



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

5:01 PM

Council Chambers

Budget Public Hearing

[25-0341](#)

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pachota called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Nick Pachota, Vice Mayor Jim Boldt, Mrs. Rachel Frank, Mr. Ron Smith, Mr. Rick Howard, Mr. Kevin Engelke and Mr. Lloyd Weed

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Kelly Michaels, City Manager James Clinch, Deputy City Clerk Toni Gregory, and for certain items on the agenda: Finance Director Linda Senne.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Master Police Officer Paul Joyce.

I. PRESENTATION WITH ACTION

[25-0342](#)

Finance Director Linda Senne: Approve Changes to FY2026 Budget Since September 9, 2025 Budget Public Hearing (10 min.)

Finance Director Senne presented the budget change from the September 9, 2025 Budget Public Hearing of reducing the millage rate to the rolled back rate of 3.8450 mills resulting in decreased budgeted revenues in the General Fund by \$419,000.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frank, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve changes to the FY2026 Budget since the September 9, 2025 Budget Public Hearing. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard and Mr. Weed

No: 1 - Mr. Engelke

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING

[ORD. NO.
2025-31](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, Adopting the Final Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Venice for Fiscal Year 2025-26; and Providing an Effective Date

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Clerk Michaels read the taxing authority statement.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

There were no written communications.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Frank, that Ordinance No. 2025-31 be approved and adopted.

Mr. Engelke stated he would be supporting the City's budget adoption ordinance despite his disagreement with the millage rolled back rate ordinance.

The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard and Mr. Weed

No: 1 - Mr. Engelke

[ORD. NO.
2025-32](#)

An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Budget of the City of Venice, Florida, for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2025, and Ending September 30, 2026; Providing that Disbursements Shall not Exceed Fund Budgets Without City Council Approval, and Granting the Authority to the City Manager to Make Certain Departmental Transfers Within the Approved Fund Budgets

Clerk Michaels read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Pachota opened the public hearing.

There were no written communications.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Pachota closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mayor Pachota, that Ordinance

No. 2025-32 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following electronic vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Pachota, Vice Mayor Boldt, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Smith, Mr. Howard, Mr. Engelke and Mr. Weed

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk