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Mayor and Council:

Historically, during the months of June and July, the Venice City Council amends the regular schedule of meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, and meets only once each month in that two-month time frame. To conform to former City Charter language requiring a monthly meeting, the Council has met on the second Tuesday in June and then reconvened on the fourth Tuesday in July.

Recently approved language changes in the Venice City Charter allows more flexibility in the scheduling of Council meetings. One drawback in the historic meeting schedule is that the Sarasota County Commission typically recesses for a later four-week period in the summer months. The variance in recess periods between the two policy bodies can inhibit formal communication and delay action on issues involving both the City and the County.

In consideration of these issues, following is a proposed FY 2015 regular City Council Meeting schedule:

- Meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month (allowance can be made for rescheduling specific meeting dates in extenuating circumstances).
- Recess for a four-week period on the July – August time frame, consistent with the scheduled recess of the County Commission.
- For the month of December, convene a meeting on the second Tuesday only.
- Allow for the scheduling of special meetings, emergency meetings, or other additional meetings as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Mayor or Council.

Once the County Commission adopts its annual meeting schedule, the Venice City Council schedule will be completed to align the summer recess dates.

Respectfully,

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