



City of Venice

Meeting Minutes

City Council

401 West Venice Avenue
Venice FL 34285

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Friday, May 16, 2025

9:00 AM

*Robert L Anderson Center
4000 S Tamiami Trail, Venice FL
Commission Chambers*

Joint Meeting with the Sarasota County Commission

The workshop was called to order at 9:00 am. Roll call indicated the following present at the meeting:

Sarasota County Commission: Chairman Joe Neunder, Commissioners Teresa Mast, Mark Smith, and Tom Knight.

Venice City Council: Mayor Nick Pachota, Vice-Mayor Jim Boldt, Council Members Rachel Frank, Rick Howard, Ron Smith and Lloyd Weed.

Others present include: Venice City Clerk Kelly Michaels, City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Manager Ed Lavalley, Ass't City Manager James Clinch, Ass't Public Works Director Ashlee Castle, Venice Master Police Officer Paul Joyce, Sarasota County Deputy Clerk Charlie Maloney, County Administrator Jonathan Lewis, Sarasota County Director of Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Nicole Rissler, Sarasota County Transit Director Jane Grogg

(09:01 a.m.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City of Venice Vice Mayor Jim Boldt

(09:02 a.m.)

1. JOINT DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. The Board/Council discussed the creation of an Anchoring Limitation Area (ALA) at Roberts Bay.
- B. The Board/Council discussed the Wellfield Park transition.
- C. The Board/Council discussed Expanded Public Parking on Harbor Drive.
- D. The Board/Council discussed updates to the Venice area Transit System "Breeze".

Recess taken from 9:05 am., to 9:18 am.

(10:30 a.m.)

2. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Joan Iacono, 1132 Bird Bay Way, Venice FL, spoke on beach parking, closed beaches and stormwater maintenance in canals.

Kristin Hoffschmidt, 232 Gulf Drive, Venice FL, commented on stormwater and drainage canals.

Debbie Gericke, 13176 Rinella St, Venice FL, commented on homelessness.

(10:45 a.m.)

3. OTHER BUSINESS

The Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Venice Council commented on the joint meeting and thanked presenters, staff, attendees, and the public for their participation. Council and Board members expressed their desire to hold joint meetings more frequently.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Mayor Nick Pachota, City of Venice

ATTEST:

Kelly Michaels, City Clerk