



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 9:00 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, Deputy City Clerk Danielle Lewis, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, and for certain items on the agenda: Utilities Director Javier Vargas, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Planning Manager Roger Clark, Planner Isaac Anderson, Director of Public Works and Asset Management James Clinch, Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer, and Utilities Administrative Coordinator Dorothy Tary-Ferrell.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Lewis offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by John Russo, Executive Officer, Venice Sail and Power Squadron.

I. RECOGNITION

[19-3937](#)

Present National Drinking Water Week Poster Contest Award Certificates to Students Justin Scheiwiller and Addison Kearns from Epiphany Cathedral School and Aubrey Wiese from Venice Elementary School

Mayor Holic presented award certificates to Addison Kearns, Justin Scheiwiller, and Aubrey Wise.

[19-3938](#)

Mayor's Pillar of the Community Award, Presented to City of Venice First Responders

Mayor Holic presented this award to City of Venice first responders.

[19-3939](#)

Proclaim the Week of May 19-25, 2019 as "National Public Works Week", Presented to James Clinch, Director of Public Works, and Javier Vargas, Utilities Director

Mayor Holic presented this proclamation to James Clinch and Javier Vargas.

[19-3940](#) Proclaim the Week of May 18-24, 2019 as "National Safe Boating Week", Presented to Robert Eppinger, Commander, Venice Sail and Power Squadron and Roy Lee, Commander, Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla

Council Member Newsom presented this proclamation to John Russo and Roy Lee, Commander, Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla.

[19-3941](#) Proclaim the Month of May 2019 as "National Preservation Month", Presented to Jean Trammell, Chair, Historic Preservation Board

Mayor Holic presented this proclamation to Dorothy Korwek, Venice Heritage.

[19-3942](#) Proclaim May 18, 2019 as "Venice Museums Day", Presented to Clarke Pressley and Jean Trammell, Venice Area Historical Society Members

Council Member Daniels presented this proclamation to Clarke Pressley, Venice Area Historical Society and Dorothy Korwek.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

Rob Merlino, 252 Glen Oak Road, Venice, spoke to shark fishing at the pier, opposing a ban, and suggested educating the public.

Sandy McGowan, Sandy's Designer Clothing, spoke to use of Centennial Park's parking lot by for profit promoters during season.

Discussion followed regarding available parking lots in the downtown business district.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Fiedler, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to approve items in the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item Nos. 19-3946 and 19-3947. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. MAYOR

[19-3943](#) Appoint Candice Roberts to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to Complete the Unexpired Term of Cindy Hicks from May 14, 2019 Until August 31, 2019

This Appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[19-3944](#) Appoint Bill Willson to the Planning Commission to Complete the Unexpired Term of Janis Fawn from May 14, 2019 Until January 31, 2022

This Appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY CLERK

[19-3945](#) Minutes of the April 23, 2019 Regular Meeting and April 30, 2019 Special Meeting

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. CITY MANAGER

Airport

[CON. NO. 145-2019](#) Approval of Contract with Spectrum Underground, Inc. for a Total Not to Exceed \$369,438 to Construct Aircraft Wash Rack Facility at Venice Municipal Airport and for the Use of Additional \$290,000 from the Airport's Restricted Funds Account

This Contract was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Public Works

[19-3948](#) Approval to Apply for and Accept Funds for the Recycling Partnership Coastal Grant

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

[CON. NO. 146-2019](#) Approval of an Agreement for Consultant Services with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. in the Amount of \$162,820 for Professional Engineering Services for an Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Well Feasibility Study

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

CITY MANAGER - Continued

[19-3946](#) Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Community Development Block Grant Program Interlocal Agreement between City of Venice and Sarasota County

A motion was made by Council Member Fiedler, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to approve Item No. 19-3946.

Discussion took place regarding the city attorney's review and approval of the agreement, accounting of funds received for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, using CDBG funds for workforce housing, State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) and State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) funds, block grant, staff updating council prior to adding item on the consent agenda, and revenue.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Engineering

19-3947

Accept the Declaration of Easement Granted from Sered Venice 41, LLC, to the City of Venice for Public Ingress and Egress over the Easement Portion of the Property Located at 116 N. Tamiami Trail, and Authorize the Mayor to Sign as Grantee

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve Item No. 19-3947.

In response to council questions, Mr. Clinch commented on the alleyway and widening existing access to serve the auto shop and 7-Eleven gas station.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

CC 18-06PP

Consider and Act Upon Preliminary Plat Petition No. 18-06PP for Cassata Place Creating 28 Attached Single-Family Dwelling Units and Associated Infrastructure (Quasi-Judicial)

Mayor Holic announced this is a quasi-judicial procedure and opened the public hearing.

Ms. Fernandez queried council members on conflicts of interest and ex-parte communications. Mr. Newsom disclosed attending the planning commission meeting and site visit, Mr. Daniels disclosed a meet and greet with Auburn Woods homeowners association (HOA) but did not discuss subject application, and Ms. Moore and Mayor Holic disclosed site visits.

No written communication was received.

Mr. Anderson, being duly sworn, provided a presentation and spoke to project location, property history, project proposal to include elevations, land development regulations (LDRs), Venetian Gateway (VG) overlay, compatibility analysis, variances, comprehensive plan, review of concurrency and mobility, conclusions and findings of fact, planning commission's action, stipulation, and responded to council questions regarding Kunze Road.

Mr. Clark, being duly sworn, spoke to easement and property drainage.

Discussion followed on chipping, constructing a temporary fence along the property line, rezoning application, stipulation, compliance with LDRs, Auburn Woods HOA's request for a fence, berm, fence location, side setbacks and lot coverage, current zoning presented, proposed and

allowable dwelling units per acre, current density of Auburn Woods, variances to include proposed legislation, and adding a temporary buffer during construction.

Mr. Shrum, being duly sworn, clarified the code section for variances.

Discussion continued regarding fence, compliance with the zoning code, zoning application, fence height, and swale.

Jackson Boone, representing applicant, being duly sworn, spoke to fence request, temporary construction mitigation fence, density of Auburn Woods, lot setbacks consistent with Auburn Woods, and responded to council questions regarding fence height.

Ms. Fernandez responded to council questions regarding a temporary fence.

Mr. Boone responded to council questions regarding chipping, marking storm drains, and accommodating Auburn Woods HOA's requests on prohibiting shining lights into residents homes and removal of mature trees.

Jeffery Boone, Boone Law Firm, being duly sworn, commented on the zoning stipulation, temporary use fence permit, and responded to council questions regarding fence height.

Discussion continued on temporary use fence permit and setting a precedent.

Jackson Boone commented on the rezoning application, street lighting, and tree removal.

Discussion followed regarding variances.

Jackson Boone spoke to Code Section 86-230 regarding variances.

Jeff Boone commented on the application and modification request.

Discussion continued regarding LDRs, creating a buffer during development of the property, staff determining approval of a temporary construction fence, and developer working with the surrounding neighbors.

Jackson Boone requested council's approval of the preliminary plat petition.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member

Fiedler, to approve Preliminary Plat Petition No. CC 18-06PP. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Recess was taken at 11:10 a.m. until 11:20 a.m.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

[ORD. NO.
2019-14](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74, Utilities, Article II, Water, Division 2, Capacity Charge; Section 74-72, Amount; Article III, Sewers and Sewage Disposal; Division 3, Capacity Charge; Section 74-162, Amount; by Modifying Utility Capacity Charges; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability and Providing for An Effective Date

Ms. Lewis read the ordinance by title only.

No one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fiedler, that Ordinance No. 2019-14 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.

In response to council questions, Mr. Vargas explained capacity charges are for new homes and upgrading meters.

Discussion followed regarding large meters in residential homes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[ORD. NO.
2019-15](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article VIII, Boards, Section 2-381, Economic Development Advisory Board; Dissolving this Board until Reinstated by City Council and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Lewis read the ordinance by title only.

No one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Council Member Fiedler, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Ordinance No. 2019-15 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.

Mayor Holic noted speaking with the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB)'s chair regarding the board's next meeting.

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.
2019-16](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice Florida Providing an Annual Update of the Five Year Capital Improvement Schedule for Fiscal Years 2019 - 2023 and Long Range Schedule of Capital Projects for Fiscal Years 2024 - 2028 Contained in the Appendices, Section V (6), of the City of Venice Comprehensive Plan; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Lewis read the ordinance by title only.

