

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, CREATING A UTILITY RATE STAKEHOLDER'S WORK GROUP AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, analysis has determined the current schedule of rates, fees, and charges may be modified to more accurately recover the costs associated with the provision of water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Venice has determined the use of stakeholders is critical to assist with reviewing utility rates throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, a group of city residents representing a variety of utility system customer categories, will participate with city staff and consultants to engage in a study of the utility's financial plan and schedule of rates, which will be instrumental in the successful accomplishment of these endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. The above Whereas clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

SECTION 2. Established. There is hereby established a Utility Rate Stakeholder's Work Group, herein referred to as the "Group". The director of utilities shall appoint the members and determine the terms of office.

SECTION 3. Membership. There shall be nine members consisting of at least one representative from each of the following Utilities customer categories: 1) Single-Family Homes, 2) Master Metered Multi-Family, 3) Manufactured Housing 4) Commercial/Business and 5) Reclaimed Water Customers. Members representing Single-family Homes, Multi-Family and Manufactured Housing shall be city residents. Members representing Commercial/Business shall represent customers in the city limits.

SECTION 4. Duties and Responsibilities. The Group will participate with city staff and consultants to engage in a study of the utility's financial plan and schedule of rates for the utility system.

SECTION 5. Compensation. Members shall receive no compensation for their service on the group.

SECTION 6. Meetings. Meetings shall be called and scheduled by the director of utilities. The Group shall comply with all applicable requirements of Florida's Sunshine Law, Public Records Act, the Florida Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and all city policies for public representatives. Members shall use city email accounts for all city-related business.

SECTION 7. Removal. Members serve at the pleasure of the director of utilities and may be removed from the Group by the director of utilities at any time with or without cause.

SECTION 8. The Group will sunset on September 30, 2023.

SECTION 9. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption, as provided by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, AT A MEETING HELD ON THE 24th DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

Nick Pachota, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

I, Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida, at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 24th day of January 2023, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said City this 24th day of January 2023.

Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

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Approved as to form:

Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney