



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

8:30 AM

Community Hall

Public Safety Bond Referendum Workshop

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.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

ASLO PRESENT

City Manager Edward Lavalley, Police Chief Tom Mattmuller, Fire Chief Shawn Carvey, Detective Robert Goodson, Information Technology Director Jeffrey Bolen, Finance Director Walter Pierce, Controller Linda Senne, Deputy Building Official Greg Schnieder, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, and Assistant City Clerk Heather Taylor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Mattmuller.

I. INTRODUCTION - City Manager Ed Lavalley

Mr. Lavalley provided an introduction to include previous public discussion, staff action on each item, and items included in the agenda packet.

II. DISCUSSION TOPICS

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POLICE STATION - Chief Tom Mattmuller, Detective Robert Goodson

Chief Mattmuller reviewed the police operations facility to include the need to harden the facility for growth and upgrades, and items on the budget proposed projects.

Discussion took place regarding consideration of trying to reach consensus on the core facility and approval by line item.

Chief Mattmuller responded to council questions regarding the current facility being hardened.

Mr. Lavallee spoke to the provision that will be presented by the building department and bringing the building to current code.

Discussion took place regarding actions that could be taken to bring the current station to standard for hardening.

Mr. Schneider commented on the plans approved by the building division in 1989 to include wind resistance elements of the building, limitations under the existing building code, and work needed to comply with current code standards for hardening, and responded to council questions regarding cost estimate to harden and renovate the current building.

Chief Mattmuller responded to council questions regarding procedures during storms and capability of fire station 3 to handle resource capacity during storms.

Discussion followed regarding cost to build new versus renovation.

Detective Goodson spoke regarding the need for more property to expand at the current location.

Detective Goodson and Chief Mattmuller responded to council questions regarding square footage costs, combination of the training facility and emergency operations center (EOC), community room availability and multi-purpose use, review of plans from other municipalities police departments, and having a public meeting/training facility with an EOC in Sarasota.

Discussion continued regarding discussion with Sarasota County regarding the city having an EOC.

Chief Carvey responded to council questions regarding square footage of fire station 3, possibility of expanding, number of personnel housed during an emergency, and using fire station 3 as an overflow area.

Mr. Lavallee commented on the EOC facility in Sarasota County and the need to be self contained.

Discussion ensued on current use of one cent sales tax funds, lack of tax revenue, effective use of an operating budget, availability of multi-purpose space, concerns with lack of broad support from the community, risk with stacking two items in the bond referendum,

possible cost increases to citizens, prioritizing city needs, prioritizing the safety of first responders, concern with upcoming budget process and adding a bond referendum, possible use of the Hamilton Building for public works space, possible tax increases and simplifying important points to be presented.

Discussion continued on citizen support of the road bond referendum versus the police facility bond referendum, the need for more information regarding cost to remodel the current facility versus the cost and location of a new facility.

Chief Mattmuller responded to council questions regarding possibly building a new facility near the current facility, building over the current police station, identifying issues other municipalities experienced, and converting the current facility into the public works facility, and Chief Mattmuller continued his presentation to include options to save money and keep the current location, and possible locations to purchase land.

Discussion took place regarding using funds from the sale of the public works property to buy new property.

Detective Goodson responded to council questions regarding the firing range and the training facility.

Discussion followed regarding public understanding of the item, the need for more information, additional means to finance the police department hardening, and the possibility of removing the road bond from the ballot.

Mr. Lavalley responded to council questions regarding the minimum cost to relocate the police facility and moving the public works department at a later date, funding of police needs with the exception of the firing range, and public works enterprise funds.

Discussion followed regarding items included in the \$13 million proposed project, enterprise funds, and possible land locations.

Detective Goodson provided an overview of the police department line items, commented on positions within the department, and responded to council questions regarding amenities needed for an EOC that can piggy back off of the police station, and costs related to the EOC and combined training facility without the police operations.

Discussion took place regarding an alternate plan should the bond referendum not pass and impact on the welfare and safety of citizens if the item was not to pass or be placed on the ballot.

Mr. Lavallee commented on the needs for the police department, public works facility, roads, and the standards of buildings in the city.

Discussion continued on the previous vote on dispatch consolidation, whether building a new police station is a number one priority for the city, evaluating implications of relocating public works being included in the strategic plan, and concern with how information is distributed to voters.

Mr. Bolen commented on the semi protected location for data, concern with flooding, and the purpose of putting the data center in the police facility, and responded to council questions regarding square footage of office space, and the quote for data center equipment.

Discussion followed regarding having a comprehensive study of the city's data system.

Mr. Bolen spoke to discussions with Sarasota County regarding sharing resources.

Discussion continued regarding public works and the firing range not being included, capabilities needed for an EOC, and opportunities to combine with Sarasota County.

Mr. Bolen responded to council questions regarding the use for the data center.

Mr. Pierce expressed the need for the request to include a data center.

Mr. Bolen responded to council questions regarding the location of the data center within the police department.

Detective Goodson commented on the expected layout, the current and proposed parking, accommodations for an indoor range, and alternatives should there be no range.

Ms. Senne spoke to the not to exceed amount in the ordinance and bond referendum for finance purposes.

Discussion continued regarding placing the item on the agenda for approval and the city manager presenting ball park numbers and financing through the one cent sales tax.

Mayor Holic stated that he will be presenting at the council meeting on June 14, 2016 regarding methods of generating revenue for the city.

Discussion continued on the upcoming budget process, previous one

cent sales tax discussion, ensuring the police department has a safe facility, the need for discussion regarding having two bonds or selecting one as a priority, and obtaining a cost comparison for refurbishing the current facility and building a new facility.

Ms. Weeden commented on the roads being a priority to the public and to council and public support received regarding the road bond.

Mayor Holic spoke to the need for council discussion regarding stacking bonds.

Discussion took place regarding the deadline for ordinance approval, the not to exceed amount, selling the land public works in currently on and relocating public works to the current police facility

There was consensus to include the police operations facility in the bond.

There was consensus to include the public meeting room in the bond.

There was consensus to include a command center.

There was consensus to include the data center.

There was consensus for the ordinance to include a not to exceed amount of \$16 million.

Mr. Lavallee requested specific questions from council be presented to him.

Discussion continued regarding the need to have financial estimates available to present to the voters.

[16-2041](#) EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - Chief Shawn Carvey, Lt. Frank Giddens

This Item was discussed under Item No. 16-2040.

[16-2042](#) FIRING RANGE - Chief Tom Mattmuller, Detective Robert Goodson

This Item was discussed under Item No. 16-2040.

[16-2043](#) DATA CENTER - Information Technology Director Jeff Bolen

This Item was discussed under Item No. 16-2040.

[16-2044](#) PUBLIC WORKS RELOCATION - Public Works Director John Veneziano

This Item was discussed under Item No. 16-2040.

[16-2045](#) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, CAPITALIZATION - Controller Linda Senne, Finance Director Walt Pierce

This Item was discussed under Item No. 16-2040.

[16-2046](#) ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT POLICE STATION

This Item was discussed under Item No. 16-2040.

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk