

- [24-0021](#) 30-Year Service Award, Daniel Tucci, Crew Leader
City Manager Lavallee and Public Works Director Simpson presented this recognition.
- [24-0022](#) 30-Year Service Award and Retirement Tribute, Tammy Short, Administrative Assistant
City Manager Lavallee and Fire Chief Giddens presented this recognition.
- [24-0023](#) 2023 Employee of the Year: Police Officer Victor Montanez
City Manager Lavallee and Chief Thorpe presented this recognition.

Recess was taken from 9:32 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

Danny Piper, 336 Bayshore Drive, spoke in favor of Bayshore Drive sidewalks.

Ed Eliopoulos, 212 Bayshore Circle, spoke in favor of Bayshore Drive sidewalks and safety.

Jane Zimmerman, 780 Tamiami Trail South, spoke on concerns at the Venice Municipal Mobile Home Park, management of the mobile home park, funds appropriation, electric pedestals, open dialogue to resolve, and yearly date to look at progress.

Tommye Whittaker, 613 West Venice Avenue, spoke against fast food allowances in the Land Development Regulations (LDRs), the John Nolen plan, and ability to change the Land Development Regulations (LDRs).

Jim Leftwich, 329 Bayshore Drive, spoke regarding sidewalks and concern about distance from his house, speeding issues, concerns about having the sidewalk on one side, people not wanting it on their side of the street.

Dawn Dallanegra, 340 Bayshore Drive, spoke in favor of sidewalks on either side of the street.

Larry Humes, 324 Bayshore Drive, spoke on sidewalks on Bayshore Drive and putting confidence in staff recommendations.

Kevin Collins, 313 Bayshore Drive spoke on sidewalks, recommended looking at the future, researching other communities, and commented on flooding, stormwater concerns, and property value concerns.

Kevin McKiernan, 317 Bayshore Drive, spoke on safety alternatives to sidewalks.

Dean Ricci, 428 Bayshore Drive, spoke on safety concerns at Bayshore Drive and Laguna Drive, in favor of sidewalks, and encouraged having sidewalk run from Epiphany Cathedral to The Esplanade.

Sharon Bellendir, 309 Bayshore Drive, spoke on Bayshore Drive, flooding concerns and made safety recommendations, bicycle traffic flow, and needing more than one block of sidewalk.

Linda McCollum, 305 Bayshore Drive, spoke on sidewalks, increased foot traffic, and recommended solutions for the situation.

Ruth Cordner, 246 Montelluna Drive, spoke on the local election cycle, and wildlife signage.

Recess was taken from 10:41 a.m. to 10:49 a.m.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A. CITY CLERK

[24-0024](#) Minutes of the January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

These minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY MANAGER

[24-0025](#) Approve Rise as One Special Event on April 5 and April 6, 2024 at the Airport Festival Grounds

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[24-0026](#) Approve If you Want to Live Walk With Me Special Event on March 9, 2024 at the Airport Festival Grounds

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

There were none.

V. PRESENTATIONS WITH ACTION

[24-0027](#) Finance Director Linda Senne: Senior Exemption with Limited Income

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

[24-0031](#)

Direct Staff to Pause Bayshore Sidewalk Project STR-021 Until a Public Workshop Can be Held with Affected Residents to Determine if the Project is Necessary and Desired, and Return to Council with a Recommendation (Mayor Pachota)

Mayor Pachota introduced the topic of considering a pause the Bayshore Sidewalk project.

A motion was made by Mayor Pachota, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt to direct staff to pause Bayshore Sidewalk Project STR-021 until a public workshop can be held with affected residents to determine if the project is necessary and desired, and return to Council with a recommendation.

Discussion took place regarding the Bayshore sidewalk installation, concerns, and options.

City Engineer Weeden provided a history of the project and a 2017 survey, and answered Council question regarding diagonal parking, responding this was a new recommendation, and would require more research.

Captain Leisenring agreed more research on diagonal parking is needed, and stated he met with neighbors in the area regarding the sidewalk, to include which side of the street, and their safety concerns.

City Engineer Weeden showed photos of area, traffic analysis needed, possibility of pausing and getting consensus among neighborhood before contracting design, meeting with neighbors and look at doing this block, and connectivity of sidewalk.

Discussion took place regarding the project, initial segment, one way street option, safety, not likely to get 100% buy-in, stormwater concerns, open swales, stop signs, traffic analysis needed, against pausing project, and east or west side of the street for the sidewalk has not been determined.

Mayor Pachota withdrew his motion with the consent of the Council body.

[24-0032](#)

Direct Staff to Research and Develop Legislation to Bring Back to Council Through the Appropriate Process: (1) Limiting Annexations into the City to no Closer than 120 Days Prior to General Election Day, (2) Expanding City Council Terms to Four Year Terms to Coincide with County Commission Election Cycles, and (3) Amending the Charter to Have a Limitation of Two Consecutive Four Year Terms of any Combination of Mayor and Councilmember (Mayor Pachota)

Mayor Pachota introduced the topic.

A motion was made by Mayor Pachota, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, to direct