No one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Ordinance No. 2019-16 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.

Discussion took place regarding level of service (LOS) for hurricane shelters, Sarasota County's control of hurricane shelters, Capital Improvement Schedule (CIS) update, concurrency, Venice Community Center's LOS, city and county partnership, the county's 2017 generalized LOS analysis report, and transportation study of the northeast corridor.

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

B. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO.
2019-14](#)

A Resolution Approving the Appointment of Danielle Lewis as a Deputy City Clerk for the Purpose of Authenticating Any Written Instrument Obligating the City for Payment of Money, Attesting Signatures on Official Documents and Administering Oaths of Office; and Providing An Effective Date

Ms. Lewis read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Fiedler, that Resolution No. 2019-14 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

C. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[19-3949](#)

Observations Regarding Parking in the Business District and Possible Improvements (Newsom)

Mr. Newsom spoke to observed parking availability in the downtown area, directional parking signs, and requested council direct staff to identify

locations for directional parking signs in the downtown business district.

Discussion followed regarding parking signage, free parking and charging stations, downtown parking, valet parking services, concern with number of signs, private parking lot on Miami Avenue, parking maps, available parking options, designating parking spots for golf carts and motorcycles, and driverless vehicles.

There was consensus to direct staff to identify locations for directional parking signs in the downtown business district.

Recess was taken at 11:59 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.

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

[19-3957](#)

Present Charles Hines, Sarasota County Commissioner and Vince George, Southwest Florida Project Manager, Department of Environmental Protection, with Awards for Assistance in Providing Funding for the Beach Renourishment Project

Mr. Lavallee presented awards to Charles Hines, Chair, Sarasota County Commission, and Vince George, Southwest Florida Project Manager, Department of Environmental Protection.

[19-3958](#)

Charles Hines, Chair, Sarasota Board of County Commissioners (10 min.)

Commissioner Hines spoke on the memorandum from Director of Emergency Services Rich Collins regarding a hurricane evacuation center to include Sarasota Memorial Hospital (SMH) evacuation center recommendation, building a multi-use facility, hardening Taylor Ranch School and convention center idea, water quality summit on June 5, 2019, addressing water quality, Dona Bay, Legacy Trail, Atlanta Braves Stadium opening, River Road project, homelessness, the county sheriff's homeless outreach team (HOT), providing temporary housing for the homeless, affordable housing, amending the code to allow accessory type buildings, and renovation of the south county courthouse.

Discussion followed regarding affordable housing to include the Sadowski trust fund and CDBG grants, city and county partnership, John Nolen's Plan, county funding for a hurricane shelter to include the county's plan to allocate funding on a recurring basis, hardening Taylor Ranch School, building a multi-use facility, corridor connecting Knights Trail to Clark Road, making State Road 681 a full north/south interstate interchange, and temporary facility for the homeless.

[19-3959](#)

Don Fisher, Founder & Chairman: Suncoast BBQ Bash Update (10 min.)

Don Fisher, Founder and Chairman, Suncoast BBQ and Bluegrass Bash, provided an update to include event attendance, satisfaction rating, competitors, bluegrass bands, economic impact, mission, profits, administrative costs, completion of the temporary circular driveway at the festival grounds, and vehicle exiting adjustments.

Discussion followed on volunteers, council liaison volunteer for next year, and event lighting.

[19-3960](#)

Bobby Young, Chair, Code Enforcement Board: Board Activity Update (10 min.)

Robert Young, Chair, Code Enforcement Board, provided a board update to include number of meetings, cases, fines collected, board goals for the upcoming year, the board's relationship with city council, code enforcement staff, cases involving excessive accumulations, and responded to council questions on his time of service on the board.

[19-3961](#)

Joan Piper, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Board Activity Update (10 min.)

Joan Piper, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, spoke regarding the board's goals, Gondolier article, providing input on park projects, agendas, number of parks within the city, parks master plan, parks interlocal agreement with the county, accomplishment on park audits, and recommended disbanding the board.

[19-3962](#)

Jon Thaxton, Senior Vice President for Community Investment, Gulf Coast Community Foundation: Proposal for Venice Shark Hunt Community Display (10 min.)

Jon Thaxton, Senior Vice President for Community Investment, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, noted he will provide council with reports outlining actions that will improve homelessness and affordable housing in the county, and spoke on the foundation celebrating its 25th anniversary September 2020, Venice Shark Hunt community display proposal to include suggested locations, project intent, requested permission to begin discussions with staff on appropriate installation and locations, noted costs will be absorbed by the foundation, and responded to council questions on extending project location to Venice Beach and shark display sizes.

Mayor Holic suggested including protected shark species in the project.

Discussion followed regarding project locations inhibiting pedestrian traffic.

There was consensus to proceed with the Venice Shark Hunt community display project.

[19-3963](#)

Dave Wimberly, President, and Doug Griffin, Scholarship Chair, Venice

Aviation Society; Dennis King, President, Experimental Aircraft Association: Venice Airport Aviation Groups - Scholarships to Venice High School Students (10 min.)

Dave Wimberly, President, Venice Aviation Society Inc. (VASI), spoke to scholarships for Venice High School (VHS) students, Venice airport, aviation professional shortage, and educating and mentoring the city's youth.

Doug Griffin, Scholarship Chair, VASI, spoke on aviation scholarships awarded to VHS students, VHS's Aero Club, SUN 'n FUN organization scholarships, National Aviation Association, aviation professional shortage, and Ted Turner Enterprise's contribution to aviation education.

Dennis King, President, Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), spoke regarding EAA memberships, supporting aviation events and area youth, awarded scholarships, monthly Young Eagles rally, and student flights.

Kim Kindell, Director of Rotary Futures, VHS, commented on scholarships awarded to VHS students, the need for women in aviation, and partnership with VASI and EAA.

Discussion followed regarding student talent at VHS, Suncoast BBQ Bash scholarships for student volunteers, Young Eagle flights, Venice airport, and University of Florida's innovation station engineering program.

Recess was taken at 2:59 p.m. until 3:08 p.m.

Council had no objection to address Ms. Fiedler's report next.

IX. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Fiedler

[19-3964](#)

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council Update

Ms. Fiedler reported on the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) meeting.

Ms. Moore returned to the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Ms. Fiedler spoke regarding the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (CHNEP) and coastal advisory committee grants.

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION - Continued

[19-3950](#)

Report on Use of Magistrate for Construction Board of Adjustments and

Appeals (Fernandez)

Ms. Fernandez reported on use of magistrate for the construction board of adjustment and appeals (CBAA), explained alternative options, and noted she has not obtained the building official's opinion and does not recommend abolishing the board.

Discussion followed regarding having the board remain as is, the last time the CBAA met, maintaining local control, number of seats on the board, sending a letter to members confirming their willingness to serve on the board, board member requirements and specifics, filling board vacancies, and dissolving the board until needed.

Ms. Fernandez responded to council questions on required board member training.

Discussion ensued regarding maintaining local control, alternative for code enforcement board to handle citations related to unlicensed contracting and unpermitted work, and Mayor Holic reporting back to council once CBAA members respond on their continued willingness to serve on the board.

[19-3951](#)

Direct Staff to Enter into Discussion with Sarasota County on Building a Dual Purpose Hurricane Shelter/Sports Complex Building in Wellfield Park or Other Appropriate Location (Holic)

Discussion took place regarding the police firing range, using park impact fees for a dual purpose shelter, temporary homeless shelter, sports complex, city allocating money towards a shelter, the Venice Community Center, SMH building hardening, recommended locations to include Wellfield Park and a parcel located at Honore Road and Laurel Road, Wellfield Park users, combining resources with the county and state, county initiatives on a hurricane shelter, and requesting the city manager contact the county administrator for regular updates.

Ms. Fiedler left the meeting at 3:44 p.m. and did not return.

Discussion continued on park impact fees, Wellfield and Chuck Reiter parks, dual purpose facility, county mandate to provide hurricane shelters, postponing item until county provides direction, using park impact fees on Wellfield Park, Taylor Ranch School to include funding to harden building, memorandum from Mr. Collins, and council obtaining updates on county initiatives on a regular basis.

Mr. Lavalley noted staff will request the county administrator to provide periodic updates on county initiatives.

Discussion followed regarding public records requests to the county.

[19-3952](#)

Approval to Request the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Department of Health to Make a Presentation on the Changes in the Law Regarding Shark Fishing (Holic)

Mayor Holic spoke to his request and new regulations going into effect July 1, 2019 by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Discussion took place regarding enticing sharks where individuals are swimming and fishermen chumming the waters.

Mr. Lavalley noted he will assign staff to request a presentation and update on regulations.

A motion was made by Council Member Newsom, seconded by Council Member Moore, to extend the meeting time beyond 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote 4-2 with Mr. Daniels and Mayor Holic opposed.

Discussion continued on jurisdictions prohibiting shark fishing, the city attorney researching if there is a constitutional amendment on shark fishing, and previously recommended pier rules.

There was consensus for staff to request the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Department of Health to make a presentation on the changes in law regarding shark fishing.

[19-3953](#)

Direct Staff to Determine the Interest of City Employees to Adopt Granada Nolen Green as Part of the City of Venice Adopt-A-Park Program (Holic)

Discussion took place regarding employees adopting Granada Nolen Green.

There was consensus to direct staff to determine the interest of city employees to adopt Granada Nolen Green as part of the City of Venice Adopt-A-Park program.

[19-3954](#)

Request City Manager to Provide a Review of GPS City Hall Vehicle Data (Daniels)

Discussion took place on conducting a cost analysis on leasing versus purchasing city vehicles.

There was consensus to direct staff to conduct a cost analysis on leasing versus purchasing city vehicles and discuss findings at the budget workshop.

Discussion continued regarding staff's report on the GPS summary of city hall vehicles, vehicle usage and disposals, amount of money received from auctioned vehicles, and staff reporting to council estimated vehicle values and money received from auction, to include where the funds go, during the budget workshop.

[19-3955](#)

Request City Manager to Present a Review of Fuel Usage Over Last 5 Years (Daniels)

Discussion followed regarding fuel reduction, strategic goal, and charging stations.

There was consensus to direct staff to present a review of fuel usage over the last five years at the budget workshop.

[19-3956](#)

Request Council Members to Attend Assessing the Effects of Local Impact Fees and Land-Use Regulations on Workforce Housing in Florida Event Sponsored by the Argus Foundation, with Expenses Paid from Mayor and Council Travel Account (Daniels)

Discussion followed on reimbursement policy and council workshop and training expenses.

There was consensus for Council Member Daniels to attend Assessing the Effects of Local Impact Fees and Land-Use Regulations on Workforce Housing in Florida event sponsored by the Argus Foundation, with expenses paid from the mayor and council travel account.

Discussion continued regarding reimbursement policy, council member workshop and training expenses, allocating a discretionary budget placeholder for council workshops and trainings, and discussing this item at the budget workshop.

VIII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

Ms. Fernandez spoke regarding legislative updates.

City Clerk

Ms. Lewis had no report.

City Manager

Mr. Lavalley commented on public think tanks and involving youth, survey on special events in Centennial Park, comments heard regarding parking meters, and recommended staff develop a survey on the prospect of having parking meters in the preferred parking area of downtown.

Discussion followed regarding survey and collecting data.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Vice Mayor Cautero, to direct staff to develop a survey on parking. The motion carried by voice vote 5-1 with Ms. Gates opposed.

COUNCIL REPORTS - Continued***Council Member Caetero***

Discussion took place regarding staff providing a fact sheet on development.

Council Member Daniels

Mr. Daniels presented a picture and commented on pool water being discharged into a storm drain, and spoke on Visit Sarasota.

Council Member Gates

Ms. Gates had no report.

Council Member Moore

Ms. Moore reported on the Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting and the Suncoast Reef Rovers underwater cleanup event.

Council Member Newsom

[19-3965](#)

Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Update

Mr. Newsom reported on the planning commission and Economic Development Corporation (EDC) meetings.

Discussion followed regarding paid internships and addressing item at the budget workshop.

Mayor Holic

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Newsom, to direct staff to prepare the required ordinance to suspend the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Holic reported on breakfast with the mayor to include Venice MainStreet's suggestion for color changing LED lights in downtown, Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) meeting, Council of Governments (COG), and commented on Mr. Lavallee's letter to the county administrator regarding the city taking over emergency medical services (EMS).

Discussion followed regarding restaurants voluntarily abolishing plastic straws and EMS memo sent to the county administrator.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk