



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Monday, July 10, 2017

1:30 PM

Council Chambers

Fire Fee Initial Resolution Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 6 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Council Member Richard Cautero and Council Member Fred Fraize
- Absent:** 1 - Council Member Deborah Anderson

Also Present

City Attorney Dave Persson, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Assistant City Clerk Heather Taylor, and for certain items on the agenda: Fire Chief Shawn Carvey and Finance Director Linda Senne.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Carvey.

I. INTRODUCTION - Fire Chief Shawn Carvey

Mr. Carvey provided an introduction to include funding up to 50%, TRIM notice distribution, fire impact fee study, and costs the city will incur on new growth and responded to council questions regarding the difference in the fire assessment fee and the fire impact fee.

II. PRESENTATION

[17-2808](#)

Stantec Consulting Services, Erick van Malssen: Potential Fire Assessment Fees and Council Approval and Acceptance of the Fire Assessment Study

Mr. van Malssen spoke to availability rate and revenues, rates per parcel, and responded to questions regarding property appraiser percentage, and mailing notices with breakdown of rates to property owners. He continued his presentation on scenarios for cost recovery

levels, single family residential comparisons, non-residential comparison, and next steps in the assessment process.

Discussion took place regarding communication with mobile home park associations, forecasted impact pending approval of resolution, and date for final millage rate.

Ms. Senne read a memorandum of notice that will be sent to property owners regarding the process and millage rates.

Discussion continued on determination of a taxable value, homestead property assessments, vacant land rate, reference to cost recovery in the memorandum to property owners, and public outreach and education.

III. RESOLUTION

[RES. NO.
2017-16](#)

A Resolution of the City Council of Venice, Florida, Relating to the Delivery and Funding of Fire Protection Services and Facilities Within the City; Providing for the Imposition of Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Within the Entire Area of the City to Fund Fire Protection Services and Facilities; Estimating the Fire Protection Costs to be Recovered Through such Assessments; Establishing the Method of Apportioning the Benefits and Costs of Fire Protection Services and Facilities among Affected Real Property; Directing the City Manager as Assessment Coordinator to Prepare a Preliminary Assessment Roll for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2017; Establishing a Public Hearing to Consider Imposition of the Proposed Special Assessments; Directing the Provision of Notice in Connection Therewith; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Paul Glatz, 110 Lerida Court, expressed support of providing notice and information to the public and expressed his concern with increase in taxes, hardships on those who have fixed incomes, and recommended collaboration with Sarasota County.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fraize, that Resolution No. 2017-16 be approved and adopted.

Discussion took place regarding previous communication with Sarasota County, county readjustment of their fire assessment fee, maintaining the quality of the fire department, underfunding, and funding of future replacement of vehicles as they depreciate.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Ms. Anderson

PRESENTATION - Continued

[17-2809](#)

Stantec Consulting Services, Erick van Malssen: Fire Impact Fees

Mr. van Malssen provided a presentation on fire impact fee study preliminary results to include impact fee background, cost basis for fire impact fee, fire impact fee calculation, fire impact fee survey for single family homes and retail space, and recommendations and next steps to include consideration of adopting the fee and implementation, and responded to council questions regarding intent of the fee.

Discussion took place regarding raising impact fees on new homes, use of funds for only fire cost recovery, ability to provide relief in other areas, benefits of impact fees, allowable uses for impact fee revenue, impact fee on building permits, funding for fire impact fee not going to Sarasota County, police impact fee discussion, expected duration of impact fee, potential uses for fire impact fees, and fee funding calibration.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Cautionero, to direct staff to proceed with the fire impact fees with the consultant. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk