



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: Edward Lavalley, City Manager **E-SIGN:** 

FROM: Rick Simpson, Director of Public Works

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

DATE: 3/5/2024

MEETING DATE: 3/26/2024

SUBJECT / TOPIC: Lease Agreement - Sarasota County Warehouse – 440 E. Venice Ave

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Please find one (1) copy of the Lease Agreement for the Warehouse building located at 440 E. Venice Ave. The attached agreement is similar to the previous lease agreement for the building. The City of Venice will lease the stated structure from Sarasota County with a ten (10) year term, with an annual rent charge of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) payable in advance by the City on each anniversary of the effective date, and the City will handle the maintenance of the building during the executed term of the lease. The effective date stated in the new agreement is October 1, 2014, as that is when the previous lease agreement expired. The County has confirmed that the new lease agreement is intended to be post-dated to when the previous lease expired. With that, the expiration date of the new lease agreement is September 30, 2033, and will provide the city with the new ten (10) year term.

Currently, it provides storage for the Old Betsy Fire Engine, allows for warehousing of equipment/supplies for the Public Works Department, provides storage of fire equipment, provides storage for historical archives, and also provides a staging location for Venice Area Beautification, Inc (VABI). This is a volunteer support group that strives to enrich the quality of life for every resident of our community by nurturing and developing enhancement projects throughout the greater Venice area, making Venice a beautiful place to live, work and play. Without the use of this facility, all the items noted above would need to be relocated and stored elsewhere within the city. Due to the expanding growth of our city and the departments within, relocating all items, along with VABI and all its volunteers, would create a hardship on the Public Works Department. With that, we are requesting the Council to approve the Public Works Department to move forward with getting the attached agreement signed by the city and returned to the County for final signature and execution.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Two: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: For Council Adoption by Consent Motion

Yes N/A

Document(s) Reviewed for ADA compliance (required if for agenda posting)

City Attorney Reviewed/Approval *HK*

Risk Management Review *CB*

Finance Department Review/Approval *A*

Funds Availability (account number): 001-0921-519.52-00