



City of Venice

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Venice, FL 34285
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Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

5:15 PM

Council Chambers and Virtual Meeting

Budget Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Feinsod called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

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[20-4672](#)

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Ms. Fernandez referenced Executive Order No. 20-69 issued by Governor DeSantis and Executive Order No. 2020-04 issued by the city regarding public meetings, and commented on public participation in public meetings.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Ron Feinsod, Council Member Richard Cautero, Vice Mayor Charles Newsom, Dr. Margaret Fiedler, Council Member Helen Moore, Council Member Nick Pachota and Dr. Joseph Neunder

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavalley, Finance Director Linda Senne, and Administrative Coordinator Mercedes Barcia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Feinsod led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2020-20](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, Adopting the Final Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Venice for Fiscal Year 2021; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer stated the current millage, which is 3.700 mills, is the millage that was set last year, on which the last ad valorem taxes were calculated. The rolled-back millage is the rate required to collect the same amount of

money as last year with this year's valuation, which is 3.5821 mills. The tentative operating millage is 4.3600 mills, which was set by Council in July, sent out in the TRIM notices from the Property Appraiser's office and represents an amount 21.72% greater than the rolled back rate. The voted debt service millage is .5974 mills.

Mr. Lavallee spoke to capital projects, budget, and thanked council for supporting staff with operational fiscal decisions.

Ms. Senne commented on millage increase.

Mayor Feinsod opened the public hearing.

Ms. Stelzer advised written communication was received and will be added to the record.

No one signed up to speak.

Mayor Feinsod closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Cautero, seconded by Council Member Moore, that Ordinance No. 2020-20 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.

Discussion followed regarding staff's work on the budget.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Vice Mayor Newsom, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pachota and Dr. Neunder

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2020-21](#)

An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Budget of the City of Venice, Florida, for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2020 and Ending September 30, 2021; Providing that Disbursements Shall not Exceed Fund Budgets without City Council Approval, and Granting the Authority to the City Manager to Make Certain Departmental Transfers within the Approved Fund Budgets

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Cautero, seconded by Council Member Moore, that Ordinance No. 2020-21 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Feinsod, Mr. Cautero, Vice Mayor Newsom, Dr. Fiedler, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pachota and Dr. Neunder

II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk