



City of Venice

401 West Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285
www.venicegov.com

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

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 Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Council Member Deborah Anderson, Council Member Richard Causero and Council Member Fred Fraize

Also Present

City Attorney Dave Persson, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavalley, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble, Assistant City Clerk Heather Taylor, and for certain items on the agenda: Public Works Director John Veneziano, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Director of Administrative Services Alan Bullock, and Grants Administrator Brenda Westlake.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stelzer offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lieutenant Adams, Sergeant Leisenring, and Sergeant Quick.

I. RECOGNITION

[16-1688](#)

Swearing In: Lieutenant Jason Adams, Sergeant Andrew Leisenring and Sergeant Keith Quick

Mayor Holic swore in Lieutenant Adams, Sergeant Leisenring and Sergeant Quick.

[16-1689](#)

Holiday Card Winner: Madelinn Canty, First Grade, Venice Elementary School

Mr. Lavalley presented this Award to Madelinn Canty.

[16-1690](#)

Mayor's Pillar of the Community Award, Presented to Earl Midlam

Mayor Holic presented this Award to Earl Midlam.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon to approve items in the Consent Section with the exception of Item Nos. 16-1699 and 16-1700. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A. MAYOR

[16-1691](#) Reappoint Andrea Stultz, Student Representative to the Environmental Advisory Board to Serve an Additional Term From January 12, 2016 Until January 11, 2017

This Reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[16-1692](#) Appoint Arianna Murdocca, Student Representative to the Economic Development Advisory Board to Serve a Term From January 12, 2016 Until January 11, 2017

This Appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[16-1693](#) Appoint Angela Potier, Student Representative to the Public Art Advisory Board to Serve a Term from January 12, 2016 until January 11, 2017

This Appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[16-1694](#) Reappoint Thomas Murphy to the Planning Commission to Serve a Term from February 1, 2016 until January 31, 2019

This Reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[16-1695](#) Reappoint Jerry Towery to the Planning Commission to Serve a Term from January 12, 2016 Until December 31, 2018

This Reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[16-1696](#) Reappoint Helen Moore to the Planning Commission to Serve a Term from February 1, 2016 Until January 31, 2019

This Reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[16-1697](#) Affirm the Reelection of Richard Lanigan as the 5th Trustee to the Fire Pension Board of Trustees to Serve from January 12, 2016 until November 7, 2019

This Affirmation was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[16-1698](#) Reappoint Jeffrey Matthews to the Architectural Review Board to Serve a Term from January 12, 2016 Until January 31, 2019

This Reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. CITY MANAGER

Engineering

[16-1701](#) Award a Piggyback Contract to Envirowaste Services Group, Inc. in the Amount of \$145,260.00 for Stormwater Infrastructure Assessment

This Contract was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[16-1702](#) Authorize Mayor to Execute After the Fact Change Order to A2 Group, Inc. in the Amount of \$25,750.00 for the Installation of Sod and Safety Painting of Curbing at Legacy Park

This Change Order was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Police

[16-1703](#) Accept Funds from West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) Waterway Development Program, Project #S-306 for Marine Patrol in the Amount of \$85,000

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[16-1704](#) Request the Purchase of Five 2016 Chevrolet Tahoes by Utilizing the Florida Sheriff's Association Bid (#15-23-0904); Not to Exceed Amount of \$168,065

This Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Utilities

[16-1705](#) Approve Contract with Quality Enterprises USA Inc. for the Border Road Water Main Extension Re-bid (ITB# 3010-15), Not to Exceed Amount of \$687,166.70

This Contract was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[16-1706](#) Request Council Approval of Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant Odor Control System Replacement Change Order No. 1 with Cardinal Contractors, Inc. in the Amount of \$218,000 for a New Contract Total of \$2,403,665

This Change Order was approved on the Consent Agenda.

MAYOR - Continued

[16-1699](#) Appoint Janis Fawn to the Planning Commission to Serve a Term From January 12, 2016 until January 31, 2019

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels, that this Appointment be approved.

Discussion took place regarding council member's experiences with Ms. Fawn and review of Ms. Fawn's credentials.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Anderson, that the question be called. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

The motion carried by voice vote with Ms. Anderson and Mr. Fraize opposed.

B. CITY CLERK

[16-1700](#)

Minutes of the September 8, 2015 and October 13, 2015 Regular Meetings, November 18, 2015 Certification of Election Results, December 15, 2015 Special Meeting,

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Daniels to approve Item No. 16-1700.

Ms. Anderson expressed her concern with the way verbiage in the minutes are perceived.

The motion carried by voice vote with Ms. Anderson opposed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATIONS

[16-1707](#)

Brenda Westlake, Grants Coordinator: Grants Update (10 min.)

Recess was taken from 9:51 a.m. until 9:58 a.m.

Ms. Westlake provided a presentation that covered the grant process and team effort of federal, state, foundation and local grants, planning, internal controls, the importance of audits, roles of the project and grant managers, federal legislation, regulations and executive orders, and possible grant opportunities.

Discussion followed regarding being successful in receiving grant funding, the average number of grants applied for per month, how council can help with the grant process and if applications are for within the city limits.

[16-1709](#)

John Veneziano, Public Works Director: Solid Waste and Recycling Rate Study (15 min.)

Mr. Veneziano introduced Peter Engle with Kessler Consulting, Inc., presented the solid waste rate study to include a background, the current system, residential and commercial rate comparisons, baseline, current cost of services, recommendations, rate adjustments,

recommended residential rates, service options and budget impacts.

Discussion followed regarding needed action, the lack of increases over the years, the end of year fund balance, magnitude of increases, concern with raising commercial rates and mandating service with the city, inclusion in the budget process, competitive services, creating a stakeholder group, bid for services requirements, ensuring all services are properly licensed, single source recycling, assistance for fixed income residents, what costs increased to justify the rate increase, staff compensation and hiring process, and moderating fee increases.

Mr. Persson commented on taxes for municipal waste being placed on the tax bill.

Mr. Veneziano stated that he would provide council with a makeup of the stakeholders group at an upcoming meeting.

There was consensus that Mr. Veneziano provide council with further information.

B. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO. 2016-01](#)

A Resolution of the City Of Venice, Florida, Creating a Policy Advisory Task Force (PATF) to Provide Policy Direction on the Update of the City Sign Regulations and on Matters Related to Development and Redevelopment in the City and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Resolution No. 2016-01 be approved and adopted.

In response to council questions, Mr. Shrum commented on timing, staff resources, and the intent of the resolution.

Discussion took place on the relevance of the task force to development and redevelopment in the city, the history of the task force, and having a task force to obtain views of the citizens on development and redevelopment.

Mr. Shrum commented on previous topics the task force has addressed and the need for the task force.

Discussion took place regarding the board not meeting until after the comprehensive plan process.

Ms. Stelzer clarified that this task force is already established and will continue as it has in the past.

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Fraize, that the resolution be amended to remove the verbiage "and matters

related to development and redevelopment in the city". The motion failed by voice vote with Ms. Gates, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Cautero and Mayor Holic opposed.

The original motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Cautero and Mr. Fraize

No: 1 - Ms. Anderson

C. COUNCIL ACTION

16-1714

Authorize the Mayor to Execute a License Agreement with Venice Main Street, Inc. to Replace the Manual Changeable Copy Portion of the Existing Sign with an LED Changeable Copy Sign Including Installation of the New Sign and Connection to Existing Electrical Service

Without objection, Mayor Holic reordered the agenda to hear this item at this time.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Daniels that Item No. 16-1714 be approved.

In response to council questions, Tracy Ivey, former Venice MainStreet president, spoke to the signage stating that the new sign will fit directly in front of the old sign.

Erin Silk, Executive Director, Venice MainStreet, responded to council questions regarding the text on the sign, ambiance of downtown, feedback received regarding the new signage, difficulty in reading the letter sign, LED related traffic accidents, and the inability to insure the sign due to it being on city property.

Ms. Ivey responded to council questions regarding the timing of the sign.

Discussion ensued on the status of the current sign.

The motion carried by voice vote with Ms. Anderson opposed.

RESOLUTIONS - Continued

RES. NO. 2016-02

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Superseding Resolution No. 2007-39, and Setting Forth the Policy and Procedures Under Which Conference Room No. 106, Community Hall Room No. 114, the Council Chambers and Other City Meeting Rooms Shall be Permitted for Use by the Public and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, that Resolution No. 2016-02 be approved and adopted.

Discussion followed regarding inclusion of the obligation to leave the

facility in clean condition and if not a cleaning fee may be charged.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Caution and Mr. Fraize

COUNCIL ACTION - Continued

16-1710

Memorandum of Understanding with International Association of Firefighters Related to the Pay Increase of the Newly-Promoted Battalion Chief and Lieutenant

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Anderson, that Item No. 16-1710 be approved.

In response to council questions, Mr. Bullock spoke to the timing of the memorandum of understanding and Florida Retirement Service status of the employees.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

16-1712

Request that the City Manager Provide the City Council Option to Develop Value Added Enhancements to the Current Constituent Management Service Process, for the Purpose of Effectively Managing Citizen Requests, Issues and Concerns (Caution)

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Anderson, that Item No. 16-1712 be approved.

Mr. Caution spoke to the item and suggested the city manager research options to provide a tracking system of citizen issues.

Mr. Lavalley spoke to preliminary discussions with the county regarding an interactive constituent access software and a potential partnership with the county.

Discussion followed regarding having an interim procedure to prevent tracking issues, the current procedure for tracking issues, previous systems used for tracking, computer system compatibility, citizens feeling that issues need to come through council, determining which items are not an emergency, and concern with losing the personal touch established with council and citizen discussion.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Recess was taken from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

16-1711

Request Council Consensus to Lengthen Audience Participation Time in Situations Where an Individual's Special Needs may Hinder Them From Fully Presenting Their Views During the Five Minute Time Limit or has Gone to an Inordinate Amount of Time, Effort, Expense, or Inconvenience to Attend a Council Meeting and Present Their Views

(Anderson)

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Fraize, that Item No. 16-1711 be approved.

Ms. Anderson spoke to the item and provided examples of previous situations where additional time may have been beneficial to citizens and instances where others have received additional time.

Mr. Daniels returned to the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding voting on an individual basis for requested additional time.

Mr. Persson reviewed the ordinance regarding the timing of speakers.

Mayor Holic spoke to past situations with extended time for audience participation.

Mr. Persson suggested that the ordinance be amended if council wished to make changes and responded to council questions on state laws in regards to special needs, noting that he is not aware of any violations within the city.

Discussion ensued on time limits of other municipalities, the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), and flexibility with the way the ordinance is currently written.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Anderson, that the question be called. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

The motion failed on voice vote 1-6, with all members opposed except Ms. Anderson.

VIII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Holic

[16-1717](#)

Clarification on Marketing: For Example; Conversation With Victor Dover, Rollins College, Christmas Decorations, Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) or Equivalent, Branding, Sister City, Etc.

Mayor Holic introduced Victor Dover who is speaking on the John Nolen Plan tonight and provided information to council that was discussed during their meeting.

Mr. Dover spoke to his plan to discuss streets during his presentation on the John Nolen Plan and expressed his desire to help the city as needed on future projects.

In response to council questions, Mr. Dover commented on redevelopment plans, how to make what John Nolen planned match new development and growth.

This Item was postponed until the February 9, 2016 meeting.

COUNCIL ACTION - Continued

[16-1713](#) Consider Policy Changes for Setting Agendas

This Item was postponed until the January 26, 2016 meeting.

V. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

[16-1715](#) Status of Annexed Properties Not Connected to City Utilities

Mr. Persson spoke to pending properties and Mr. Boone's letter, suggested the new building official review this property, and responded to council questions regarding having Boone Law Firm assume risk and liability.

Discussion followed regarding the concern of leakage of sewage and the need to address this issue as soon as possible.

Mr. Persson stated he will provide an update in 60 days.

COUNCIL REPORTS - Continued

Mayor Holic - Continued

Mayor Holic stated his items would be postponed until the February 9, 2016 meeting, passed the gavel to Mr. McKeon and left the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

[16-1716](#) Affordable or Workforce Housing, Is There a Need

This Item was postponed until the February 9, 2016 meeting.

[16-1718](#) End Game (What is the Final Result of the Strategic Plan)

This Item was postponed until the February 9, 2016 meeting.

CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS - Continued

City Manager

Ms. Anderson expressed her concern with attendees at the upcoming

Think Tank.

Discussion ensued regarding the submission of names to the city manager for attendance at the Think Tank.

Mr. Lavallee commented on the list of attendees, attendees at previous Think Tank meetings and welcomed additional names.

Discussion continued regarding the strategic planning and think tank being two different events, submitting names to Mr. Lavallee, and expanding invites to non-residents.

Mr. Lavallee suggested reducing lunch times for city council meetings to one hour with a provided lunch and reported on the trolley system.

Mr. Bramble replaced Mr. Lavallee at the dais.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer stated that the new microphone system is scheduled to be tested at a future meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS - Continued

Council Member Fraize

Mr. Fraize did not have a report.

Council Member McKeon

Mr. McKeon reported on upcoming meetings.

Council Member Daniels

Mr. Daniels reported on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) board meetings regarding wayfinding sign approval, parking under the KMI bridge, traffic counters, traffic signalization, the cost to install benches at SCAT stops, and participation in the comprehensive plan meetings. He suggested Mr. Lavallee invite the SCAT director to provide a presentation and spoke to the MPO's approval of a long range plan.

16-1719

Florida Department of Transportation Request Updates

This item was not discussed.

16-1720

County Parking Request

This item was not discussed.

Council Member Gates

Ms. Gates reported on an email received regarding the Suncoast Partnership to be forwarded to the mayor to determine if attendance is required. Ms. Stelzer stated she will obtain further information.

[16-1721](#)

Discuss the Request to Ban the Sale of Puppies, Kittens and Rabbits in Pet Stores in Venice

Ms. Gates spoke to an email received on the item.

Mr. Persson suggested having the city manager forward to the development services director for review.

There was consensus that staff further review this item.

Council Member Cautionero

Mr. Cautionero informed council that Venice MainStreet has individual and family memberships and reported on the historic preservation board's discussion on Certified Local Government (CLG).

Ms. Gates stated that the CLG is being vetted by the planning department.

Ms. Stelzer stated that the ordinance to add a student member on the historic preservation board will be on the next city council agenda.

Council Member Anderson

Ms. Anderson reported on meetings she had with tourists and visitors throughout the community.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Michael Gelormino, 1934 Maple Road, Venice, expressed his concern with Maxine Barritt Park regarding installation of a bandshell and the plan for the Seaboard area.

Mr. Daniels suggested talking to Venice MainStreet regarding the bandshell.

Discussion followed regarding licensing of events and experiences with eminent domain issues.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk