Venice,FL City on the Gulf

## MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

**THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER**: Edward Lavallee, City Manager**E-SIGN**:**FROM**: Javier Vargas, MPA, Utilities Director**DEPARTMENT**: Utilities Department

DATE: January 12, 2023 MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 24, 2023

SUBJECT / TOPIC: Utility Rate Stakeholders' Work Group

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**: The Utilities Department will be contracting with a consultant to work with the City to conduct a water and sewer rate study. This study will establish an adequate, fair, and equitable water and sewer rate structure; establish a sound financial plan; promote efficient water usage; retain participation from key stakeholders; and implement water and wastewater rates that create the least possible impact on customers' bills.

With the help from a Utility Rate Stakeholders' Work Group, the department can work with the consultant to provide the best solution regarding our rates and the impacts to our customers.

Please be advised the Utilities Department will have eight to nine members on the Utility Rate Stakeholders' Work Group.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Three: Ensure a Fiscally Sound City

## COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: For Council Adoption by Motion

The Utilities Department requests Council's approval to form a Utility Rate Stakeholders' Work Group through necessary resolution.

Yes N/A

- Document(s) Reviewed for ADA compliance (required if for agenda posting)
- □ City Attorney Reviewed/Approval
- □ ⊠ Risk Management Review
- □ ⊠ Finance Department Review/Approval
  Funds Availability (account number): n/a

Original(s) attached: Resolution

Cc: Linda Senne, Finance Director

James Clinch, Assistant City Manager