

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, EXPANDING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VENICE FIRE DEPARTMENT (VFD) STAKEHOLDER'S WORK GROUP; AUTHORIZING THE RE-ENGAGEMENT OF THE FIRE FEE RATE CONSULTANT TO PERFORM A NEW FIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT STUDY USING THE CALLS FOR SERVICE METHODOLOGY (SQUARE FOOTAGE ALLOCATION); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Venice City Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-25, creating a Venice Fire Department (VFD) Stakeholders' Work Group (the Stakeholders' Group); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that resolution, the Stakeholders' Group presented their recommendations to City Council prior to May 1, 2018, and have scheduled no further meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Stakeholders' Group determined that there were future unfunded city fire department costs; and

WHEREAS, the Stakeholders' Group determined the best way to provide for these unfunded costs was a fire protection special assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Stakeholders' Group determined that the "calls for service" methodology would be the best methodology for determining the appropriate fire special assessments for the broad group of taxpayers in the city; and

WHEREAS, the Stakeholders' Group determined that the rate consultant who performed the prior study could produce the most effective and efficient new study under the "calls for service" methodology, because of the data collected for the former study.

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. The city shall re-engage the rate consultants who performed the prior study to perform a new study using the "calls for service" methodology, and a square footage allocation.

SECTION 3. The duties and responsibilities of the Stakeholders' Group, under the terms and conditions of Resolution No. 2017-25, have been expanded to include the following:

- a. Coordinate with city staff, the rate consultant, and attorneys to review the calculations and results included in draft and final reports using the "calls for service" methodology; and

- b. Coordinate with city staff on the development of related ordinances, resolutions, and notices, including the required notices to be sent to all property owners identifying the initial year and subsequent year(s) individual parcel maximum fees; and
- c. Coordinate with city staff to conduct a campaign to educate the public on the need, accuracy and fairness of the new fire fees beginning in Fiscal Year 2020; and
- d. Send representative to attend city council meetings and/or workshops, and conduct or oversee presentations as needed.

SECTION 4. All other terms and conditions of Resolution No. 2017-25 remain in effect.

SECTION 5. 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 10TH DAY OF JULY 2018.

John W. Holic, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

I, Lori Stelzer, 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 10th day of July 2018, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said City this 10th day of July 2018.

Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

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Approved as to form:

David Persson, City Attorney