



IS COUNCIL APPROVAL REQUIRED?: Yes

## MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

**THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER:** James Clinch, City Manager **E-SIGN:**

**FROM:** Jeff Sweater, PE, Utilities Project Manager and R. David Jackson, Assistant City Attorney

**DEPARTMENT:** Utilities

**DATE:** June 10, 2026

**MEETING DATE:** June 23, 2026

**SUBJECT / TOPIC:** Venice Train Depot Lift Station BILL OF SALE agreement from Sarasota County

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Construction of the Intracoastal Waterway Second Force Main project requires the City accept ownership of the County's existing Venice Train Depot (VTD) Lift Station for the following purposes:

- To allow the City to modify VTD lift station to extend gravity sewer service to three (3) nearby commercial properties (401, 405, and 415 E. Venice Avenue), which currently rely on four (4) septic systems for sewage disposal;
- To provide a cost-effective solution by repurposing existing County infrastructure for City use, thereby eliminating the cost of the City needing to construct a new lift station to connect the subject properties to public sewer.

### **SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Goal One: Keep Venice Beautiful and Eco-Friendly

Goal Two: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:** Conditionally authorize for the Mayor to sign the BILL OF SALE agreement with Sarasota County to accept ownership of the Venice Train Depot Lift Station, contingent on the LIFT STATION EASEMENT first being fully executed by the County.

Original(s) attached: Provided to City Clerk's Office

Cc: Roger Omenhiser, Assistant City Manager  
Javier Vargas, MPA, Utilities Director