



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Vice Mayor Richard Cautero, Council Member Charles Newsom, Council Member Margaret Fiedler and Council Member Helen Moore

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, and for certain items on the agenda: Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Director of Public Works and Asset Management James Clinch, and Solid Waste and Recycling Superintendent Bob Moroni.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stelzer offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop #77 Eagle Scouts.

Mayor Holic commented on Ms. Stelzer's upcoming 30 years of service with the city.

I. RECOGNITION

[19-4006](#)

Recognition of Boy Scout Troop #77 for Their Efforts in Cleaning the Circus Mural on Tamiami Trail

Mayor Holic presented certificates of recognition to members of Boy Scout Troop #77.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

Mayor Holic noted Ron Feinsod, candidate running for mayor, was present in the audience.

No one signed up to speak.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Fiedler, seconded by Vice Mayor Cautero, to approve items in the Consent Agenda with the exception of CON. NO. 147-2019 and Item No. 19-4012. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. CITY CLERK

[19-4007](#) Minutes of the May 28, 2019 Regular Meeting
These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY MANAGER

[19-4008](#) Approve Special Event Request - Venice Wine and Coffee Co., 4th of July Gathering on July 4, 2019
This Event was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[19-4009](#) Approve the Special Event Request - Venice Half Marathon on September 14, 2019
This Event was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[19-4010](#) Approve Letter of Support to the Office of Criminal Justice Grants for the Distribution of \$108,616 of Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Countywide Funds for Mental Health Court
This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Information Technology

[19-4011](#) Authorize the Mayor to Execute The Agreement With Comcast Enterprise Services in the Amount of \$249,600.00 to Provide 60 Months of Ethernet Services
This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

CITY MANAGER - Continued

Police

[CON. NO. 147-2019](#) Approval of Contract Amendment #2 with Ajax/Tandem Construction, a Joint Venture, to the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the Public Safety Facility Project, in the Amount of \$9,735,934, for a Total GMP for Construction Phase Services in the Amount of \$12,013,492

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fiedler, to approve CON. NO. 147-2019.

Discussion followed on contacting Florida Power and Light (FPL) to inquire on charging stations.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Development Services

19-4012

Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Work Assignment No. 2 to Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., for the Land Development Code not to Exceed the Amount of \$106,000

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fiedler, to approve Item No. 19-4012.

Discussion followed regarding dates on contract, due date for land development regulations (LDRs), status of LDRs, Florida Friendly yards, and tree ordinance to include June 24, 2019 workshop and adoption of ordinance in September.

Mr. Shrum noted he can provide council with an update prior to council's summer break.

Discussion continued on LDR deadline, including language on Florida Friendly yards and invasive species, staff update, LDR project timeframe, and including public involvement.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion took place regarding adding a provision to keep glass off the beach for the Venice Wine and Coffee's 4th of July gathering event.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fiedler, for staff to notify the event holder glass objects are prohibited beyond the walkway at Service Club Park.

Discussion continued regarding beach regulations and enforcement.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion took place regarding waste management terms for the Venice Half Marathon event.

There was no objection by council to reorder the agenda and address final reading of ordinances next.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ORDINANCES – FINAL READING

ORD. NO. 2019-18

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Granting Zoning Amendment Petition No. 18-09RZ, Amending the Planned Commercial Development (PCD) District, for Property Located at 2600 Laurel Road and Owned by

the Sarasota County Public Hospital Board, Pursuant to Rezone Petition No. 18-09RZ, for the Sarasota Memorial Hospital to Allow for the Proposed Uses of Hospital and Related Healthcare Facilities; 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 on conflicts of interest and ex-parte communications since the last hearing. There were none.

No written communication was received since the last hearing and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Ordinance No. 2019-18 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Vice Mayor Cautero, Mr. Newsom, Ms. Fiedler and Ms. Moore

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2019-17](#)

An Ordinance Amending City of Venice Ordinance No. 2018-34 which Adopted the Official Budget of the City of Venice, Florida for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2018 and Ending September 30, 2019; by Increasing the Total Revenue by \$164,718 and Total Expenditures by \$164,718; and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

No written communication was received and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Moore, that Ordinance No. 2019-17 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Vice Mayor Cautero, Mr. Newsom, Ms. Fiedler and Ms. Moore

VI. NEW BUSINESS

B. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[19-4014](#) Approve Developers Agreement between Sarasota County Public Hospital District and the City of Venice

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fiedler, to approve Item No. 19-4014. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - Continued

[19-4013](#) Sale of City-Owned Property to Venice Theatre, Located at 245 Tamiami Trail, with a Legal Description of Units A, B, C1, C2, D, E, and F, Hamilton Commercial Condominium

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

No written communication was received and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Fiedler, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to approve Item No. 19-4013.

Discussion followed regarding purchaser, area parking, sale proceeds, property inspection, purchase price, building upgrades provided by Sarasota County, and contract.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Holic requested having a future discussion on using sale proceeds from the Hamilton Building for the public safety facility.

NEW BUSINESS - Continued

A. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO. 2019-15](#) A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Accepting Utilities and Improvements Installed by Meritage Homes of Florida, Inc., 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 Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fiedler, that Resolution No. 2019-15 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Vice Mayor Cautero, Mr. Newsom, Ms. Fiedler and Ms. Moore

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION - Continued

[19-4015](#) Discuss Development/Growth Fact Sheet (Cautero)

Vice Mayor Cautero spoke to public comments received on discussing proposed projects with citizens, developers bearing responsibility for road capacity deficiencies resulting from new projects, and limiting growth.

Discussion took place regarding the fact sheet to include language and entity responsible for cost of development, data supporting an increase in traffic, land development laws, residents reading fact sheets, property owners who sell their land to developers, comprehensive plan, responding to quasi-judicial matters, including a Table A in the fact sheet listing annexations done over the last ten years, pre-annexation agreement requirements, date of annexation, property name, maximum number of units allowed, and number of homes built on the property, and public education and feedback.

Recess was taken at 10:26 a.m. until 10:35 a.m.

Mayor Holic noted he sent candidates an email inviting them to meet with him.

Discussion followed on the city's growth.

[19-4016](#)

Discuss Speeding on Nokomis Avenue from The Corso South to Airport Road (Fiedler)

Discussion took place regarding speeding on the island, stop signs, golf carts, rotating hot spots, traffic enforcement, solar traffic speed signs to include a pilot test on Harbor Drive or Capri Isles Boulevard, and speed bumps.

Mr. Lavallee provided an update on police activities regarding traffic enforcement.

[19-4017](#)

Discuss Venice Gondolier Sun Editorial Regarding the Installation of Security Cameras (Fiedler)

Discussion took place regarding the city's position on security cameras, directing staff to provide a written response, cameras installed in key areas of the city, cameras used as a deterrent and to identify perpetrators, public records laws, data collected by social media, setting a precedent responding to editorials, cameras installed in public places, the city's policy on cameras, and cameras in Centennial Park.

[19-4018](#)

Determine City Council Interest in Taking a Position on Redistricting in Sarasota County Prior to the 2020 Election (Holic)

Discussion took place regarding cost estimate, sending a draft letter to the county commission requesting to delay redistricting until after the 2020 census, and council postponing action.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fiedler, for staff to send Sarasota County a letter requesting to delay redistricting until after the 2020 census.

Discussion ensued on requesting the county to make a presentation to council, and council postponing taking action until county has collected data.

An amendment was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Fiedler, to request a county representative explain redistricting by the July 9, 2019 city council meeting, if not a letter will be sent to the county requesting to delay redistricting until after the 2020 census.

Discussion continued regarding the redistricting process and compliance with guidelines.

The amendment carried by voice vote 5-2 with Mr. Daniels and Vice Mayor Cautero opposed.

The motion as amended carried by voice vote 5-2 with Mr. Daniels and Vice Mayor Cautero opposed.

[19-4019](#)

Consider Requesting the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners Revise their Ordinance on Workforce Housing Impact Fees (Holic)

Discussion took place regarding workforce housing to include housing unit square footage, requesting the city manager obtain Manatee County's policy and provide a copy to council, including stipulations in the LDRs, developer incentives, recommendations to the county, funding methodology, impact fees, Sadowski Trust fund, obtaining resident input during the LDR process, partnering with other municipal entities and Capital Consulting on the state's use of Sadowski funds, Mayor Holic discussing this item at Council of Governments (COG), and Florida League of Cities' position on the state's use of Sadowski funds.

Mayor Holic noted Representative James Buchanan's aide will be attending the June 17, 2019 budget workshop.

There was consensus for Mayor Holic and Mr. Lavallee to discuss this item at COG.

Don O'Connell, 500 Hauser Lane, commented on his involvement with affordable housing, county impact fees, rental housing, comprehensive plan, fees associated with development and appearance before boards, and the Sadowski Trust fund.

Recess was taken at 12:00 p.m. until 1:18 p.m.

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

Joe Venuti, Jr., 809 Perkins Lane, suggested a low income area from Edmondson Road to Colonia Lane for workforce housing.

[19-4020](#)

Samantha Tanaka, Matt Clendening, and Anthony Tanaka - Sarasota Scullers: 2nd Annual Battle of the Bridges Rowing Regatta in the City of Venice (10 min.)

Matthew Clendening, rowing athlete, spoke to rowing and head racing, pictures from last year's event, audience, and sponsors.

Sarasota Scullers presented the city's rowing boat to council.

Danielle Tanaka, parent volunteer with Sarasota Scullers, spoke regarding the city's boat to include races won, the hosts, September 28, 2019 racing event, Sarasota Rowing Club (SRC), who will attend, race course, and spectating.

Samantha Tanaka, rowing athlete, spoke on closing the waterway, alternate routes, spectators, event map, and getting involved.

Discussion followed regarding event advertisement, city sponsorship, Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI) and Urban Forest, and Battle of the Bridges logo.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve city sponsorship for Battle of the Bridges in the amount of \$2500. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[19-4021](#)

James Clinch PE, Director of Public Works and Asset Management; Bob Moroni, Solid Waste and Recycling Superintendent; Lee Lichtle, Stakeholder Work Group Chairman: Solid Waste and Recycling Stakeholder Group Recommendations and Request Council Approval of Recommendations with Specific Exceptions and/or Revisions (15 min.)

Mr. Clinch provided a presentation and spoke on the stakeholder group to include history, current group, goals, meeting summary, and proposed FY20 and FY21 budget.

Mr. Moroni spoke to reconditioning roll offs instead of purchasing new ones.

Mr. Clinch spoke on proposed FY20 and FY21 budget and rate recommendations.

Mr. Moroni commented on the recycling processor contract and contamination fees.

Mr. Clinch reviewed rate, annual solid waste budget, and operational

recommendations.

Lee Lichtle, Stakeholder Group Chairman, commented on accelerating the relocation of the solid waste facility.

Mr. Clinch spoke to transitioning to once a week garbage collection and additional public input on collection frequency.

Mr. Lichtle spoke regarding once a week garbage collection.

Mr. Moroni commented on keeping the ten hour work shift.

Mr. Clinch reviewed recommendations for collection on one side of the street, pay-per-throw, yard waste collection, and keeping the stakeholder group active.

Discussion followed on once a week garbage collection, commercial dumpsters, cost of cans, eliminating use of plastic bags for yard waste, FY20 budget, the city's recycling rate, single stream recycling, banning plastic bags, revenue from fiber recycling, new account setup charge, keeping stakeholder group active, liability and worker's compensation costs, once a week versus twice a week garbage collection, relocation of the solid waste facility, obtaining public input on reducing garbage collection frequency, can life span and replacement costs, limiting yard waste collection, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement, environmental benefits, stamping can lids with "no plastic bags", collection frequency at condominiums, recommending Lorraine Anderson, Public Information Officer (PIO), send an email to homeowner associations regarding eliminating plastic bags in recycling and yard waste, charging for additional or larger bins, and ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Fiedler, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to accept the stakeholder group's recommendations.

Discussion ensued on obtaining resident input and revisiting garbage collection frequency after automation is complete.

An amendment was made by Vice Mayor Cautero, seconded by Council Member Gates, to revisit garbage collection frequency after full automation is complete. The amendment carried by voice vote 5-2 with Mr. Daniels and Mayor Holic opposed.

The motion as amended carried by voice vote 6-1 with Mr. Daniels opposed.

Mr. Lichtle recognized stakeholder group members.

Recess was taken at 3:17 p.m. until 3:25 p.m.

VII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

Ms. Fernandez provided an update on Murphy Oaks.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer had no report.

City Manager

Mr. Lavallee noted Texas State University's Division of Emergency Management is conducting a Survey Monkey to collect data on the best way to communicate with seniors during disasters, and provided an update on the city's special events survey which will be provided to council.

Discussion followed on providing a copy of the special events survey to every downtown merchant, parking lot signs, and requesting Mr. Lavallee compile a list of items requested of the county, to include date of request, and provide information to council.

VIII. COUNCIL REPORTS***Council Member Moore***

Ms. Moore reported attending IEMO (Institute of Elected Municipal Officials) training.

Council Member Newsom

Mr. Newsom reported attending the planning commission meeting.

Council Member Cautero

Mr. Cautero thanked the Venice Fire Department for the hurricane preparation meeting at the Venetian Golf and River Club.

Council Member Fiedler

Ms. Fiedler commented on the Missing Link article shared by Mr. Daniels at the last council meeting, spoke on Laurel Road, and suggested staff contact Pat Neal, Neal Communities, and inquire on costs to widen Laurel Road from Knights Trail to Jacaranda Boulevard.

A motion was made by Council Member Fiedler, seconded by Council Member Daniels, for staff to contact Pat Neal and inquire on costs with city, state, federal, and county partnerships to widen Laurel Road. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council Member Daniels

Mr. Daniels had no report.

Council Member Gates

Ms. Gates commented on City of Sarasota downtown business owners voting on special events.

Mayor Holic

Mayor Holic reported on being a guest bartender at Cafe Venice, Venice High School's Parade of Champions, water quality seminar in Sarasota, Challenger Baseball ribbon cutting event, Dorothy Herb's 94th birthday celebration, and commented on issues with dumping into stormwater drains.

Discussion followed on illegal dumping into stormwater drains, vehicle parking at the dog park, parking in Maxine Barritt Park with dogs and then walking to Paw Park, Ms. Fernandez researching item to see if a change in the ordinance is needed, and earmarking the sale proceeds from the sale of the Hamilton Building for the police and fire department public safety facilities.

A motion was made by Council Member Fiedler, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to allocate the sale proceeds from the Hamilton Building for the police and fire department public safety facilities, and make the police public safety building first priority. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk