



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

11:15 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kit McKeon

Also Present:

City Attorney Dave Persson, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Edward Klotz, and for certain items on the agenda: Utilities Director Tim Hochuli, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Public Works Director John Veneziano, and Director of Administrative Services Alan Bullock.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Anderson made a statement and led the meeting in a moment of silence for Paris victims.

Ms. Stelzer offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Fraize.

Mr. Fraize and Mr. Cautero spoke on their recent appointment to council.

I. RECOGNITION

[15-1613](#)

Presented to Michelle Harm, Curator, Certificate to Recognize Participation of the Venice Museum and Archives in the American Alliance of Museums' Museum Assessment Program

Mayor Holic presented the certificate.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item No. 15-1617. The motion carried on voice vote unanimously.

A. MAYOR[15-1614](#)

Reappoint Kathy Lehner to the Venice Housing Authority to Serve a Term from December 1, 2015 until November 30, 2019

This reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY MANAGERPublic Works[15-1615](#)

Request City Council Approval to Purchase One Refuse Truck, Utilizing the Florida Sheriff's Association Bid (#15-13-0904), from Container Systems and Equipment, Inc., for an Amount Not to Exceed \$299,429.00

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Utilities[15-1616](#)

Request Council Approval to Apply for and Accept Grant Funds, if Selected, from State Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations for Utility Water Projects

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda

[15-1617](#)

Request Council's Execution of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Work Assignment No. 15, Construction Inspection Services, in the Amount of \$286,000.00

In response to council questions regarding sunken road patch repairs and inspections, Mr. Hochuli spoke on current contracts.

Discussion ensued on maintenance of potholes, and staff inspecting failure sites prior to final payment being made to contractors.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates to approve Item No. 15-1617.

Mayor Holic suggested a provision be added to future contracts to account for extensions of projects that go beyond the original completion date.

Discussion continued regarding contract language, responsibility of sunken road maintenance and further repair.

A motion was made by Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Daniels to postpone Item No.15-1617 until later in the meeting due to loss of internet connectivity. The motion carried on voice vote unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

[ORD. NO.
2015-23](#)

Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Venice, Florida, Chapter 50 Personnel, Article III, Pensions and Retirement; Division 2, Municipal Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund; Section 50-81, Definitions; Section 50-86, Benefit Amounts and Eligibility; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Stelzer stated that no written communications were received and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Ordinance No. 2015-23 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.

Mr. Bullock explained the cost of living increase in the ordinance and contract language.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mr. McKeon

B. COUNCIL ACTION

[15-1618](#)

Request Council's Execution of Fawley Bryant Architects, Inc., Work Assignment No. 3, Water Treatment Plant Building Improvements, in the Amount of \$325,930.00

Mr. Hochuli provided a presentation to include the scope of work.

Discussion followed regarding the scope of this work assignment versus other work assignments, ongoing cosmetic improvements with clean up of the parking and landscape, security of utilities to protect the city's water supply, the consideration of possible expansion to accommodate expanding capacity, structural improvements, possible architectural review board review, access by the church, and council's prior decision to not relocate the facility.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member

Fraize, that Item No. 15-1618 be approved. The motion carried by voice vote with Ms. Anderson opposed.

Recess was taken from 12:28 p.m. until 1:31 p.m.

All council members returned with the exception of Ms. Gates.

C. PRESENTATIONS - Will start at approximately 1:30 p.m.

[15-1621](#)

Jon Thaxton, Senior Vice President for Community Investment, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, and Valerie Walton, Executive Director for Family Promise: Family Promise (10 min.)

Mr. Thaxton and Ms. Walton presented background information, an overview of accomplishments that Gulf Coast Community Foundation and Family Promise has experienced in regards to homeless families in south Sarasota county, as well as anticipated needs for moving forward and continuing to provide services to homeless families.

Ms. Gates returned to the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Discussion followed on the availability of affordable housing, additional homeless families, the combining of various groups for complete success, future vision for the availability of affordable housing and affordable housing location requirements.

[15-1622](#)

Kathie Ebaugh, AICP, Director, Long Range Planning, Sarasota County School District: Sarasota County Schools Growth Management Study and Venice Area Schools Vision (20 min.)

Ms. Ebaugh presented background information, planning and projections of the growth being experienced in the Sarasota County School District, the impact that growth is having on children and the community and noted the process to identify an elementary school in the Venice area. She also spoke on future land purchases, costs, impact fees and budgeting, and financial needs of the school board to meet the growth demands.

Discussion followed regarding growth over the next 10-25 years, impact fees and the impact fee budget, funding needed to address the growing school district, and new school locations having joint use availability to serve the community after school hours.

[15-1493](#)

Planning Commission Chair Barry Snyder and Development Services Director Jeff Shrum: Comprehensive Plan Update (10 min.)

Mr. Snyder presented highlights on the comprehensive plan update and spoke on the launch of the online survey, the kiosk, time it takes to complete the survey, community participation rate, initial workshop

participation, inconsistencies and redundancy within the current comprehensive plan, workforce housing and growth of the community.

Discussion followed regarding length of time it takes to complete a survey, formats used to collect data from the community, community participation rate, and community feedback regarding county owned property.

Mr. Snyder spoke on the comprehensive plan analysis, language, redundancy, undefined terms and insufficient guidance of the current comprehensive plan, meeting schedule and workforce housing.

Mr. Shrum spoke to the need for specific questions being asked of the community regarding feedback for the comprehensive plan, the need for clarity in the comprehensive plan, and to define what needs to be achieved, and student input.

[15-1623](#)

Public Works Director John Veneziano: Parks Master Plan Update (10 min.)

Mr. Veneziano presented an update to the parks master plan, provided a timeline, tasks to be done, scheduled meetings, a projected adoption date, and updates will be provided at request to council throughout the process.

Discussion followed on the need for a survey to be done, for council to review the questions on the survey, the length of time of the consultant visit being sufficient and identifying the stakeholders, and the difference between island parks and off island parks.

CONSENT SECTION - Continued

CITY MANAGER - Continued

Utilities - Continued

[15-1617](#)

Request Council's Execution of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Work Assignment No. 15, Construction Inspection Services, in the Amount of \$286,000.00

Mr. Persson spoke to the difference between contractor contracts and consultant contracts. Mr. Lavalley spoke on the need to revise construction specifications within contracts.

Mayor Holic noted that current contractors may be performing at lower standards costing the city more money.

Mayor Holic restated the motion to approve Item No. 15-1617. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

COUNCIL ACTION[15-1619](#)

Direct City Manager to Update City Council on a Forecast of the Venice Fire Department Operating and Capital Expenditures for the Next Three Years to be Used as a Point of Reference and Baseline for Future Budget and/or Possible Merger Discussions (Cautero)

Discussion took place on adding this item to the January 11, 2016 meeting, and council and citizens being educated regarding fire department merger discussions.

A motion was made by Council Member Cautero, seconded by Council Member Fraize to direct the City Manager to update city council on a forecast of the Venice Fire Department operating and capital expenditures for the next five years to be used as a point of reference and baseline for future budget and/or possible merger discussions. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[15-1620](#)

Election of Vice Mayor

Mr. Cautero, Mr. Fraize, Mr. Daniels and Ms. Anderson declined nominations.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Mr. McKeon be nominated as Vice Mayor. The motion carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Mayor Holic provided a draft of the liaison appointment list to council, and explained the role of liaison, and noted this would be on the next agenda for council approval.

Mr. Daniels reminded council to make sure there is a backup for scheduling conflicts with board meetings.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. ORDINANCES – FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**[ORD. NO.
2015-22](#)

Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Venice, Florida, Chapter 70, Traffic and Vehicles, Article I, in General, by Adding Section 70-8 Entitled Traffic Control Devices; Providing for Severability and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Stelzer stated that no written communications were received and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member

Daniels that Ordinance No. 2015-22 be approved and adopted.

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

Absent: 1 - Mr. McKeon

[ORD. NO. 2015-21](#)

Amending City of Venice Ordinance No. 2014-25 Which Adopted the Official Budget of the City of Venice, Florida for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2014 and Ending September 30, 2015; by Increasing the Total Sources of Funds by \$1,119,707 and Total Uses of Funds by \$1,119,707 as Detailed in Exhibit "A", Attached Hereto; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Stelzer stated that no written communications were received and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates that Ordinance No. 2015-21 be approved and adopted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Mr. McKeon

Recess was taken from 4:04 p.m. until 4:12 p.m.

B. COUNCIL ACTION**[15-1605](#)**

Select Topics for Joint Meeting with Sarasota Board of County Commissioners

Discussion followed regarding the selection of topics to discuss at the upcoming joint meeting with Sarasota County commissioners.

Mayor Holic defined and explained a municipal service taxing unit (MSTU) as a method used to provide fair and equitable funding for the sheriff's department. By a show of hands, the MSTU was not selected as a topic.

There was a consensus to place three topics on the agenda for the joint meeting with Sarasota Board of County Commissioners 1) parks, 2) develop a partnership with Sarasota County to revitalize the Seaboard Area and 3) partnerships.

VI. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTSCity Attorney

Mr. Persson had no report.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer had no report.

City Manager

Mr. Lavallee gave an update regarding the homeless issues at Venice Beach and the south Jetty. He addressed the Hamilton Condominium status, the uses being considered, signage, and a real estate agent identifying the values associated with the rental and leasing market.

Mayor Holic suggested that council provide direction to the city manager for uses of the building.

Mr. Lavallee gave an update on the city's pension obligations, the pension board's forecasts, state directives regarding projected earnings, and upcoming council meeting presentation from Jim Linn and Pete Strong.

Mr. Daniels asked that a historical overview for the new council members be conducted at the next meeting and Mr. Lavallee stated that an executive summary of prior workshops could be given.

Mr. Lavallee provided an update on personnel changes taking place.

VII. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Holic

Mayor Holic stated a parks and recreation advisory board member noted they discuss all parks on and off the island.

Council Member Fraize

Mr. Fraize had no report.

Council Member McKeon

Mr. McKeon was absent.

Council Member Daniels

Mr. Daniels reported on Visit Sarasota statistics and his attendance at a Water Alliance Seminar.

Council Member Gates

Ms. Gates provided an update on the Fox Lea event in regards to economic impact, educational contributions, and their average income, and spoke to feedback received from advisory boards in regards to the comprehensive plan.

Council Member Anderson

Ms. Anderson relayed complaints from the architectural review board regarding comprehensive plan meetings being held in December and the potential for poor turn out due to timing. She also stated concerns from the board about growth and the adverse impact on the neighborhoods located near Venice Beach.

Council Member Cautero

Mr. Cautero had no report.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk