



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Friday, June 26, 2020

9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

Virtual Meeting - LDR Workshop with Planning Commission (See Instructions Below)

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Feinsod called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Fernandez referenced Executive Order No. 20-69 issued by Governor DeSantis and Executive Order No. 2020-04 issued by the city regarding public meetings, and commented on public participation in public meetings.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Ron Feinsod, Council Member Richard Cautero, Vice Mayor Charles Newsom, Dr. Margaret Fiedler, Council Member Helen Moore and Council Member Nick Pachota

Absent: 1 - Dr. Joseph Neunder

ALSO PRESENT

Planning Commission Members Barry Snyder, Shaun Graser, Bill Willson, Richard Hale, Scott Williams, Kit McKeon and Richard Lawson, City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavalley, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Planning Manager Roger Clark and Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stelzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PRESENTATION

[20-4592](#) Jeff Shrum, Development Services Director: Land Development Regulations Update

Mr. Snyder spoke on revised land development code (LDC), building height definition, possible starting points on where the bottom of a building

is deemed to be, height determination, items exempt from being included in height calculations, height restrictions being dependent on zoning designations, and proposed new definition.

Mr. Shrum commented on feedback received regarding building heights.

Mr. Snyder spoke on new code conceptual design and architectural features.

Mr. Shrum commented on the maximum height for first floor parking.

Mr. Snyder spoke on vertical mixed-use, criticism of approach, future look of downtown, current and proposed code height comparisons, caps in height exceptions, and planning areas.

Discussion followed regarding downtown structures, proposed building heights, height reductions in planning areas, Seaboard area, economic sustainability of the downtown area, base floor height calculation, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), first floor parking, calculation starting point, architectural features, special exceptions and conditional use, building height definition, downtown traffic, mixed-use zoning districts to include Downtown Edge, Seaboard, North Trail and Laurel East, commercial development on Knights Trail, soliciting resident feedback, John Nolen Plan, economic feasibility, store vacancies and office spaces, allowing design flexibility, land development regulations (LDRs), and future look of Venice.

Jeffery Boone, Boone Law Firm, commented on the John Nolen Plan, Fisherman's Wharf, ability to request additional building height, and area north of Knights Trail.

Mr. Snyder spoke on encroachments to include code restrictions.

Discussion followed regarding safety, downtown outdoor dining spaces, active use areas, regulating construction on the private side of a property, Daiquiri Deck, and dining proximity to curbs.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk