



# City of Venice

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, October 8, 2019

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Vice Mayor Richard Cautero, Council Member Charles Newsom, Council Member Margaret Fiedler and Council Member Helen Moore

### ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, and for certain items on the agenda: Deputy Fire Chief Frank Giddens, Police Chief Tom Mattmuller, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, and City Engineer Kathleen Weeden.

### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stelzer offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Moore.

### I. RECOGNITION

[19-4182](#)

Proclaim the Week of October 21-27, 2019 as "Florida City Government Week", Presented to City Manager Ed Lavalley

**Mayor Holic presented this proclamation to Assistant City Manager Len Bramble.**

[19-4183](#)

Proclaim the Week of October 6-12, 2019 as "Fire Prevention Week", Presented to City of Venice Fire Chief Shawn Carvey

**Mayor Holic presented this proclamation to Deputy Fire Chief Frank Giddens.**

[19-4184](#)

Proclaim October 2019 as "Florida Archives Month", Presented to Curator and Collections Manager Jon Watson

**Mayor Holic presented this proclamation to Mr. Watson.**

### II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION will be limited to one hour.

No one signed up to speak.

**III. CONSENT SECTION:**

A motion was made by Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Daniels, to approve items in the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**A. MAYOR**

[19-4185](#) Appoint Stephen Kimson to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to Serve a Term from October 8, 2019 Until September 30, 2022

This appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[19-4186](#) Appoint Michael Campbell to the Environmental Advisory Board to Serve a Term from October 8, 2019 Until September 30, 2022

This appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

**B. CITY CLERK**

[19-4187](#) Minutes of the August 27, 2019 Regular Meeting, August 28, 2019 Special Meeting, and September 24, 2019 Budget Public Hearing

These minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

**C. CITY MANAGER**Development Services

[19-4188](#) Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Work Assignment No. 2 for Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., for the City of Venice's Land Development Regulations in the Amount of \$48,000 to Address Sarasota County Zoned Properties within the City and Adjusting the Overall Project Schedule

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Human Resources

[19-4189](#) Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement with Fraternal Order of Police (Officers) for Fiscal Years 2020, 2021 and 2022

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Public Works

[19-4190](#) Approval of an Agreement with Willis A. Smith Construction, Inc., in the Amount of \$85,000 for Preconstruction Services for the City of Venice Fire Station #1 and City Hall Expansion

This agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

**IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT**

There were none.

## **V. PRESENTATIONS**

### [19-4191](#)

Chris Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Suncoast Partnership: Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness (10 min.)

Chris Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, spoke on the organization, continuum of care program to include purpose, working with other service providers, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s grant programs, and "Thanks a Thousand" TED (technology, entertainment, design) talk by A.J. Jacobs.

Mr. Johnson presented a video clip entitled "Bears in a Dumpster", and spoke on basic mandates of continuum of care, housing crisis response system, and Sarasota County's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT).

Chief Mattmuller commented on working closely with the county sheriff's office, and tracking Baker acts, Marchman acts, and services offered and declined.

Mr. Johnson noted agencies involved in homeless outreach and responded to council questions regarding his working relationship with involved agencies, homeless shelter locations, individual shelters, developing a fact sheet on homelessness and adding it to the city's website, communication with local schools, outreach to younger homeless people, Housing First initiative, and how should the city proceed on a shelter.

### [19-4192](#)

City Engineer Kathleen Weeden: Transportation Prioritization for Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Road Impact Fees (10 min.)

Mr. Bramble commented on traffic count data and prioritization of projects.

Ms. Weeden provided a presentation and spoke to funding sources for roadway projects, capital improvement schedule (CIS), submitting applications to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for future projects, light signalization and traffic circle at Harbor Drive and Venice Avenue intersection, Laurel Road and Pinebrook Road traffic count data, 2018 service volumes and level of service (LOS) at Venice Avenue and Pinebrook Road intersection, adding a placeholder for Harbor Drive and Venice Avenue intersection improvements in the project list, MPO's funding cycle, funding to improve the Venice Avenue intersection at Pinebrook Road and Ridgewood Avenue, and suggested projects for MPO funding.

Discussion followed regarding Harbor Drive traffic count data, obtaining traffic data for the road segment on Edmondson Road from Pinebrook

Road to Border Road, adding Edmondson Road to the CIS, and Laurel Road.

Mr. Shrum spoke regarding the 2030 traffic analysis for northeast Venice, comprehensive plan, traffic count data, identifying priority projects in the CIS, Laurel Road and Knights Trail, and safety study on the Edmondson/Pinebrook/Auburn Road intersections.

Discussion continued on adding Laurel Road to the CIS, funding for Pinebrook Road intersection improvements at Venice Avenue and Ridgewood Avenue, budget placeholder for impact fee funds, scheduling a workshop on this topic, traffic circle at Harbor Drive and Venice Avenue intersection, 2030 traffic model for the northeast area, future road projection of Laurel Road and Knights Trail, enhancing Laurel Road in the CIS, proposed development in the Laurel Road area, addressing adjacent roads to approved developments, gas tax, and top four suggested priorities to include Pinebrook Road, Ridgewood Avenue, Knights Trail and Laurel Road.

Ms. Weeden commented on expanding county roads as city projects through MPO, submitting project applications for funding, project ranking, and the county's future projection on Laurel Road.

Discussion followed regarding the city's versus the county's modeling exercise and traffic data for the northeast area.

Recess was taken at 10:58 a.m. until 11:09 a.m.

## **VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **A. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

#### [ORD. NO. 2019-34](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, for the Property Located at 498 Substation Road and Owned by John N. Bailey III, TTEE, Pursuant to Zoning Map Amendment Petition No. 19-03RZ, from Sarasota County Residential, Multi-Family 2 (RMF-2) to City of Venice Residential, Multi-Family 4 (RMF-4) District; Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date

**A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to continue Ordinance No. 2019-34 to October 22, 2019. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

### **B. ORDINANCES – FINAL READING**

ORD. NO.  
2019-33

An Ordinance Amending City of Venice Ordinance No. 2018-34 which Adopted the Official Budget of the City of Venice, Florida for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2018 and Ending September 30, 2019; by Increasing the Total Revenue by \$138,084 and Total Expenditures by \$138,084; and Providing for An Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

No written communication was 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 Newsom, that Ordinance No. 2019-33 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Mayor Holic, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Vice Mayor Cautero, Mr. Newsom, Ms. Fiedler and Ms. Moore

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. ORDINANCES**

ORD. NO.  
2019-35

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54, Solid Waste, Article VI, Rates and Charges; Billing Procedure, Section 54-161, Fee Schedule; Deposits; Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

No one signed up to speak.

**A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Newsom, that Ordinance No. 2019-35 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Mayor Holic, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Vice Mayor Cautero, Mr. Newsom, Ms. Fiedler and Ms. Moore

### **B. RESOLUTIONS**

RES. NO.  
2019-25

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Extending the Sunset Date of the Solid Waste and Recycling Program Operations Stakeholder's Work Group and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

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

**Newsom, that Resolution No. 2019-25 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Mayor Holic, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Vice Mayor Cautero, Mr. Newsom, Ms. Fiedler and Ms. Moore

**RES. NO.**  
**2019-24**

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Accepting Utilities and Improvements Installed by Meritage Homes of Florida, Inc., and Accepting a One Year Developers Maintenance Bond and Bill of Sale, and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

**A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Newsom, that Resolution No. 2019-24 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Mayor Holic, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Vice Mayor Cautero, Mr. Newsom, Ms. Fiedler and Ms. Moore

**RES. NO.**  
**2019-26**

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Venice, Florida, to Execute a Lease-Purchase Agreement with Leasing 2, Inc., to Provide Equipment to the City of Venice Fire Department, and to Execute an Escrow Agreement with Leasing 2, Inc. and Old National Wealth Management to Provide for Funding Arrangements for Said Equipment; and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

**A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fiedler, that Resolution No. 2019-26 be approved and adopted.**

Deputy Chief Giddens noted first round of interviews is scheduled for October 21, 2019, 25 applications were received, plan is to hire six individuals with the anticipation of offering up to nine total, December 1, 2019 start date, and responded to council questions on hiring firefighters from within and cost incurred by the city to equip each unit.

Discussion followed regarding providing the community an enhanced level of service, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) startup costs to include providing an accounting explanation to residents, enhancement of EMS response time, number of applications received, dual certified firefighters, and previous attempt to collect data on revenue generated from Advanced Life Support (ALS) and consolidation with the county.

Mr. Welch noted finance is endorsing the lease and spoke to EMS startup and operational costs.

Discussion continued regarding lease payments, .66 millage rate for EMS, projected EMS expenses versus revenue, and staff producing a user friendly chart on expenses and revenues for the startup of EMS and include status on hiring and training of personnel.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 6 - Mayor Holic, Mr. Daniels, Vice Mayor Cautero, Mr. Newsom, Ms. Fiedler and Ms. Moore

**No:** 1 - Ms. Gates

There was consensus for staff to produce a user friendly chart on expenses and revenues for the startup of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and include status on hiring and training of personnel.

### ***C. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION***

## **IX. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS**

### City Attorney

Ms. Fernandez had no report and responded to council questions regarding status of the shark fishing ordinance.

### City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer had no report.

### City Manager

Mr. Bramble had no report.

## **X. COUNCIL REPORTS**

### ***Council Member Daniels***

Mr. Daniels noted the MPO and state are looking to implement a gas tax.

### ***Council Member Gates***

Ms. Gates had no report.

### ***Council Member Moore***

Ms. Moore reported attending the Venetian Walk II ribbon cutting.

### ***Council Member Newsom***

Mr. Newsom reported attending the planning commission meeting and noted upcoming land development regulations (LDR) workshop on October 29, 2019.

### ***Council Member Cautero***

Mr. Cautero reported attending the Florida MainStreet organization's conference and commented on Manasota League of Cities' legislative priorities.

***Council Member Fiedler***

Ms. Fiedler reported attending Coffee with a Cop event at McDonalds and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council meeting.

***Mayor Holic***

Mayor Holic reported attending the Venetian Walk II ribbon cutting, Chamber of Commerce annual installation of officers luncheon, United Way south Sarasota county kickoff luncheon, Chamber of Commerce business showcase ribbon cutting, celebrity bartenders event at Cafe Venice, September 20, 2019 Historic Preservation Board meeting, and apologized to Venice MainStreet on behalf of the city.

**XI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Mayor - City of Venice

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City Clerk