



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

Public Comment Workshop for the Land Development Regulations

[22-5672](#)

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Feinsod called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Ron Feinsod, Dr. Mitzie Fiedler, Mr. Jim Boldt, Ms. Helen Moore and Mrs. Rachel Frank

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Nick Pachota

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Ed Lavalley, City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, Planning and Zoning Director Roger Clark, City Clerk Kelly Michaels, and Deputy City Clerk Mercedes Barcia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Feinsod led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION ON THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Mr. Clark provided an update on changes to the Land Development Regulations (LDRs) since the June 14, 2022 meeting.

Anthony Pirrotti, 114 Medici Terrace, requested 20 minutes to speak and commented on Developer Pat Neal.

Dr. Fiedler called for a Point of Order and requested Mr. Pirrotti be allowed additional time to speak. Mayor Feinsod granted Mr. Pirrotti additional time to speak.

Mr. Pirrotti spoke regarding developments by Pat Neal, Milano Planned Unit Development (PUD), and proposed Publix shopping center on Laurel Road.

Attorney Fernandez cautioned on allowing public comment on matters that

may come before Council as a quasi-judicial proceeding.

Dr. Fiedler called for a Point of Order on slanderous remarks.

Leonore Pirrotti, 114 Medici Terrace, spoke regarding commercial developments within a PUD, the City's vision, and giving the residents what they want.

Jan Vertefeuille, 321 Pedro Street, spoke to proposed 75 foot height exception, requested Ponce DeLeon Avenue, Pensacola Road, and Milan Avenue be removed from the Downtown Edge district, and commented on Council responding to resident emails and the public having adequate opportunity to review LDR changes.

Per Council's request, Attorney Fernandez explained the policy on Council responding to public emails.

Scott Woodman, 229 Turin Street, spoke on proposed amendments related to the Government zoning district permitted uses and conditional uses when adjacent to residential zoned districts.

Steve Carr, President of the Windwood Neighborhood Association and member of the Central Venice Coalition, spoke regarding complete streets, Pinebrook Road traffic mitigation, and requested Pinebrook Road be listed under Type 1 in the Complete Streets Classifications chart.

Tommye Whittaker, 613 West Venice Avenue, presented a photograph of her home that is on the Local Register, and spoke to highlighting changes in the LDRs and rescinding Local Register designations.

Lisa Jarvio, 231 Airport Avenue, spoke to Planning Commission's discussion on downtown building heights and exceptions, disclosure of Attorney Jeffery Boone's clients, and historic preservation in Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Frank Wright, 521 Harbor Drive South, commented on Planning Commission's role, the comprehensive plan, and contributing structures in the historic district.

Jill Pozarek, 161 Portofino Drive, spoke on commercial uses in PUDs, and requested Council review the section language and consider a square footage limitation on commercial.

Kenneth Baron, 209 Corelli Drive, spoke on the non-residential square footage baseline in PUDs.

Ed Martin, 409 Everglades Drive, commented on proposed height limitations, nonconforming uses or structures, and the Downtown Edge district.

Mayor Feinsod passed the gavel to Dr. Fiedler and left the dais.

Ruth Cordner, 246 Montelluna Drive, commented on LDR changes, council responding to her emails, disclosure of Attorney Jeffery Boone's clients, and transparency.

Mayor Feinsod returned to the dais and Dr. Fiedler returned the gavel to Mayor Feinsod.

Ben Abramson, 321 Pedro Street, spoke regarding the Downtown Edge district to include lowering height limit and removing Pensacola Road and Ponce De Leon Avenue from the rezone district, including a mechanism by which a neighborhood can become a local historic district, and editing Chapter 89 to require a wildlife assessment before building commences on any lot size to protect gopher tortoises.

Tyler Cassell, 201 Medici Terrace, spoke on floor area ratio (FAR).

Rick Cordner, 246 Montelluna Drive, spoke regarding the comprehensive plan, proposed application for the Publix regional shopping center, petition opposing the proposed shopping center, and commercial developments in PUDs.

Rona Elias, 264 Acerno Drive, noted living in the Milano PUD, one of Pat Neal's developments, and spoke to irrigation issues in her community.

Greg Watkins, 324 Pedro Street, commented on highlighting changes in the LDRs and against changing building heights.

Dr. Fiedler noted changes to the LDRs are outlined on the City's website.

Judy Cross, 1585 Tarpon Center Drive, spoke to combining of the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) and Architectural Review Board (ARB), time frame for adopting the LDRs, numerous drafts to the LDRs, and concern for Edgewood Historic District.

John Van Camp, 138 Rimini Way, spoke on Council's motivation to run for office, rationale for voting on the LDRs, and the community's character.

Harvey Greene, 147 Sevilla Place, spoke on developers, and against

development across the Venetian Gulf and River Club.

Max Brandow, 116 Firenze Ave East, spoke in favor of evening workshops, increased density, and growth.

Jon Barrick, 409 Nassau Street, commented on special needs housing which is included in the comprehensive plan, lack of provisions for homeless shelters, energy reduction in environmental design, proposed number of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, attainable housing, and accessory dwelling units (ADU).

Nancy DeForge, 332 Laurel Hollow Drive, spoke on proposed downtown height limit, the joining of ARB and HPB for Certified Local Government (CLG), gopher tortoise protection on lots less than five acres, protection of historic buildings built after 1929, and the Historic Venice District.

II. UPDATED AND PAST VERSIONS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

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The Link to View the LDRs is Provided in the Attached Notice of Public Workshop

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk