



City of Venice

401 West Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285
www.venicegov.com

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

[22-5565](#)

Instruction on How to Watch and/or Participate in the Meeting

Broadcast

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Ron Feinsod, Vice Mayor Nick Pachota, Dr. Joseph Neunder, Dr. Mitzie Fiedler, Mr. Jim Boldt, Ms. Helen Moore and Mrs. Rachel Frank

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Kelly Michaels, City Manager Ed Lavalley, Assistant City Manager James Clinch, Deputy City Clerk Mercedes Barcia, Administrative Coordinator Toni Cone, and for certain items on the agenda: Acting Police Chief Andy Leisenring, Finance Director Linda Senne, Planning Manager Amy Nelson, and Information Technology Manager Eric Tanner.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Michaels offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Feinsod.

I. RECOGNITION

[22-5566](#)

Proclaim April 24-30, 2022 as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week", Presented to Victim Advocates Laurenrose Esposito and John Walker, and Police Sergeant Sean Hammett

Mayor Feinsod presented this proclamation to Victim Advocates Laurenrose Esposito and John Walker, and Police Sergeant Sean Hammett.

[22-5567](#)

Proclaim May 21-27, 2022 as "National Safe Boating Week", Presented to Carol Hoernle of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 86, Bob Eppinger of the Venice Sail and Power Squadron, and Lieutenant Louis White

Mayor Feinsod presented this proclamation to representatives of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 86, representatives of the Venice Sail and Power Squadron, and Lieutenant Louis White.

[22-5568](#)

Proclaim May 1-7, 2022 as "Professional Municipal Clerks Week",
Presented to City Clerk Kelly Michaels

Mayor Feinsod presented this proclamation to City Clerk Michaels and City Clerk Staff.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

Suzette Coates, 612 Barcelona Avenue, expressed concerns with speeding on Barcelona Avenue.

Lisa Jarvio, 231 Airport Avenue, spoke in favor of preserving building heights in downtown Venice, and expressed concerns about the Land Development Regulations.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Pachota, seconded by Dr. Fiedler, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. MAYOR

[22-5569](#)

Appoint Kristin Hoffschmidt to the Environmental Advisory Board to Complete the Unexpired Term of Jen Archer From April 26, 2022 to November 30, 2024

This appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY CLERK

[22-5570](#)

Minutes of the April 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

These minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. CITY MANAGER

Police

[22-5571](#)

Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between the Sheriff of Pinellas County, Florida and the City of Venice for Access to Florida's Facial Recognition Network (FACESNXT)

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

There were none.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. PRELIMINARY PLAT AMENDMENT PETITION

[CC 21-50PP](#) Consider and Act Upon Preliminary Plat Amendment Petition No. 21-50PP for Visterra of Venice for Slight Modifications to Certain Lot Dimensions, Lot Types, Amenity Center, Stormwater Ponds, and Sidewalk Extension for the Single-Family Residential Unit Subdivision Located Between Border Road and Laurel Road, East of I-75 and West of Jacaranda Boulevard (Quasi-Judicial)

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Feinsod opened the public hearing.

City Attorney Fernandez questioned Council Members concerning ex-parte communications and conflicts of interest. There were none.

There were no written communications.

Planning Manager Amy Nelson, being duly sworn, provided a presentation to include property location, site photographs, surrounding area, future land use, zoning, Gulf Coast Community Foundation (GCCF) Planned Unit Development (PUD) Binding Master Plan, proposed amendment, planning analysis, and stated there was sufficient information for review and action.

Council waived the applicant presentation.

No one signed up to speak.

Mayor Feinsod closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Boldt, that based on the evidence in the record, Development Order No. 21-50PP for Visterra of Venice be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Neunder, Dr. Fiedler, Mr. Boldt, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Frank

B. ORDINANCES – FINAL READING

[ORD. NO. 2022-09](#) An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Providing for Placement of the Structure Located at 640 W. Venice Avenue on the Local Register of Historical Resources Pursuant to Section 86-28, Historic Preservation, of the City of Venice Code of Ordinances; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Feinsod opened the public hearing.

It was noted for the record that the petitioner requested the item be postponed.

There were no written communications and no one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Pachota, seconded by Dr. Fiedler, that Ordinance No. 2022-09 be continued to the May 10, 2022 meeting at 9 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Neunder, Dr. Fiedler, Mr. Boldt, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Frank

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

**[RES. NO.
2022-09](#)**

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Accepting Utilities and Improvements Installed by Toll Southeast LP Company, Inc. and Accepting a One Year Developers Maintenance Bond and Bill of Sale, and Providing an Effective Date (Venice Woodlands Phase 2A)

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Neunder, that Resolution No. 2022-09 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Neunder, Dr. Fiedler, Mr. Boldt, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Frank

**[RES. NO.
2022-10](#)**

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement for Project Number 450588-1-94-01 by and Between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Venice, Florida for \$44,725 to Design and Construct Rejuvenation of Runway 5-23; Replacing Windsocks at Venice Municipal Airport; Authorizing Appropriate City Officials to Execute it; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frank, seconded by Vice Mayor Pachota, that Resolution No. 2022-10 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Neunder, Dr. Fiedler, Mr. Boldt, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Frank

**[RES. NO.
2022-11](#)**

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement for Project Number 450589-1-94-01 by and Between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Venice, Florida for \$24,225 to Design and Construct Rejuvenation of Taxiways A,B,C, and E South at Venice Municipal Airport; Authorizing Appropriate City Officials to Execute it; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Boldt, seconded by Vice Mayor Pachota, that

Resolution No. 2022-11 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Neunder, Dr. Fiedler, Mr. Boldt, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Frank

RES. NO.
2022-12

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Approving a Public Transportation Grant Agreement for Project Number 450585-1-94-01 by and Between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Venice, Florida for \$16,900 to Design Rehabilitation of Runway 13-31; Relocating Windssocks at Venice Municipal Airport; Authorizing Appropriate City Officials to Execute it; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Dr. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Boldt, that Resolution No. 2022-12 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Feinsod, Vice Mayor Pachota, Dr. Neunder, Dr. Fiedler, Mr. Boldt, Ms. Moore and Mrs. Frank

B. PRESENTATIONS

22-5572

Finance Director Linda Senne: Quarterly Financial Report (10 min.)

Finance Director Senne provided a presentation to include general fund revenues and expenditures.

C. COUNCIL ACTION / DISCUSSION

22-5573

Legislative Referral to Direct Staff to Research Methodologies to Improve Safety and Security in Public Parks to Include But Not Limited to Wellfield Park (Dr. Neunder)

Dr. Neunder expressed concerns about safety at City parks, especially Wellfield Park.

City Manager Lavallee noted if Council would like to consider security systems, they could direct staff to research options.

Discussion continued regarding a threat assessment of City parks and the separate issue of the physical condition of Wellfield Park fields.

Acting Police Chief Leisenring answered Council questions about threat assessments.

Discussion took place regarding renovation to the Wellfield Park soccer fields, overuse of the fields, the relationship with Sarasota County, ownership of the park, what maintenance City staff is currently performing at the park, and budgeting for improvements.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Pachota, seconded by Dr. Fiedler to direct

staff to conduct a threat assessment on Wellfield and Chuck Reiter Parks and provide Council with infrastructure mitigation requirements. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[22-5574](#)

Discuss Sustainability as it Relates to the Land Development Regulations (Dr. Fiedler)

Dr. Fielder expressed concerns about environmental sustainability, presented examples of what Sarasota County has done, and recommended considering having staff investigate the issue.

City Manager Lavallee commented on how staff currently handles capital projects and the possibility of developing a checklist to assess operational, environmental, and economic elements.

Discussion took place regarding the development of policies and procedures for sustainability, moving forward with the LDRs, and working on sustainability.

VII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

City Attorney Fernandez gave an update regarding a land case.

City Clerk

Clerk Michaels had no report.

City Manager

City Manager Lavallee reported on Student Government Day.

VIII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Neunder

Dr. Neunder had no report.

Council Member Moore

Council Member Moore reported on Planning Commission.

Council Member Fiedler

Dr. Fiedler reported on the Old Betsy plaque installation, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, handicap accessibility at City parks, especially Venezia Park, and the LDRs.

Discussion took place regarding the LDR presentation to Council.

Council Member Frank

Council Member Frank commented on the success of Student Government Day.

Council Member Boldt

Council Member Boldt commented on the Planning Commission and thanked them for their work, and gave an update on the Coastal Advisory Committee and the Southwest Florida Planning Commission.

Vice Mayor Pachota

Vice Mayor Pachota commented on Venice's upcoming Centennial.

There was consensus to direct staff to bring back a Centennial plan.

He also commented on local events he attended, including the America in Bloom lunch, the Kentucky Military Institute Alumni gathering, and the Old Betsy plaque dedication.

Mayor Feinsod

Mayor Feinsod commented on local events, including lunch for Venice Hospital (ShorePoint) volunteers, Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI) dinner at the train station, the America in Bloom lunch, and Student Government Day.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jeff Boone, 1001 Avenida Del Circo, expressed his concern for Venice, leaving height regulations in downtown Venice the same, and gave examples of properties that were able to utilize building height exceptions in downtown Venice.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk