YES; MR. SIMMONDS, YES; MR. HAMMETT, YES; MAYOR CALAMARAS, YES. MS. MOTION CARRIED, WITH MS. TAYLOR ABSENT.

**XI. RESOLUTION NO. 2004-13, REPEALING THE ADMITTANCE FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE VENICE MUNICIPAL PIER; RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 909-87 – APPROVED AND ADOPTED**

(4:02) The City Clerk read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Hammett **moved** that Resolution No. 2004-13 be approved and adopted. **Seconded** by Mr. Tacy.

Mr. Anderson addressed Mr. Hammett's inquiry relative to admission fees included in Sharky's lease.

ROLL CALL: MR. HAMMETT, YES; MR. TACY, YES; MR. MYERS, YES; MR. SIMMONDS, YES; MR. MOORE, YES; MAYOR CALAMARAS, YES. MOTION CARRIED, WITH MS. TAYLOR ABSENT.