



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: James Clinch, City Manager

E-SIGN:  James Clinch (May 18, 2026 12:53:30 EDT)

FROM: Louis White, Acting Chief of Police *Capt. Louis White*

DEPARTMENT: Police

DATE: 05/14/26

MEETING DATE: 05/26/2026

SUBJECT / TOPIC: Resolution 2026-11, Venice Police Charitable Foundation, Inc.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This memorandum requests City Council approval of a Resolution acknowledging the creation of the Venice Police Charitable Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation"), finding that the organization serves a public purpose, and authorizing the transfer of charitable donations currently held by the City on behalf of the Venice Police Department (VPD) to the Foundation.

Charitable donations made specifically for the benefit of the Venice Police Department have been deposited into Police Community Fund #108, a City special revenue fund. These funds have been used to support VPD operations beyond the scope of the regular municipal budget.

The Venice Police Charitable Foundation, Inc., a Florida non-profit, was established to handle charitable donations for the department.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Two: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: For Council Adoption by Motion

Review of Contract Routing Tracker:

(Initial or Signature to indicate your Review/Approval)

Finance Department Reviewed: [s] *Lynne Ferne*

N/A

Risk Management Reviewed: [s] *Al Jones*

City Attorney Reviewed: [s] *Daniel P Lewis*

City Manager Reviewed: [s]

Funds Availability (account #): 108-1001-521.80-00

Project #:

Prepared by: City Attorney
Requested by: City Council

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING THE CREATION OF THE VENICE POLICE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC., FINDING THAT THE ORGANIZATION SERVES A PUBLIC PURPOSE; TRANSFERING CHARITABLE DONATIONS HELD BY THE CITY ON BEHALF OF THE VENICE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE VENICE POLICE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC.; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Venice Police Department (“VPD”) is a department contained within the City of Venice, Florida (“City”); and

WHEREAS, historically, charitable donations specifically designated for VPD would be deposited into a City special revenue fund titled Police Community Fund #108; and

WHEREAS, recently, VPD established a Florida Not For Profit Corporation named the Venice Police Charitable Foundation, Inc. (“the Foundation”); and

WHEREAS, the Foundation serves a public purpose in raising money for equipment, training, and community outreach in order for the VPD to better serve the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to transfer the charitable donations specifically designated for VPD to the Foundation in order to further support its public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. The above Whereas clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

SECTION 2. All charitable donations contained within Police Community Fund #108 shall be transferred to the Foundation.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 26TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

Nick Pachota, Mayor

ATTEST

Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

I, Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by Venice City Council at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 26th day of May, 2026, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the said city this 26th day of May, 2026

Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved as to form:

Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney












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