



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Council Member Deborah Anderson, Council Member Richard Caetero and Council Member Fred Fraize

Excused: 1 - Mayor John Holic

Also Present

City Attorney Dave Persson, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble, Assistant City Clerk Heather Taylor, and for certain items on the agenda: Public Works Director John Veneziano and Airport Administrator Chris Rozansky.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stelzer offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Caetero.

I. RECOGNITION

16-1831 Swear In: Captain Michael Rose, Venice Police Department

Mr. McKeon swore in Captain Rose.

16-1832 Swear In: Firemedics Geoffrey Struble and Steven McNutt, Venice Fire Department

Mr. McKeon swore in Firemedics Struble and McNutt.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mike Schade, city resident, expressed concern with the police pension with emphasis on cost of living raises and responded to council questions regarding attendance at the police pension board meetings.

Discussion followed on contractual obligations.

Lueanne Wood, 800 Golden Beach Blvd., commented on insurance

requirements and inspections regarding the Hamilton property and expressed concern with funds allocated to the Venice Community Center for flooring due to mold.

Rumen Tchor, 1264 Porpoise Rd., expressed concern with issues at the tennis courts in regards to Karl Burton and commented on prior legal proceedings and lack of action from the city.

Ms. Stelzer clarified why this item was not placed on the agenda.

Mr. Bramble commented on his discussion with the police chief and the importance of calling 911 when safety issues arise.

Mr. Persson stated that the item should be handled through the city manager and police chief prior to presentation to city council.

Discussion continued regarding prior discussion with council.

Douglas Knippel, 100 San Lino, commented on an incident this morning at the tennis courts, his call to 911 and previous experiences with the police department.

Jackie Mineo, city resident, commented on the consideration of the Hamilton Building as a temporary use for the library and inspecting the building.

Discussion followed regarding council members touring the building and actions taken to ensure the building is operational.

AJ Metzgar, 237 Sovrano Rd., expressed appreciation for the library staying on the island and the need for the Hamilton Building to be inspected to ensure no mold issues exist.

Richard Francis, Vice President, Venice Aviation Society Inc. (VASI), commented on rehabilitations at the airport and fly friendly procedures, and thanked Chris Rozansky for his work at the airport.

Sunny Seabrook, 309 Sorrento St., expressed concern with the issues at the tennis courts and commented on the need for a policy on bullying, prior council direction regarding calling 911, and police reports filed.

Mr. Persson recommended Ms. Seabrook meet with the city manager and police chief and provided guidance on procedures.

Discussion followed regarding the city attorney reviewing the previously mentioned civil lawsuit and providing an update to council and the need to resolve the issue.

Mr. Bramble requested that the tennis players provide their information to Judy Gamel to allow for quick scheduling of a meeting with him and the chief police.

Alan Yelsey, 26335 Peach Circle Excelsior, Minnesota, expressed concern with illegal activities by Karl Burton at the tennis courts and commented on the need to enforce the laws.

Randy Mineo, 233 Sovrano Rd., requested council reorder the agenda to discuss the library and expressed concern with actions taken regarding the closing of the library.

Jean Mumper, 1555 Tarpon Center Dr., commented on the previous report she presented to council, testing and renovations at the Hamilton Building, and reopening the library until a new library is open.

Don O'Connell, 500 Hauser Lane, commented on the history of the Parkview Hotel, the lack of a hotel in the city, and restoration of the Parkview Hotel and responded to council questions regarding location and joint venturing to reconstruct the hotel.

John Abom, 614 Laguna Dr., commented on prior issues at the library and actions to install a new air conditioning system, and various inspection reports since 2010.

Mr. McKeon allowed three additional minutes for Mr. Abom to speak.

Mr. Abom continued his comments on Pure Air reports regarding outdoor and indoor mold levels and responded to council questions regarding alternate library locations.

III. CONSENT SECTION:

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels to approve items in the Consent Section. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A. MAYOR

[16-1833](#)

Reappoint John Burton and Richard Francis to the Citizen Tax Oversight Committee to Serve a Term from February 29, 2016 until February 28, 2020

B. CITY CLERK

[16-1834](#)

Minutes of the November 18, 2015 and February 9, 2016 Regular Meetings and January 15, 2016 Convocation of Governments

C. CITY ATTORNEY

- [16-1839](#) Approve Third Amendment to Lease Agreement Between the City of Venice and Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI) to Provide the Friends of the Venice Library, Inc. Space at the VABI Building

VI. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Manager

[16-1799](#) Venice Library Update

Without objection, Mr. McKeon reordered the agenda to hear this item.

Mr. Bramble reviewed the item attachments and suggested adding to the list the undertaking and completion of appropriate environmental testing.

Discussion followed regarding the timeline to renovate the building, work needed to treat the contents from the library, and operating a shuttle from the current library to the Jacaranda library.

Lee Ann Lowery, Deputy County Administrator, commented on the timeline for architectural planning and construction, quality testing of the Hamilton Building, and cleaning of items used at the temporary and permanent facilities.

Discussion followed regarding the upcoming joint meeting with the county and communication and outreach processes.

Ms. Lowery commented on upcoming community input workshops.

There was consensus on the list of items for the city manager's office to present to Sarasota County on the Hamilton Building.

Jack Sullivan, 256 Pensacola, commented on the cost to use the library versus actions to remedy issues at the existing library and committed \$100,000 towards the cost to fix the mold issue at the current location.

Discussion followed regarding opening the walls to inspect the current building.

Recess was taken from 10:43 a.m. until 10:55 a.m.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**ORD. NO.
2016-02**

An Ordinance Granting to Peoples Gas System, a Division of Tampa Electric Company, its Successors and Assigns, a Non-exclusive Natural Gas Franchise Agreement to use the Public Rights of Way of the City of Venice, Florida, and Prescribing the Terms and Conditions Under Which said Franchise may be Exercised; Making Findings; 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.

Mr. McKeon opened the public hearing.

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

Mr. McKeon closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fraize, that Ordinance No. 2016-02 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Mayor Holic

V. NEW BUSINESS**A. PRESENTATIONS****16-1835**

Carlos Perez, Toole Design Group: Parks Master Plan (15 min.)

Mr. Perez provided a presentation on the Parks Master Plan to include the purpose of the plan and the project schedule and responded to council questions regarding scheduling with the school board.

Discussion continued on off island parks, county expenditures and revenue, and budgeting.

Mr. Perez continued his presentation on high performance parks and recreation systems, existing conditions analysis, needs and priority assessments, and public input exercises, and responded to council questions regarding maintenance strategies and pocket parks.

Mr. Veneziano provided information on the upcoming public input workshops.

B. RESOLUTIONS

RES. NO.
2016-04

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Authorizing Appropriate Government Officials to Execute a Joint Participation Agreement for Project Number 431879-1-94-01 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 Apron Rehabilitation 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. 2016-04 be approved and adopted.

Discussion followed on the accomplishments Mr. Rozansky has made during his time with the city and the airport being self sustaining.

Mr. Rozansky commented on operational revenues, funds provided by aviation fuel taxes, the airport being debt free, and the airport enterprise fund.

Discussion continued regarding the airport being a city asset and property revenue taxes not being used to support the airport.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Mayor Holic

RES. NO.
2016-07

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Authorizing Appropriate Government Officials to Execute a Joint Participation Agreement for Project Number 438257-1-94-01 By and Between the State of Florida Department of Transportation and the City of Venice, Florida, to Provide Participation in an Aviation Project for Obstructions Removal; 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. 2016-07 be approved and adopted.

Discussion followed regarding the removal of trees.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Mayor Holic

RES. NO.
2016-08

A Resolution of the City of Venice, Florida, Authorizing Appropriate Government Officials to Execute a Joint Participation Agreement for Project Number 438750-1-94-01 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 Terminal

Building; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Fraize, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Resolution No. 2016-08 be approved and adopted.

Mr. Rozansky spoke to the plan for the new administration building to have a public meeting room.

Discussion continued on ADA requirements, the new building being more welcoming, and maintenance issues.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Mayor Holic

[RES. NO.
2016-06](#)

A Resolution of the City Of Venice, Florida, Creating a 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 Daniels, seconded by Council Member Fraize, that Resolution No. 2016-06 be approved and adopted.

There was consensus for the city manager to request further information and provide council with a start and end date for the stakeholder group.

Discussion continued regarding the verbiage in the first whereas clause referencing rate modification and the responsibility being given to the public works director in the resolution, previous use of stakeholder groups to assist the city manager, and equal representation in the group.

Ms. Stelzer clarified the various committees that are appointed by staff.

Mr. Bramble commented on his previous experience with the utility's stakeholder work group.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Ms. Anderson

Excused: 1 - Mayor Holic

[RES. NO.
2016-10](#)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City Of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, Creating an Authorized Travel Policy for the Mayor and City Councilmembers; 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

Fraize, that Resolution No. 2016-10 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Mayor Holic

C. COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

[16-1836](#) Direct the City Clerk to Coordinate a Parliamentary Procedure Class for City Council and Advisory Board Members, with All Costs (Books, Supplies and Refreshments) to be Paid by the City (Daniels)

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Cautero, that Item No. 16-1836 be approved.

Discussion followed regarding attendance at the county meeting on parliamentary procedures and costs associated with the training.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[16-1837](#) Request Council Approval for Mayor Holic to Attend the Florida League of Mayors 2016 Conference in Orlando from May 5 through 7 (Holic)

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels, that Item No. 16-1837 be approved. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[16-1838](#) Progress and Status Report of Traffic Advisory Task Force (Cautero)

Mr. Cautero spoke to the status report received from Ron Fazzalano, chair traffic advisory task force.

Ron Fazzalano, traffic advisory task force chair, commented on discussion at the task force meetings regarding the definition of a parking problem, the benefits of having city staff on the task force to offer expert input, attendance issues, and consideration of off island appointees, and responded to council questions regarding tools needed and time to complete tasks.

Mr. Bramble commented on the role and responsibility of the task force, tools needed to be proactive, and revisiting the charge the task force was given.

Discussion continued regarding review of traffic issues off of the island, consideration of the impact of the widening of Business 41 on the island, installation of a turn arrow at Publix, educating the public on parking locations, employee incentives to park at alternate locations, review of the resolution that created the task force due to discrepancies, and providing copies of the city map to customers at business locations.

CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS - Continued

City Attorney

Mr. Persson reported on the vested rights procedures and requested council members contact him with any questions.

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer had no report.

City Manager - Continued

Mr. Bramble reported on the new city parking maps.

VIII. COUNCIL REPORTS***Mayor Holic***

Mayor Holic was absent.

Council Member Fraize

Mr. Fraize commented on the letter and photos received regarding the concerns in the Seaboard area, parking issues over the weekend at the South Jetty, and bike issues on the airport festival grounds.

Mr. Bramble commented on establishing a bicycle route into the festival grounds with bike racks.

Council Member Anderson

Ms. Anderson commented on traffic issues and issues with parking at Publix.

Council Member Daniels

Mr. Daniels commented on his audit of bicycle racks and golf carts, bicycle traffic during special events, and parking.

Council Member Gates

Ms. Gates commented on traffic on the way to the Community Alliance of Sarasota County meeting and the Economic Development Corporation meeting regarding legislative priorities.

Council Member Cautero

Mr. Cautero commented on the historic preservation board meeting regarding sister cities, Venice MainStreet off-season event research, and traffic issues.

Discussion ensued on lowering the number of visitors by how the

community is defined.

Council Member McKeon

Mr. McKeon reported on the planning commission meetings and recommended council review the charter regarding council responsibilities and prohibitions with directing city employees that are managed by the city manager.

Discussion followed on procedures regarding clarification questions of staff.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

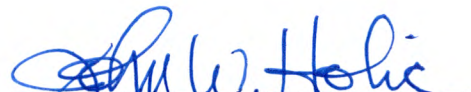
There was consensus to allow Mr. Sullivan one minute additional for audience participation.

Mr. Sullivan clarified his position stating that if the city council goes to the county commission and the commission reverses their position on closing the library within 30 days he would donate \$100,000 to remedy the mold issue.

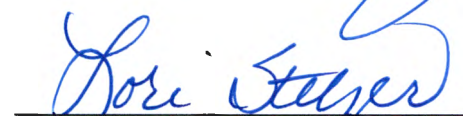
X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

ATTEST:



Mayor - City of Venice



City Clerk