City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes
City Council

Tuesday, February 25, 2014 | **9:00 AM** | **Council Chambers**

Broadcast

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Carlesimo called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Council Member Jim Bennett, Council Member Emilio Carlesimo, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member David Sherman, Council Member Jeanette Gates and Council Member Bob Daniels

Absent: 1 - Mayor John Holic

Also Present:

Also present: City Attorney Dave Persson, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Judy Gamel, and for certain items on the agenda: Finance Director Jeff Snyder, Senior Planner Scott Pickett, Planner Roger Clark, Director of Administrative Services Allan Bullock, and Public Works Director John Veneziano.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stelzer offered the Invocation and the Pledge was led by Mr. Carlesimo.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Don O'Connell, city resident, thanked council members for inviting him to participate in the Monday, February 10, 2014 Think Tank session, offered comments relating to multi-family housing, and answered questions from council members regarding historic overlay district density.

Mr. Carlesimo briefed audience members on the February 21 and 24, 2014 Strategic Planning Sessions.

Matthew Cummings, city resident, expressed concerns regarding e-mail correspondence in reference to electric vehicle charging stations.

Mr. Lavallee stated that information referenced by Mr. Cummings was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Lavallee reviewed funding sources and fees for installation and use of charging stations.

Discussion followed regarding installing additional charging stations and unresolved operating and maintenance issues.

Judith Keeler, President of Venice Area Beautification Inc. (VABI), conveyed VABI's position in opposition to installation of a concrete dance pad in any city park.

II. 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 unanimously.

A. MAYOR

14-0440 Appoint Robert C. Cushing and Susan I. Stewart to Economic Development Advisory Board to Serve from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2017

This appointment was approved on the consent agenda.

14-0422 Recommendation to the Sarasota County Commission to Reappoint Kit McKeon to the Community Action Agency Board

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

B. CITY MANAGER

Police

14-0423 Accept Funds from West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) Waterway Development Program for Marine Patrol Unit, S-255, $36,434

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

ORD. NO. 2014-06 Amending Chapter 86, Land Development Code, Article II, Administration and Review Authorities, by Amending Section 86-25(b)(2), Certificate of Architectural Compliance (CAC) by Adding Public Notice Provisions and Adopting an Updated Architectural Guidelines Handbook; Section 86-28(e), Certificates of Appropriateness for Historical Resources by Adding Public Notice Provisions (Text Amendment 13-6AM)

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only and Mr. Carlesimo opened the public hearing.

Ms. Stelzer stated that no written communications were received relative to the ordinance.

Mr. Pickett provided background information.

No one from the audience signed up to speak and Mr. Carlesimo closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Sherman, seconded by Council Member Bennett, that this Ordinance be approved on first reading and scheduled for final reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carlesimo, Council Member McKeon, Council Member Sherman, Council Member Gates and Council Member Daniels

Absent: 1 - Mayor Holic

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATIONS

14-0424 Andy Leisenring, Member, Police Pension Board of Trustees, Tim Nash, Bogdahn Consulting Group and Doug Lozen, Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants: Annual Report (20 min.)

Detective Leisenring reported that the pension fund was performing very well and introduced Mr. Lozen and Mr. Nash.

Mr. Lozen reviewed numbers representing unfunded actuarial accrued liability and investment return experience.

Mr. Persson cautioned council members concerning discussions relating to this matter due to ongoing collective bargaining.

Mr. Nash reviewed the pension fund investment performance.

14-0425 Jeff Snyder, Finance Director: Monthly Financial Report (10 min.)

Mr. Snyder reviewed the annual budget for the year ending January 31, 2014 along with year-end projections, and answered questions concerning investments.

B. RESOLUTIONS

RES. NO. 2014-05 Endorsing the Implementation a “No Hats, No Hoods, No Sunglasses” Security Policy Program for the Use of Financial Institutions Throughout the City of Venice

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

Responding to Mr. Sherman, Chief McNulty reviewed discussions with banking industry representatives.

Mr. Lavallee provided historic background, noting that compliance by bank customers was voluntary.

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement of the resolution, private sector boundaries, and common courtesies.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Sherman, that this Resolution be approved and adopted. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Council Member Carlesimo, Council Member McKeon and Council Member Sherman

No: 3 - Council Member Bennett, Council Member Gates and Council Member Daniels

Absent: 1 - Mayor Holic

RES. NO. 2014-06 Creating an Employee Safety Committee

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Bennett, that this Resolution be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carlesimo, Council Member McKeon, Council Member Sherman, Council Member Gates and Council Member Daniels

Absent: 1 - Mayor Holic

RES. NO. 2014-07 Accepting Water Distribution System Improvements Installed by Venetian Walk Partners, LLLP, at Venetian Walk, Phase 1

Ms. Stelzer read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Bennett, seconded by Council Member Gates, that this Resolution be approved and adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carlesimo, Council Member McKeon, Council Member Sherman, Council Member Gates and Council Member Daniels

Absent: 1 - Mayor Holic

C. COUNCIL ACTION

14-0426 Ratification of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Collective Bargaining Agreement, Effective October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2016

Mr. Bullock provided background information and introduce Dan Tucci, President of AFSCME.

Recess was taken from 10:24 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Sherman, seconded by Council Member Gates, to ratify the Agreement between the City of Venice and Local 1718 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees effective October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2016. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

14-0427 Approve Interlocal Agreement between Sarasota County, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office and City of Venice for Law Enforcement Dispatch Services and Related Communications Services

Mr. Lavallee provided background information, noted that quality of service to Venice residents would remain the same, the contract provided that conditions of the contract would remain stable for five years, and answered questions regarding participation by other municipalities, and Venice losing safe house status at the existing Venice Police Department (VPD) location.

A motion was made by Council Member Gates, seconded by Council Member Daniels, to approve item 14-0427. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

14-0428 Approve Special Event Agreement, Shark's Tooth Festival, April 11-13, 2014 (Approved to offer relief in the amount of $2,210.00)

Mr. Clark provided background information on the two event agreements.

Maggie Riggall, Shark Tooth Festival representative, and Karen Hanes, 10K representative, requested relief from one half of the fees associated with the events.

Discussion followed regarding the 10K run route, $2700.00 remaining in the discretionary funds account, and the option to transfer funds from economic development.

Council members further discussed the budgeting of special event relief requests.

Recess was taken from 10:54 a.m. until 10:59 a.m.

Mr. Carlesimo passed the gavel to Mr. McKeon and AMENDED the motion to fund the full amount pending full funding. Seconded by Mr. Sherman.

Mr. Persson provided clarification on the process of transferring funds in order to fund the events.

Discussion ensued regarding funding fee relief requests for special events, further policy discussion, budget guidelines and strategic planning.

Mr. McKeon requested that this discussion be placed on a future city council agenda.

The amendment to the motion failed on voice vote with Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, and Mr. Bennett voting no.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve item 14-0428. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Carlesimo, seconded by Council Member Sherman, that the motion be amended to fund the full amount pending full funding. The motion failed on voice vote with Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, and Mr. Bennet opposed.

Absent: 1 - Mayor Holic

14-0429 Approve Special Event Agreement, Shark's Tooth Festival 10K Run, April 12, 2014 (Approved to offer relief in the amount of $536.00)

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to move to approve item 14-0429. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

14-0430 Consider Participation with Sarasota County to Develop and/or Update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Mr. Lavallee provided background information.

Mr. Veneziano advised that the master parks plan schedule provided to council members would change.

Discussion followed regarding integrating county plan with the city's Comprehensive Plan.

A motion was made by Council Member McKeon, seconded by Council Member Bennett, to support the city manager in confirming by February 28, 2014 the city's interest in joining with the county on the masters parks plan. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

V. CHARTER OFFICER REPORTS

City Attorney

City Clerk

Ms. Stelzer requested that council members advise her of their availability on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 for a joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

City Manager

14-0431 Electric Charging Stations

There was no discussion.

14-0432 Challenger Baseball

Mr. Lavallee brought council members up to date on Challenger Baseball's plans to construct a field at Wellfield Park being in concert with the city's existing interlocal agreement with Sarasota County regarding parks.

14-0433 Sarasota County Parks and Recreation Annual Report 2013 for Facilities (Beaches, Boat Ramps, Parks) Pursuant to the 2011 Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Lavallee provided background information.

Mr. Veneziano responded to questions regarding creating a plan for Venice city parks.

VI. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Kit McKeon

14-0434 City Branding Discussion and Direction

Mr. McKeon expressed concerns regarding Venice MainStreet involvement in city branding and requested that city council take responsibility of this matter.

Discussion followed regarding making distinctions between different organizations' ideas concerning branding.

Ms. Stelzer clarified that the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) did not make a motion concerning this and that Venice MainStreet volunteered to assume this task.

Discussion continued regarding obtaining clarification from Venice MainStreet, EDAB discussions relating to branding, obtaining input from numerous sources, Venice already having a brand as the City on the Gulf, and clarifying between logo, branding, and slogans.

Mr. McKeon requested that this item be placed on a council agenda for discussion.

Mr. Lavallee stated that Ms. Johnson would provide information on this.

Mr. McKeon expressed a desire to discuss the need for a hotel in

Venice.

Additional Council Reports

Ms. Gates reported on nuisance burning, Volt being a Venice company and being a recipient of Economic Development Council (EDC) funding.

Mr. Persson provided clarification on the process of ordinance regulation, enforcement options and stated he would need to further research.

Mr. Bennett reported that the Sarasota County school district received an A rating. He also reported on homeless children in Sarasota County and left turn signal discussions being on the next Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization workshop agenda.

Mr. Sherman had no report.

Mr. Carlesimo had no report.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

ATTEST: ______________________________
Mayor - City of Venice

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City Clerk

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