



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Council Member Deborah Anderson, Council Member Richard Cautero and Council Member Fred Fraize

Also Present

City Attorney Dave Persson, Assistant City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, Assistant City Clerk Heather Taylor, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble, and for certain items on the agenda: Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Public Works Director John Veneziano, Senior Planner Scott Pickett, Utilities Operations Supervisor Jim Anderson and Stormwater Engineer James Clinch.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

There was a moment of silence for the victims and family members of those affected by the acts of terrorism in Charlottesville and Barcelona.

Ms. Stelzer offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Don Fisher.

I. RECOGNITION

[17-2845](#)

First Responders Annual Challenge Sporting Clays Tournament Awarded to Venice Police Department Team Consisting of Officer Louis White, Sgt. Andy Leisenring, Lt. Eric Hill and Chief Tom Mattmuller

Don Fisher recognized and thanked members of the Venice Police Department.

Don Fisher presented this award.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Larry Humes, Kentucky Military Institute (KMI), on behalf of the Kentucky Governor, recognized city council members and City Manager Ed Lavallee and Assistant City Manager Len Bramble as honorary Kentucky Colonels

and spoke to the tradition of recognizing individuals who have made extraordinary efforts to their state and nation.

Albert Veltri, 1507 Mango Avenue, provided clarification of his audience participation at the August 21, 2017 meeting and expressed his concern with tax increases.

Discussion followed regarding pharmaceutical companies that provide free services.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels to approve items in the Consent Section with the exception of the July 11, 2017 minutes. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A. MAYOR

[17-2846](#) Appoint David Tschanz to the Historic Preservation Board to Complete the Term of Alicia Scarpellini from August 22, 2017 until October 31, 2017
This Appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[17-2847](#) Reappoint Orlando Wright to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals to Serve a Term from August 22, 2017 until August 31, 2020
This Reappointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[17-2848](#) Appoint Terry Pellegrini to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals to Serve a Term from August 22, 2017 until July 31, 2020
This Appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[17-2849](#) Appoint Bruce Weaver to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to Complete the Term of Jim Woods from August 22, 2017 until September 31, 2019
This Appointment was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. CITY CLERK

[17-2850](#) Minutes of the June 20, 2017 and June 21, 2017 Budget Workshops, June 23, 2017 Comprehensive Plan Transmittal Public Hearing, June 27, 2017 Regular Meeting, June 28, 2017 Continuation of June 27, 2017 Meeting, July 10, 2017 Fire Fee Public Hearing and July 11, 2017 Regular Meeting
These Minutes, with the exception of July 11, 2017, were approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. CITY MANAGER

City Manager's Office

- [17-2851](#) Endorse City Sponsorship of U.S. Army Field Band to Play for the Venice Community at the Venice Performing Arts Center on March 13, 2018, Not to Exceed \$2,000
- This Sponsorship was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Engineering

- [CON. NO. 95-2017](#) Approve Cooperative Purchasing in the Amount of \$139,230.05 with Bliss Products and Services, Inc., to Construct a Covered Trained-Themed Playground with Swings, Climbing Structure and Related Amenities at Legacy Park
- This Contract was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Finance

- [17-2852](#) Approval of Ranking for RFQ 3067-17 Owner's Representative/Project Management Services for the City of Venice Public Safety Facility
- This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Planning and Zoning

- [17-2853](#) Approve Pre-Annexation Agreement between City of Venice and SHYD, LLC (Property Located on Albee Farm Road)
- This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Public Works

- [17-2854](#) Approve License Agreement Between Sarasota County and City of Venice Regarding Improvements to an East Venice Avenue Median to Allow Installation of a Flower Fountain in the East Venice Avenue Right-of-Way (Venice Area Beautification Inc. Project)
- This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Utilities

- 17-2855** Execution of Wade Trim Work Assignment No. 3, Change Order No. 2, Water Main Replacement Phase 4, in the Amount of \$9,250 Bringing the New Contract Amount to \$287,210
- This Work Assignment was approved on the Consent Agenda.**
- [17-2856](#) Authorization to Purchase Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Replacement Meters from Innovative Metering Solutions in the Amount of

\$358,820 for Phase II of Water Meter Replacement Program

This Agreement was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[CON. NO.
96-2017](#)

Approval of Contract with Go Underground Utilities, LLC in the Amount of \$259,580 for Fairways of Capri and Seaboard Avenue Water Main Extension

This Contract was approved on the Consent Agenda.

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

[17-2850](#)

Minutes of the June 20, 2017 and June 21, 2017 Budget Workshops, June 23, 2017 Comprehensive Plan Transmittal Public Hearing, June 27, 2017 Regular Meeting, June 28, 2017 Continuation of June 27, 2017 Meeting, July 10, 2017 Fire Fee Public Hearing and July 11, 2017 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes.

Discussion took place regarding Item 17-2820, Naming of City Assets, being postponed until the August 22, 2017 meeting and not being on the agenda.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon that Item 17-2820 be postponed until the September 12, 2017 meeting. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS - PRESENTATIONS (Continued Later This Meeting)

[17-2857](#)

Erick van Malssen, Stantec Consulting Services: Proposed Fire and Police Impact Fees (10 min.)

Mr. van Malssen spoke to preliminary results of the law enforcement and fire impact fee study to include impact fee background, and cost basis for law enforcement impact fee, and responded to council questions regarding calculation methods of other jurisdictions.

Mike Burton, Stantec Director for Operations, responded to council questions regarding new development construction and individual homes developed.

Discussion took place regarding expansion of the police department facility.

Mr Lavallee spoke to prior use of the facility as a holding cell and new facility functionality.

Mr. van Malssen continued his presentation on cost basis for fire impact

fees, impact fee calculations and fee survey results.

Discussion took place regarding consideration of services provided outside of the city limits.

Mr. Persson addressed rezone ordinances in regards to provisions that require contributions and statutes that allow the city to charge impact fees for growth.

Mr. van Malssen spoke to recommendations to city council and next steps to include implementation process.

Discussion ensued regarding new construction that is already underway, current collections regarding impact fees and usage, line items to show where funds are being allotted, impact fees collected by the county, communities utilizing full cost recovery, process for receipt of monies, investigating fees the city may be entitled to and administration of fee collection, and cost effectiveness of collecting fees that are currently collected by the county.

Jeff Boone, Boone Law Firm, spoke to understanding that impact fees are for capital costs, expressed concern with consultants lack of information and proper use of impact fees and responded to council questions regarding representation.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Anderson, to direct staff to draft a fire impact fee ordinance on all new housing with a plan to be fully implemented by January 2018.

Discussion took place regarding benefits to the city, possible unforeseen circumstances, and for staff to include current impact fees for a \$350,000 house.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fraize, to direct staff to draft a police impact fee ordinance on all new housing with a plan to be fully implemented by January 2018.

Discussion took place regarding the timeline needed to ensure proper notice, determining the procedure for the city to maintain, and receiving timeline input from the city manager at the next meeting.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO.](#)
[2017-20](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, to Vacate a 10' Drainage and Utility Easement Traversing Lot 31, Triple Diamond Commerce Plaza North Venice, According to the Plat of Triple Diamond Commerce Plaza as Recorded in Plat Book 43, Pages 48, 48a through 48d, Inclusive, of the Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida and Providing an Effective Date (Tervis Tumbler Company)

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Stelzer stated no one signed up to speak and no written communication has been received.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels, that Resolution No. 2017-20 be approved and adopted.

In response to council questions, Mr. Clinch provided further information on the request to include the building location across the easement and the oversight of the easement being vacated at the time of construction.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Caution and Mr. Fraize

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2017-24](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Rezone Petition No. 17-06RZ, Relating to Property in the City of Venice Located at 409 Park Lane Drive and Owned by Richard and Jeanne Davis, for the Rezoning of the Property Described Therein, from Sarasota County, Residential Single-Family 2 (RSF-2) to City of Venice, Residential Single-Family 2 (RSF-2); Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date (Quasi Judicial)

Mayor Holic announced this is a quasi-judicial hearing.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Mr. Persson queried board members on conflicts of interest and ex-parte communication. There were no conflicts of interest. Mayor Holic disclosed he was questioned regarding the property and confirmed there was no issue with him basing his findings on the evidence presented. Mr. Persson questioned Ms. Anderson if she had reviewed the record prior to today's

meeting and if she felt she was adequately prepared. She confirmed she had read the minutes and she was adequately prepared.

Ms. Stelzer stated no written communications have been received and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Ordinance No. 2017-24 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Caution and Mr. Fraize

Recess was taken from 10:32 a.m. until 10:40 a.m.

Mayor Holic spoke to the loss of John Ryan, CEO of Venice Area Chamber of Commerce.

[ORD. NO.
2017-25](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida, Pursuant to Rezone Petition No. 16-07RZ, Relating to Property in the City of Venice Located South of Laurel Road, North of Border Road and both East and West of Jacaranda Boulevard and Owned by Neal Communities of Southwest Florida, LLC, and Border and Jacaranda Holdings, LLC, for the Rezoning of the Property Described Therein, from City of Venice Laurel Lakes Planned Unit Development (PUD) and VICA PUD to City of Venice Milano PUD; Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date (Quasi Judicial)

Mayor Holic announced this is a quasi-judicial hearing.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Mr. Persson queried board members on conflicts of interest and ex-parte communication. There were no conflicts of interest. Mayor Holic and Mr. Daniels disclosed site visits with no communication. Mr. Persson questioned Ms. Anderson regarding review of the record. Ms. Anderson stated she was not in a position to vote. Mr. Persson noted two options; for Ms. Anderson to excuse herself or for Mr. Boone to make his presentation.

Jeff Boone, Boone Law Firm, being duly sworn, stated his presentation would take approximately 15 minutes. Ms. Anderson left the dais for this item.

Ms. Stelzer stated no written communications have been received and no

one signed up to speak.

Mr. Boone spoke to striking stipulation ten and to adding a stipulation stating "an agreement regarding PUD obligations and concurrency shall be approved and executed by the developer and the city prior to any further development approvals." and responded to council questions regarding the use of the term "boiler plate".

Mr. Persson commented on existing regulation formats.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, that Ordinance No. 2017-25 be approved and adopted, with changes noted on stipulation no. 10.

Discussion took place regarding variances in the documentation.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mr. Cautionero

No: 1 - Mr. Fraize

Absent: 1 - Ms. Anderson

In response to council questions, Pat Neal, Neal Communities spoke to the average house price and impact fees of Villages of Milano homes.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[ORD. NO. 2017-28](#)

An Ordinance of the City Of Venice, Florida, Amending the 2010 City of Venice Comprehensive Plan, Land Use and Development Chapter, Future Land Use and Design Element, to Amend Map FLUM-1, City of Venice 2030 Future Land Use Map to Change the Future Land Use Map Designation of Property Located at 509 Tamiami Trail North (Parcel Identification No. 0407-06-0010) from Northern Gateway Corridor (Planning Area F) and Waterways to Commercial, and to Amend Map FLUM-7, Northern Gateway Corridor (Planning Area F), to Remove the Same Subject Property from the Northern Gateway Corridor (Planning Area F); Providing for Conflict with other Ordinances; Providing for a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Anderson returned to the dais.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Ms. Stelzer stated no written communications have been received.

Mr. Pickett reviewed the petition to include property information, existing and future land use designation, concurrently processed land development petitions, aerial photograph of property, summary of proposed comprehensive plan amendments, existing and proposed future land use maps, existing and proposed northern gateway corridor maps, planning analysis, comparison of existing and proposed designations, evaluation of the impact on the comprehensive plan and the Northern Gateway Corridor, compliance with the land development code, comprehensive plan, and other relevant city ordinances, resolutions or agreements, effect on the financial feasibility of the comprehensive plan, consistency with the applicable requirements of Florida Statutes Chapter 163, and staff summary findings of fact.

In response to council questions, Mr. Pickett spoke to the submerged land, removal of height restrictions, height regulations, developer behind the LLC., previous projects on the Intracoastal Waterway, comprehensive plan amendment from water to commercial, existing property use with a commercial designation, possible commercial usages, planning commission discussion, potential action on the northern parcel, access to the marine facility by police, and maximum building height.

Recess was taken from 11:51 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Kathy Crisman, 219 W. Venice Avenue, expressed her support of the Seafood Festival.

Brian Nakamora, 117 W. Venice Avenue, expressed his support of the Seafood Festival.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING - Continued

[ORD. NO. 2017-28](#)

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Jeff Boone, Boone Law Firm, noted there will be no change to the dock, the

four petitions on file with the city, feedback received from neighbors, existing property zoning, additional one floor of height subject to city council's approval, and current density of acreage above water and responded to council questions regarding Army Corps of Engineers right-of-way.

Carolyn Welton, 617 Tamiami Trail N., expressed concern with the inclusion of submerged land in the petition.

Mr. Boone stated there is no impact on the dock and that the current plan allows for modifications of the dock and responded to council questions regarding applications on file with the city that require approval, existing waterway passive or active uses, and zoning code height standards.

Discussion took place regarding commercial uses.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Ordinance No. 2017-28 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.

Discussion took place regarding concern with increased heights, active and passive use definitions, protection of waterways, and project timeline.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels and Mr. Cautero

No: 2 - Ms. Anderson and Mr. Fraize

VII. NEW BUSINESS

C. PRESENTATIONS AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION WILL BE HEARD AT 1:00 P.M. - AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE DELAYED OR MOVED FORWARD TO ACCOMMODATE PRESENTATIONS

[17-2858](#)

Support Services Lieutenant Eric Hill, Venice Police Department: Fishing Pier Activity Update (10 min.)

Mr. McKeon left the dais at 1:48 p.m. and returned at 1:49 p.m.

Lt. Hill provided an update on the pier to include initial incident, discussion with witnesses, not being able to enforce the use of profanity, and observation by site team and trespass warnings received for violations, and responded to council questions regarding holes drilled into the wood of the pier, observation of shark fishermen, and future use of drone technology.

Discussion took place regarding placing shark fishing limitations, cause of

damage to netting, and discussing safety concerns with shark fishing near beaches on a future agenda.

[17-2859](#)

Development Services Director Jeff Shrum: Code Enforcement Activities Update (10 min.)

Mr. Shrum provided an update to include offer on code enforcement supervisor position, SeeClickFix, and tracking software for resort dwellings, and responded to council questions regarding enforcement of business tax receipts, monitoring of SeeClickFix, code enforcement officers being proactive, and seven day coverage.

[17-2860](#)

Development Services Director Jeff Shrum and Assistant City Attorney Kelly Fernandez: Requesting Council Direction on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (10 min.)

Mr. Shrum spoke to planning commission request for feed back from council.

Ms. Fernandez spoke to law passed giving the option to ban all dispensaries in the city or allow them with no stricter regulations than a pharmacy and existing Sarasota County regulations.

Discussion took place regarding restrictions on drive through windows, state law prohibiting smoking and not vaping, county regulations, and concern with enforcement.

Ms. Fernandez clarified Sarasota County's current regulation and stated if prohibited now, council may allow in the future.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fraize, to prohibit medical marijuana dispensaries in the city.

Discussion took place regarding the need for medical marijuana for serious illnesses.

Mr. Lavalley spoke to zoning issues regarding dispensaries.

Discussion continued on the need for more information and determining which municipalities have voted to ban medical marijuana.

A motion was made by Council Member Cautero, seconded by Council Member Anderson, to postpone the motion until September 26, 2017 city council meeting to allow for more information to be provided. The motion carried by voice vote with Mr. Daniels opposed.

[17-2861](#)

Public Works Director John Veneziano: Pickleball Courts and Requesting Council Direction (10 min.)

Mr. Veneziano spoke to previous discussion regarding pickleball, actions taken, and discussion and recommendation from the parks and recreation

advisory board to use unused shuffleboard courts.

Discussion took place regarding parking issues, possible construction at Legacy Park, locations and usage at public shuffleboard courts, indoor courts at Venice Community Center, maintenance of facilities, pending issues with parks, usage data, and use of impact fees.

Joseph Kent, 4324 Nizza Court, provided background on shuffleboard courts that belong to the Venice Shuffleboard Club, club not paying cost for maintenance of facilities, and suggested use of eight courts.

Recess was taken from 3:08 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

A. ORDINANCES

[ORD. NO. 2017-26](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Florida Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Finance, Division 2, Purchases, Section 2-211, Definitions; Section 2-216, Approval of Purchases; Competitive Bidding, Section 2-219, Bid Protests; Section 2-220, Exemptions from Bidding Requirements; and Section 2-221, Capital Improvements; Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only and stated no one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Cautero, that Ordinance No. 2017-26 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Cautero and Mr. Fraize

[ORD. NO. 2017-27](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54, Solid Waste; Article V, Rates and Charges; Billing Procedure, Section 54-161, Fee Schedule; Deposits; Providing for Repeal of all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing for Severability and Providing for an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only and stated no one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Cautero, that Ordinance No. 2017-27 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading.

Discussion took place regarding concern with making it harder for residents to recycle, unlimited trash and yard waste, environmental advisory board discussion regarding the city going green, and commercial recycling.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Cautero and Mr. Fraize

No: 1 - Mayor Holic

B. RESOLUTIONS

[RES. NO. 2017-15](#)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida, Dissolving the Solid Waste and Recycling Rate Stakeholder's Work Group and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels, that Resolution No. 2017-15 be approved and adopted.

Discussion took place regarding sunshine and public records rules applicable to stakeholder group members and encouraging participation in other groups.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Cautero and Mr. Fraize

[RES. NO. 2017-18](#)

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Authorizing Appropriate Government Officials to Execute a Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement for Project Number 436988-1-94-01 by and Between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Venice, Florida, to Provide Participation in an Aviation Project to Design and Construct T-Hangars - Midfield at Venice Municipal Airport; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Resolution No. 2017-18 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Cautero and Mr. Fraize

D. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[17-2862](#)

Review Concept of Sarasota County's Life Sustaining Ordinance (Lavallee)

Mr. Lavallee spoke to the life sustaining ordinance drafted by the county regarding homelessness and the request for council input and responded to council questions regarding existence of a shelter, and the requirement to offer shelter to the homeless.

Ms. Fernandez spoke to beds at the Salvation Army in the City of Sarasota that are unrestricted that officers would be able to offer prior to issuing a

citation.

Discussion continued on enforcement and transport of the homeless to the shelter.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fraize, to accept the proposal as written. The motion carried by voice vote with Ms. Anderson opposed.

[17-2863](#)

City of Venice State Legislative Priorities for Fiscal Year 2018

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to approve Item No. 17-2863.

Discussion took place regarding item four verbiage "those people" changed to "these citizens" or "people" and adding "in dire need of services". There was consensus to change the verbiage to "citizens in need" and emphasize "dire" need of services.

Discussion continued regarding obtaining an update on the 2017 priorities.

There was consensus to replacing the verbiage "those people" with "these citizens" and adding "in dire need" and to add to Home Rule, business tax and homestead exemption.

Discussion continued regarding letter received from Senator Latvala regarding Senate Bill 174.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Discussion continued on email received from David Habecker in reference to fire fee increases.

[17-2864](#)

Discuss Venice's Water Quality and Need for Third Party Evaluation (Daniels)

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to direct staff to develop bid specifications by September 12, 2017 council meeting for a neutral certified third party to evaluate the City of Venice drinking water.

Discussion took place regarding having a neutral third party to provide an evaluation.

Mr. Lavalley spoke to discussion with other communities who have received erroneous reports, prior awards received for the city's water quality, replacement of underground structures, scope of services for public bid for water testing and publishing the results.

Discussion continued on solicitation received from Florida Water Works for water testing.

Mr. Bramble responded to council questions regarding testing of water

quality and lead removal.

Mr. Anderson spoke to lead, copper and triaholomethane (THM) levels.

Discussion continued regarding treating to the highest level to reduce the cost of monitoring, whether the article was slanderous, transparency and the need for third party review.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Cautero, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to continue the meeting to completion of today's agenda.

Discussion took place regarding quasi-judicial items on the agenda.

Ms. Stelzer reviewed council's prior motion regarding quasi-judicial items.

Ms. Anderson requested to discuss the procedure for quasi-judicial items on the September 26, 2017 meeting.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[17-2865](#)

Direct Staff to Provide Solutions, Including Costs, on Street Light Requests for Harbor Drive and Bahama Street at October 24, 2017 City Council Meeting (Daniels)

Mr. Persson replaced Ms. Fernandez at the dais.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to direct staff to review the street light problems on Harbor Drive and Bahama Street, next to the high school, by the October 24, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Veneziano spoke to existing lights on Bahama Street to include upgrades and cost for additional poles and stated he will provide council with an update on what is needed for both Bahama Street and Harbor Drive.

Discussion took place regarding previous discussion on citizen tax oversight committee input and encouraging homeowners to put lights at the end of their driveways.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[17-2866](#)

Council Direction for Pianos on Parade

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Cautero, to agree with the direction of the public art advisory board to not proceed with Pianos on Parade.

Discussion took place regarding input from public art advisory board.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[17-2867](#)

Consider Signing Letter of Support for Continued Full Funding of the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (CHNEP) (Fraize)

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to sign a letter of support for the continued full funding of the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program.

Discussion took place regarding the contribution cost and support for funding at state level.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to amend the motion to include "maintain \$2,500 membership".

Discussion took place regarding program benefits and funding from the stormwater fund.

The motion carried by voice vote with Mr. Daniels opposed.

The motion as amended carried by voice vote with Ms. Anderson, Mr. Caetero and Mayor Holic opposed.

Discussion took place on publicizing free medications available to those with financial hardships.

[17-2868](#)

Consider Mandatory Summer Break for Advisory Boards (Gates)

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member McKeon, to require advisory boards to take the same summer break as city council.

Discussion took place regarding the need for staff to have a break, concern with advisory boards directing staff, topics of discussion publicized during council break, actions needed to be taken that would require a meeting, and regulatory board requirements.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to amend the motion to direct staff to develop an ordinance to comply with council discussion. The motion carried by voice vote with Mr. McKeon opposed.

[17-2869](#)

Post Office Relocation Update (Lavallee)

Mr. Lavallee spoke to prior action and discussion to include consideration of proposal from city to relocate the post office and list of conditions, modification of conditions received, and land and facility requirements.

Discussion took place regarding prepayment of estimated costs, possibility of not using city funds, letter received regarding future changes to parking lot and access restrictions, building and property maintenance of the post office, ensuring consistency of the city's and the owner of the property next to the post office letters are consistent.

There was consensus for Mr. Lavallee to work with property owner next to the post office to ensure consistency with public and private sectors.

[17-2821](#)

Staff Review and Council Discussion on Reported Issues at the Seafood Festival and Brew Bash in Centennial Park (Daniels)

Discussion took place regarding funds lost, non-local vendors participating, types of alcohol sold, concern with not using local vendors, off-season events, sale of liquor at other events, money made by event holders, input received by participants, and impact of road improvements.

Ms. Anderson left the dais at 5:20 p.m. and returned at 5:23 p.m.

Erin Silk, CEO, Venice MainStreet, spoke to Venice MainStreet's mission, estimated attendance at Seafood festival, local participation, and survey of local business's.

Bill Willson, President, Venice MainStreet, spoke to use of outside vendors, money made by Venice MainStreet, mission of MainStreet, and parking issues.

Discussion took place regarding determining the best location for the event, incorporating transportation means into the contract of special events, and location of next year's Sun Fiesta.

Bill Ahern, 158 Tizano Way, spoke to negative feedback, direct competition, suitable locations for events based on size of event and request for proprietary information.

[17-2872](#)

Consider an Additional \$275,000 for a Total of \$550,000 for Venetian Walk II Project (Venice Housing Authority) from Fund 301 in Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

Mr. Fraize left the dais at 5:47 p.m. and returned at 5:49 p.m.

Mr. Lavalley clarified the intent and direction from city council and the deadline for notification.

Discussion took place regarding allow Venice Housing Authority (VHA) to seek 4% bonds instead of 9% bonds, whether funds could have been used for fire trucks and capital needs of fire department, discussion at budget workshops, balance of 301 account, maintaining city assets, concern with impression given that city was short on capital funds, tax credits for investors, bonds financing a \$14 million building project, need for more information, previous discussion, alternate means to support the project, community input received since budget meetings, and postponing to September 12, 2017 to determine if the city can borrow the money and if it can be repaid.

Mr. Persson responded to council questions regarding restrictions on

receiving information from the Mayor or Mr. Lavallee without dialogue, publishing a meeting and taking minutes.

Discussion took place regarding attendance of a representative from NorStar at the meeting and availability for a meeting on August 28, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. for select council members.

There was a motion by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon to postpone this item until September 12, 2017. This motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

VIII. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

Mr. Persson spoke to the format of using an interlocal agreement for Venetian Walk II and informed council that Ms. Fernandez will be at council meetings in September and October.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer had no report.

City Manager

[17-2870](#)

Venice Library Update

Mr. Bramble provided an update to include application for building permit, public sessions held and design bid negotiations.

[17-2871](#)

Special Events Policy Update

Ms. Anderson left the dais at 6:29 p.m. and returned at 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Lavallee provided an update to include relief of rental space metrics and available subsidy.

Discussion took place regarding public safety building update, airport hotel negotiations and community center repairs.

IX. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Daniels

Mr. Daniels reported on discussion with Florida Power and Light (FPL) regarding MainStreet lights, and Economic Development Corporation (EDC) board meeting regarding budget.

Council Member Gates

Ms. Gates reported on a possible rowing regatta event in 2019 that will

close down the Intracoastal Waterway.

Council Member Anderson

Ms. Anderson had no report.

Council Member Cautionero

Mr. Cautionero reported on historic preservation board meeting regarding additional membership of John Nolen Communities and spoke to researching whether the city has any confederate statues.

Council Member Fraize

Mr. Fraize provided an update on the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council meeting regarding budget issues and the architectural review board meeting regarding the demolition of 219 W. Venice Avenue.

Council Member McKeon

Mr. McKeon had no report.

Mayor Holic

Mayor Holic provided an update to include Suncoast Reef Rovers cleaning the mooring fields, Council of Governments meeting regarding medical marijuana and other municipality updates.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk