



# City of Venice

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## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, July 29, 2014

1:30 PM

Council Chambers

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### SPECIAL MEETING

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Jim Bennett, Council Member Emilio Carlesimo, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates and Council Member Bob Daniels  
**Absent:** 1 - Council Member David Sherman

#### Also Present

City Attorney Dave Persson, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavalley, Recording Secretary Heather Taylor, and for certain items on the agenda: Community Development Director Jeff Shrum.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Holic asked all present to share in a moment of silence for the Irizzary family.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. McKeon.

#### I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

#### II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### A. ORDINANCES – FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

1. **ORD. NO.** Amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Venice, Florida,  
**2014-16** Relating to Property Located Between Laurel and Border Road,  
Commonly Referred to as the VICA Property, as Reflected in Rezoning  
Petition No. 14-1RZ for the Rezoning of the Property Described Therein,  
from Residential, Multiple-Family-1 (RMF-1) Zoning District to Planned  
Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District (Quasi-Judicial Hearing)

Mayor Holic stated this is a quasi-judicial hearing.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only and noted there is a typo in the ordinance that will be corrected.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

Mr. Persson queried council members on ex-parte communications and conflicts of interest. There were none.

Ms. Stelzer stated two email communications were received.

Pat Wayman, 3071 Border Road, being duly sworn, commented on citizen and Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) communications, setbacks and capacity, language in the proposal regarding signage, and current zoning.

Mr. Persson provided clarification regarding signage on the public right-of-way, and stated the development order and sign code governs signage.

Mr. Shrum, being duly sworn, added that conditions in the ordinance are addressed in the proposed binding master plan, and answered council questions regarding signage on the right-of-way.

Jeff Boone, Boone Law Firm, being duly sworn, provided clarification that only signs approved by the city code or ordinance will be authorized, and referenced the maintenance agreement between Sarasota County and Neal Communities.

Discussion followed on the removal of verbiage in the county agreement, and contradictions between the verbiage and what council will approve.

Mr. Boone stated he will write a letter to the county providing clarification.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

Following the motion, Mr. Bennett provided a verbal response to an email from Ms. Wayman regarding the pre-annexation agreement, density, zoning, and wildlife corridors.

Mr. Persson noted council is bound by rules and regulations established by the city.

**A motion was made by Council Member Carlesimo, seconded by Council Member Daniels, that Ordinance No. 2014-16 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Mayor Holic, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carlesimo, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates and Mr. Daniels

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Sherman

- 2. ORD. NO. 2014-21** Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Elections; by Amending Section 22-1, Procedure for Qualifying for Office; Section 22-6, Certification of Election Results

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing and Ms. Stelzer stated no written communications had been received.

No one in the audience came forward to speak and Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

**A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Bennett, that Ordinance No. 2014-21 be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Mayor Holic, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carlesimo, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates and Mr. Daniels

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Sherman

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. COUNCIL ACTION**

- 1. 14-0785** Approve Developer's Agreement Between NCDG Management, LLC, as Manager of Neal Communities of Southwest Florida, LLC and City of Venice Relative to Property Known as VICA

**A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member McKeon, that Item No. 14-0785 be approved. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.**

#### **B. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

- 1. ORD. NO. 2014-18** Annexing Certain Lands Lying Contiguous to the City Limits, as Petitioned by Harry Issacs and Burda Isaacs, Into the Corporate Limits of the City of Venice, Florida, and Redefining the Boundary Lines of the City to Include Said Additions (Vacant Lot on Everglades Drive)

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

Following the motion, Ms. Stelzer provided clarification regarding vacant enclave properties.

**A motion was made by Council Member Carlesimo, seconded by Council Member Gates, that Ordinance No. 2014-18 be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Mayor Holic, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carlesimo, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates and Mr. Daniels

**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Sherman

#### **IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was no audience participation.

Council Comments

Discussion followed on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting regarding landscaping at I-75 exits, sources of funding for landscaping and maintenance, and a letter of support for the MPO.

Mayor Holic informed council that this topic will be included in the next regular meeting agenda.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mayor - City of Venice

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City Clerk

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