



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

THERE IS AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION SCHEDULED AT NOON

[24-0102](#)

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pachota called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Nick Pachota, Ms. Joan Farrell, Vice Mayor Jim Boldt, Ms. Helen Moore, Mrs. Rachel Frank, Mr. Ron Smith and Mr. Rick Howard

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Assistant City Manager James Clinch, Deputy City Clerk Mercedes Barcia, Deputy City Clerk Toni Cone, and for certain items on the agenda: Fire Chief Frank Giddens, Assistant Fire Chief Kyle Hartley, Planning and Zoning Director Roger Clark, Senior Planner Nicole Tremblay, Planner Brittany Smith, Planner Josh Law, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, Stormwater Engineer Steven Berens, and Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. RECOGNITION

[24-0103](#)

Proclaim April 2024 Child Abuse Prevention Month, presented to Missy Booher and Roslyn Mendoza, Prevention Educators, and Detective Sergeant Bill Kuchar

Mayor Pachota and City Manager Lavallee presented this proclamation.

[24-0104](#)

5-Year Service Award, Steven Berens, Stormwater Engineer I

Mayor Pachota, City Manager Lavallee, and City Engineer Weeden presented this service award.

[24-0105](#)

Swearing in: Fire Department K9 Misty

Deputy Clerk Barcia performed this swearing in.

[24-0106](#)

Swearing in: Firefighter/Paramedic Ashley Henry

Deputy Clerk Barcia performed this swearing in.

[24-0107](#)

Swearing in: Firefighter/EMT Scott Dubrule, Kord Webb, and Elizaveta Zinkov

Deputy Clerk Barcia performed these swearing ins.

[24-0108](#)

Swearing in: Paramedic Timothy Dankel

Deputy Clerk Barcia performed this swearing in.

Recess was taken from 9:23 a.m. until 9:35 a.m.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

Marsha Cross 780 Tamiami Trail Unit 5214, spoke on the Venice Municipal Mobile Home Park Community, the safety and well-being of residents, enforcing the rules of the airport until a management company is established, concerns about individuals with felony convictions living in the community, encouraged strict policies, financial responsibilities of residents, residents being on the lease, regulating renters, and underage individuals not being allowed to reside in the park.

Robert Raimendi, 208 Maraviya Boulevard, spoke on concerns about traffic flow on Knights Trail, development, and the need for a traffic light.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

Mr. Smith pulled Items Nos. 24-0111, 24-01F1, 24-02F2, and 24-0114 from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, to approve items on the Consent Section, except for Item Nos. 24-0111, 24-01FP, 24-02FP, and 24-0114. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A. CITY CLERK

[24-0109](#)

Minutes of the March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

These minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY MANAGER

Engineering

[24-0110](#)

Authorize the Mayor to Execute the First Amendment to Locally Funded

Agreement for Use of Park Impact Fees Between Sarasota County and the City of Venice for the Pickleball Courts at Hecksher Park in the Amount of \$200,000

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[24-0112](#)

Authorize Transfer of \$700,000 in Park Impact Fees from the Northeast Linear Park to the Northeast Park

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[24-0113](#)

Authorize the Mayor to Accept Utility Easement from SCP Venice Florida Owner, LLC, identified as Ranch Road Multifamily

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Public Works

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

[24-0111](#)

Authorize the Mayor to Execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 22SRP76 Between the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Venice for the Tarpon Center Drive Nature Based Flood Mitigation Pilot Project

City Engineer Weeden responded to Council questions regarding the agreement, whether the project is on schedule, what the City's share of the cost is, what grants we are receiving, and if these types of fund are available for other areas. She stated the grant may need to be extended, due to Hurricane Ian, which is an option in the amendment. The City share of costs is 50%, these funds are specific to this project and cannot be reallocated, this project is eligible because it is an evacuation route, and cannot apply for these types of funds to put money into privately-owned land.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frank, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve Item No. 24-0111. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[24-01FP](#)

Approve Final Plat for Magnolia Bay North Phase 2 and Accept the Developers Completion and Payment Bonds in the Amounts of \$2,053,735.65 for Project Infrastructure Completion and \$358,800.00 for Street Light Completion from Meritage Homes of Florida, Inc., and Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Engineer to Sign the Final Plat

City Engineer Weeden responded to a Council question regarding completion of payment of bonds, explaining the City process of accepting completion and releasing the bonds. The City does not monitor construction, the contractual obligation is between the developer and homeowners association (HOA) and is a private relationship.

City Attorney Fernandez responded to a Council question about notifying an HOA of a bond approaching expiration, and responded it may not be appropriate for the City to be involved, and there may be liability undertaken.

Discussion continued regarding Homeowners Associations, particular issues regarding resident protection, and the City being able to assist by facilitating, but cannot enforce.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Ms. Moore, to approve Item No. 24-01FP. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[24-02FP](#)

Approve Final Plat for Magnolia Bay South Phase 2 and Accept the Developers Completion and Payment Bonds in the Amounts of \$2,457,602.84 for Project Infrastructure Completion and \$675,383.50 for Landscaping and Street Light Completion from Meritage Homes of Florida, Inc., and Authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and City Engineer to Sign the Final Plat

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, to approve Item No. 24-02FP. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[24-0114](#)

Approve Lease Agreement Between Sarasota County and the City of Venice for the Property Located at 440 East Venice Avenue, Venice, FL

Assistant City Manager Clinch answered a Council question regarding why the property was leased and not purchased. He responded the County declined a sale, but offered another 10-year lease, and is willing to discuss a sale in the future. He also noted the reason the lease had been expired for an extended time was not due to the City, but the time to reestablish positive relations with the County.

Discussion took place regarding the groups that utilize the property and appreciation to the County for offering a favorable rate.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve Item No. 24-0114. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

V. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[24-0115](#)

Historic and Architectural Preservation Board Chair Mark Beebe: Board's Annual Report and Council Feedback

Chair Beebe provided the annual report on the Historic and Architectural Preservation Board (HAPB), including outreach, education and achievements, Legacy Awards, encouraging applications for the local register, updating the approved color palette for the architectural control districts, and outlined the upcoming year's goals.

Discussion took place regarding the success of HAPB after the

combining of the board, and admiration of the board's diligence.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Ms. Moore, to accept the annual report of the Historic and Architectural Preservation Board. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Ms. Farrell, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith and Mr. Howard

[24-0116](#)

Kevin McGrath, Chair of the Police Pension Board of Trustees: Board's Annual Report and Council Feedback

Chair McGrath reported on the Police Pension Board, to include, full board membership, valuation report, no unfunded liability, a history of meeting assumptions, diversification, being a closed plan, and completion of report to the state.

Recess was taken from 10:25 a.m. until 10:35 a.m.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. CONTRACT

[24-0117](#)

Consider the Purchase of a 7.95-Acre Parcel of Land Located at 2191 Knights Trail Road (Parcel ID No. 0377020001) from TEG 2191 Knights Trail LLC, for a Purchase Price of 2,342,500

Mayor Pachota read the item and opened the public hearing.

There were no written communications.

Diane Jochum, 640 Ravello Boulevard spoke on concerns regarding the property purchase if a solid waste facility is put on the property, the need for infrastructure and traffic lights.

Jim Tenney, 176 Soliera Street, spoke on concerns regarding Knights Trail to include where the trucks would exit, how many trucks, and traffic.

Assistant City Manager Clinch provided an update on this item, noting this location is intended for Solid waste recycling and fleet maintenance, not storage of waste, vehicles, staff, maintenance of vehicles indoors, 30 employees, 25 vehicles, the trucks will start and return empty, all trucks are currently traveling down Knights Trails, Lorraine Road is a County project that will assist with traffic, and answered a Council question regarding widening of Knights Trail County project, stating staff has met with the County and Lorraine Road is a first priority, with the widening of Knights Trail later, and the traffic light is a Sarasota County decision.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, to approve the purchase of a 7.95-Acre Parcel of Land located at 2191 Knights Trail Road (Parcel ID No. 0377020001) from TEC 2191 Knights Trail LLC, for a purchase price of \$2,342,500. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Ms. Farrell, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith and Mr. Howard

B. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

ORD. NO. 2024-04

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 87, Land Development Code, by Amending Table 2.2.2.B., RMF Multifamily Structures Development Standards Table and Section 2.4.3., Residential Uses, Pursuant to Text Amendment Petition No. 23-53AM, by Establishing Development Standards for Single-Family Townhomes in the Residential Multi-Family (RMF) Zoning Districts; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Deputy Clerk Barcia read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

There were no communications.

Planner Smith provided a staff presentation to include the description, proposed text amendment, alignment with the Comprehensive Plan, compliance with the Land Development Code, Council report and action, and answered Council questions regarding the text amendment and staff recommendation regarding setbacks, and whether a separate chart for villas and townhomes would be better. She stated the proposed table does offer clarification for planning staff to analyze projects.

Discussion took place regarding obtainable housing, and townhome widths in the City.

Jackson Boone, agent, provided a presentation including Planning Commission's recommendation, lot width, townhome height, villa height, minimum width of 18 feet, showed aerials, lot size standards, referenced building placement setbacks minimum requested approval, and answered Council questions regarding the chart with asterisks whether it would be better to have a separate chart, and responded Planning Commission did not have an issue with it, staff can implement, and do not see a need to redo it.

Discussion took place regarding a Council Member being able to bring the topic of revision of the text amendment forward at a later date, and a suggestion for a citizens' guide.

There was no public comment.

Discussion continued regarding the option to deny the petition until the Land Development Regulations (LDRs) are revised to be streamlined, the LDRs complexity, the presented table working for the staff and those who use it regularly, and the ability to utilize and interpret the table.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Ms. Moore, that Ordinance No. 2024-04 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank and Mr. Howard

No: 2 - Ms. Farrell and Mr. Smith

C. RESOLUTION

[RES. NO.
2024-06](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Vacating a Portion of an Existing Right-of-Way Located on Precision Drive, as Recorded in Plat Book 37, Pages 16-16B, Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, and Providing an Effective Date

Deputy Clerk Barcia read the resolution by title only.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

There were no communications.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Howard, that Resolution No. 2024-06 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Ms. Farrell, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith and Mr. Howard

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE

[ORD. NO.
2024-05](#)

An Ordinance Amending City of Venice Ordinance No. 2023-34, as Previously Amended, Which Adopted the Official Budget of the City of Venice, Florida for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024; by Increasing the Total Revenue by \$664,911 and Total Expenditures by \$664,911; and Providing an

Effective Date

Deputy Clerk Barcia read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Ms. Moore, that Ordinance No. 2024-05 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Ms. Farrell, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith and Mr. Howard

B. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO. 2024-07](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida Adopting a Revised Schedule of Violations and Penalties Consistent with Section 2-333 of the City Code of Ordinances; Superseding Resolution No. 2023-21; and Providing an Effective Date

Deputy Clerk Barcia read the resolution by title only.

City Attorney Fernandez answered a Council question regarding the review timeframe, responding that it is done as needed based on changes to the code.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, that Resolution No. 2024-07 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Ms. Farrell, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith and Mr. Howard

[RES. NO. 2024-08](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Accepting Utilities and Improvements Installed by SCP Venice Florida Owner, LLC, and Accepting a One Year Developers Cash Maintenance Bond and Bill of Sale, and Providing an Effective Date (Ranch Road Multi-Family)

Deputy Clerk Barcia read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, that Resolution No. 2024-08 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Ms. Farrell, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith and Mr. Howard

[RES. NO. 2024-09](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Accepting Utilities and Improvements Installed by Rustic Oaks Community Development District and Accepting a One Year Developers Maintenance Bond and Bill of Sale, and Providing an Effective Date (Magnolia Bay North Phase 1)

Deputy Clerk Barcia read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, that Resolution No. 2024-09 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Ms. Farrell, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith and Mr. Howard

[24-0123](#)

Accept and Authorize Execution of a Utility Easement with PGT Industries, Inc.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frank, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve Item No. 24-0123. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Ms. Farrell, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith and Mr. Howard

VIII. PRIVATE ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION

[24-0118](#)

PRIVATE ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 286.011(8), TO DISCUSS NEAL COMMUNITIES OF SWF, LLC ET AL V. CITY OF VENICE

In attendance will be City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, Special Counsel Derek Schroth, Mayor Nick Pachota, Vice Mayor Jim Boldt, Council Members Joan Farrell, Helen Moore, Rachel Frank, Rick Howard and Ron Smith, City Manager Ed Lavallee, and Roberts Court Reporting. (Expected Duration One Hour)

Mayor Pachota announced the meeting would recess for the private Attorney-Client Session at 11:42 a.m.

In attendance will be City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, Special Counsel Derek Schroth, Mayor Nick Pachota, Vice Mayor Jim Boldt, Council Members Joan Farrell, Helen Moore, Rachel Frank, Rick Howard and Ron Smith, City Manager Ed Lavallee, and Roberts Court Reporting. (Expected Duration One Hour)

Mayor Pachota announced the Private Attorney-Client Session was over and the meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

IX. PRESENTATION

[24-0119](#)

City Engineer Kathleen Weeden and Stormwater Engineer Steven Berens: Flamingo Ditch Summary (30 min.)

Stormwater Engineer Berens and City Engineer Weeden provided a presentation regarding Golden Beach and the Flamingo Ditch, including Island of Venice Gulf Discharge and drainage basins, Deertown Gully, Golden Beach layout, photos through the decades, FEMA Flood Zones, emergency response, the outfall and elevations, hurricane season averages, equipment access, outfall improvement project design report (Dec 2011), deep gulf improvement map grading plan Flamingo Ditch Forcemain longitudinal profile, 2013 Flamingo Ditch Demucking, 2017 No Name Storm prior to Hurricane Irma, wooden outfall structure removal (2018), and concluded all cost-feasible options for improvement

have been implemented, low roadway elevations increase likelihood of flooding during surge events and major rain events, residents should heed evacuation orders, and options moving forward.

Discussion took place regarding rain events in turtle nesting season, cost of a consultant, demucking project, use of plants, agreement with hiring a consultant, special taxing district, drainage options, complicated issue, size of opening always changing due to sand, private property rights, following up on special taxing district, funds out of enterprise fund, using funds for private property, and resiliency funding.

Recess was taken from 2:09 p.m. until 2:20 p.m.

There was consensus to direct staff to bring this item back on the next agenda with a proposal to hire a consultant.

X. PRESENTATION WITH ACTION

[24-0120](#)

Assistant City Manager Clinch and Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer: Presentation on Lord-Higel House Mission and Vision

Historical Resources Manager Klinkhamer and Assistant City Manager Clinch provided a presentation on the Lord Higel House including history, final phase to be completed by August, visioning, mission and goals, celebrating the history, sustainability into the future, public accessibility and benefit, engagement with stakeholders, adaptive reuse, partnerships, economic viability, and answered Council questions regarding kitchen options, existing businesses, event possibilities, request for proposals (RFPs), restroom facilities, and having the facility open as much as possible.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Howard, to endorse the presented mission and goals, and to direct staff to solicit proposals and bring back a recommended adaptive reuse plan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Ms. Farrell, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith and Mr. Howard

[24-0121](#)

Planning and Zoning Director Roger Clark: Rezoning of Annexed County Zoned Property Report

Planning and Zoning Director Clark provided an update regarding the property owner's of annexed, county-zoned properties.

City Attorney Fernandez responded to a Council question regarding required action. She stated it was not required to take action on the zoning, but Council is not prohibited from doing so.

Discussion took place regarding land use, property appraiser response,

are the disadvantages to keeping the lower amount, utilities, and open use estate options.

Jeffery Boone, 1001 Avenida Del Circo, spoke on behalf of property owners Bill and Donna Skaggs, mentioned the property was annexed in 1999 and understood there was not the need for a rezone until the property was to be developed, noted the difference between Sawgrass and these properties, and recommended following the wishes of the property owners.

Annette Bone, 1001 Avenida Del Circo, stated there was no harm in leaving the properties zoned as they are.

Discussion took place regarding the need for a motion or to start a new Open Use Estate (OUE) designation takes months, the opinion that six properties need to be rezoned, rezoning as owners request, a solution in search of a problem, more zoning options to be explored.

City Attorney Fernandez clarified that no action by Council means nothing would happen until these people come forward.

Planning and Zoning Director Clark noted an OUE zoning designation would require a Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

Discussion continued regarding appreciation for the analysis, leaving the option with the property owners, and professionalism.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Farrell, to direct staff to pursue rezoning 13 of the 16 properties with the exceptions noted by the Planning and Zoning Director.

A motion was made by Ms. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Smith, to amend the motion to pursue developing a new Open Use Estate zoning designation and offer it to those property owners first who wish their property to remain agricultural. The amendment failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 2 - Ms. Farrell and Mr. Smith

No: 5 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank and Mr. Howard

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 2 - Ms. Farrell and Mr. Smith

No: 5 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank and Mr. Howard

A motion was made by Mayor Pachota, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, to direct staff to pursue the rezone of the six willing property owners that responded to the Planning and Zoning Director's request and to continue conversations with the other property owners as they come forward. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Ms. Farrell, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith and Mr. Howard

Recess was taken from 3:33 p.m. until 3:41 p.m.

XI. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION - Continued

24-0122

Approve Pre-Annexation Agreement Between the City of Venice and Abderlahman Ayyad and Sara Ayyad for Flagship Medical Office Building (MOB)

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve Item No. 24-0122. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Ms. Farrell, Vice Mayor Boldt, Ms. Moore, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith and Mr. Howard

24-0124

Request for Cash Deposit in Lieu of Sidewalk Construction for Storsafe Self Storage Site and Development Plan Petition No. 23-71SP

Planner Law presented the request for a cash deposit in lieu of sidewalk construction, noting the Planning and Zoning Department prefers construction of the sidewalk due to the unknown timeframe for the Seaboard development, timeline, not sure if the estimate is enough, and answered Council questions regarding the length of the sidewalk. City Engineer Weeden expressed concern that the future cost of the sidewalk could be more than what the applicants current cost to build is.

Discussion took place regarding sidewalk connectivity, the potential for use before it needs to be redone, and public interest in the murals on the building.

Annie Boone, agent, stated the applicant had concerns about sidewalk connectivity and the City could use cash deposit funds toward improvements in the Seaboard area as development occurs.

Christopher Thompson, applicant, addressed concerns about utility obstructions, and spoke in favor of his request of cash deposit in lieu of sidewalk construction, citing concerns about sidewalk connectivity.

A motion was made by Ms. Moore to approve the cash deposit in lieu of sidewalk construction for Petition No. 23-71SP. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

A motion was made by Ms. Farrell, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, to deny the cash deposit in lieu of sidewalk construction for Petition No. 23-71SP. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Ms. Farrell, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith and Mr. Howard

No: 1 - Ms. Moore

XII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTSCity Attorney

City Attorney Fernandez updated Council on the Milano Planned Unit Development (PUD) appeal, noting parties will be notified within 30 days of review whether the judge wants to hear oral arguments. She reported she was working on keeping staff and Council updated on legislative changes.

City Clerk

Deputy Clerk Barcia reminded the Council about the next day's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Workshop.

City Manager

Assistant City Manager Clinch reported that Habitat for Humanity closed on the 1316 Mango Avenue property and the project is moving forward.

XIII. COUNCIL REPORTS***Council Member Smith***

Mr. Smith noted he is looking forward to the City Attorney's legislative updates.

Council Member Frank

Mrs. Frank reported on the Community Action Agency Board and noted there is a board vacancy she will promote to law enforcement.

Council Member Farrell

Ms. Farrell had no report.

Council Member Howard

Mr. Howard had no report.

Council Member Moore

Ms. Moore had no report.

Vice Mayor Boldt

Vice Mayor Boldt reported on attendance at an Economic Development Council (EDC) ballgame.

Mayor Pachota

Mayor Pachota reported meeting the new Emergency Manager for Sarasota County visited the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR). He also gave an update on events and activities, including his Washington DC trip, the Venetian Golf and River Club (VGRC) town hall, the Citizens Advisory Board's (CAB) first meeting, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting, Hometown Heroes banquet, car show, bike ride with the Mayor, Blues Fest, Surveyors proclamation, government day at the Chamber of Commerce, and upcoming Senator Rubio staff tour.

XIV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION


Reverend Mitchell, Union Missionary Baptist church, spoke on 501 Wood Street, requested it be named Martin Luther King Way, and asked for assistance to develop a Martin Luther King park. The Union Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 70 year anniversary in April, wants to preserve the legacy of the contributions of blacks in Venice and the 52 homes that originally sat on the land, mother's contributions to Venice, and requested the City give some land back for a Martin Luther King park.

Israel Salinas, 591 Flamingo Drive, spoke on Golden Beach, staff's presentation on Flamingo Ditch, showed visuals, provided an overview of homes directly impacted by Hurricane Idalia, and suggested a rider tax on new developments.


XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 pm

ATTEST:



Nick Pachota (Apr 10, 2024 22:02 EDT)
 Mayor - City of Venice



 City Clerk









Minutes

Final Audit Report

2024-04-11

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