



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 6 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Council Member Richard Cautero and Council Member Fred Fraize
- Absent:** 1 - Council Member Deborah Anderson

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Dave Persson, Assistant City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, and for certain items on the agenda: Public Works Director John Veneziano, Utilities Director Javier Vargas, Finance Director Linda Senne, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Senior Planner Scott Pickett, Airport Director Mark Cervasio, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, and Assistant City Engineer James Clinch.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

I. RECOGNITION

[17-2812](#)

Mayor's Pillar of the Community Award, Presented to Ellen Hillstrom

Mr. Daniels left the dais at 9:04 a.m.

Mr. Daniels returned to the dais at 9:06 a.m.

Mayor Holic presented this award to Ellen Hillstrom.

[17-2813](#)

Recognize August 2017 as Breastfeeding Awareness Month, Presented to Arielle Ball, WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County Lactation Counselor, and Lactation Love

Mayor Holic presented this proclamation to Arielle Ball.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Kathy Crisman, 219 West Venice Avenue, thanked council for their service in the community and spoke regarding downtown festivals.

Bruce Fiedler, 285 Martellago Drive, spoke on opposition to air traffic control privatization.

Mark Andes, Island Life Hammock Company, commented on downtown mainstreet and the Seafood Festival.

Paul Hollowell, President of the Venice Aviation Society, spoke regarding opposition to air traffic control privatization.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to approve items on the consent section with the exception of item nos. 94-2017, 17-2817, 17-2818, and 17-2819. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. MAYOR

[17-2814](#)

Appoint Terri Britton to the Venice Housing Authority to Complete the Term of Douglas Roach from July 11, 2017 until October 31, 2018

This Appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY CLERK

[17-2815](#)

Minutes of the June 19, 2017 Budget Workshop and June 29, 2017 Budget Special Meeting

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. CITY MANAGER

Engineering

[17-2816](#)

Authorize the Mayor to Execute Work Assignment 2017-01 Pursuant to the November 30, 2016 Agreement Between City of Venice, Florida and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$276,441 to Complete the Construction Engineering Inspection and Verification Testing for the Venice Resurfacing Project, Phase 1

This Work Assignment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[CON. NO.
93-2017](#)

Approval of Contract with Preferred Materials, Inc. in the Amount of \$6,445,341.70 for City of Venice Resurfacing Project, Phase 1

This Contract was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT**CITY MANAGER - Continued**Engineering - Continued

[CON. NO. 94-2017](#) Approval of Contract with DeJonge Excavating Contractors, Inc. in the Amount of \$354,370.25 for the Edmondson Road Multi-Use Trail

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve Item No. 94-2017.

Discussion followed regarding Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Edmondson Road trail connection.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Works

[17-2817](#) Approve Blanket Purchase Order Increase for Bodi and Associates in the Amount of \$7,010 for the Completion of Fencing Projects

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to approve Item No. 17-2817.

Discussion followed regarding funding and operation of Chuck Reiter and Wellfield parks, project expense, fencing contract, fiscal year (FY) 2018 budget, parks agreement with the county, parks master plan, and project contract and completion.

Mr. Veneziano commented on the completion of tennis court fencing at Hecksher Park and placing backstops at Chuck Reiter Park.

Discussion continued on project status, completion, and contract, fencing condition at Chuck Reiter Park, safety concerns, communicating with the county manager on sports parks, repairs and maintenance, rust concerns, the Venice Community Center, Chuck Reiter and Wellfield parks, safety, and maintenance budget.

The motion carried by voice vote 5 to 1 with Mr. Daniels opposed.

Utilities

[17-2818](#) Request Approval to Execute Black & Veatch, Work Assignment No. 2016-01, Water Treatment Plant RO Efficiency Study in the Amount of \$326,196

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve Item Nos. 17-2818 and 17-2819.

Discussion followed regarding consultant studies and expenses, and the water master plan update.

Mr. Vargas noted efficiency study is required by a permit to be completed and submitted before January 2018, cost for rental of equipment, and some of the work will be performed by operators, and commented on the water master plan update and not enough staff to conduct the study in-house.

Discussion followed on rate increase, infrastructure improvement project, energy rate and consumption, hiring specialist engineer, consultant expenses, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) study, and Mr. Lavallee reviewing the opportunity to hire specialist.

Mr. Lavallee commented on engineering specialization, scope of tasks in the water master plan, and conducting a cost effective study.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[17-2819](#)

Request Approval to Execute Black & Veatch, Work Assignment No. 2016-02, Water Master Plan Update in the Amount of \$294,446

This work assignment was discussed and approved under item no. 17-2818.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

[CC](#)
[01-03PP.2](#)

Consider and Act Upon Preliminary Plat Amendment Petition No. 01-03PP.2 for the Triple Diamond Commerce Park (PGT Childcare) to Allow for the Replat of Lot 52 into Two Lots (Lot 52A and 52B) and to Approve Requested Variance or Code Modification from Section 86-132(h)(3) to Reduce the Minimum Landscaped Open Space on Proposed Lot 52B from 20% to 16.3% (Quasi Judicial)

Mayor Holic announced this is a quasi-judicial procedure.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Mr. Persson questioned council concerning conflicts of interest and ex-parte communications. Mayor Holic noted conducting the groundbreaking event. There were no conflicts of interest.

No written communication was received.

Mr. Pickett, being duly sworn, provided a presentation on the preliminary plat petition to include summary of preliminary plat amendment and drawing, aerial photograph and existing land use, future land use map (FLUM), existing zoning map, consistency with the comprehensive plan, compliance with the land development code (LDC), concurrency review, summary of findings, and including approval of the requested code modification from Section 86-132(h)(3) if motion is approved.

Shawn Leins, AM Engineering, being duly sworn, commented on the preliminary plat petition.

No one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to approve Preliminary Plat Amendment Petition No. CC 01-03PP.2.

Discussion followed regarding traffic precautions and the daycare.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Cautionero and Mr. Fraize

Absent: 1 - Ms. Anderson

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[17-16FP](#)

Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Engineer to Sign the Final Re-Plat for Triple Diamond Commerce Plaza, Unit 3 from PGT Industries Inc.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve Item No. 17-16FP. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Recess was taken from 10:20 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - Continued

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING

[ORD. NO. 2017-20](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Relating to Property Located at 2201 Knights Trail, as Reflected in Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. 17-08RZ, Rowco, LLC, (John Nolen Gardens), Rezoning the Property from Residential, Multiple-Family 2 (RMF-2) Zoning District with Stipulations to Residential, Multiple-Family 4 (RMF-4) Zoning District with Stipulations; Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date (Quasi Judicial)

Mayor Holic announced this is a quasi-judicial procedure.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Fernandez questioned council concerning conflicts of interest and ex-parte communications since the last hearing. Mr. Daniels noted site visit. There were no conflicts of interest.

Ms. Stelzer noted written communications were received and provided in the agenda packet.

Carol Barbieri, 230 Padova Way, being duly sworn, spoke on rebutting comments made by Mr. Boone at the June 28, 2017 council meeting regarding the Venetian Golf and River Club (VGRC) Community Association and Jerry Jasper, and commented on the project, waiver of fees, and density.

Tom Jones, 338 Montelluna Drive, being duly sworn, agreed with Ms. Barbieri's statements and commented on the way Mr. Boone represented the VGRC Community Association.

Mr. Boone, being duly sworn, apologized on behalf of himself and his client, and noted review of draft comprehensive plan.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels, that Ordinance No. 2017-20 be approved and adopted.

Discussion followed regarding project, waiving fees, traffic, density, one-way entrance and exit, Tischler Report, rezone process, applicant's comment on project scale, housing shortage, Knight's Trail, economic development, support from organizations, impact and building permit fees, community, and stipulation.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates and Mr. Daniels

No: 2 - Mr. Caetero and Mr. Fraize

Absent: 1 - Ms. Anderson

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[ORD. NO. 2017-24](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Rezone Petition No. 17-06RZ, Relating to Property in the City of Venice Located at 409 Park Lane Drive and Owned by Richard and Jeanne Davis, for the Rezoning of the Property Described Therein, from Sarasota County, Residential Single-Family 2 (RSF-2) to City of Venice, Residential Single-Family 2 (RSF-2); Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date (Quasi Judicial)

Mayor Holic announced this is a quasi-judicial procedure.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Fernandez questioned council concerning conflicts of interest and ex-parte communications. Mayor Holic noted house is owned by a personal friend and will not affect personal vote.

No written communication was received.

Mr. Pickett, being duly sworn, provided a presentation on the rezone petition to include summary of proposed petition, aerial photograph, FLUM, existing zoning map, comparison of county residential single family 2 (RSF-2) and city RSF-2 zoning, comparison of county RSF-3 and city RSF-3 zoning, and staff summary and findings of fact.

Discussion followed regarding annexation, zoning review, building permits, and updating zoning map.

Mr. Shrum, being duly sworn, spoke on staffing, finishing comprehensive plan, working on land development regulations (LDR), and reassessing zoning map.

Discussion continued regarding staff shortage, code enforcement, and short term rentals.

Don O'Connell, 500 Hauser Lane, being duly sworn, spoke regarding property annexations, administrative process, and county and city zoning.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels, that Ordinance No. 2017-24 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.

Discussion followed on Mr. Lavallee researching administrative process for rezones.

Ms. Fernandez noted all rezones and require a public hearing.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Caution and Mr. Fraize

Absent: 1 - Ms. Anderson

[ORD. NO.
2017-25](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Rezone Petition No. 16-07RZ, Relating to Property in the City of Venice Located South of Laurel Road, North of Border Road and both East and West of Jacaranda Boulevard and Owned by Neal Communities of Southwest Florida, LLC, and Border and

Jacaranda Holdings, LLC, for the Rezoning of the Property Described Therein, from City of Venice Laurel Lakes Planned Unit Development (PUD) and VICA PUD to City of Venice Milano PUD; Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date (Quasi Judicial)

Mayor Holic announced this is a quasi-judicial procedure.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Mr. Persson questioned council concerning conflicts of interest and ex-parte communication. There were no conflicts of interest or ex-parte communications.

Ms. Stelzer noted written correspondence was included in the agenda packet and letter received from Mr. Boone was emailed to council.

A motion was made by Council Member Fraize to postpone Ordinance No. 2017-25 to August 22, 2017. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Mr. Pickett, being duly sworn, provided a presentation on the rezone petition and spoke regarding stipulations, Mr. Boone's letter, Laurel Lakes, VICA, and Milano planned unit developments (PUD), aerial photograph, FLUM, existing and proposed zoning maps, comparison of existing and proposed zoning, comparison of PUD development standards, comparison of binding concept plans, environmental assessment, pre-annexation agreements, consistency with the comprehensive plan, findings of fact, compliance with the LDC, concurrency, summary of findings, and stipulation if motion is approved.

Mr. Persson commented on Mr. Boone's letter regarding the stipulation.

Discussion followed regarding purchase of a new fire rescue apparatus, fire protection services, and the fire department's review of petition.

Discussion took place regarding meeting format and presentations.

Recess was taken from 11:58 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

This public hearing was continued to the afternoon session after presentations.

C. PRESENTATIONS AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION WILL BE HEARD AT 1:00 P.M. - AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE DELAYED OR MOVED FORWARD TO ACCOMMODATE PRESENTATIONS

[17-2804](#)

Director of Libraries and Historical Resources Sarabeth Kalajian,
Sarasota County: Update on Venice Public Library (15 min.)

Dan Moyer, Venice Library, provided a presentation on the library and spoke on community involvement, existing and proposed campus parking, vehicle access and circulation, pedestrian circulation and connectivity, and site lighting, proposed site features, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility.

John Bryant, Sweet Sparkman Architect, spoke on the library's floor plan, proposed building, solar panels, exterior perspective, gathering areas, and interior view.

Discussion followed on the roof solar photovoltaic (pv) system, crosswalks, ADA accessibility, sidewalks, bike racks, lighting, building structure, excavation of organic soil, project budget and funding, and down spouts.

[17-2824](#)

Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner: Election Office Update (15 min.)

Mr. Turner spoke on voters and age demographics, 2016 election voter turnout, and countywide precincts.

Discussion took place regarding communication by social media, Mr. Turner's employment history, and election integrity.

B. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION - Continued

[17-2821](#)

Staff Review and Council Discussion on Reported Issues at the Seafood Festival and Brew Bash in Centennial Park (Daniels)

Mr. Daniels requested to postpone item 17-2821 to August 22, 2017.

Sandy McGowan, 128 West Venice Avenue, spoke on the Seafood Festival.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fraize, to postpone Item No. 17-2821 to August 22, 2017. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING Continued

[ORD. NO.
2017-25](#)

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Mr. Boone, representing applicant, spoke regarding VICA, Laurel Lakes, and Milano PUD, proposal for multi and single-family developments, maximum number of dwelling units, density, connections between the two projects, maximum building height, buffer, lot sizes, fourplex multi-family units, stipulations, letter objecting stipulation, proposed stipulations, draft comprehensive plan, development west of Jacaranda Boulevard, architectural style requirements, optional interconnections, objection to planning department's stipulation no. 1, and rezone.

Discussion took place regarding proposed stipulations, northern Italian architecture, pre-annexation agreements, comprehensive plan requirements, maintaining architectural style, properties separated by Jacaranda Boulevard, John Nolen Plan, three story multi-family units, non-rental apartments, zoning around surrounding developed properties, PUDs, resident comments, development mixture, connectivity, lowering density and intensity, commercial development, gated communities, parkland, residential density, buffer on Border Road, John Nolen Plan, and the master parks plan.

Pat Neal, Neal Communities, being duly sworn, commented on Milano home sales, Northern Italian architectural style, flexibility to change plan, state laws, enclosed communities, residential-single family development, VICA PUD, and stipulations.

Mr. Persson commented on the Laurel Lakes zoning, VICA pre-annexation agreement, proposed stipulation on strip of land, and preserving Mr. Neal's rights.

Discussion followed regarding EMF mitigation, pre-annexation agreement, PUD approval, and consistency with the comprehensive plan and LDC, architectural style, proposed stipulations, and right-of-ways.

Recess was taken from 2:52 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Fraize, to extend the meeting beyond 5:00 p.m.

An amendment to the motion was made by Council Member Caution, seconded by Council Member Fraize, for the meeting not to exceed beyond 7:00 p.m.

The amendment failed by voice vote 3 to 3 with Mr. Daniels, Mr. Fraize, and Mayor Holic opposed.

The motion carried by voice vote 5 to 1 with Mr. McKeon opposed.

Mr. Neal commented on the right-of-way and geometrics.

Mr. Boone read the agreed stipulation no. 1 to include " The applicant agrees to convey to the city or other governmental entity a strip of land along the southerly boundary of the Laurel Road right-of-way. The width of the strip of land shall be determined by the city on or before December 31, 2017. The compensation for which, if any, shall be determined and paid on or before December 31, 2019. Nothing herein shall prevent the parties from adjusting the amount of property to be conveyed. This provision shall expire if not acted upon by the city prior to the above date."

Mr. Persson provided clarification of the VICA and Laurel Lakes pre-annexation agreement and dedication of a right-of-way, indirect involvement with extraordinary mitigation fees (EMF), and protecting strip of land.

Discussion continued on EMF, proposed conditions of approval, public notice, VICA pre-annexation agreement, Laurel Road, preserving property rights, and the strip of land in front of Laurel Lakes.

Mr. Lavalley commented on EMF and Laurel Road widening.

Discussion took place on contractual relationship, and adding proposed stipulations for public notice.

No one signed up to speak.

Mr. Pickett noted gated community requirement is approved as part of the PUD.

Discussion followed on applicant reaching out to northeast residents.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to approve Ordinance No. 2017-25 on first reading and schedule for final reading with the two new stipulations provided by Mr. Boone to include 1) In the event of Northern Italian architecture requirements for the property, as established in the comprehensive plan and pre-annexation agreements, would no longer be in effect, and notwithstanding any Milano PUD requirements to the contrary, development west of Jacaranda Boulevard shall not be required to meet Northern Italian architecture standards and 2) In the event of common ownership between Milano PUD and the adjacent property to the west (currently known as Villa Paradiso), one or more optional interconnections between the properties shall be permitted, and revised stipulation no. 1 as read by Mr. Boone. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mr. Cautionero

No: 1 - Mr. Fraize

Absent: 1 - Ms. Anderson

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO.
2017-17](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Accepting Utilities and Improvements Installed by Neal Communities of Southwest Florida, LLC, (Villages of Milano Replat of Tract 200) 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. 2017-17 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Cautero and Mr. Fraize

Absent: 1 - Ms. Anderson

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION - Continued

[17-2802](#)

Council Direction on Extraordinary Mitigation Fees (Persson)

Mr. Persson spoke on agreements, voluntary annexations, EMF, property requirements, contracts, exceptions, Neal Communities, risk of going to court, and seeking council direction.

Discussion followed regarding decision by an independent party and seeking court determination.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Gates, to direct staff to seek a court determination regarding the rights and obligations of the parties.

Discussion continued regarding contractual agreement, third party involvement, available options, and seeking a court determination.

Mr. Persson emphasized the risk of going to court.

Discussion took place regarding pre-annexation agreements and what happens if the city loses the case, litigation costs, potential developments covered by the pre-annexation agreement, challenges by potential developers, contractual obligation, shade meeting, and escrow.

Ms. Senne noted amount of collected mitigation fees and projected fund balance.

Mr. Persson commented on litigation costs.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[17-2820](#)

Naming of City Assets (Holic)

Mayor Holic passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Caetero.

A motion was made by Mayor Holic, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to postpone Item No. 17-2820 to August 22, 2017. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Vice Mayor Caetero returned the gavel to Mayor Holic.

[17-2822](#)

Consider Request to Send Letter to Congressman Rooney Opposing H.R. 2997 Which Would Privatize the Nation's Air Traffic Control System (Holic)

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve the mayor send a letter to Congressman Rooney opposing H.R. 2997.

Mayor Holic provided clarification on the FAA comment made.

Mr. Cervasio noted sending a letter to Congressman Rooney as a constituent.

Discussion continued regarding pros and cons at the national level, and city impact of proposed bill.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Recess was taken from 4:08 p.m. until 4:13 p.m.

[17-2823](#)

Set the Dates for the Public Hearings on Millage and Budget for 5:01 P.M. on September 13, 2017 and September 27, 2017 and Set the Preliminary Operating Millage Rate at 3.6000 Mills and the Voted Debt Service Millage Rates for the Fiscal Year Ended 9/30/18 be set at .6780 mills

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fraize, to approve Item No. 17-2823. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[17-2825](#)

City Engineer Kathleen Weeden: Downtown Reconstruction Project Update (10 minutes)

Ms. Weeden spoke on the downtown project boundary, current project schedule, sight distance and line of sight, and project considerations for Tampa Avenue and Nassau Street, Nokomis and Tampa Avenue, Venice Avenue and Nassau Street, Venice and Nokomis Avenue, Miami Avenue and Nassau Street, and Miami and Ponce De Leon Avenue intersections.

Mr. Clinch commented on stop sign considerations.

Ms. Weeden continued to speak regarding stop signs and considering reducing speed limit on West Miami and Tampa Avenues.

Discussion followed regarding area in front of the Venice Theater, angle parking blocking sidewalks, stacking issues, landscaping, left turn lane onto Nokomis Avenue, traffic count, vegetation along the Venice Theater entranceway, back in parking, removing drop off, safety, improvement of traffic flow, speed limits, placing stop signs, flex paver system, and Ms. Weeden communicating with MPO and the Traffic Advisory Task Force.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to direct staff to proceed with stop signs at the intersections of Tampa and Nokomis Avenues, Venice and Nokomis Avenues, and Venice Avenue and Nassau Street, and reduction of speed limit on West Miami and Tampa Avenues. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

VIII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

Mr. Persson had no report.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer had no report.

City Manager

Mr. Lavallee had no report.

Discussion took place regarding pocket parks to include budget for survey and signs, new pump in maintenance building not being used, and code enforcement on short term rentals.

Mr. Lavallee noted code enforcement report is forthcoming.

IX. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member McKeon

Mr. McKeon noted upcoming meetings, goal for the comprehensive plan transmittal public hearing, and suggested council members meet individually with Mr. Snyder and Mr. Shrum to get their questions answered.

Council Member Daniels

Mr. Daniels spoke on the MPO handout regarding Sarasota/Manatee 2017 adopted project priorities and the Economic Development

Council's (EDC) consideration regarding fire inspectors.

Council Member Gates

Ms. Gates provided an update on the code enforcement meeting.

Council Member Anderson

Ms. Anderson was absent.

Council Member Cautero

Mr. Cautero had no report.

Council Member Fraize

Mr. Fraize commented on his bike ride from Tuscany to Knights Trail, noted concern with traffic, consideration of placing traffic lights, and no bike lane on west side of Knight's Trail.

Mayor Holic

Mayor Holic spoke on topics for the upcoming Council of Governments (COG) meeting to include affordable workforce housing and waiver of impact fees.

Discussion followed regarding history of waiving impact fees and school board's reponse on street sweeper issue.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk