

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
CONVOCAION OF GOVERNMENTS
VENICE CITY COUNCIL
VENICE, FLORIDA

January 18, 2013

A Special Meeting of the Venice City Council, Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners, City of Sarasota Commissioners, Town of Longboat Key Commissioners, and City of North Port Commissioners was held this date at the Sarasota County Technical Institute, 4748 Beneva Road, Conference Center, Sarasota, Florida.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS PRESENT

The following officials were present: City of Venice Vice Mayor Bob Daniels, Council Members Jim Bennett, Emilio Carlesimo, Jeanette Gates, Kit McKeon, David Sherman, and City Manager Ed Lavallee and City Clerk Lori Stelzer; Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners Chair Carolyn J. Mason, Vice Chair Charles D. Hines, Commissioners Joe Barbetta, Nora Patterson, Christine Robinson, and County Administrator Randall Reid, County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh, and Deputy Clerk Spring Dickson; Sarasota County School Board Chair Jane Goodwin, Board Members Frank Kovach, Carol Todd, Caroline Zucker, and Superintendent Lori White and School Board Attorney Art Hardy; City of Sarasota Mayor Suzanne Atwell, Vice Mayor Willie Shaw, Commissioners Paul Caraguilo, Shannon Snyder, Terry Turner, and City Manager Thomas Barwin, Assistant City Attorney Michael Connolly, and Deputy City Auditor and Clerk Karen McGowan; Town of Longboat Key Mayor Jim Brown, Vice Mayor David Brenner, Commissioners Lynn Larson, Phil Younger, and Town Manager David Bullock and Town Clerk Trish Granger; City of North Port Mayor Linda Yates, Vice Mayor Jim Blucher, Commissioners Cheryl Cook, Rhonda Y. DiFranco, and City Manager Jonathan Lewis and City Clerk Helen Raimbeau.

For certain items on the agenda: Sarasota County School Board Career, Technical, and Adult Education Executive Director Dr. Todd Bowden and School Board Chief Operating Officer Scott Lempe.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Goodwin called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m., and following introductions, provided opening remarks.

II. CONVOCAATION GOALS AND AGENDA

Ms. Goodwin reviewed agenda items and goals.

III. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Bowden provided an overview of Sarasota County Schools career, technical, and adult education programs for middle and high school students offered at the Sarasota County Technical Institute campus. Dr. Bowden reviewed highlights of the STEMsmart program, and noted that adult education was also made available at locations in Newtown, Venice, and North Port.

Discussion followed regarding manufacturing programs, energy alternatives, addressing the needs of students, machinist program, including arts programs in STEMsmart, Any Given Child program, emergency medical technical and paramedic programs, and supporting education initiatives.

IV. SHARED USE

Mr. Lempe provided an overview of existing and proposed opportunities for sharing facilities, challenges of shared facilities, and components of strong interlocal agreements. Mr. Lempe answered questions relating to providing security, volleyball courts, economic development, shared transportation, playground locations, identifying opportunities for shared facilities, development of a manufacturing program, and opportunities and challenges to expand workforce training programs.

V. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Carl Abbott, City of Sarasota resident, commented that Sarasota High School was utilized as a model for several communities that he has visited.

Janet Minker, Sarasota Architectural Foundation president, discussed the renovation of the Paul Rudolph Building.

John Dart, Sarasota Architectural Foundation, commented on the proposed remodeling of Sarasota High School.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion ensued regarding renovations to Sarasota High School.

Ms. Goodwin advised that the next convocation was tentatively scheduled for January 17, 2014.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor – City of Venice

City Clerk