

**Recess was taken from 9:23 a.m. to 9:31 a.m.**

## **II. PRESENTATION**

[24-0009](#)

Ron Turner, Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections: Municipal Elections

Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner provided a presentation to include voters, ballots, annexations, precincts, polling locations, and answered Council questions regarding voter turnout, election costs, early voting, voting locations, vote by mail, city election cycles and timing.

**Recess was taken from 10:13 a.m. to 10:18 a.m.**

[24-0010](#)

Sergeant Sean Hammett and Case Manager Kasey Ledford: Overview of the Venice Police Department Community Outreach Team (5 min.)

Sergeant Hammett and Case Manager Ledford provided a presentation on community outreach, to include homelessness, partnerships with local organizations such as United Way, Gulf Coast Community Foundation and Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, local connections, outreach team impacts, homeless active and inactive campsites in the City of Venice, a personal success story, and answered Council questions regarding the Marchman Act, follow up, and staffing.

## **III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.**

Richard Frost, 476 Arborview Lane, spoke on the Sawgrass Planned Unit Development (PUD) and encouraged Council to take action on a rezone.

Ricardo de Sousa Costa, 715 Golden Beach Boulevard, spoke against Resolution 2023-46 regarding the employee sick time policy and expressed concerns with unintended consequences.

Debbie Shaffer, 121 Bolanza Court, spoke on increased traffic, Laurel Road widening, safety issues, and decreased water pressure.

Kevin J. Collins, 313 Bayshore Drive, spoke on Bayshore Drive sidewalks, drainage concerns if installed, and considering other safety remedies.

Linda McCollum, 305 Bayshore Drive, spoke in opposition to Bayshore Drive sidewalks, and requested Council discussion.

Ruth Cordner, 246 Montelluna Drive, spoke on recording minutes for meetings with applicants and citizens, concerns about Council's decision making process, and transparency.