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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

[26-0459](#)

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Nick Pachota, Vice Mayor Jim Boldt, Mrs. Rachel Frank, Mr. Ron Smith, Mr. Rick Howard, Mr. Kevin Engelke and Mr. Lloyd Weed

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Kelly Michaels, City Manager James Clinch, Deputy City Clerk Toni Gregory, Recording Secretary Amanda Hawkins-Brown and for certain items on the agenda: Planning Manager Amy Nelson, Senior Planner Nicole Tremblay, Planner Brittany Smith, Airport Director Nick Dumas, Lt. Mathew Sauchinitz, and Deputy Public Information Officer Brianne Lorenz.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Michaels offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Captain Courtney Sergent, United States Coast Guard Commander Sector St. Petersburg.

I. RECOGNITION

[26-0460](#)

Special Presentation from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector St. Pete

Captain Courtney Sergent, Commander, Sector St. Petersburg, presented this recognition to Officer Brett Woodworth.

[26-0461](#)

10-Year Service Award: Jeff Hackett, Engineer/Stormwater Technician II

City Manager Clinch presented this recognition.

[26-0462](#)

2025 Holiday Card Winner: Elena Hopper, 5th Grade, Venice Elementary School

City Manager Clinch presented this recognition.

[26-0463](#)

2025 Holiday Parade Award Recipients: Advanced Asphalt of Southwest Florida, Sarasota Circus Arts Conservatory, Summit Excavating and

Land Services, Affordable Golf Cars of Venice, Venice Christian School, and Venice Theatre

Mayor Pachota presented this recognition.

[26-0464](#)

Proclaim January 16, 2026 as "Florida Arbor Day", Presented to Jim Yelverton, City Arborist and John Perkins, Parks, Facilities, Maintenance Specialist I

Mayor Pachota presented this proclamation.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

Recess was taken from 9:27 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Joan Farrell, 617 N. Tamiami Trail, expressed concerns regarding safety at yoga on the beach, timing of disruptions, and location.

Dennis King, 1121 Riviera Street, spoke on the airport, aviation, Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), public perception, education, noise reduction, safety, control tower, aircraft size, Airport Day, scholarships, recommendation of a Venice Aviation Center, and community outreach.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

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

A. CITY CLERK

[26-0465](#)

Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting

These minutes were approved in the Consent Section.

B. CITY MANAGER

Engineering

[26-0466](#)

Authorize the Mayor to Execute Cooperation Agreement Between the United States of America and the City of Venice, Florida for the Venice Segment of the Sarasota County, Florida, Shore Protection Project

This item was approved in the Consent Section.

Human Resources

[26-0467](#)

Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police, Inc. Regarding New Hires with Prior Law Enforcement Experience

This item was approved in the Consent Section.

Police

[26-0468](#) Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Agreement for the Purchase of an Electronic Bike (E-Bike) for the Police Department Bike Unit

This item was approved in the Consent Section.

Utilities

[26-0469](#) Authorize the Mayor to Execute Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) State Revolving Fund (SRF) Amendment 3 to Loan Agreement DW580480, Incorporating Water Main Replacement Phase 8B Project into SRF Loan Agreement DW580480

This item was approved in the Consent Section.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

V. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[26-0470](#) Roger Effron, Chair of the Citizen Advisory Board: Board's Annual Report and Council Approval of 2026 Proposed Agenda Priorities
Chair Effron presented on the Citizen Advisory Board's (CAB) work, past year's achievements, upcoming projects, website update project, public participation, and thanked staff and City Council.

Council complimented CAB on the extensive work on the hurricane action report, and all of their efforts on the agenda priorities.

A motion was made by Mayor Pachota, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, to approve Citizen Advisory Board agenda priorities A, B, C, and G, for 2026, noting items D, E, and F are incorporated into the board's standing duties. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[ORD. NO. 2026-01](#) An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. 25-48RZ, to Change the Zoning Designation of the Property Generally Located at the Northeast Corner of Auburn and Border Road, South of I-75, from Sarasota County Open Use Rural (OUR) to City of Venice Residential,

Single Family 3 (RSF-3); Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date (Quasi-Judicial)

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing and announced this is a quasi-judicial proceeding.

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

City Attorney Fernandez inquired as to ex-parte communications and conflicts of interest. There were no conflicts of interest.

Mr. Engelke disclosed viewing the Planning Commission hearing on this item.

Mr. Smith disclosed viewing the Planning Commission hearing and a site visit.

Mayor Pachota, Mr. Howard, and Mrs. Frank disclosed site visits.

There were no written communications.

Planner Brittany Smith, being duly sworn, presented on general information of the petition, project description, surrounding land uses, future land uses, existing zoning map, proposed zoning map, surrounding land uses, planning analysis, comparison of existing and proposed zoning, Comprehensive Plan consistency, conclusions/findings of fact, consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Code compliance, and being sufficient information on the record for Council to make a decision on Petition No. 25-48RZ. She responded to Council questions regarding implementing district options, number of units proposed, and the history of the property.

Agent Marty Black, being duly sworn, presented the zoning request, site aerial surrounding area, future land use and zoning, the proposed rezone for low density residential development, and responded to Council questions regarding density, noise wall, and support.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Engelke, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, that based on the evidence in the record, Ordinance No. 2026-01 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.

Discussion took place regarding elevation, drainage, proximity to I-75, density, traffic, project meeting criteria, location, and options for zoning district.

Mr. Black requested a continuance to the next meeting.

Mr. Engelke withdrew his motion, with consent of the body.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mrs. Frank, to continue Ordinance No. 2026-01 to the next Council meeting on February 10, 2026. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

Recess was taken from 10:35 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

[ORD. NO.
2026-02](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 87, Land Development Code, by Amending Table 2.3.11. Knights Trail Development Standards and Table 2.3.13. Mixed Use Districts Use Table, Pursuant to Text Amendment Petition No. 25-57AM, by Allowing Single Family Detached, Single Family Attached, and Two Family Dwelling/Paired Villas as a Permitted Use in the Knights Trail Mixed Use District and Adding Associated Standards to the Knights Trail Development Standards Table; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

There were no written communications.

Planner Nicole Tremblay presented the petition, Comprehensive Plan strategies, density ranges, non-residential percentages, mixed use development principles, Land Development Code, permitted use tables, and proposed changes to the standards table.

Applicant Marty Black presented the Knights Trail Zoning Text Amendment, uses, acceptance of the permitted use revisions by staff, and development standards.

Jeffrey Boone, 1001 Avenida Del Circo, representing a nearby property owner for the property at the northeast corner of Gene Green Road and Knights Trail, south of the subject property, spoke in favor of the amendment, noting it would allow greater flexibility in ownership types.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

Planner Tremblay answered a Council question regarding a previous petition.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Engelke, that

Ordinance No. 2026-02 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading, with the revisions presented by staff. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

[ORD. NO.
2026-03](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Annexing Certain Lands Lying Contiguous to the City Limits, Pursuant to Petition No. 25-06AN by Mary L. Clark, Trustee of the Clark Family Trust, into the Corporate Limits of the City of Venice, Florida, and Redefining the Boundary Lines of the City to Include Said Addition; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

There were no written communications.

City Attorney Fernandez inquired as to conflicts of interest. There were none.

Senior Planner Nicole Tremblay presented the project description, aerial map, existing conditions, future land use map, zoning map, site photos, surrounding land uses, planning analysis, Chapters 163 and 171, Florida Statutes, Joint Planning Agreement (JPA) Area 2b, conclusions and findings of fact, consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, compliance with the Land Development Code, and answered Council questions regarding the annexation being dependent on the other two applications, and how many areas of the city are served by Sarasota County sewage.

Applicant Marty Black presented the annexation, site aerial surrounding area, site petitions, sewer, waste water, moderate density, zoning to RMF-3 with stipulations, limit building height to 35 feet, minimum 300 feet from north property line to dwellings, limit density to 60 units, site area, future land use and zoning, site within the JPA, approved for 13 dwelling units per acre, Sarasota County platted row map, and answered Council question regarding the JPA minimum and request for lower density than the density allowed, access roads and paving, and whether the drainage pond serves other properties.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Smith, that Ordinance No. 2026-03 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

[ORD. NO.
2026-04](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the 2017-2027 City of Venice Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Associated Pages Pursuant to Petition No. 25-07CP to Change the Future Land Use Designation of Specific Real Property Located at 2327 Ewing Drive from Sarasota County Rural to City of Venice Medium Density Residential; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

There were no written communications.

Senior Planner Tremblay presented the petition, existing future land use, proposed future land use, existing and proposed zoning maps, compliance with the land development code, consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, applicant's proposed stipulations, height not to exceed 35 feet, minimum separation of 300 feet from Ewing Drive to dwelling units, and a maximum of 60 units, FS 163.3177(6)(a), small-scale amendment review, conclusions/findings of fact, minimum not in JPA, in comp plan, sufficient info, and answered a Council question regarding the existing pond status, and 300 foot setback.

Applicant Marty Black addressed the Comprehensive Plan amendment, the pond being other surface water by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), the 300 foot setback, anticipating townhomes, parking, and pond needing work to meet updated SWFWMD standards.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Engelke, that Ordinance No. 2026-04 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading, with "for building or parking" be added to stipulation No. 2: "There will be a minimum setback of 300 feet from any dwelling unit to the north property line along Ewing Drive:"

Discussion took place regarding cooperation with the neighbors, and concerns with the small scale amendment review process.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard and Mr. Engelke

No: 1 - Mr. Weed

[ORD. NO.
2026-05](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. 25-08RZ, to Change the Zoning Designation for the Property Located at 2327 Ewing Drive (7.3 ± Acres), from Sarasota County Open Use Estate 1 (OUE-1) to City of Venice Residential, Multifamily 3 (RMF-3); Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date (Quasi-Judicial)

Mayor Pachota opened the hearing and announced this is a quasi-judicial proceeding.

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

City Attorney Fernandez questioned Council Members concerning ex-parte communications.

Mr. Engelke and Vice Mayor Boldt disclosed viewing the Planning Commission hearing on this item.

Mr. Smith, and Mr. Howard disclosed viewing the Planning Commission hearing and a site visit.

Mayor Pachota, and Mrs. Frank disclosed a site visit.

There were no written communications.

Senior Planner Tremblay, being duly sworn, responded to previous questions regarding sewer, Florida statutes, small scale indicators, presented the rezoning request reviewed maps, planning analysis, existing and proposed zoning, consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, and there being sufficient information for Council to take action.

Applicant Black, being duly sworn, presented on the zoning petition, to include the stipulations and adding the clause "for building or parking" to stipulation No. 2: "There will be a minimum setback of 300 feet from any dwelling unit to the north property line along Ewing Drive:"

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Engelke, that based on the evidence in the record, Ordinance No. 2026-05 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading, with the revision to stipulation No. 2.

Discussion took place regarding the applicant working with the city and the neighbors, and clarification of compatibility.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

Recess was taken from 11:47 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

B. ORDINANCES – FINAL READING**[ORD. NO.
2025-36](#)**

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. 25-46RZ, to Change the Zoning Designation of the Property Generally Located at 2001 Laurel Road from Commercial General (CG) to Laurel West (LW); Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date (Quasi-Judicial)

Mayor Pachota opened the hearing and announced this is a quasi-judicial proceeding.

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

City Attorney Fernandez inquired as to ex-parte communications since last hearing. There were none.

There were no written communications.

There was no update from staff.

Attorney Jackson Boone, agent for applicant, being duly sworn, commented on the traffic of the parcel and noted the extensive coordination between Sarasota County Schools, Sarasota County Transportation, and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and noted the preliminary plat governs the 83 acre commercial center, acting as the master plan for transportation, stormwater, and landscaping and buffering for the perimeter, and each piece must comply with the preliminary plat. He also stated Laurel West is an implementing zoning district, and neither the staff report nor applicant have any concerns with it being next to the Commercial General (CG) zoning district.

Mr. Engelke stated he had heard some of the discussion noted by the applicant at the Planning Commission meeting.

Steve Carr, Central Venice Coalition, 149 Avens Drive, being duly sworn, noted many transportation issues had been addressed, more traffic analysis needing to be done at the intersection of Pinebrook Road and Laurel Road, noting they are county and state maintained roads, permissible uses, the Land Development Regulations (LDRs), conditional use not being unique, and requested denial of the petition.

Planner Brittany Smith, being duly sworn, stated this is a rezone petition not a conditional use petition.

Attorney Jackson Boone responded to comments stating the petition meets the intensity criteria and building height would possibly be higher in CG zoning versus Laurel West, and noted a car wash would not have height issues due to its design, Laurel West being an implementing zoning district, meets all applicable criteria, and requested approval.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Engelke, that Ordinance No. 2025-36 be approved and adopted.

Discussion took place regarding zoning, eligibility for rezone, compatibility, end use, desire to have Venice Crossings in one zoning designation, impracticality of having all parcels with the same zoning, and environmental issues.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

No: 2 - Mrs. Frank and Mr. Smith

[ORD. NO.
2025-37](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Annexing Certain Lands Lying Contiguous to the City Limits, Pursuant to Petition No. 25-29AN by Abdelrahman Ayyad and Sara Ayyad, into the Corporate Limits of the City of Venice, Florida, and Redefining the Boundary Lines of the City to Include Said Addition; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Pachota announced that Ordinance Nos. 2025-37, 2025-38, and 2025-39 would be rescheduled due to an advertising error.

[ORD. NO.
2025-38](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the 2017-2027 City of Venice Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Associated Pages Pursuant to Petition No. 25-30CP to Change the Future Land Use Designation of Specific Real Property Located at 2805 Curry Lane from Sarasota County Moderate Density Residential to City of Venice Institutional Professional (IP); Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

[ORD. NO.
2025-39](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. 25-31RZ, to Change the Zoning Designation for the Property Located at 2805 Curry Lane (5.0 ± Acres), from Sarasota County Open Use Estate 1 (OUE-1) to City of Venice Office, Professional and Institutional (OPI); Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date (Quasi-Judicial)

[ORD. NO.
2025-45](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 87, Land Development Code, Section 1.1.3 Historic and Architectural Preservation Board (HAPB), Pursuant to Text Amendment Petition 25-69AM, by Changing the Board's Requirement for a Venice MainStreet Membership to a Preference; Providing for Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

There were no written communications.

There was no staff update.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Howard, that Ordinance No. 2025-45 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

C. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO.
2026-02](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Renaming the Centennial Park Gazebo the Robert and Susan Vedder Gazebo; and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frank, seconded by Mr. Weed, that Resolution No. 2026-02 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

[RES. NO.
2026-01](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Vacating a Portion of an Existing Right-of-Way Located at 661 S. Tamiami Trail, as Recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 29, Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida, and Providing an Effective Date

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

Clerk Michaels read the resolution by title only.

City Manager Clinch responded to a Council question regarding the location of the right of way being vacated and maintaining the utility easement.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Boldt, seconded by Mr. Engelke, that Resolution No. 2026-01 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. UTILITY EASEMENT

[26-0471](#)

Authorize the Mayor to Accept Utility Easement Between 661 S. Tamiami Trail, Inc. and the City of Venice

Mayor Pachota read the item title.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Engelke, seconded by Vice Mayor Boldt, to authorize the mayor to accept the utility easement between 661 S. Tamiami Trail, Inc. and the City of Venice. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

B. PRESENTATION

[26-0472](#)

Shane Ingolia and Estelle Boudassou, Ricondo and Associates, Inc.: Airport Master Plan Progress Update and Aviation Forecast (40 min.)

Shane Ingolia and Estelle Boudassou, Ricondo and Associates, Inc., provided background and overview of the Master Plan update, forecast review, stakeholder and public involvement and the next steps, the master plan project team, overview of the airport and previous planning efforts, the schedule, deliverables, Airport Layout Plan (ALP), forecast methodology overview, Air Trade Area and Competing airports, national and state socioeconomic and general aviation trends, historical data collection and activity, socioeconomic data and projections, annual aircraft operations and baseline forecast, based aircraft projections critical aircraft operational fleet mix forecast, General Aviation (GA)

Aircraft mix, Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) approval, methodology, scenario comparison, public engagement guidance, stakeholder involvement, and current efforts.

They responded to Council questions regarding neighboring airports decrease in general aviation, likely being due to commercial aviation increase, competitive fuel prices, aircraft operation numbers and how this affects other areas, tower, noise contours, facility requirements, hangars, roads, leveraging funds, what the study will encompass, based aircraft and, including 100% of the airport land owned, economic impact, visioning of the study, maintaining General Aviation traffic despite growth, process including that the FAA dictates how the property can be used, making the Sarasota County Economic Development Corporation aware of the master plan update, and FAA involvement in advisory and public workshops.

There was consensus for the mayor to send a letter on behalf of Council inviting the local district FAA representatives to the Technical Advisory group and to the public workshops.

Discussion continued regarding peer airports, location, physical characteristics, aviation uses, and request to have a general overview public education slide for presentations.

Paul Hollowell, 628 Armada Road South, spoke on being a tenant at the airport, flying into the airport, fly friendly procedures, airport staff, commercial tenants being vital to the financial well-being of airport, but not to forget the importance of T-hangar tenants and keeping them involved, and the T-hangar wait list.

John Moeckel, 185 Treviso Court, spoke on hurricanes' impact on the airport, tie down system, hangar hardening, need for T-hangars, Skyport, new airport management, and communications.

Recess was taken from 3:00 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.

[26-0473](#)

Staff Update: Venice Beach Yoga

Deputy Public Information Officer (PIO) Brianne Lorenz and Special Operations Lieutenant Mathew Sauchinitz, provided an update on the issue, the permitting process and location, solutions offered to the permit holder, incidents at the site, options to create a visual barrier, site visit, and discussions with the permit holder.

Lt. Sauchinitz reviewed the enforcement done so far, security checks, community outreach team, patrol request, and contacts made with the individual. He noted limitations of enforcement if activity is not being held on the designated, permit location.

Discussion took place regarding efforts to resolve the conflict, enforcement in the permitted area, right to use or occupy that space, excluding others from their permit area, and this being an operational issue for staff to handle going forward, with there being no further action for Council to take.

City Manager Clinch spoke on support from Council assisting in their work with other agencies.

[26-0474](#)

Proposed Strategic Plan Agenda (City Manager Clinch)

City Manager Clinch provided information on the strategic planning session format change, the new facilitator, and emerging strategic initiatives.

C. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION - Continued

[26-0475](#)

Valencia and Harbor Crosswalks (Mayor Pachota)

Mayor Pachota introduced the topic of a crosswalk at Valencia Road and Harbor Drive.

A motion was made by Mayor Pachota, seconded by Mrs. Frank, to direct staff to research and take the necessary action to install a crosswalk at Valencia and Harbor Drive. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

VIII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

City Attorney Fernandez spoke on the annual legislative session, and will provide pertinent updates as needed.

City Clerk

Clerk Michaels invited Council to spread the word about recruitment for several advisory boards vacancies.

City Manager

City Manager Clinch reported on Fire Station 2 construction walkthrough, Convocation of Governments, Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee, South Jetty update, the new Airport Director and new Stormwater Grants Coordinator, and Assistant City Manager interviews.

IX. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Engelke

Mr. Engelke had no report.

Council Member Weed

Mr. Weed had no report.

Council Member Howard

Mr. Howard reported on the Coastal Advisory meeting and grants, and will share with the Sarasota County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) the airport master plan.

Council Member Smith

Mr. Smith had no report.

Council Member Frank

Mrs. Frank shared the Venice Housing Authority's interest in Fire Station 2's property.

Vice Mayor Boldt

Vice Mayor Boldt had no report.

Mayor Pachota

Mayor Pachota reported on the Together Through Time-Venice at 100 event at the Venice Community Center with the Chamber of Commerce, Venice-Nokomis Rotary Fine Arts and Crafts Festival, Downtown Craft Festival, non-profit rally, Respect First Responders Hero Dash 5K Run and Fun walk, City Hall closed on January 19th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and Florida League of Cities Legislative action calls.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

ATTEST:


Nick Pachota (Feb 13, 2026 14:18:24 EST)

Mayor - City of Venice



City Clerk

Meeting Minutes

Final Audit Report

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