MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP
CITY COUNCIL, VENICE, FLORIDA

MARCH 25, 2013

A workshop of the City Council to consider the consent agenda was held this date in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS PRESENT

Roll was called with the following elected officials present: Mayor John Holic, Vice Mayor Bob Daniels and Council Members Emilio Carlesimo, Jeanette Gates, Kit McKeon, and Dave Sherman. Jim Bennett was absent.

Also present: City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, and for certain items on the agenda: Public Works Director John Veneziano, Utilities Director Len Bramble, and Administrative Services Director Alan Bullock.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. McKeon.

I. CONSENT SECTION:

CITY CLERK

1. Approval of Minutes of a Regular Meeting dated March 12, 2013

Responding to Ms. Gates, Ms. Stelzer stated she would verify wording relating to “urban area”.

MAYOR

1. Reappoint David Joyner and Mack Wilcox to the Economic Development Advisory Board to Serve Terms from April 1, 2013 until March 31, 2016
2. Reappoint Glenn Compton and Donna Pachota to the Environmental Advisory Board to Serve Terms from April 1, 2013 until March 31, 2016
3. Appointment of Joan Piper to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to Complete the Term of Ellen King from March 26, 2013 until August 31, 2015
4. Nominate Verna Silk as the City of Venice representative to the Sarasota County Parks Advisory and Recreation Council to serve a three year term

Discussion ensued regarding paying mileage of board members attendance at meetings outside of Venice. This subject will be placed on another meeting agenda for discussion.

Mayor Holic commented on interviewing Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member candidates with the board chair in attendance.

CITY MANAGER

Administrative Services

1. Approve Proposed Workers' Compensation Settlement with Theo Gibson

Mr. Bullock briefed council members on the settlement.

Discussion followed regarding vacation and sick leave accrual payout, Florida Retirement System (FRS) provisions, and the option to return to work.

Public Works Department

1. Approve purchase of a replacement roll-off refuse truck from the Florida Sheriff's Association bid

Mr. Veneziano reviewed the request and answered questions relating to city policy for selling old city vehicles, Coastal Advisory Committee grant funding for removing and replacing vehicles, utilizing local vendors, and city's bidding process.

Utilities Department

1. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Lease Agreement, SprintCom, Inc., modify installation by adding or swapping out antennas and other equipment, increasing base rent by $150.00

Mr. Bramble explained this item would be removed from the consent agenda in order to clarify that pricing was $150.00 per month, not annually.

2. Approve Work Assignment No. 3, Hazen and Sawyer, construction inspection services, for $127,600

Mr. Bramble provided an overview of the request.

Discussion followed regarding utilizing spreadsheets for tracking costs, consultant activities, and return on investment.

Mr. Bramble explained the process for consultant selection.

Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Bramble addressing reclaimed water rates at the March 26, 2013 council meeting.

3. Approve Work Assignment No. 6, Atkins North America, Inc., U.S. 41 Bypass utility relocations, not to exceed $279,632

Mr. Lavallee reviewed the project.

Mr. Bramble commented on the city paying for utility relocations.

Discussion followed regarding project timing.

Ms. Gates requested an update concerning relocating businesses for the U.S. 41 Bypass widening project.

Discussion ensued regarding options for addressing council from a podium.

II. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

ATTEST: ________________________________
Mayor – City of Venice

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City Clerk